

3 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle 3d 7ber 1675

Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Sir

You will perceive by my last letter that the Companie Is separated, and I for future am to act for my Selfe, w[hi]ch I now begin to doe, God give a blessing to my Endeavours, and haveing noe minde to Change Correspondence, I desire to know wheather you will accept of my little Concerne upon the Same tearmes as you doe w[i]th my father I meane that if I doe order you some monies, wheather you will allow me, as you allow my father, for the time it shall lye In y[ou]r hands not that I shall at any time have accation to draw more upon you, than you shall be In Cash upon my acct all I desire Is, that as I have accation I may Command w[ha]t you shall be In Cash and you need not feare that I will <.alen> one farthing more upon you, your answar pray afford at your leasure unto M B

3 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to John Eden

[John Eden was an uncle of Michael's wife Dorothy nee Barnes. Dorthy's mother Elizabeth (nee Buck) had a sister called Margery who married John Eden of Billingham. In another letter Michael speaks of going to Billingham to meet him. Robert Surtees, 'Parish of Darlington', W. Hutchinson, *The History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham: Volume 3, Stockton and Darlington Wards* (London, 1823)]

Newcastle 7ber 3d 75

Unckle Eden

I had the honour yestarday to dine w[i]th his lordship the Bisshop of Durham and all his Commissioners, the former hath promised my father, and the latter my selfe, that all things In reason shall be granted me, and for a treaty have appointed tomorrow forthnight the 18th pres[en]t In the morning nothing without you I Can doe, therefore if you Can with Convenience meet me at Durham the night before, it will be singular well, if not then advise me In time that soe I may not goe to noe purpose, for unlesse you Can meete me <I> will stay at home, wee are both very well and desires to be remembred unto you, I am MB

4 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle 4th September 1675

Mr Nich Varlaan

Sir

You will p[er]ceive by my fathers last that the Company is seperated, and I for future am to Act for my selfe which pray note accordingly, and haveing noe mind to change Correspondents, I hope you will accept of my small concerne, In confidence of which have shipped and consigned unto you by the bearer hereof Barty Kirkehouse 400 p[iece]s small lead marked WB with a D to distinguish them from those which my father consignes unto you by the same Maister soe pray have a care of mixing the one with the other but keepe each apart, as for w[ha]t belongs my Father, may expect his order for the disposall thereof, but the saile of the 400 p[iece]s above mentioned is left to your discretion, either to sell att price <Amst> or keepe for a better Markett, as you shall thinke most for my advantige, my advice is to keepe it a while for I have observed that good Markets presents most Commonly In the Winter time, but you being in the Place is more able to judge, than I, soe I freely leave the disposall thereof wholly to your discretion; the m[aster] is to have 10 stuyvers p[er] p[iece]s freight, w[i]th a stuyver a Gild[er] for primidge, and averidges as p[er] the enclosed Bill of loading. Direct now your Letters for mee Marchant In Newcastle who will write you att learge p[er] next post and remaines in the meane time MB

7 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle 7ber 75
Mr Walter Chaytor

Sir

I have shipped In the John and Henry of Newcastle Barty Kirkhouse m[aste]r 400 p[iece]s leed for amstardam, as pr the Inclosed bill of loading, w[i]th whome I have prevailed to Come to Rotterdam, w[hi]ch he hath promised me he will doe if the wind presents for his purpose, soe that if he doe Come you are desired to receive the said 400 p[iece]s leed, and dispose thereof for my most advantidge, paying the m[aste]r freight as if he went for amstardam, my advice Is to keepe it awhile, for I have observed, that good markets most Commonly presents In the winter time, but you beeing In the place Is more able to Judge than I, soe I leave all to your discretion, and noate this as my owne Concerne, the m[aste]r hath 400 p[iece]s more, w[hi]ch likewise receive and dispose thereof for my fathers most advantidge, noate that as his Concerne, and for future looke upon us, as two deffrerent persons, I have before me yours of this date doe thank you for your advice soe shal send you noe more of that leed marked I M your exchange Is high, noe remedy but patience for I know not how to healpe my selfe, seeing you thinke I might make better advantidge by returnes, pray tell me In what, for I doe assure you I know not of any Commodity of w[hi]ch I Cann make 2 p of a Gil[der] besides the venter, retailing of it, and hazard of bad Debts, I shall write you my further minde p[er] next, In the meane time remaines MB

7 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle 7 7 1675

Mr Robt Jackson

Sir

I have before me yours of the 6th w[hi]ch before I answer pray take notice that the Companie is seperated, and that for future I am to act for my selfe, occationed by my Fathers marrying againe, soe direct your Letters to each of ous accordingly, as you shall have occation, w[ha]t is by past, is my Fathers concerne, but for future looke upon ous, as two severall p[er]sons, your acct is right, and booked accordingly and shall give you Credit for the 1d a gallon, w[hi]ch you scruple I have received the £30 upon John Consuts Bill, pray lett me have an acct of the Beanes att your Leasure Att pres[en]t noe monye to be procured in this Place upon returne, I doe not say none att all, but 'tis very scarce w[hi]ch some p<erceive>ing will not part w[i]th there monye without advance, I have met w[i]th one that hath 2 or £300 w[hi]ch you may command provided you will allow 1 p% and make your Bill att 10 ord att soe that you see the World is turned when advance must be given for Bil[l]s: your answer pray afford p[er] first, for the Party can dispose of his monye upon the above expressed tearmes, but for you I have prevailed with him, to keepe it by him till Saturday next.

Rye 3s 9d Beanes 2s 7d Oates 18d

Butter 17s Lead £12

my respects to all friend<s> about you I am MB

7 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Edmond Servison

Newcastle 7 7 1675

Mr Edmond I Servison

Sir

I have before me yours of the 2d pres[en]t for answer noe lead in Towne that I know of is sould under £12 p[er] fodder, under w[hi]ch price I cannot buy a Pig, nor will I doe any businesse for any man Living under 1½ p% Commition, for I doe assure I am not att all concern'd w[i]th Sr Wm nor my Bro: neither, the Companie being separated, soe for future am to act for my selfe sol[el]y, Noe Vessels goeing for Rouen, to w[hi]ch place seldome any goes from this Port I am MB

11 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle 7ber 11 75

Mr Walter Chaytor

Sir

My last was of the 6 pres[en]t to w[hi]ch refers you, since none from you, soe the less at pres[en]t to Inlarge upon, this being Cheifly to advise you, that my father and I have freighted the Rose of <Tine> Jno Tucker m[aste]r for your place, and have put aboard sd vessell 800 p[iece]s leed, Consigned unto your selfe 400 p[iece]s whereof Is upon my owne proper acct soe take them up, as they Rise, they haveing noe particular marke, w[hi]ch lay by themselves and dispose thereof for my most advantidge paying the m[aste]r freight 10 stuy[vers] p[er] p[iece] w[ith] one stuy[ver] upon a Gil[der] freight, for primidge and averidge as p[er] Inclosed bill of loading, for the other 400 belonging to my father, you are likewise desired to lay them by themselves, and dispose thereof for his most advantidge paying the m[aste]r same freight as for mine pray let me have a line In ansvar to the Conclution of my former, for after much studying, I know of noe Commodity w[ith] you of w[hi]ch I Can make 2 p of a Gil[der] soe Judge w[ha]t <brave> profit by returnes, retaile and hazard of bad debts Consedered.

I was In my fathers Ca<nloer> this day, w[h]ere I by Chance did see an acct from you, of the saile of some Leed, wherein you placed to acct 2 p% for your provition, I have In many places In holland Corrispondents who never have more than 1½ p% and In your <verey> place I Can Command 2 or 3 able men but for my wife sake I have a desire to Imploy you and to procure you some Commission, w[hi]ch I hope you are senceble of, as you may parceive by my begining, w[ha]t you doe to me I will keepe, your Counsell, of w[hi]ch never question, for my Rod Iron you know w[ha]t Commission you had, If you must have more for saile of goods, I am willing too submit, and soe Remaines MB

11 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Ditto

Mr Edwd Allen

Sir

I have Recd yours of the 7th w[hi]ch doth please me very well for according to your desire your beanes are all Lofted and not a Bu[she]l sold thereof, will you be pleased for my governo[r] to limitt me to a price or doe you leave the disposall thereof to me, w[hi]ch if you doe you may be assured I will use my uttmost Indeavours for your most advantidge, butt pray lett me know whatt you thinke is a fitt price for them, w[hi]ch I thinke Convenient you should doe.

Your beanes measured outt 939 Bu[she]l[s] this measure, I thanke you heartily for your good wishes and Remaines MB

11 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Ditto

Mr Robert Jackson

I have Rec[eive]d yours of the 8th att my Returne thereby takes notice what you write Concerning Tho: Dickison, for w[ha]t place In france doth he goe, if for New haven or Rouen will you give me leave to ship some Leed In him allowing you a Reasonable freight, if you will nott then shall dispatch him with Coales according you your desire.

your brother I perceive was In Towne, w[ha]t discourse he had with my father I know nott, mr Pease tells me he did offer your brother some mony, who Refused itt, I shall speake to him againe upon monday and by tuesdays post God willing shall advise you with the needful, Leed £12 Coales 9s beans 2s 8 Oates 20d Rye 3s 10d to 4s my Respects to all friends I am MB

11 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to John Legendre

Newcastle 7ber 11d 75

Mr Jno Legendre

Sir

I have received yours of the 11d pres[en]t, In the first place pray take notice that the Companie Is seperated and I for future am to act for my selfe, soe that I have noe leed but w[ha]t I buy of whome sells Cheapest, I have now a parcell that I Can afford for £12 p[er] foder, first penny, If you buy any In towne Cheaper I am much mistaken If an opportunity pres[en]t soone for Rouen I shall ship you 200 p[iece]s according to your desire but an opportunity being uncertaine, I desire to know wheather I shall keepe you 400 p[iece]s yea or noe, but you Cannot expect the freight soe Cheape as you mention, if you will leave it to me, I will doe for you as if it were for my selfe, if you resolve of any quantity I thought it good to acquaint you that though it be not shipped yet I shall have accation to draw some mony upon you In p[ayment]t thereof w[hi]ch pray take Into Consederation, and afford me your answar p[er] first unto MB

14 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle 7ber 14 1675

Mr Robt Jackson

and advised him that I would keep his two blank bills till next post, and if Mr Beauchamp did nott appeare betwixt that and then, would then returne him them, Rye 4s beanes 2s 8d Oates 18d Lead £12 Coale 10s and desired him to advise me where Mr Huntington is if he could MB

14 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Michael Clipsham

Ditto

Mr Mich Chipsham

and advised him that I would dispose of his 12 p[iece]s pru<...> upon arrivall to as much his advantidge as I could and loade the vessell with order <entering> her as he writes MB

14 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Samuel Beake

Ditto

Mr Saml Beake

and sent him a bill for £3: 10: charged by my father upon Hen Nelthorpe att Sight payable to Mr beake <value> of <me> which ballances all accts MB

14 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Ditto

Mr Edwd Allen

and advised him I would dispose of his peas to the best of my knowlidge for his most advantidge, if the price curr[en]t please me w[he]n they arrive shall lett them goe if nott can lay them up till a better markett present Rye I thinke may be had for £15 if nott under MB

16 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

[Note: Date given as December but placement in volume strongly suggests this was a mistake for September]

Newcastle xber 16th 1675

Mr Robt Jackson

Sir

I have before me yours of the 14th present for answer Mr Beachchamp pd me just now £100 which according To your order I have given to Cuth[ber]t fewler the

same I suppose you will find <that> all but 3d abated for the bagg: & for which I have filled up one of the Bills payable 28/d<ays> date to sd Rich Beachchamp or order, soe pray give advice accordingly the other Black Bill I inclosed retarne you for cannot for my Life procure <you> one farthinge

I must enter according to order from my princip<al> Tho Dickison forty <coast> except you will be<ar> me harmelese for doeing otherwise soe upon rece[i]pt let me have one order which I shall Observe I cannot afford Leed for £12 with commission I will rather sitt Idle then worke Idle Also do I thinke you can <buy> it <soe> in Towne Though you are pleased to say you can pray buy as I would my selfe where you finde most for your advantadge I am MB

17 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle 7ber 17 1675

Mr Nich: Verlaen

Sir

My Last was of the 14 present to w[hi]ch refers you, Since none from you soe the lesse att present to Inlarge upon that being chiefly to advise you that I have shipped & consigned unto you by the welcome of London Richd Streeter M[aste]r 400 p[iece]s Leed which after good arrivall you are desired to receive & dispose thereof for my most advantidge paying the m[aste]r 10 Stuyvers p[er] piece freight with a stuyver upon a Gilder for primidge & adveridge my father consigns unto you 400 p[iece]s more by sd vessell but they are easily distinguished the one from the other though neither have any particular marke for all mine are round at both ends & at bottome whereas my fathers have all one broad end & almost flatt at bottome w[hi]ch pray mind & take care that the one be not mixed with the other & to sellar them so that each be layd by Themselves; I hope Bartho: Kirkhouse is arrived ere this: & that Richard Streeter who sailed this morning will be with you as soone as this

Good newes of which would be very acceptable unto MB

17 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

ditto

Mr Robt Jackson

and sent him the blanck bill w[hi]ch I forgott to Inclose unto him In my last as I then writt him.

21 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle 7ber 21st 1675

Major Ed: Allan

Kind friend

I have before me yours of the 16th present the contents have well observed & seeing you leave the disposall of the Beanes wholly to me I doe assure you I will doe for you as if they were my owne but my opinion is they will never reach 3s 6d I wish any one would tempt me with 3s no newes as yet of your pease I pray god the vessell may be in salvo for since Sunday we have had very cruell winds and what doth yet continue but sumwhat Lessened if please God the vessell arrive I shall alsoe dispose of youre pease as I see occation w[hi]ch you may be certane shall be to the best of my knowledge & your most advantidge. Rye retayled to 3s 10d to 4s 2d Oats 18d to 20d Malt 3s beanes 2s 8d pray at your leisure advise how these are with you I am MB

21 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to John Eden

[Uncle Buck was possibly Francis Buck, brother of Michael's mother-in-law Elizabeth Barnes, nee Buck. Robert Surtees, 'Parish of Haughton-le-Skerne (Stockton ward)', in W. Hutchinson, *The History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham: Volume 3, Stockton and Darlington Wards* (London, 1823)]

Newcastle 7ber 21st

Unckle Eden

I was at durham upon Saturday last where I had the Honnour to kisse his Lordshipps hands & dine with his commissioners when we came to the businesse in hand they <...> stifly for £160: all the time I would bid nothing though severall of them one after another did presse me earnestly to it but I begged all there excuses saying there demands were so unreasonable that I knew not what to bid then they came downe to £140: still pressing me to bid sumthing but not a farthinge <...> warrant you then I repaired to his Ldshipp & did acquaint him with what was done to w[hi]ch he would say nothing but referred me to the commissioners whome he did desire in my presence to use me kindly so we went forth and then they fell to £120: all this time I bid nothing so after along discourse Mr Arden came to me and bid me tempt him with £100. Then I proffered them £80: & tould them very civilly that was all I could afford to give w[hi]ch they would not take & soe we parted. This I suppose you may perceive is to renew upon the ould lease for noe otherwise they will act at present now I crave your advice how to proceed my father would have me to conclude before his Ldshipp goes for London If you be of the same opinion then pray advise what I shall doe p[er] first for them since will not admitt of any delay for his Ldship <takes> journey the 4th or 5th of the next month pray be not unmindfull of the other businesse you know what I meane of & proceed as you see occatione & think fitt. We are god be Thanked both very well

soe with my hearty service to your selfe Unckle Buck but espchally to your good wife
whome I thanke for her <..> seen I am MB

24 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to James Schand

Newcastle 7br 24th 75
Mr John Scand

Sr

I writt you yesterday p[er] Mr James Lamdell J[u]n[ior] whome I have Loaden 85
p[ie]ce[s] Leed upon the acct of my good friend Sr James Stanfield haveing had his order
sume time agoe for the doeing thereof for which you are to pay 12s <...> for every
fodder freight there being in all 5 fodder as p[er] the inclosed Bill of Loading & inclosed
you have alsoe an invoyce of the same Ammounte my unto the sume of £73:1: =d <..>
w[hi]ch please place to my Creditt & at your leisure to remitt me the same either in Bill
payable here or at London whether it stands most for Sr James his convenience & pray
let me know whether Sr James will have Occatione for any more for now little boats
will be coming with Oysters & will be glad of any freight Back your Answer pray
Afford p[er] first unto MB

24 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to James Standefield

Ditto

Honnoured Sr To Sr James Standefield

I have got shipped & consined unto mr Jno Schand upon your former order 85 p[ie]ce[s]
Leed which was all the Convenience that offered till this day that I could here of & for
the Same I was forced to promise £3 <...> freight as p[er] Bill of Loading sent Mr
Schand unto whome I have alsoe sent the Invoice w[hi]ch doth Ammount unto the
sume of £73: 1: = & have desired Mr Schand to place the same to my Creditt. And at his
leisure to remitt me the same either in bill payable here or at London whether stand<s>
most for your convenience now Sr this is all that is shipped of the 20 fodder you
desired & the time being past viz 10 7ber which you stinted me two for the shipping of
the same I now thought <it> convenient to signifie the same unto you and desire to
know whether you will have any more shipped upon the same Termes at £12 p[er]
fodder first penny yea or no for now small Boats will be coming with Oysters who will
be glad of any freight back your answer at your leisure be pleased to afford unto MB

24 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle 7ber 24 1675

Major Ed: Allan

Kind friend I have before me both yours of the 9th & 16th present the former I received p[er] John Stocksley who god be thanked is well arrived & the latter p[er] post both which I shall now god willing Answer at large I am very sorry that there will be some difference betwixt you & the quaker or that you did not advise me fully of your agreement with him if any mistake on my side I hope you will excuse me for my honnest man would come no further up then the Ballast Key & there would have me to unloade him which is no convenient place for Landing of goods soe I begged his excuse espetially seing I had no order from you for soe doeing so he tould me he would carry them back aga<in> to w[hi]ch I answerd that he might be Certane I would dem<and> the pease of him at the Key side which is the common place of unloading Goods whether This did <startle> him yea or no I know not but he did very Civily send me them up in to keles when they were befor<e> the key I shewed them to severall merchants who would bid me Little or noe money for them some indeed did offer me 2 s ½ p[er] bush[el] but I thinking them better worth have Lofted them all & they made out 540 bush[els] besides a few sweepings now seing I will not pay the Charge of the 2 keles the m[aste]r will not receive his freight of me soe be pleased to put a period to the Controversie I have returned all your sacks p[er] the m[aste]r soe be pleased to demand them when he arrives with you.

I perceive by your last that you are of opinion that your Beanes will reach 3 ½ s In the winter season I can Buy better in towne for 2s 8d you are pleased to say they sell currantly with you for 3 ½ s if soe my advise is to give me Order to ship them unto you p[er] first for I cannot be bid above 2s 2d for them be assured I shall seke your most advantidge both in the sale of your Beanes & pease & advise you every post of w[ha]t passes when anything offers worth your notice I am MB

Your expectatione both of your beanes & pease are soe far above w[ha]t I am bidden that I can not resolve to sell a bush[el] untill further Order.

24 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to John Legendre

Newcastle 7ber 24th 75

Mr Jno Legender

Sir

I have before me yours of the 16th present to w[hi]ch I shall Answer that if I can meet with a Convenience according to your desire before your Contradictory order came shall shipp you 200 p[ie]ce[s] Leed for Newhaven or Rouen but no vessell at present going from hence to either of these places that I can here of so pray advise me before w[ha]t time you would have it shipped & after w[ha]t time I shall Give over Seekeing a Convenience and your Order shall be Observed by MB

24 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle 7ber 24th 75

Mr Robert Jackson

Sir

I have before me yours of the 20th present and am glad you have provided your selfe with leed. I shall observe Mr Chipsams Order about the <leaving> of Tho Dickeson. Tho Kirke deliverd here 939 bush[els] as I have advised Mr Allan I have wri<t> you once or twice & desired you & desired you to advise you where Tho: Huntingham were if you could inquire & so receive a little money of him when he arrived as alsoe to receive of Tho: Kirke 20s for me to w[hi]ch you never writt <me> word In Answer but I take notice you Answer <my> letters as much as concerns your selfe & leave the remainder for another Time but I must confesse there are Triviall Things not wor<th> your trouble soe beggs your excuse

Rye 4s to 4s 4d beanes 2s 9d Oats 20d and Riseing <w[hi]t[e]> pease 4s 2d but Mr Allan hath sent me a percell for w[hi]ch I cannot be bid above 2s <..> my service to all friends about your I am MB

Leed £12 p[er] fodder

Coals 10s p[er] Ch<alder> & riseing

24 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Michael Clipsham

Ditto

Mr Mich. Chipsham

Sir

I have before me yours of the 18 present Tho Dickeson not yet Arrived I pray god he may be in salvo for we have had of late cru<el> winds & God knows severall vessels lost if please god he arrive I shall doe the needfull with your 12 <..> prunes & act as well as I c<an> for your most advantidge & the m[aste]rs & I shall make another computation of w[ha]t Coales he can conveniently take in which businesse God willing shall be Ordered well enough Leed £12 p[er] fodder of 21 cwts Coales 10s p[er] Chalder rye 4s to 4s 4d beanes 2s 9d Oats 20d malt 3s <wt> pease if new & good 4s 2d p[er] bush[el] of 8 gall[ons] winchester measure I am M Blackett

28 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle 7ber 28th 75

Mr Nicho: Verlaan

Sir

My last to you was of the 17th present to w[hi]ch refer you since none from you soe the lesse at present to inlarge upon. I doe a little wonder I never had a letter from you since the company was seperated & that I doe not here of the arrivall of some of my Leed consigned unto you upon my owne proper acct viz 400 p[ie]ce[s] by Bartho Kirkhouse 400 p[ie]ce[s] by John Tucker & 400 p[ie]ce[s] by Richard Streeter the former & the latter possitvely for your place but the second may come to you to Rotterdam good newes of them would be very welcome unto me for of late we have had cruell winds, if it please god that any arrive well pray dispose thereof for my most advatidge and w[he]n you shall have any money In cash be pleased to send me the following goods viz:

One hundred weight of very fine tow

Two 2 hundred weight of the best middleing Tow

One hundred weight of fine pound flax}

One hundred weight of ordinary pound flax} Both blew Lint

One hundred weight of fine Blew Snuite

One Good & handsome napkin presse about 40 Gilders price more or lesse as you see occatione

2 paire of Little brasse Tongues one brasse warming pan one paire of Brasse candlesticks & one brasse chaffing dish. Mr Walter Chaytor of rotterdam may come to remitt you some money upon my acct soe desiring you to excuse this great Trouble I am MB

28 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle 7ber 28th 1675

Mr Walter Chaytor

Sir

My last was of the 11th present to which refers you since have received yours of the 20th ditto most of it I suppose my father hath Answered being his concerne. I long till I have some newes of John Tucker I wish he may be in Salvo for of late we have had cruell Blowing weather if it please god he arrive well pray dispose of my Leed for my most advatidge & as you are in cash remitt the same I pray unto Mr Nicho. Verlaen Merchant in Rotterdam pray at your leisure advise me the price of Hollands Rodds such as you sent before of spanish Iron narrow & broad of the very finest Tow of the best & middleing tow of fine & ordinary pound flax blew Lint & of blew snuite & pray be adviseing me one a weeke of the price of Leed & coales with you this being the needfull I am MB

28 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Ditto

Sir

I have before me yours of the 13th present In the firs<t> place pray take notice that the company is Seperated & I for future am to act for my selfe soe that I can now doe w[ha]t I will for am no Longer bound for feare of displeasing <M .> <B..>. to consigne all Leed I send for Rouen unto Mr LeGendre who may be certaine he shall have none of my commissions <w[hi]ch> I must confesse are not worth his Trouble.

I wish I had knowne your Corrispondents name at Newhaven w[hi]ch pray let me know at your leisure for sumtimes an oportunity offers for that place but seld<om> all our English men being affraid of that river I sould all the Leed w[hi]ch Bernard Robinson Tooke <..> who I suppose is with you long ere This I could have shipped w[ha]t Leed I pleased aboard of him for my owne acct but if I had shipped any it must have beene consigned to mr Legendre for then the company was not seperated I am now seekeing an oportunity to consigne sum Leed unto your selfe & hopes to procure one shortly but I am against your freighting of A vessell for being winter Time it may soe fall out that I may have no Leed in readinesse when she arrives w[hi]ch is occationed by the badnesse of the wayes in so much that noe carriage can passe.

Leed £12. p[er] fodder w[hi]ch will be about £13: 10: free aboard Coales 10s p[er] Ch[alder] Rye £16:10 p[er] last beane £10 to £12 p[er] last Oats £6: to £7: p[er] last

when I have any businesse in your parts you may be Certaine of being Troubled with my concernes & if I can doe you any service in these parts upon all occations you may freely dispose of him who is MB

28 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Ditto

Unckle Eden

I was at durham upon friday last where I concluded with Ldshipps commissioners for £100: =: =: as my couzen davison would acquainte you but the shame take them all for with filling there Gutts with all sorts of wine they made me sick for 2 d[ays] after both my wife and I are to be at durham this day soe to have my new lease delivered me & the reason my wife goes is that they will not believe but that she is either dead or sick Though God be thanked neither but as healthfull as I was at this present writeing and rather more – why send you not for the Galloway it is now in Good <T[hr]ift> & will carry you all the world over I dare say butt at your parrell if you see it poore - desire

mr moorcroft when you se[e] him to give me an acct of the £10: he recd of Robt Jackson that soe we may be cleare and as occatione offers begin upon anew I long to se my Lo: ant pray let her come over for my wife hath sume businesse of great concerne to import unto her soe she must not faile her, and I would desire you to come Likewise if you wud for have some newes to acquaint you withall soe with our respects to your selfe good wife unckle Buck and all other friends aboute you I remaine MB

28 Sep 1675 Michael Blackett to Abraham Van Rincom

Newcastle 7 ber 28th
Mr Abraham Van Rincom

Sir

I have recd your kind letter of the 24th present to w[hi]ch I thought good to give you 2 or 3 lines in answer thought it will be worth your postidge I take notice mr ward is gone for London & hath left his businesse in your hands soe you desire my corrispondency w[hi]ch is not worth desireing for y<ou> know the company is seperated & that I have neither Lead nor Coales of my owne but that I have little or no dealeing at all for Holland but if I had any for ould acquaintance I would as soon trouble you therewith as any other I know of Though some time or other we may have sume dealeings Togeather soe at your Leisure acquaint me with the price of <HR> in bundells of fine spanish Iron both narrow & broad or very fine tow of the best middleing Tow of fine pound flax blew Lint of ordinary pound flax blew Lint & of fine Blew snuite if any will Turne to acct here will willingly adventure £50: or £100 and advise you in dew time whome in London shall <d[ef]ray> your moneys. Leed here £12 p[er] fodder Coales 10<s> p[er] Ch[alder] Rye 4s 2d to 4s 6d beanes 2s 8d to 3s <s> w[hi]t[e] pease 4s 2d to 4s 8d Oats 20d p[er] bush[ell] of 8 gall[ons] winchester measure If at anytime I can doe you any service in these parts upon all occation you may if you please freely command MB

1 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle 8 ber primo
Mr Nicho: Verlaen

Sr

My last to you was of the 28th 7ber to which refers you since have received yours of this date with the welcome newes of Bartho: Kirkhouse his Good arrivall for w[hi]ch god be praised the disposall of my Leed is left to your discretion not doubting but you will doe for me as for your selfe and I hope before my last came to hand you will be as much in cash as will buy the above mentioned Goods w[hi]ch if soe then Desire you to

write to mr Walter Chaytor of Rotterdam to the effect that he shall not need to remitt you any money upon my acct but if it soe fall out that you cannot sell my Leed to content then may write him to remitt you as much as you shall have Occatione for who will Observe your order haveing my order for soe doeing, & as you are in cash pray be remitting unto Mr Henry Nelthorpe Gouldsmith at the rose in Lambert Streett for my acctt as I find quick returnes & any Incouridgement in the <lead> shall make bould to trouble you more here after I wish streeter may be well Good newes of whome would be very acceptable unto MB

1 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Ditto

Mr Walter Chaytor

Sr

My last to you was of the 28th 7ber to w[hi]ch refers you since have received yours of this date with the very welcome newes of John Tuckers safe arrivall with you for w[hi]ch god be praised Barty Kirkhouse is at Amsterdam but I wish he had gone to y[ou]r port for I perceive as you write the Amsterdam Markett is Overladen with that commodity but now tis too late to helpe and seing you give me some incouridgement I shall If possible send you a suply before it be long. I take notice what progresse you have made in the sale of my leed w[hi]ch am very well contended & for my part doe approve of your resolutions bring them but to 25 ¼ s and then let goe my proportione if you thinke good for w[ha]t you doe shall be to my full satisfacione I ordered you in my last to remitt some money to Mr Nicho: Verlaen of Amsterd[am] w[hi]ch pray doe when you are in cash priveded he gi<ves> yo[u] order for soe doeing but I have a quantity of Leed arrived there Likewise so that I thinke he will have no Occatione w[hi]ch if he write you Accordingly then remitt him none but be makeing me Returnes in good Bills as you are in Cash or send Bills making them payable to Mr Henry Nelthorpe Gouldsmith at the rose in Lambert Street London upon my acct whether you please for it will be alone to me be due me I will send you no more of I M I can find noe Incouridgement by your inclosed price curr[en]tt w[hi]ch makes me desire returnes in good Bills for my Commission I will refer my selfe to you but I doe assure you I allow 2 p% to noe corrispondent I have soe doe w[ha]t you please it shall content MB

1 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newca[stle] 8ber primo

Mr Robert Jackson

Sr

I have before me yours of the 27th past I shall take my 20s of <kirke> when I pay him freight for the beanes but pray examine your cobby booke of Letters & se[e] when ever you advised me w[ha]t freight he was to have for I doe not remember you ever did I have writt severall times for an acct of the beanes but to that you never gave me one word in Answer Your Brother <Ripley> it seemes by his Threats & high words got primmidge & Averidge for my Leed I tooke him for one that would not have demanded any such Thing you may please se[e] by letter upon what formes he came w[hi]ch will give you satisfaction soe that I hope he will be willing to repay it without any more adoe if not he & I must speake to geather sume time or other & for <Clamering> me at rotterdam without a Cause Likewise Dickison is here but cannot be Loaden so long as these winds blowes at this rate we had 3 keeles sunck yesterday in the River some vessells have bene here 10 d[ays] & not yet Loaden but he shall be dispatched so soone as is possible of w[hi]ch be assured.

rye 4s 2d to 4s 4d Oats 18d beanes 2s 8d new w[hi]t[e] pease 4s 4d Leed £12 Coals 10s I am MB

1 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newc[astle] 8ber primo
Mr Ed: Allan

Sr

I have before me yours of the 25th past thereby takes notice of all sorts of granes the curr[en]t prices with you from 26 to 28s for beanes is a very good price far better then this markett will yeild for I doe assure you I cannott be bid above 2s 4d p[er] Bush[el] for yours and as for your pease I am this day to show them to some merchants in towne if I can procure 3s 4d for the same they shall goe but I thinke noe body will give me that price for these those sacks I returned rye is very cheep with you in my Opinion I wish I had 100 last at 24s p[er] quarter pray be pleased to advise me if you can buy me a quantity at that price that is sweett & no way damnified & if you can I may come to run the Hazard of 50 or 100 last for If I had a percell here I could Immediately sell it at 3s 10d or 3s 9d at least provided it were good & as above Oats 16d to 18d good Beanes at present retayled for 2s 8d new w[hi]t[e] pease 4s this being the needfull I take leave MB

1 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to unknown

I have beene showing your pease to some marchants In Towne as Mr Roddam Mr Davison Mr Bailes Mr Mallabar Mr Johnson Mr Rumney Mr Foster and some others,

none of w[hi]ch will bid me a farthing above £10 p[er] last for the Same, Soe pray lett me have your advice for I Cannot Resolve to lett them goe att that price.

1 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Michael Clipsham

Newcastle 8ber primo
Mr Michl Chipsham

Sr

I have none of yours to answer so the lesse to inlarge upon this being Chefly to advise you that Tho: Dickisson is now with me but we had such Cruell blowing wether for these 3 or 4 dayes by past that it was impossible for me to Get one Coale aboard of him or the prunes out as yet the other day there was severall keeles sunck in the River but this morning God be Thanked it is pretty Calme soe that I hope before n[igh]t not only to have the prunes out but alsoe to have him Loaden as much as he will Load with me p[er] next post shall write you more at large in the meane Time remane MB

2 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to John Legendre

Newc[astle] 8ber 2d 1675
Mr Jno Legendre

Sr

I have before me yours of the 28th past for answer If I can meet with an Opertunity for the Conveying of 200 p[iece]s Leed either to Rouen or newhaven upon the Condition you Limitt me to before the latter end of this month shall not faile to doe it but if no convenience present before that time then shall according to your desire forbear unlessse a new order come unto MB

2 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newc[astle] 8 ber 2nd
Mr Ed: Allan

Sr

I have before me yours of the 28th past w[hi]ch requires Little answer but only to satisfie you that I p[ai]d Jno Stockesly no freight soe that you may please to do it with what more satisfaction you thinke convenient I will not say but he may be an honnest man but if he be, il est L<'>unique de son Etoffe that ever I herd of I cannot be bid a farthing above £10 p[er] last for your pease not £9 for your Beanes so am resolved to

keep then awhile Longer doe not feare that I shall put you to any great Charge in keeping them more than is needfull I will assure you, Occurrences as in my Last I am
MB

2 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Ditto
Mr Robt Jackson

Sr

I have before me yours of the 30th past w[hi]ch I received by your brother whome I could have helped to some hundreds of pounds, but all my friends and all I spoake too thought His bills but at too Long sight so I could not help him to any but I perceive he got enough of w[hi]ch I am very glad If you can spare a bill at <50> d[ays] sight or under for £100 or £200 I can procure you money. Dickeson is Loaden Mr Clipsam orders me to draw my Reimbursements upon him w[hi]ch shall be done accordingly. They were delica<te> prunes he sent me worse I never se[e] in my li<fe> all w[hi]ch I sould that day to Mr davisson & Mr Wm Hutchisson at 4 ½ s p[er] hundred one with another there was amongst them not worth 12d p% some whole Casks - Those merchant[s] of ours that bought rye of you I am very confid[ent] will find no more profitt then I did by the beanes Though I thinke they will not Loose so much
I am MB

2 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newc[astle] 8ber 2d
Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Sr

You being willing by your former <to> accept of my small Concerne upon the same ter<ms> as you do my fathers to begin our acct I inclosed I inclosed send you a bill drawn by m<r> Wm Aubony upon Mr Wm Nutt for £50 payable at 6 d[ays] sight to my order & I doe Ind<orse> the same to you soe pray be pleased to recei<ve> the Contents thereof when dew & place the<m> to my Creditt

I doe expect shortly that Mr Nicho: Verlaen of Amsterdam & Mr Walter Chaytor of Rotterdam will remitt you some money up[on] my acct but let me desire one favore of you that if at any time either acceptance or paymen[t] be refused of any of my bills or any rem<...> you upon my acct you do not faile to retu[rn] them to the party conserved in dew time for I would have no difference in the least betw<...> betwixt you and MB

Ditto Writt my A[u]nt Eden

5 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle 8ber 5th 1675
Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Sr

My Last was of the 2d present to w[hi]ch refers you Inclosed you will find a Bill drawne upon Mr Mich Chipsham of your place for £16: 6: 9d payable at 6 d[ays] date to your Order w[hi]ch pray receive when dew & place to the Creditt of MB

5 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Michael Clipsham

Ditto
Mr Mich Chipsham

Sr

serves Chiefly to advise you that I have Loaden aboard of the Suply of Whitby Tho Dickeson m[aste]r 24 Ch[alders] Coales of w[hi]ch inclosed you have an Invoyce Ammounting unto the Sume of £16: 6: 9d for the sd Sume have this day past a bill upon you payable 6d[ays] after date to Mr Henry Nelthorpe or Order to w[hi]ch pray let due honnour be Given.

Your prunes were the worst that ever I se[e] in my Life some Casks not worth 6d a hundred I sould them all [to]geather the better with the worse to Mr Timo: Davisson & Mr Wm Hutchesson at 4s 6d p[er] Hundred payable within 14 d[ays] or 8 weekes when money comes in I shall either pay the neet proceed thereof to Mr Robert Jackson or any other you will please to Order me to pay it unto when all Charges is pd I will send you an acct I am MB

5 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to William de Werth

Ditto
Mr Wm De Werth

Sr

I have before me yours of the 30th past have <..> your inclosed to Mr Geo Murton who is willing to pay you the money either here Or at London – I judge it not for your advantidge to have it pd you at London soe may write him to that effect who will

Answer your Letter in dew time & withal<l> advise you where you shall receive your sd money upon delivering in of his noate your postidge I have placed to your acct & if at any other time I can serve you here upon all occationes may freely dispose of MB

5 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle 8ber 5th
Mr Robt Jackson

Sr

I have before me yours of the 4th Mr Rodd<am> will pay the £99: =: = odd monies w[hi]ch shall send you p[er] Cuth: fewler and £1000 more God willing for you shall not be forced to run away as yett this morning I expect C: f as alsoe a letter with Blanck Bills seeing you are straitened I will use my Interest & I warrant you I will gett you £1000: upon returne for once all at 20 d[ays] date if not more if one of your blanck Bills be upon Mr Jackson I will free it up for 5 or 600 <..> to one man Mr <pooles> Bills for £300 & Mr Deboeys bill for £100 to another all w[hi]ch money shall send you p[er] C f God willing by whome shall write you at large haveing not time at present for I am sore put to it haveing none to help me & to receive £1000 upon a post morning is hard & Though I am to receive your money for nothing I will not do it for Others <..> expect Wm Lee shall give you 5s for me for receiving of his £99 ord<...> mo<ney> of Mr Roddam tis hard to neglect answering my Letter: as I am forced <to> doe this morning for to receive his money & to have nothing for my pains truly I will <....> sitt idle then worke idle I am MB

5 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle 8ber 5th 1675
Writt Mr Henry Nelthorpe a Second letter and advised of £30 charged upon him payable 8 d[ays] sight to Mr Wm Benson or order valew of Mr Jno Elleson

5 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle 8ber 5th 1675
Mr Robert Jackson

Sr

I have now before me yours of the 4th by C: f and shall God willing write you at large I have disposed of all your fower Blanck Bills viz one upon Mr Robert Jackson at 20 d[ays] date payable to Mr Henry Nelthorpe or order valew of maddame Margratt

Blackett for £600, one upon Mr Danniel Porter at 20 d[ays] date payable to Mr Henry Nelthorpe or order valew of Mr Timo Davisson for £300 & another upon Mr Robt Jackson at 20 d[ays] date payable to Mr Timo Davisson or order valew of him for £200 In all £1200

All which I send you according to your order p[er] Cuthbt fewler w[hi]ch I hope will come safe to your hands & that you will find the same right excepting 2 ½ s deducted for <..> Baggs; Mr Roddam hath altered his resolution & will not now pay the £99: =: odd money Inclosed you have his answar send me a blanck Bill as soone as you can & I will perhaps fill it up for £500 at 2<d> d[ays] date w[hi]ch pray doe because I have <p.tly promisd> itt & pray faile not to give advice of all Those Bills I have this day filled up that they may be punctually Completed with all according to there Contents. If you want more money before you run away send me Blanck Bills & I will use my Interes<t> for the disposall thereof to Content and for all this you will never doe me that kindnesse whe<n> desired as give me a bill for £100 at 3 or <.> dayes sight w[hi]ch is but a small matter

C: f: is timely enough he stayd not at all for the money for I was at worke before he cam<e> As for Mr <Chipley/Ripley> we shall end the bussiness some time or other betwixt us

Kirke shall have his freight p[ai]d according to agreemnt you se[e] I use my father no bett<er> then others; And at any time I will doe as much for you as any man can doe but once mistrust & I have done So reman<e> MB

Noe Corrispondent I have ever mistrusted me to this day & I should be sory to give cause now to any of them

9 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Newcastle 8 ber 9th 1675

Honoured Sir

It did not a little Trouble me that I had not yoar blessing before you went from hence but I hope you will excuse me & lay the blame upon Mr Pees who was mistaken a whole hower for I did desire him to call me up before 5 it being realy my intention to have waited upon you at 5 before w[hi]ch time I did supose you would not be going but when Mr Pees came to my Chamber door & tould me that it was almost 5 I presently arose but it was to no purpose for immediatly after you went by & is proved to be almost six this is the reall truth by w[hi]ch I hope you will find me excusable. As for businesse I refer you to w[ha]t Mr Wm Creagh or my Bro: Wm will write you this post so shall only give you as full an acct as I can of Occurences at those parts from whence I came this morning. In the first place the Condition of the Severall Groves are as followeth – Greengill indifferent Good, ColeClough but poore by w[hi]ch is meant not so good as it was : read Groves Likewise poore the Slitts very Good the Levill very hard but nothing can be sd as yet of bates Hill & well Hope There is not above 100 bing

of Ore Lying aforhand at all the Grooves I have mentioned but according to Richds Calculation There is 60 at Greengill 5 at ColeClugh 10 or 12 at readgroves & about 20 at Slitts

the whole pay came to as followeth	£781:13: 8
pd Richd for the heads pay £300: wch came to but	£282:13: 7 ½
pd Jno for planky pay £132 w[hi]ch came to	£148:16:10 ½
for or towards wch 2 pays I pd as above	£432: =: =
p[ai]d at mill as p particulars	£245: 6: 2 ½
p[ai]d at Fallowfield as p particulars	£104: 7: 5 ½
as above	£781:13: 8

For w[hi]ch sume of £781: 13: 8d you had made at duxfield mill 102 fodder of Leed & 532 bings 2 horse of ore brought to that mill viz

	bing	horse
from Grengill	148:	1
from Fallowfield	207:	2
from read groves	14:	3
from the heads	161:	3
from read Groves		
I meane Jefferys groves	3:	1
in all	535:	2

more made at planky mill 29 fodder 15 ps leed & 245 bing 3 horse of ore brought to that mill viz

	bing	horse
from the heads	89:	0
from Readgroves	31:	1
from Greengill	49:	2
from ColeClugh	76:	0
in all as above	245:	3

Jno tould me that there is as much Ore aforehand at the Duxfield mill as will serve them all the winter of w[hi]ch he is very confident there is 6 Hearths going 5 oare hearths & 1 slagg harth There is about 60 bing Ore lying aforhand at buxtons shaft at fallowfield w[hi]ch is all that is there above Ground

My Couz[in] Jno hath resolved to set on n[ight]t shift againe not finding upon examination (as he saith) so great a breach as is thought by some fore Gennerally mind it who will & when they please alwayes those upon the n[igh]t shift works as much as those w[hi]ch are upon the day shift but the little Judgment I have tells me that is a false rule and ought not to be Observed for example if men that have 10d a day worke

the day shift & should others that have 12d & 14d who works the n[igh]t shift worke no more than the former secondly suppose it falls out that Lubbards worke the day shift & lusty able men the n[igh]t shift because the one cann doe better must they then be Lasie [lazy] Thirdly suppose the day men chance to have hard worke & the n[igh]t men soft worke must the <one> worke no further through Clay then the others did through Chiver All which I refer to better Judgment & so will acquiesce – for my Couz[in] Jno thinks it convenient to hould on n[igh]t shifts – so much for that particular if when you are Absent you desire an acct of any thing more upon your advice it shall be rectified for the future upon munday god willing I shall se[e] w[ha]t I can doe about a vessell for ratterdam as I proce[e]d you shall have advice from him that prayes for your health & prosperity & after craving your blessing remains MB

9 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle 8ber 9th
Mr Walter Chaytor

Sr

I have not time to write you a Copy of my former haveing bene in the west country & came but home this day where I meet with yours of the 4th & 8th present which I shall now god willing answer at large in the former takes notice of the receipt of mine by Bartho: Kirkhouse that he was gone for Am[sterdam] which I did advise you of before haveing some time since have had letters from Am[sterdam] of the same but I wish he had gone for the port for it seems my Leed meets with a better markett I perceive you have resolved to sell at 25 1/8 s with w[hi]ch am contented but I wish you had stood to 25 ¼ s according to your former resolutione In your letter have the bill for £100: w[hi]ch you mentione acceptance & payment of w[hi]ch I feare not so have booked the same in conformity with you & as you are in cash be pleased to be remitting and remitt none unto Mr Nicho: Verlaen unlesse already done for now he hath money enough in hands of mine – next post shall expect a bill for £200 according to your advice & take notice w[ha]t provition you will take of me w[hi]ch I allow others & am very willing to allow you the same: but to my father or whoever else I r[e]commend unto you take provition as you take of others viz 2 p[er]%

if Jno Lucker be with you remember me to him & tell him if he will come here soone I will give him the same freight againe

I am MB

9 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle 8ber 9th 75
Mr Nicho: Verlaen

Sr

I have not time to give you a Coppy of my former haveing bene in the west country & but this day comd home at my returne Doe meett with both yours of the <..> present one by post & the other by Bartho: Kirkhouse for answer to w[hi]ch may please take notice that there is no thinking of sending you any rye or wheat as the price is you mentione for rye at present is here above 4s p[er] bush[el] & wheat above 5s but shall se[e] w[ha]t can be done hereaf<ter> and if can buy any quantity before a Contradictory order come from you shall send it you and am very willing to be ½ returne I doe understand w[ha]t good can be done by whale Oyle beanes & madder in this place by none of w[hi]ch goods I am very confident we shall make 2s of a Gilder; soe judge w[ha]t profitt the adventure Considered. I hould <battry> to be the best Commodity: so if I can meet with any rye or wheat to Content shall advise you in dew time w[ha]t sort of <Battry> you shall send in returne if you aprove thereof I take notice you have sould 40 p[iece]s of my leed at 25s pray sell as many as will buy the goods desired & the remainder keep or sell as you se[e] cause for w[ha]t ever you doe shall be to my full satisfacione but if you cannot sell the Leed then Mr Walter Chaytor of Rotterdam will remitt you w[ha]t you desire but I would not have you to trouble him unlesse necessitated I am MB

9 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle 8ber 9th 1675

Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Sr

haveing none from you the needfull at present is for conveying of the inclosed bill unto you for £100 <st[erlin]g> dated Ghent 5: 8ber drawne by Vincent de Wall upon Mr francis lycens & company merch[an]ts in this place payable 2 d/us[uances] to Jean de Coningh or order endorsed to Henry panser by procuration to me by adriaen pancur & I to you the needfull of w[hi]ch pray procure & place to the Creditt of MB

12 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to John Legendre

Newcastle 8ber 12th 1675

Mr Jno Legendre

Sr

I have a vessell now going for newhaven by w[hi]ch god willing I intend 600 p[iece]s Leed the same will be all shipt before night the price is £12 p[er] fodder first peny you know w[ha]t other Charges & Commission will be the freight I am to pay is 20 sols

p[er] ps free of all Charges tis Landed if you can fancy there termes take w[ha]t part with me you please either $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ or name what you <wishe> upon shall be to the full satisfactione of MB

12 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Michael Clipsham

Newcastle 8ber 12th
Mr Mich Chipsham

Sr

I have before me yours of the 5th present which requires Little answering so the Lesse at present to inlarge upon your order about <10> or 13 barrells of salmon came to Late otherwise would have indeavoured to have procured the same. I must beg your excuse for not sending you the acct of your 12 p<...>s prunes not can I for my life help it for the poor men to whom sume Charges must be paid thinking there money sure will not call for it till they want so that in making of an acct at <guesse> I must either wrong you or my selfe w[hi]ch I will not doe so craves your pardon for a post or 2 Longer and so remains MB

12 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Ditto
Major Ed: Allen

Sr

I have before me yours of the 5th present for answer unlesse I can procure 3s 8d for your pease they shall Ly for your beanes they do not give Content nor liked at all I wish they were at any place where such were in demand for here they are not your advice from Holland I suppose is means of a good comodity pray Sr let me have advice from you when your seed time is over & advise me there withall the price then of corne if I could buy any good Corne for 3s would adventure £1000 for we thinke here corne will be deare in the spring tis now sould for 4s 4d to 11s 9d and Riseing new w[hi]t[e] pease 4s beanes 2s 3d Leed £12: p[er] fodd[e]r Coals 10s p[er] Ch[alder] butter 1s p[er] firkin I am MB

12 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle 8ber 12th
Mr Robt Jackson

Sr

I have before me yours of the 7th present alsoe one of the 11th I am glad Dickeson is Arrived with you & that you have given advice of all the Bills I have filled up for there Compliance I neither doe nor ever did questione. your order about drawing no money upon Mr Chipsham is come to late for tis already done but the neet proceed of the prunes I suppose he will order me to pay unto you nor do I know w[ha]t you meane by saying there is money dew betwixt us for there is nothing betwixt you & me that I know of w[ha]t is by past you must end with my fater I hade nothing to do with it nor say to it <...> that the Bill of £35 upon Mr Soulsby w[he]n <recd> will be the <Artickle> of any acct betwixt us two w[hi]ch is accepted & I think will be dewly p[ai]d If you cannot send me any Blanck Bills to <free> up for 4 or 5 or 600<£> certainly there is sume in your place that would be glad of the <motion> for 28/d date is a long time I have no reason to desire one for twill be but trouble to me only because I did partly promise one I would Have one if possible but shall do no more so so either get me one & send for the time <one> p[er] next post; or I must run away w[hi]ch take into Consideration and afford your answer unto MB

12 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle 8ber 12th
Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Sr

I have before me yours of the 7th do heartyly thanke you for the care you will take with w[ha]t forraigne bills shall be remitted you upon my acct and se[e]ing punctuallity is not regarded In Inland bills I will not be the first that shall begin a new Custome to doe for me as others doth and as you would doe for your selfe of w[hi]ch I doe not questione is all that is desired by MB

15 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Michael Clipsham

Newcastle 8ber 15th 1675
Mr Mich: Chipsham

Sr

I have before me yours of the 9th present Inclosed you have an acct of the 12 p[ie]ce[s] prunes the nett proceed being £22: 7: 2d I have placed to your acct <curr[en]tt> w[hi]ch you may either draw upon me at sight or order me to pay it to whome you thinke Convenient In this place & the Contents of your Answer shall be Complied withall. Let Mr Swynocke beleve w[ha]t he pleases I was never no Juglar & tis now to late to begin If any will not beleve that they are sould let them peruse the acct wherein they have the

mens names to whome sould who are able Substantiall Merchants in this Towne and will give to such full satisfaction at any time your order and Mr Jacksons both were possitively to sell at price <curr[en]tt> severall merchants I tryed more than I did; I could not procure so I know no reason for your writeing as you doe for if you can make itt appeare that I sould them without order I will give you twice the valew of them nor was it so weake an Action as you Imagine for they were Thought here by understanding men to be very well sould: In short they were sould & d[elivere]d according to the acct & I cannot help what quarrelling there will be for takeing your order into Consideration I thinke you cannot with reason blame MB

15 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Newcastle 8ber 15th 1675

Mr Ed Willett

Sr

I have at last with much adoe prevailed with a merchant in this towne for the Conveying of 600 p[iece]s Leed unto you in a vessell w[hi]ch he hath freighted called the fortune of London Jeremy Gardner m[aste]r who sailed the <other>.morning & god send him in Salvo to his desired port the goods have consigned to Mr Jac. Coquemar of newhaven the vessell going no further up w[hi]ch after good arrivall he is to receive & following the order as to the disposall thereof either to sell at newhaven or send them up to you according as you se[e] most for my advantidge I writt Mr Coquemar that he was to pay freight but the merchant will not have the m[aste]r to receive a farthing soe you are desired to pay the freight unto Mr Richd Pickerskill of of your place According to the Inclosed bill of Loading 20 <sols> p[er] <p[iece]s> fre[e] of all other Charges what soever till Landed at newhaven – now sir for the Disposall of my Leed I leave it wholly to your Disscretion not Doubting but you will doe for me as if it were your owne & write Coquemar upon receipt that he pay no freight if by this <parcell> for a Tryall you shall give me any Incourridgement by good & quick returnes I shall make more bould with you here after since writeing the above for safeing postidge I have resolved to send you no Bill of Loading but you are to pay no more freight than what is a bove mentioned Though if you shall be forced to pay more for want of a bill of Loading it will be no great matter for I can come to rights with the merchant here at any time I hope this winter season at sume time or another my Leed will find a good markett the arrivall of w[hi]ch would be very acceptable news unto MB

19 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Newcastle 8ber 19th 1675

Honnoured Sr

Since mine of the 19 present have received yours of the 14th ditto with the sad newes of the Losse of our Leed by Richd Streeter no remedy but patience: God gives so I ought to be Contented when he pleaseth to take away and therefore no Losse shall ever trouble me for tis but a folly for men to Grudge or <paine> at the Almightyes will and pleasure but now when sumthing is to be saved I thinke we ought to looke after it: therefor I hope you will be pleased to procure an order w[hi]ch I am Informed is feazeable for the restoring of the Custome for sumthing in my mind is better then nothing: Jno mobray I thinke will be in Towne this day so shall give him warning of all you write Concerning him first to make me ready against next pay all the money he shall get before that time of the milkeridge tennants secondly that I will not allow <Cd> of any money he shall lay out for my bro: Edward and thirdly w[ha]t you write about Green Gill Ore and the 2 hearths at planky mill the reasons I gave a bout the n[igh]t shifts at fallowfield you might have understood by my writeing they were only w[ha]t the little reason I had could take notice of I hope you will give me leave to give you my opinion in w[ha]t things I shall Observe to go on to your prejudice and for my owne satisfaction and Instruction in such businesses I shall be most ready to discourse with you at meeting Concerning this matter & god willing shall not faile to thinke you on pray never feare that I shall take more then the half of your Leed nor that quantity neither I doe assure you I am mistaken If I did not acquaint you with my Intentions of shipping sum Leed for newhaven in Wm <Creaghs> vessell 400 p[ie]ce[s] I intended with much Intreaty he got me to shipp 600 p[ie]ce[s] this I am very Certane you were acquainted withall and if any writt you that I spoake for 800 p[ie]ce[s] more they were to blame

I thinke I shall prevaile with Bartho Kirkhouse for 400 p[ie]ce[s] but he will not be Tyed to one port ei<ther> Amster[dam] or Rot[terdam] he will God willing go too and will Endeavoure for Rott[erdam] but if the wind will not serve we must give him leave to goe for Amst[erdam] the freight is as formerly and be[c]ause you thinke I take more Leed then you can spare (though I assure you no such thing []) you may have all these 400 p[ie]ce[s] if you please or I will have the ½ so let me know your mind but I hope you will abate of £12 for I doe assure you if I had money I could buy 2 ½ s nay I partly Confident for 5s under Sam: beake hath writt me twice about 12s <...> mo: in the 2 baggs sent him Jno Rumney brother wm & my selfe knowes there was sum sent him so have ordered him to speake to you & you may please order Mr Nelthorpe to Charge it: about the trellisses I shall doe no more than w[ha]t you give me leave to doe but if the trellisses above that presse were taken away likewise I do not understand w[ha]t roome would be lost but rather make us more room for I doe meane to take away the presse only the trellisse above so make all into one presse for the sd trellise serves for nothing but for harbouring of Ratts and to make that usefull I thinke no roome would be Lost now Sr pray give me your advice about a prentice I cannot thinke to have £100 for the first I was offered £80: w[hi]ch I refused upon your former advice and he Robt Mallabar tooke for £60: a prentice I must have but would do nothing without your advice and w[he]n nor how to meet with such another as I was proffered me I know

not: for other businesse I refer you to my bro: Wm Letters so praying for your health & happinesse & earnestly craveing your blessing I remane MB

19 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle 8ber 19th

Sr

I have before me yours of the 16th and 18th present according to your order did proffer Mr Swaine £50 he tould me he wanted £60 w[hi]ch sune did furnish him withall & have placed the same to your debt for further answer of your Letters I must beg your excuse for must be short with you so send me no more bills to fill up for I refer it to your selfe if it be reasonable to spend dayes neglacting owne businesse & all for nothing when I had men to Command it was one thing but now I have none but my selfe & cannot afford it for God be thanked I have as much businesse of my owne as I can well goe about myselfe w[hi]ch please take into serious Consideration: after w[hi]ch I know you <.> no man liveing can thinke much with w[ha]t I write. I shall se[e] to make your acct streight with my bro: sumtime this day or to morrow I am in some hast[e] MB

20 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Samuel Beake

[exact date not stated, but position in book is between 19th and 22nd October]

Newcastle 8 ber 1675

Mr Sam: Beake

Sr

I have before me yours of the 12th present the reason why I answered not your former about the 12 p you mentioned, is that It is not my Concerne, for the Companie Is seperated, and all business that was acted whilst it Continued, my father tooke Into his owne hands, who Is now I hope In London, soe may speake to him if you please about the same, noe question but he will make you satisfaction I am MB

22 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to John Legendre

Newcastle 8ber 22nd 1675

Mr Jno Legendre

Sr

I have before me yours of the 16th present for answer I am very well pleased with your resolution about the proffer I made you of the 600 p[ie]ce[s] of Leed mentioned in my former itt seemes you have no mind to be Concerned w[hi]ch is very well and according to that order shall forbear shipping any upon your acct all though an oportunity offer to Content untill further order from you so I <kisse> your hands & remains MB

22 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to John Schand

Newcastle 8ber 22nd 1675

Mr Jno: Schand

Sr

I have before me yours of the 19th present with the very welcome newes of the receipt of the Leed consigned unto you by order and for acct of Sr James Stansfield who I perceive by the sd Letter desires me to shipp as much more p[er] very first oportunity w[hi]ch shall God willing be Observed had I got your Letter one day sooner very probable itt would have bene Shipt before now for I heard that yesterday went from here 2 small Oysters Boats with either of w[hi]ch I thinke I could have prevailed upon pretty good termes butt now that is past for future no oportunity shall be slip[p]ed I do assure you untill your desire be fullfilled or that I receive a Contradictory order of my proceedings you shall God willing have dew advice I am MB

22 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Ditto

Major Edward Allan

Sr

I have none of yours to answer so the lesse at present to inlarge upon but I am vexed that I can meet with no Chapman neither for your peese nor beanes to Content Rye here to 3s 8d to 4s 4d oats 17d to 20d new w[hi]t[e] pease 4s beanes 2 ½ s to 3s Leed £12 p[er] fodder butter 17s 6d p[er] firkin Coals 10s p[er] Ch[alder] this being the needfull at present I take leave MB

22 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle 8ber 22nd

Sr this serves for Cover for the Inclosed bill of £100 Charged upon Mr Wm Gall by Hen: Hoplett at Rotte[erdam]: 15th 8ber payable 2/us to my order valew of Walter Chaytor wch is Indorsed to you so pray procure acceptance & payment when dew & place the same to the Creditt of MB

22 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honoured Sir

Ditto

Sr Wm Blackett

Since mine of the 19th psent have not any from you so the lesse to Inlarge upon this Chefley to give you notice of what I forgot in my last you know you sould above 300 bus:[hels] of Major Allens beans & sould <sd> that you would either buy as many againe or be accomptible to me for the same as I sould the remainder <Ilhrile> I shall sell none of them for expect every post orde to ship them for Rotte[erdam] so pray let me have a line from you so after an order came for the shipping of them away then to advise of the saile of sum & not <..>new would be looked upon as sum trick of other. I did call of my Couz Ed for the mo: for the leed but he putt me of with telling me that he expects a bill from France & when he received it will send it you pray write me a line when you think convenient concerning the business that I may show him. Barty Kirkhouse went from here upon Wednesday last God send him in <Saltho> to his desired port. I did write 2 letters by him so that he hath one for each port butt he hath promised me if he can reach Rotte[rdam] he will goe in there I have likewise writ to both that I know not how much you will be Concerned in the parcel but may expect advice from you pr first so pray write each this need full and advise me I here of it may be booked accordingly. I shall speak to Mr Gee when he comes to towne for other businesse I refer you to wt my bro Wm shall writ you so praying for your health and happinesse and earnestly Craving your blessing I remaine MB

22 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Mr Ed: Willet

Newcastle 8ber 22nd

I have not time to give you a Coppie of my former but I hope it came well to your hand as alsoe before the the 600 ps Leed good news of wch would be very acceptable unto me if please god they arrive well pray dispose of them as you think convenient either at price curr[en]t or keep them awhile for a better market for the disposal thereof is wholly left to your discretion not doubting but you will doe for me as if it were your owne Concerne. Now Sr I desire one favour of you wch is when you shall be in Cash you would be pleased to send by a Careful man sweetmeats to the value of 3 pounds-

all weett excepting a little few w[hi]ch let be dryed and of the best sort but be sure send none of the w<eet> ones that are sweet s[c]ented and because I know not w[ha]t quantity you will get for £3

I must desire you to use your owne discrectione and send me as many as will serve me all this winter for you know these long winter nights people does little but feast and play at Cards so desireing your Excuse for this trouble I am MB

23 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle 8ber 23rd
Mr Nicho: Verlaen

Sr

My last unto you was of the 19 present by Bartho: Kirkhouse by whome I have shiped and consigned unto you provided he come to your port for perhaps he may Goe for Rott[er]dam] 400 p[ie]ce[s] Leed which after good arrivall you are to receive & to dispose thereof to the best of your knouledge for the most advantidge paying the m[aste]r 10 st[uyvers] p[er] p[ie]ce freight with a st[uyver] upon a Gilder for primidg[e] & Averidge but I cannot at present Informe you how much or w[ha]t quantity of the parcell is upon my acct for I have left it to my fathers <Choyce> to take w[ha]t part he pleaseth who is at present in London but the needfull advice you will undoubtedly have from him p[er] first oppertunity and according to his advice pray be pleased to booke the same accordingly

23 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle 8ber 23rd 75

Sr

My last unto you was of the 19th present by Bartho: Kirkhouse by whome I have shipped and Consigned unto you (provided he come to your port for perhaps he may goe for Amst[er]dam] []) 400 p[ie]ce[s] Leed w[hi]ch after good arrivall you are to receive & dispose there of to the best of your knowledge for the most advantidge paying the m[aste]r 10 st[uyvers] p[er] p[ie]ce freight with a St[uyver] upon a gilder for primidge and averidge but I cannot at present Informe you how much or w[ha]t quantity of the parcell is upon my acct for I have left it to my fathers <Coyce> to take w[hi]ch part he pleaseth who is at present in London but the needfull advice you will undoubtedly have from him p[er] first opertunity and according to his advice pray be pleased to booke the same accordingly

23 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Ditto

Mr Robt Jackson

Sr

haveing none of yours to answer I have very little at present to Inlarge upon this serveing Ch[i]efly for Covert to the Inclosed 2 accts which I am forced to make out to myselfe by the sume you will se[e] here dew to your father £1: 2: 10: and to your selfe £17: 16: 9d which is £18: 19: 7 so pay your father £1: 2: 10 and there will be dew to you from my father w[hi]ch I know you may demand upon a minuits warning or if you thinke fitt that I should receive it let me have a bill at sight upon by bro: for the same or order them to pay it unto me it will be all one Tho: Kirke was here this day to whome I pd freight for the beanes according as he delivered here and after the rate of 6s 8d p[er] last if your agreement was not accordingly pray se[e] to get it rectified – I have got my 20<.> of him Mr Brabant went from hence this day to dismisse the Coll<...> Mr Colquitt I am Informed by every hand Jno Eden will survive him but that to your selfe & pray remember me kindly to him if you please my respects to y[ou]r selfe good wife and all relationes about you as you se[e] them I remaine MB

The addition to Mr Nicho: verlaen Letter of 23d Jno Tucker went for Rott[er]dam] & the other day I received the bad newes of Richd Streeter being cast away God send better newes for the future & more profitable p[er] first opertunity I shall expect my goods desired but send me no Iron Chist for I am provided I desire that you never straiten your self for monies upon my acct If you be not in call order Mr Chaytor to remitt you or your may at any time freely draw upon me payable in London what ever you shall be in disburse for me I can meet with no Rye for 3s the present price is now 3 ½ s & 4d oats 20d w[hi]t[e] pease 4s beanes 2s 9d to 3s Leed £12p[er] fodder Coales 10s p[er] Ch[alder] I am MB

This is in answer to yours of the 18 present

The additione to Mr Walter Chaytors letter 23d I have received yours of the 18th present with a second bill for £100 formerly remitted as alsoe a <primo> Bill for £100 more drawne by Henry Hope upon Wm Gull of London w[hi]ch I have sent to procure acceptance & payment & have booked the same In Conformity with you I will have no Harnas plates for they will not turne to acct but you may send me 2 3 or 400 bundells Rod Iron provided you can get them for Gilders 6 p[er]% but above that rate I cannot afford to give pray advise me once a weeke of the price of Spanish Iron both narrow flat & square Mr Verlaen writes me he will have occatione for noe money so as money

comes In upon my acct be remitting as formerly I will rely upon an Iron Chist from you
I am MB

26 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle 8ber 26th 1675

Mr Robert Jackson

Sr

I have before me yours of the 25th present with a blanck bill upon Mr <duCally> w[hi]ch for this time I have filled up for 140 <£> payable at 28/d[ays] date to Mr Henry Nelthorpe or order valew of mr Timo: Davisson so faile not to give advice thereof that the same may be dewly complied withall according to its contents £80: I send you by the bearer C f and the other £60 according to your order I keep in discharge of w[ha]t I pd Mr <Sayne> I did desire if you remember that if I <neah> you could not send me a bill yourselfe that you would be pleased to seeke me one but to <this> not a word in answer not so much as that you did Inquire for one In the least; w[hi]ch is very well I doe not understand your meaning w[he]n you say you perceive I am weary of well doing to Imploy my time In any mans service by w<hich> I neglect my owne businesse and have nothing for my pains is very well done such well doings will In a short time make me a brave man and In short under 5s for £100: I will receive no more money for no man In England Leed £12 Coals 10s Oats 16d to 20d Rye 4s black rye 3s and under I had a percell offered me yesterday for 3s good Corne only <soft> I am glad all friends are well at billingham and norton to whome pray remember me when you se[e] them I am MB

26 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Newcastle 8ber 26th 75

Mr James Cooke

Sr

I shall presume to trouble you with these few lines Intreating you thereby to doe me the favoure as to send me a bill if it stand with your Convenience for 2 3 or £400 payable 20 d[ays] or 24 d[ays] after date or if you cannot doe it your selfe that you would be pleased to gett me some of the same or other if possible and they sh<ould> be sure of there money this kindnesse I did desire of one of your towne who had no occatione himselfe and I perceive doth not care to Inquire further I am Confident he never did stir his foote aboute it Though I have done as much for him pray sr se[e] w[ha]t you can doe for me and Indevouring to procure me this bill of some or other

you will Infinitely obliedge him that Craves your pardon for this trouble and remains upon all occations MB

29 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle 8ber 29th 75
Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Sr

Pray take notice that the 26th present I drew upon you the sume of £50: -: -: payable at 20 d[ays] date to Tho: Dalston or order valew of him w[hi]ch pray let be complied withall I will take care God willing to reimburse you before my bill fall dew next post I will returne you the 2 bills Indorsed I am Sr MB

29 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Ditto
Major Allen

Kind friend

I have before me yours of the 21st present doe heartily thanke you for the first acct you give me of the price of <Hey> but now I have Occatione for none If I had tis Cheaper here than with you for the other day I was offered a quantity for 9s and I am Confident could have had it Cheaper but I had no occatione your beanes and pease are still waiting for a markett w[hi]ch I hope will present a<t> last and that to your advantidge but you must have patience for a while I am MB

30 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Thomas Legendre

Newcastle 8ber the 30th
Mr Tho: Legendre

Sr

I acknowledge my selfe exceedingly obl<iged> for yours of the 15 Instant and should thinke my selfe very happie in such a reall corri<spondence> my businesse at present in your place is not wor<th> your Trouble but if please God blesse me and that a Considerable Temptation present tis likely you may here farther from MB

30 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Ditto

Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Sr

I have before me yours of the 20th present for answer inclosed I returne you the 2 bills endorsed the needfull of w[hi]ch pray procure when dew & place it to the Creditt of MB

30 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to William de Werth

Ditto

Mr Wm Dewerth

Sr

Yours of the 18th Instant with the Inclosed for <schiper Luder Slover> have recd: he is n<ot> yet arrived so shall (according to your order) place the postage to your acct I shall be Glad upon all occationes to testifie that I <am> MB

30 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Newcastle 8ber the 30th 1675

Honnoured Sr

I have before me yours of the 23rd present Inclosed you have a Certificate according to the Instructions given me Somthing is better than nothing so pray be pleased to procure an order that so we may have the Custome of our Leed restored I dare sweare none in the world had any part in my halfe if it be requisite upon your advice I will Imediately send you up an affidavitt to that effect I doe heartyly beg your excuse for the Trouble I putt you to In this businesse let the Charge be what it will I will very willingly leave my proportion thereof – the Britehemston [Brighton] man was called Geo: Beach his vessell the Susan of Britehemston who threw over board 39 p[ie]ce[s] Leed as p[er] verlaens acct I intend for the pay God willing upon Wednesday next & then shall acquaint Jno: mowbray with the needfull you may be Certaine I was not unmindefull of sending up money for the pay w[hi]ch will take as I am Informed £880: =: at my returne may expect as full an acct as I can give you of occurrences at all placeis & shall advise you w[ha]t my Couz: Jno thinks of bringing the workeman of fallowfield to an 8 hours shift

for the price of w[ha]t Leed I have Had I will submitt to you and am Content you have the whole 400 p[ie]ce[s] Leed in Bartho: Kirkhouse upon your owne proper acct & have accordingly advised both Mr Verlaen and Walter Chaytor that so to whose hands it comes to they may booke it accordingly as fast as I can I will Get Leed Shipt away for one of the places you mentione and if an oportunity present for Hamb<urg> pray advise to whome I shall consigne it for If I mistake not I heard you say that you Intended to leave of Twyford and Company - Mr Pees and Joh<...> discoursed about the Beanes you had of Major Allen and w[ha]t we thinke most for your advantidge shall be done w[hi]ch is in buying as many the first that comes in for tis expected they will be very cheap I heare my Couz: Ed: hath remitted you the money so shall not speake to him this being the present needfull with my prayers for your health & happinesse & earnestly craveing your blessing I remaine MB

30 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle 8ber 30th 75

Mr Nico: Verlaen

Sr

My last to you was of the 23rd prsent to w[hi]ch refers you since not any of yours so the lesse at present to Inlarge upon this being Chiefly to advise you that the 400 p[ie]ce[s] Leed shipt on Bartho Kirkhouse is all upon my fathers acct so if he come to your port booke the same accordingly I cannot as yet meet with any good rye 3s if you can give 3s <..> and doe thinke that any good will be done thereby pray advise me p[er] first for the sooner the Better & I will willingly be halfe concerned with you therein I here there is much Corne comes to this place from hence so I thinke if others find profitt we shall be no losers for I am sure I can buy it as cheap as others can do or otherwise I am much mistaken I doe long till I heare my goods desired are shipt I am sory your markett for leed is no better but patience a while & I hope it will mend w[hi]ch would be very welcome news unto MB

30 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Newcastle 8ber 30th 75

Mr Ed: Willett

Sr

My last to you was of the 22nd present to w[hi]ch refers you since have received yours of the 25th present butt doe wonder that thereby I have no news of the arrivall of my 600 p[ie]ce[s] Leed I hope your next will bring it me & shortly or else I shall begin to be in sum feare of losse Tho: Legendre by <a letter> doth desire my corrispondence this

day I have writt him a Civill Letter in answer as you know is but reasonable in such a case but faith I never Intended to Imploy him Your markett for Leed is but slow but patience a while I hope it will mend w[he]n I meet with freight for Newhaven shall Direct the m[aste]r to Mr Jno Coquemar

I am glad Mr Capp<re> & his family is well pray w[he]n you se[e] the ould man remember me kindly to him & you will oblidge MB

30 Oct 1675 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Ditto

Mr Walter Chaytor

Sr

My last to you was of the 23rd present to w[hi]ch refers you since have received yours of the 29 present with an acct of my 400 p[iece]s Leed w[hi]ch I have examined found right & booked accordingly – pray take notice that the 400 p[iece]s Leed shipt in Bartho: Kirkhouse is all upon my fathers proper acct so if he come to your port pray booke the same accordingly the 2 bills for £91: < st[erlin]g> I have received & placed the same in Conformity with you – If you <light> of any Rod Iron for Gilder 6 p[er]% for above that price I will not give & that you buy me 2 3 or 400 bundells you may valew upon me w[ha]t money you shall want payable in london & your bills shall be dew<ly> Honnoured I take notice your have bought me an Iron Chist which is well I hope ere this tis shiped for w[hi]ch have Creditted your acct according to your advice of its cost £59: 7: 8 I am MB

2 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle 9ber 2d 1675

Mr Robert Jackson

Sr

I have before me yours of the primo Currant for Answer I now want no Bills neither at Long nor Short sight for am provided I have received of my Brother £18: 19: 7d out of w[hi]ch have taken 20s according to your order & by the beared C: f: I send you £17: 19: 7 which cleares all accts betwixt my father and you Leed here £12: p[er] fodder Coales: 10s Rye 4s to 4s 6d I wonder I here not from my unckle Eden pray is he well my respects to all friends as oportunity offers I am MB

I got a Bill from your place this day & am promised another for above £300 w[hi]ch you could not find Truly I believe because you never sought for any but that is all <..>

2 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Ditto

Sr

I have before me both yours of the 24 past & primo present I doe acknowledge my selfe very much oblinded unto you for the same & so long as I live will Endeavoure to make you a Requitall If at any time I can doe you any Service in this place if upon all occationes pray fre[e]ly dispose of me but I am sory you are prevented of doing me that kindnesse you Intended your bill for £100 would have done me no small kindnesse when you can spare a bill for 2 or £300 or more pray let me know or send it me If I make use thereof you shall undoubtedly have your money p[er] first oportunity & God willing if I do not doe (or be willing to doe) as much for you some time or other call me an ungratefull person by the bearer C: f: I send you £63 for your Bill & thankses & over & above I give you the Baggs but for future when you send me Bills send alsoe Baggs for the money for they will cost you 3d a piece here my service to your Good Lady MB

6 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Newcastle 9ber 6th 1675

Honnoured Sr

As for Businesse or what passes at home I refer you to w[ha]t my Bro: Wm or Wm Creagh will write you this night so shall not Inlarge further than to give you an acct of Occurrences at your Leed mynes & mill from whence I came this day: the Conditione of the severall Grooves then are as followeth viz-

Greengill Indifferent Good Cole Cleugh poore espetially in the Low Bed Reed groves poore the Slitts very good: & the Levill extraordinary hard at Rookhope they are still driveing up the Levill there as for Bates Hill and wellhope there is nothing there as yet But Charges

the whole pay came to this month as followeth	£870
the heads pay came to £254:- 9 1/2 d pd Richd	£300:- : -
planky pay came to wch I pd Jno Mowbray	£152:16: -
pd at Mill as p particulars	£321:12: 2
pd at fallowfield as p particulars	£ 96: 9: 8
as above	£870:17:10

for w[hi]ch money you had made at Duxfield Mill 117 fodd[er]s Leed & 546 Bing of ore brought to that Mill viz:

	bing horse	
from the Heades	163	0
from Read Grooves	13	0
from Greengill	70	0
from Lunehead	20	0
from fallowfield	276	2
from Jeffreys Grooves	3	2
In all as above	546	0

Besides w[hi]ch you have made at planky mill 38 <fother> 11 p[ie]ce[s] of Leed & 213 b[ings] 2 H[orse] of ore brought to that mill

viz from Grengill	50	B	3	ho
from Coleclugh	58		3	
from Reed Grooves	29		0	
from the heads	67		2	
from Dufton	7		2	
in all as above	213		2	

There is no ore to speake of aforehand at the Grooves excepting at Greengill about 40 Bing and not 10 bing more at all the rest but God be thanked there is as much aforehand at Duxfield mill as will keepe the Smelters Employed all the winter if no more come in Jno Computes there is above 4000 Bing and above 2000 at planky mill aforehand so I hope this winter the Smelters at neither place will have reason to Complaine for want of worke there is 6 hearths Going at Duxfield Mill 5 ore Hearths & one Slagg Hearth

fallowfield groves are very good but no ore aforehand there my Couz: Jno is quite against haveing an 8 hours shift Jno Mowbray is as much for it they are to discourse of it what they resolve upon shall advise you as soone as I am acquainted with there resolutiones no money to be got of J:M: this month he sweares he hath it not Richd hath some ore to sell w[hi]ch he hath won in a grove called Gallan Hill the price is 96s w[hi]ch he can have of others but will let you have the refusall thereof & will part with none of it till he have your answer Richd tells me likewise he heares there is some about takeing of Lunehead after your time is out pray have you any such Intentione as to give it over if you have & that you thinke fitt rather than to let others come in I will venture 2 3 or £400 of it for £50: p[er] annum though nothing to you would doe me no harme I can thinke of nothing else worth your notice so praying for your health & happinesse & earnestly Craveing your blessing

I remaine in Dewty bound MB

6 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle 9ber 6th 1675

Mr Robert Jackson

Sr

I have before me yours of the 4th present people that are jealous takes alwayes things In as <.....> as I perceive you doe by saying that you se[e] I can receive money for others for nothing w[hi]ch I will never doe no more so long as I breath nor have Done it for any since I did it for you beleve you w[ha]t you please I cannot helpe it w[he]n you sent me bills I had no occatione and w[he]n I had occatione you could send none do you then blame me for seeking bills of others w[he]n you could not helpe me nor would seeke none for me & w[he]n I had Bills sent me should not I ren<der> them there moneys all w[hi]ch I refer to any mans judgment it was not received of otheors as I did for your bills butt let us leave of this discourse <he> that doth me a kindnesse w[he]n I have occatione I will not be ungratefull if ever it lyce [lies] in my power to serve them would not you have taken it ill if I had returned your bills because I had no occation<e> for them my selfe have not I the same reason to take it ill that you would not so much as stir your foot one 60 yards to seke a bill for me when I had so great need of them but sent me word you could not helpe me because you could not do it your selfe

Not one word more so let it all be buried in oblivion you mistake alsoe in 5s for every £100 w[hi]ch I desire not when I make use of your bills my selfe as I would have done had you sent any to me last weeke but tis ment when I fill up your bills for others and so am to receive the money and stand to the hazard of bad & short money if any your Brother is in towne who tells me that in one bag of the £1200 I send you there was 19s short would you have me pay it no Indeed my Commission will not afford it I assure it was all I gott for £1200 & twice tould over and I dare sweare there was £1200 of it

If your Brother had a bill to spare for 5 or £600 I would this day have taken it but he hath none I thinke in Civillity I might have had the refusall of your bills w[hi]ch Mr Morton have got

I am Glad all friends are well I do wonder I have not from unckle Eden martinmas day is nigh & for want of Letters from him to this day I know not how to order my Journey Leed here under £12 rye 4s or 4s 4d Coals 10s I am MB

6 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Newc[astle] 9ber 6th

Brother Edward

Mr pees desired me to send unto you this Letter so I thought Good to advise you underneath that I have before me yours of the 4th present I do assure you I am sore put to it for you know w[ha]t If I had not you might have assured your selfe I would never

have writt you as I did I want now £100 where to get it faith I know not borrow it I must of some or other but thinke shame to aske any so how I shall gett it I cannot yet advise you but I thinke to make bould either with my bro: Davisson or Jno Blackett the <fitter> – within <2 months> god be thanked I shall have money enough for I have severall bills at London now but none dew am only straitned for the present w[hi]ch vexis me to the very hart for I have not the face to goe a borrowing & yet I care not who know my Conditione for god be thanked I have enough my only trouble is to Borrow for my present need w[hi]ch I never did in my life – I heartily thanke you for your kindnesse but I cannot make use of your nam^e to any if you would hang me I am resolved to make bould with Jno Blackett w[hi]ch is my couz: Jno his money of fallowfield w[hi]ch you may allow him & I hope you will be willing to do it when he pays you his rent for fallowfield my service to your wife & all other friends In hast[e] being post <..> I am MB

9 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Newcastle 9ber 9th 1675

Honnerd Sr

Since mine of the 6 present have recd yours of the 4th ditto for gods sake if possible order it soe that I be not forced to make oath my selfe before a Barron of the Exchequer for a Journey to London with the Charges of procureing an order I supose will eat a great Hole in w[ha]t I thought to have saved so if It cannot be done without my Coming to London I must let it alone till sume other businesse of greater Concerne call me there the reason why I put in the Coales in the Certificat was that I realy thought they were upon your acct I am sure I knew not to the Contrary but since I here they were upon Peter Bells acct I hope that will doe you no harme if it doe I must beg your excuse I have given you as full acct of occurrences at the pay as I could and advised you alsoe that J M pd no money this pay & tould me as much that you need not expect any next pay neither for he sweares he hath none & knowes not where to raise any for you & talkes as much as that he owes you Little for he tould me plainly he is very much wronged in the acct so that he wonders you should be so strickt with him always saying to me if you will wrong him God forgive you but he hopes better things from you & you will allow of all his objections w[hi]ch is nothing but right as he saith so come to a faire acct & w[ha]t he shall be found Indebted he will either pay you presently or give you a good security for the same

I heare now that my Couz: Jno is possitive will not have the worke altered but to Continue as it hath bene formerly J M is still very much for an 8 hours shift but my couz: Jno w[ha]t he saith must prevaile Mr Gee went out of towne Thursday last & expected to be in london with <14 d[ays]> if yo[u] come to treat with him the Concerned doe desire that you would not breake of for a little matter all w[hi]ch is left to your discretione so praying for your health & happinesse MB

9 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Michael Clipsham

Newc[astle] 9ber 9th
Mr Mich Chipsham

Sr

Upon Saturday last I recd the money up<on> Mr Wm Hutchisson & Mr Tim Davisson for your prunes (which I could have had soon<er> had I demanded the same for the payment of <it> I expect your Commands but pray take not<e> that I omitted in the acct deducting the <tare> w[hi]ch is of 12<p> 12<ll> & comes to £2: 13 abate<ing> a shillings for my Commission of the same pray mind to draw so much the Lesse upon me or deducting sd £2: 13 for the next <p...> formerly advised you <If> the remainder may freely Command as you thinke fitt MB

9 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Ditto
Mr Ed: Allen

Sr

I have before me yours of the 30 past & have bene twice to waite upon Mr Tizicke but could not find him within some time this weeke we shall God willing meet & so w[ha]t can be done as to the dispersal of the Goods you mentione one with another but my opinion is that 26s a quarter for will not be procured In this place my reason is this that none of the sd goods by themselves will yeild 24s a quarter I am very sure none in my Custody will & I am Credibly Informed that Mr Tizicke offered his beanes for £11 p[er] Last & beleve me for the beanes I have none will bid me £8: alas<.> but we will se[e] w[ha]t can be done & advise you of the needfull In dew time sr if any bid me £12 a last for yoar w[hi]t[e] peece shall I take it I desire you would be pleased to afford your advice unto MB

I have bene with Mr Tizicke this morning have sene his beanes w[hi]ch are very good ones but I thinke they will not yeild £10 alast if they doe tis the height of the Markett so to dispose of all your goods one with another no probability of procuring 26s a quarter as above MB

12 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle 9ber 12 1675
Mr Walter Chaytor

Sr

I have before me yours of the 8th present and alsoe have received my Chist 6 Harnas plates & 2 salt pan plates w[hi]ch I wonder you would send me without order but seing tis Inconsiderate I will allow thereof and Have given you Creditt for the same for future never send me any thing without order but was ever such a <evil> trick done as to send me a Chist without a key pray faile not to write me upon receipt & advise me where tis for both m[aste]r & men do deny they have it I am sory for the stormy weather you have had as alsoe for the dammdige by water both at amst[erdam] and with you: I pray god Coumfort the parties Concernes: I am affraid Bartho kirkh<ouse> was In the storme & gone if so many will be utterly undone for the ship & loading was worth nigh hard £5000 as I have it reckond for my p[ar]t I was not Concerned for my father took the Leed all for his acct I am in hast[e] MB

12 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Hugh Mason

Newcastle 9ber 12th
Mr Hugh Mason

Sr

I have before me yours of the 6th present there<by> takes notice that the businesse betwixt my father & Robinson is ended of w[hi]ch am exceeding glad as for the £20: Robinson pd you pray place it to my fathers acct I have got in your bill as alsoe the Charter <pt> & covenant & have d[elivere]d the m[aste]r his Charter <pt> all w[hi]ch are cancelled I am in hast[e] MB

12 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Ditto
Mr James Cooke

Sr

If it be possible to procure me Bills for £1000 pray send me Them pray once more try your hand: for if you do not help me in earnest I am quite undone & advise me p<er> next post w[ha]t I may rely upon money is ready I am MB

12 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle 9ber 12th 1675
Mr Robt Jackson

Sr

If you can spare a Bill for 4 5 or £600 or £1000 or can procure me Bills for that
sume upon my owne acct I will take it as a great kindnesse from you and if at any time
I can doe you any service in Requital pray dispose of MB
pray let me know p[er] next post w[ha]t I may rely upon

12 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Ditto

Unckle Eden

I have before me yours of the 6th present and do take notice how far you have Carried
on the Businesse with Mr Draper but you do drive things so to the last that I know not
what to say to you for do you thinke I can leave my businesse upon a minuits warning
I got your letter upon tuesday night & is it Likely I could meet you at Billingham that
night no nor could not come the next day to you if it would have advantidged me
£1000 God willing I will be with you to morrow sevensnight & then we shall discourse
the needfull about that businesse and againe it vexis me as much now to have objection
against the paying of C:P: his money for the Morgadge & never to be Lookt into till the
day before money be to be paid w[ha]t may they thinke at Darnton that I came not
there Cruly that I had no money to pay for it th<..> I Imagine will be in all there
mouths now though I doe assure you tis lying in Mrs Massams hands at Durham for
there I carried it & discoursing with Mr Sperema<n> he advises me not to pay the
money with out further order so that I left the mon<ey> at durham & haveing no
businesse at darnton returned home where I am & God be thanked in Good Health as
is my little vogue alsoe pray remember me to all friends at norto<n> so with my kind
Respects to your selfe good wife & unckle Buck I remane MB

12 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Newcastle 9ber 12th 1675

Mr Ed: Willett

Sr

I have before me yours of the 5 present with the very welcome newes of Jeremy
Gardners good arrivall at newhaven w[hi]ch Wm Creagh had from Mr Richd:
pickering 2 posts before me but god be thanked they are arrived the disposall of
w[hi]ch is left to your discretione not doubting but you can doe as well as others & will
d<oe> for me as if it were your owne Concerne and as moneys comesin be remitting me
as formerly desired pray send me p[er] first opertunity a Reame of the best & largest

post paper and another Reame of ordinary paper & advise me if you thinke a percell of good Jersey stockings would sell with you & pray be adviseing me once on 14 d[ays] w[ha]t you thinke will turne to acct & I will supply you if it be possible for am willing to venture where there is any probabilyty of profitt – the Invoyce of the Leed I can not send you for it was not weighed but for future will save the Charge you mentione I could guesse at the weight thereof but then I should either Cheat the buyer or my selfe and being unwilling to doe either must pay the 1 ½ <liver> p[er] thousand for this <time> seing Mr Bar & my father finds profitt Certainly I shall be no Looser & so long as you give me Incouridgement you shall want neither Leed not Coales nor no thing this place affords that you thinke will turne to any good acct Brother davisson is well & bro: Ed: but trades none I am in has[te] Sr MB

12 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Michael Clipsham

Ditto

Mr Mich Chipsham

Sr

I have before me yours of the 6th present signed alsoe by Mr <Swynocke> w[hi]ch I shall answer in short for can say no more to it than that I sould your prunes according to your order as soon as I could & as well as I could am sory w[ha]t I did did not prove to Content I will not say but Alderman Webb gave 9 s for the same prunes: for I have wine on my hands w[hi]ch any one shall have for £20 p[er] tun & yet I <sould> a good quantity of the very same wine for £36 p[er] tun what for wine is it then that I have <let> the very refusall the outcasts of a percell such as your prunes were & can any one expect as good a price for a bad Comodity as a good one In that I did as well as I could & so remaines MB

13 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Benoit Decoud

Newcastle 9ber 13th 1675

Mr Benoit Decoud

Sr

I have before me yours of the 9th present doe heartily thanke you for your readinesse to serve me upon all occationes and seing you are so kind as to give me assurance of your fidelity and Endeavours to promote my Interest to the utmost of your power of which I doe not question I will be as fre[e] with you as to tell you that God willing I Intend to follow the wine trade after a while & that you only shall be the man I will make use of though I have bene Courted by some others in your place whose names I will Omitt but you were much to blame In not adviseing me how french wine <rules>

for Brandies they are Deare so that this vintidge I will have nothing for do suppose ere this come to hand severall vessells will be com'd away to this place but upon receipt write me w[ha]t time your second vintidge will be and how you thinke wines & brandies will rule if any good to be done perhaps I may trouble you with a vessell for a Tryall my bro: Ed: lives in the Country if you send him any thing send it to me & I will forward it I am MB

13 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Charles Finlay

Newcastle 9ber 13th 1675

Mr Cha: finley

Sr

I desire you would be pleased to advise all my Tennants that god willing I Intend to be at <Darnton> the day after Great Monday against w[hi]ch day I expect all there moneys to be ready for they shall no longer put me of 14/ d[ays] as they did the last time I did thinke to have bene with you upon martinmas day & to have p[ai]d CP some money but I must have another award drawne before he get the money my service to all friends with you I am in hast[e] MB

13 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Newcastle 9ber 13th 1675

Mr Ed: Willett

Sr

My last to you was of the 12th present since none from you so the lesse to Inlarge upon this being Cheifly to advise you that there is one Monseu Piere Barronneum of paris who desires my Corrispondence he haveing formerly Employed Jno Legendre of London to send him Leed from hence so p[ai]d twice commissione w[hi]ch he would Gladly save & have water from the fountane head it seemes sd Barronneau should have had 200 p[iece]s of the Leed you have w[hi]ch Indeed I did off<er> to Legendre but we broke of[f] upon a Triffull [trifle] & he adviseing Barronneau of w[ha]t past I perceive Barronneau was angry <i.> should be meet so desires me to give him that same proffer but I have begd his excuse the Leed being arived have writt him this day a Civill answer and doe desire you to write him & give him the refusall of the Leed for if he be a substantiall man & will give the price currant lett him have it if you Think fitt & be sure advise me w[ha]t for a merchant h<e> is & of w[ha]t reputatione for I wish I could sell him 2000 p[iece]s Leed if he be an able man this being the needfull I remaine MB

13 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Pierre Barronneau

Newcastle 9ber 13th 1675

Monsieur pierre Barronneau

Monsieur

Jay Receu lagreable value du 6 du Cour[an]t a laquelle Cette Le ruira en Response Ilest bien vray que mons[ieu]r Jean Legendre de Londres me donna ordre de luy Envoyer 200 p[ie]ce[s] de plomb ou pour havre de Grace ou pour Rouen mais ne voulut plus donner pour frette que 14 <ll> <...> les 50s p[er] tonneau pour Rouen ett 14<ll> sansces 50s pour tonneau pour havre de Grace accuell pris il nestoit pas possible darrester place en aucum navire nous donnos ordinairement 20 sols p[er] p[ie]ce[s] p[er] havre de de grace et 25 sols pour Rouen et Je donnois pour meis 600 p[ie]ce[s] lesquelles Dieu mercie sont bien arrives cest pourquoy il faunt mexcuser de loffre que jay fait ey devant a mons[ieu]r legendre car ayant Couru la Risque de la mer il est raisonnable que Jay le profitte neantmoins sy vous les desirez vous les pouvez Commander au pris Cour[an]t lesquelles son entre les mains de mons[ieu]r Edwd Willet a Rouen qui ordre de vous Escoise et de ne les vendre pas devant vous les refusez au sy vous desirez 200 p[ie]ce[s] a £12 <st[erlin]g> la foddre avec les autres Charges que seront envira iavce Commission 30s <st[erlin]g> la foddre ett Content de donner pour frette comme sy devois Je vous enverray quelle quantite il vous plaira encas vous desirez 200 p[ie]ce[s] il A necessarie de Maduier le nom d[e] votre amy au havre de grace ett aussy le nom de votre amy a Rouen et sur quell marchd a Londres, Je pouvois <tiver> la valeur Je creuns mons[ieu]r que vous mentendrez pas mon fracois Car Encore que <je> lentende avez bien Je Confesse que Je ne puis pas lescire pro futuro Je vous escrivay en Anglois amis attendant Lhonneur de vous Commandemett Je vous baize le mains et suis MB

16 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle 9ber 16th 75

Mr Nicho: Verlaen

Sr

I have before me yours of the 12th present the <f..> rye that can be bought for 3s a bush[el] & sound I will venture upon 20 or 30 last to send to your place In w[hi]ch you shall be halfe concerned but can light of none to Content as yet the dispersall of my leed is left to your discretion so do w[ha]t you thinke convenient therein I hope my goods desired are all shipt ere now <w[hi]ch> I should be Glad to heare & w[he]n you are more <in> cash you may please to send me 2 or 3000 <hundred> weight of your best 22 Guilders <hailemer> tow I do not question but you have judgement in the Commodity & will send me as Good as used to be sent to this place to others so remitt

me not a farthing till this order be effected for the exchange is high by w[hi]ch I loose exceedingly so am resolved to have all Goods for the wh<...> nett proceed of all my leed In your hands and when you are in Cash I shall tell you w[ha]t Goods to send I am sorry for the bad news you writt of bartho kirkhouse but God be thanked I was not Concerned in him
I am MB

16 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle 9ber 16th 1675
Mr Walter Chaytor

Sr

I have before me yours of the 15 present I do approve of the 400 bundells of Rod Iron w[hi]ch you have bought for my acct & shiped aboard Jno Vaughan of whome I shall alsoe call for the keys you omitted to send me p[er] Tho Richardson vessell & when I receive an acct of the Rods shall place the ammount to your Creditt & w[ha]t you shall be In disburse may frely valew upon me for now I can send you no Leed whereby you might reimburse youre selfe nor is my friend at Amst[erdam] in cash upon my acct send be [me] no spanish Iron for tis prohabled in this place that any shall come from Holland Vaughan not yet arrived I hope may be here shortly I doe not understand the reason of your giving as much for <sull> pan plates as for harnas pan plates for the latter is ½ as deare againe (and more) here than the former w[hi]ch pray unriddle me I am sorry for the news you writt me of Mr Davisson & Major Henry Belarys w[hi]ch I did Impart to Wm & Ellen Davisson who was In my house w[he]n your letter came to hand this being the need full I remaine MB

16 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Newcastle 9ber 16th 1675

Hon[ou]red Sr

I have before me yours of the 11th present both H kirkhouse & I have done w[ha]t we can do about procureing of a vessell for Rott[erdam] for you but can meet with none we shall still be endeavouring if any to be gott of w[hi]ch H K doubts very much it shall all be upon your acct for I have no mind to venture this winter time the money R M recd more than the pay cam<e> to was to pay for candles for all your Groves w[hi]ch he sd was to come from <perith> before Christmas I do not allow in planky pay one farthing for my bro Ed: I shall write J M as you order me and his answer w[he]n I receive it shall signifie unto you according to your order I shall not raise the price of carriage of ore I shall alsoe write Richd w[ha]t you order & his answer w[he]n recd

shall likewise signifie unto you I cannot tell who tis that is lookeing after Lunehead w[ha]t I writt you I had from Richd I shall treate with Mr Creagh & may come to venture 200 p[ie]ce[s] for newhaven with you but let Legendre write you w[ha]t he <w..> I will assure him he shall never have the disposall of one p<iece> of mine so if you be unwilling to let me Consigne moree to whome I please I shall not venture one p<iece> Verlaen writes me that kirkhouse is stranded nigh Ameland the vessell hole<d> <lost> only of your Leed 4 p[ie]ce[s] saved the vessell and Loading was computed to be worth above £5000 I pray God send better news for the future sr I have occatione for £100 this day sevensight I desire you would order bro Wm to pay it unto me so with my dayly prayers for your health & hapinesse & earnestly Craveing your blessing I remane MB

16 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Newcastle 9ber 16th 1675
Mr James Cooke

Sr

I have before me yours of the 16th doe heartily thanke you for your kindnesse therein expressed you did well not to medle with that Bill of £80 you mentione but as for the bill of £200 I keep it & will God willing send the money to Robt <Josling> of Richmond p[er] first oportunity & doe heartily thanke you for your kindnesse herein pray be seekeing about & get me bills for 5 or £600 more if possible payable any time before Christmas day upon all occations if God make me able I will acknowledge your kindnesse & make you a requitall In some measure if in the power of him that desires to be remembered to your selfe & Good wife & rema[i]ns MB

16 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle 9ber 16th 75
Mr Robt Jackson

Sr

I have before me yours of the 15th I could not possiblyly meet my unckle Eden for reasons tould himselfe your bill I have filled up for £100 payable according to your desire upon the 16 of xber next unto m<r> Na: Holroide or order valew of myselfe mon<ey> for the same I send you by the bearer w[hi]ch I do not questione but you will find right & I doe thanke you for your kindnesse if you will please to send me bills for 4 or £600 n<ext> weeke I will thanke you it seems of the bill of £600 advised you of this day there is but £100 pd as yet I am MB

19 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to John Horsham

Newcastle 9ber 19th 1675

Mr Jno Horsham

Sr

I questione not but you have heard of the com<pany's> seperation & how that for future I am to act for my selfe & I hope you will accept of the small concerns w[hi]ch I shall have in your place haveing bene recommended to me by my good friend Mr Robt Jackson of Stockton and if at any time I can do you any service in these parts upon all occationes you may frely command me who you shall find as honest punctuall and ready to obey your Commands and that with as little charges as any one in this place I have freighted a <vessell> for the east about 100 Ch[alders] burden who will be ready to saile about Candlemas and I intend God willing she shall unload in your place take Ballast on for Rochell and so proceed <t>he voyadge pray write me w[ha]t you think will turne to acct besides coales in your place if either Leed or Butter I can suply you and you will do me a great kindnesse to recommend to me an honnest carefull man in Rochell for I must have one that will mind his businesse and dispatch the vessell in 10 Lawfull working dayes w[hi]ch I thinke is time enough for God willing I will have the Salt to waite my vessells arivall the ammount of w[hi]ch he may draw upon me payable in London or here and if you desire security for your friend as being unknowne I will give it you – Mr Butler was formerly my Corrispondent who I perceive grows old leaves his businesse to his men & so is not so well done as it ought but this to your selfe pray afford your answer at your leisure unto MB

Rye here 4s p[er] bush[el] winchester measure pray advise how tis with you

19 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Peter Bar

Newcastle 9ber 19th 1675

Mr Peter Bar

Sr

You will doe me an exceeding great kindnesse if you will please to recommend to me an Honnest carefull corrispondent in Rochell who will dispatch businesse with all speed possibile for with such I know you commonly deale withall I shall not make use of him till after candlemas but <Have> to provide aforehand my friend there grows ould & leaves his businesse to his men so is not so well done as it ought In requittal of w[hi]ch kindnesse all I can doe is to assure you that if at any tim<e> I can do you any service in these parts none shall be more ready to obey your comma<nd> nor you shall find none more honnest and punctuall then MB

19 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Newcastle 9ber 19th

Hon[our]ed Sr

Since mine of the 16 have yours of the 13th with an Inclosed for Jno Mowbray w[hi]ch I have forwarded & have writt him w[ha]t I thought convenient when I receive his answer it shall be signified unto you I have spoake with Wm Creagh who is resolute for under 20 <s of> for newhaven and 25s for Rouen he will not take one farthing & he tells me you writt to him that you were resolved to ship 400 or 600 p[iece]s & to consigne them to his friend & to confirme w[hi]ch he hath writt you that he will ship 600 p[iece]s upon your acct w[hi]ch if soe then I have no more to say for his friend I will not make use of I wish yours may <s..> to a good acct sr If you will take £11: 15: for a percell of Leed I will take 200 p[iece]s or perhaps more but above that I cannot give I must God willing be at darnton upon Tuesday next upon my returne will call at durham & se[e] if any money be there to be got and shall not faile to speake either with Docter Bazire or one of his sons.

pray w[ha]t do you Intend to do with Jno Grove if you please I will step over some day or other & discourse the businesse seriously with him & I thinke you have got as bad a Customer of Mrs Urwen for I do not know of any money she hath pd lately I suppose you have hurd of the Death of Wm Car & its thought R Car will succeed him as to his place Though Jno Watson Intends to stand we are here all undone with a could though God be thanked its not mortall yet In one In a hundred Escapes it I have no more to Inlarge upon so praying for your health and hapinesse & earnestly craveing your blessing I remaine MB

22 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Newcastle 9ber 22nd 1675

Unckle Eden

As I came thorow Durham I failed not to speake with Mr Spereman and to acquainte him fully of the businesse you know of: who not to trouble your patience with every particular of our discourse In short tould me that my case was so plaine & reasonable that he was Confident not one of them would offer in the least to withstand a tryall with one soe to try them gave me the Inclosed suppenies [?subpoenas] w[hi]ch pray get served as you thinke best and if they be willing to Compound the matter twill be well: if not try it with them I am resolved God willing soe the names of these that stands out I must know as soone as you can that so I may advise Mr Spereman thereof that he may Get the Bill drawne In time by those suppenies he hopes to save me a great

deale of money because he thinks none will appear against me but if any doe & that a bill must be drawne it will cost me at least £20: 0: I thinke I shall have the Close at last

I was speakeing with Mr Rumney who is content to sell his Land provided you be satisfied to Get the worth thereof so that if you & Mr Moorcroft can get him a good Chapman he will take it as a great kindnesse from you the parlament is prorogued till feb 76 my father will be downe shortly w[he]n he is at home I intend to suppeney you to come over if that will not doe will send a serjant at armes for you so make ready

This is the needfull my service to your selfe Good wife unckle Buck and to all friends at Norton I remaine MB

27 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle November 27th 1675

Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Sr

Upon the 23rd present I did accept a bill of £85 drawne by Wm Chaytor upon me dated Rott[er]dam 19: 9ber payable <2/us[uances]> to Mr Sam: Tucker or order Endorsed to Mr Ed Allen if such a Bill be presented unto you it being made payable in your house you may please to acquainte them that you will pay the same when dew I will take care you shall want no money for the Discharge thereof I am MB

27 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle November 27th

Major Ed Allen

Sr

my last was of the 23rd from Darneton from whence I sent you the bill of £85 accepted and have taken care for the paym[en]t thereof when dew but I must beg your excuse for I cannot pay it before as is desired by yours of the 18th w[hi]ch I have recd since my comming home

I am desired by a merchant in towne to know if you will take £9: p[er] last for your Beans In my Custody if they were mine they should goe but doe w[ha]t you please and afford your answer p[er] first unto MB

27 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Ditto

Mr James Cooke

Sr

I was at Stockton upon Sunday last where I went a purpose to kisse your hands and to give you thanks for the many kindnesses which you have done me but you were not at home if you could spare me a bill for 5 or £600 or procure me bills for the same you would doe me a great kindnesse pray Inquire of your neighbours & se[e] w[ha]t you can doe for me Mr Wels Mr Atkinson or some of your quakers I am Confident may be able to help me I am in hast[e] Sr MB

27 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle November 27th

Mr Robt Jackson

Sr

I have before me yours of the 22d my wife did send you the £70 w[hi]ch I hope you found right if you could spare me Bills for 5 or £600 you would doe me a great kindnesse or if you can procure me bills for that sume pray Inquire of your neighbours and se[e] w[ha]t you can doe for me Mr Cooke Mr Wells or Mr Atkinson or some other I am confident may be able to helpe me pray try your hand for once for me I am MB

27 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Newcastle November 27

Hon[oure]d Sr

At my returne from darneton met with yours of the 20 & 23rd present w[hi]ch I shall now God willing answer in course There is not a vessell to be procured neither for Amst[erdam] nor Rott[erdam] for love nor moneys I have both H: <k/R>: Couz: Ed <Jvene> & peter at worke but to this day not one found out by the very first that Goes and that I can prevaile withall to take on any Leed shall ship 4: 6 or 800 p[ie]ce[s] upon your acct

I will never raise the price of <oare> leaders without both Richd and Jno advice and when we se[e] cause we will do it but not before at my returne from the next pay I doe not questione but to give you an acct who it is that is lookeing after Lunehead for I thinke there is no great difficulty of prying it out of Richard.

To the best of my knowledge I did not advise you that B: K: his Loading should be worth £5000 but that his ship & loading was Computed to be worth so much haveing had in a good quantity of Bradforth Cloth kersies stockons dollers besides your Leed for H Kirkhouse and some for others but how much of each I know not but if you desire to know all this I can presently have an acct from the Custom house seing

you are so streitened for money as you say I shall be without the £100 formerly desired though I have occatione thereof yet shall do as well as I can without it at Durham I got only £35: £20 of Mrs Hubback and 15 of Mrs Massam for Doctor Bazire when his Martinmas rents comes in he will be mindfull of you and tell then Craves your Excuse I shall not faile to write his sons Every weke till they pay some of the money and for Mr Groves & Mrs <Vowen> shall write to them the needfull Inclosed you have w[ha]t J: M: writt me when he was last in towne in answer to my Letter w[hi]ch is the needfull at present so praying for your health and happinesse etc I am MB

27 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylum

Newcastle November 27th 1675

Mr Hurbert <Aylum>

Sr

I have before me yours of the 2<5>th according to your desire I have gotten In the returne w[hi]ch Cost me 6 <d> the same have placed to your Debt – you may please take notice that the Company is seperated and every brother for future is to act for himself if at any time I can doe you any service upon all occationes pray frely dispose of him that is MB

27 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to James Schand

Ditto

Mr James Schand

Sr

According to former order I have shipped & Consigned unto you 85 p[ie]ce[s] Leed In the Adventure of Leith James Wooll m[aste]r for acct of your m[aste]r Sr James Standsfield Inclosed you have Invoice & bill of Loading of the same the cost and Charges of w[hi]ch being £73: 3: you may with the ammount of the last percell appoynt me so soone as it shall stand with Sr James his Convenience either here or at London

here is one younge who hath a vessell <about> 40 tun and is seeking for Goods he came to me but haveing no further order th<an> for the 85 p[ie]ce[s] already shipt did acquaint him I had none I thinke he cannot be Gone before I get your answer being but newly Com'd in so if either you or Sr James will Give me any orders as to the Shipping some Leed in him they shall be Complied withall if come in time so desireing your answer p[er] first oppertunity I crave leave remaining Sr MB

27 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle November 27th
Mr Nicho Verlaen

Sr

I wonder I have not herd from you this long time so haveing none of yours will cause brevity you may remember you recd some Leed by Jno Huntington who I here is at present in your place when I loaded the Leed In him I lent him £10: upon Bottomry for w[hi]ch I was to have £1<9> upon his arrivall at Stockton he Intending from this place to your port from your port to Norway and from thence to Stockton and it seemes my Gentleman never minded what he had done for w[he]n he was with you I here he tooke a freight for Rey If I had him here I would order him to purpose pray speake to him and Get me my £13 of him & w[ha]t more you can for not performing his bottomry bill such youths ought to be sharply dealt withall & be sure scare him hard if with you this businesse I leave to you so pray do for me as if it were your owne concerne I am
MB

27 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle November 27
Mr Walter Chaytor

Sr

I have before me yours of the 19th present with an acct of the 400 Bundells Rod Iron which I have Examined found Right and Booked in Conformity with you but no news of Vaughan as yet I wish he may be safe your Bill of £85 shall be discharged never feare it if you could send me an Anker of Excellent Good old Hock you would do me an exceeding great kindnesse provided it were Good I would not valew the Cost but if not Excellent Good I would have none I have drunk very Good In your place many atime I would not have Rennish wine nor that sort which they call Balloack but right ould Hock I must have it if possible if you can send me an ano[t]her of the same you will Obliedg[e] MB

27 Nov 1675 Michael Blackett to Anthony Allaire

Newcastle November 27th
Mr Antho Allaire

Sr

Inclosed is a letter from my very Good friend Mr Peter Bar of London by whose Recommendation I make bould to trouble you with these few lines desireing to know

in answer if you will please to accept of w[ha]t small commission I shall have to give in your place and In Requittall if I can do you any service in these p[ar]ts none shall be more ambitious of your Commands nor more ready to observe them than my selfe assureing you shall find none more Honnest I have a vessell about 80 to 100 Last burthen which I intend God willing for your port for aloading of salt and so for stockholme which I must have dispatched in <9> lawfull workeing dayes and though the vessell will not be with you this 2 months yet that there be no delay I would have her Loading Lying Ready for her Arrivall so after receipt take the best oportunity you thinke for my advantidge and buy me 80 last of the largest & Roundest salt that is to be procured not doubting but you can buy as Cheap as others and knows where it is Cheapest to be had if at any port within a league 2 or 3 of your place you may order the m[aste]r there for no very Great Matter if he be <3> 8 or 10 dayes In Loading but I would not have one day lost that might be Employed for I have time to little allowed me so I must desire your care in this businesse and for the ammount of the Salt you may at any time valew upon me payable in london at Mr Peter Bars house your Bills shall receive all dew Honour w[ha]t more the vessell can take mor[e] than the above 80 last I suppose it may be soone bought & shipt at the latter end for the m[aste]r is an honnest man & will take in as much as he can conveniently I know it pray in your answer advise me the price of Leed Coales and butter with you this being the present needfull I remaine MB

3 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle December 3rd 1675

Mr Edward Allen

Sr

I have before me yours of the 27th past Inclosed you will find the returne desired which cost me takeing out 3s 4d the same have placed to your Debt

I am offered £12 p[er] last for your pease which I thought Good to advise you of but am unwilling to Embrace that motion with out your Consent so desires your advice at your leisure but the sooner the better you may use you owne discretione by the by I thinke more in hast[e] will not be procured for them but pray do as you please and your resolutione let be imparted unto MB

3 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Samuel Sowton

Newcastle xber 3rd 1675

Mr Sam <Soroton>

Sr

Pray be pleased to advise me p[er] very first if Mr Jno Strother be still at Stockholme if he be for ould acquaintance sake I thinke to make use of him not doubting but he will willingly accept of my small Commissione and act it with as little Charge as any man In the place I have a ship about 100 last going thither Therefore if he be not there you would doe me a Greate kindnesse to recommend me to an honnest factor who is active able and understanding for with such I imagine you commonly deale withall pray pardon my boldnes and In Requitall of w[hi]ch trouble If at any time I can do you any service in these parts upon all occationes frely Command MB

Lead £12

Coales 9s p[er] C[halder]

Rye 4s p[er] Bush[el] & under

Oats 18d to 20d

Beanes 2s 8d

w[hi]t[e] pease if Good 4s

brande[y] 4s 4d p[er] Gall[on]

Old wine £20 p[er] Tun

Black rye 3s & 3s 2d p[er] Bush[el]

As above MB

7 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to John Horsham

Newcastle xber 7 1675

Mr Jno Horsham

Sr

I have before me yours of the 26th past for Answer may please take Notice that I have Got a friend at Rotchell one Mr Anthony Allaire recommended to me by my very Good friend Mr Peter Bar of London who I do not questione but will do my businesse to Content however I cannot Omitt to acknowleg<e> my self very much oblinded unto you for <..> you writt about Mr Stukey my vessell whereof wm Leck is m[aste]r you may expect about Candlemas rather before who I shall desire you to dispatch In 4 or 5 Lawfull workeing dayes I meane w[ha]t ever he hath In pray let <...> be landed with all speed and then take you<r> time for the disposall thereof w[hi]ch I leave wholly to your discretione I need say no m<ore> to you for I am Confident you understand <by> my writeing that I doe not desire any thing to be <betayled> out of the ship which may occatione the Vessells Lying more than 5 or 6 dayes at most & pray take a note under the masters hand how many dayes you were in unlodeing him as for Ballasting the ship for Rotchell the m[aste]r will procure & pay for <..> If any In you place shall at that time have any Goods to send it will do extraordinary well and do you agree for the freight as y<ou> please but then mentione that they shall be landed with all speed at Rotchell pray write me once a weeke of the price of Leed if it continue at £12: 10 and

£13 your ton I shall send you a quantity by my vessell & some before if possible pray write me what you meane by Good Coales whether Round or small for I can send you Either & let me know w[ha]t steath [staithe] is the most Commended with you whether Bladon, Lemmington, <L/Hpinnoure?> Stella Trunck or any other for I can send you of any sort – Grindstones her[e] 17s a Chalder if any proffitt at the price let me know & what sort you desire – your Answer will come <time> enough so lett me know alsoe the price of Glasse with you I am In hast[e], will write you at large p[er] next In the meane time remains Sr MB

7 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle xber 7th
Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Sr

I do very much wonder neither Mr Verlaen nor Edwd Willett of Rouen remitts you no money upon my acct I wish you could drew £500 upon me though at sight provided you can do it without advance pray se[e] w[ha]t you can doe for advance here is so tempting that I will venture within a post or 2 to draw £500 upon you for I can very well afford to allow you Interest & by Gods Blessing your money shall be sure enough I doe not know how you will take it butt I will venture it for once so rests MB

10 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle xber the 10th 1675
Mr Robt Jackson

Sr

I have before me yours of the 4th 6 and 8th present which I shall now God willing answer In Course In all them I take spetiall notice of your saying you cannot returne any money I would take it very well and thinke my selfe oblinded unto you if ever I mett with any such Lines In any of your Letters as that you had bene In quireing for Bills for me and Could meet with none but I suppose that is to great a trouble for you I have pd Thomas Davisson the £19: 8: & shall pay Mr <Starle> the £51: 13: 10d w[hi]ch will Cleare all acct betwixt us and have Booked it accordingly – for future I can neither pay nor receive money without <¼> p[er] % except when you send me bills for my owne acct and if you will please to send me Bills for £500 next weeke you shall have your money to a farthing without any allowance & besides will do me a very Great kindnesse so pray write me p[er] nex[t] post w[ha]t I may rely upon I am MB

10 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to John Wells

Newcastle xber 10th 1675

Mr Jno Wells

Sr

You will doe me a very great kindnesse if either you youre selfe can spare me a Bill for 4 or £500 or procure me one from any of your Neighbours pray se[e] w[ha]t you can doe for me hereafter you & I shall be better acquainted I am in hast[e] MB

10 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Ditto

Mr James Cooke

Sr

I have writt to you one or twice for Bills but have not had a word in answer your friend P Swaile and I are very Good friends and will Corrispond togeather hereafter pray do me the favoure as to let me have a line from you p[er] next post and Intimate unto me if you thinke you can send or procure any Bills for me against next weeke and if you can how much I may rely upon for the me<..> if under £1500 the greater kindnesse unto Sr MB

11 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to George Turfrey

Newcastle 10br 11th 1675

Mr Geo Turfrey

Sr

You formerly sent me a Letter to deliver unto m[aste]r Wm Gilbert w[hi]ch I inclosed returne you having never met with the sd m[aste]r the same cost me 6d postidge w[hi]ch I have placed to your acct I am MB

Lead £12 p[er] fod[der]

Coales 9s p[er] Chald[er]

11 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle 10ber 11 1675

Mr Edward Allen

Sr

I have before me both yours of the 2 & 7 present, by the w[hi]ch takes notice that you doe not accept neither of the offers made me about your Pease, and Beanes, w[hi]ch is well, when any other more advantagious presents, you shall be advised thereof: I am very sorry to read the bad Newes you write about the great losse of Corne, pray God Comfort the Interest I am MB

11 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to William de Werth

Newcastle 10br 11 1675

Mr Wm De Werth

Sr

You formerly sent me 2 Letters to deliver unto Scipper Suder Stover, w[hi]ch I inclosed returne you, having never met wth the sd m[aste]r the same kost me 9d w[hi]ch have placed to your Debit. Lead £12 p[er] fod[der] Coales 9s p[er] Chald[er] I am MB

11 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle 10br 11 1675

Mr Walter Chaytor

Sr

I have before me both yours of the 14th p[ast] and 6 present the former I received by Jno Vaughan who God be thanked at last is well arrived & I have received the 400 Bundells of Rod Iron but we shall fall out aboute the freight so let me know if there was any agrement betwixt you and him and I must needs tell you that you were very much oversene in not takeing Bills of Loading w[hi]ch do p[er] future & alwayes allow 5s p[er] Tonn no master will desire more I am sure I never pd more from Holland and I thinke I have had some Goods from thence in my life time but for want of a Bill of Loading I know not w[ha]t I shall be forced to pay this time I am affraid too much for I am fearefull of a processe the m[aste]r Intending brave things w[hi]ch I shall never allow of unlesse necessitated tis very wonderfull to me that salt pan plat<es> should be rather dearer with you than harnase plates pray let me know w[ha]t Iron the salt pan plates are made of and wether they be made with you or not for if they be made with you I supose I might have them of any length & bredth as I should desire them the plates you sent <talke> no more of them for as formerly advised I do take them upon my owne acct I intend you a percell of p[er] very first but vaughan I thinke will not stir this winter Leed here £12 p[er] fodd[er] of 21 cwts each hundred <qty> 112 <ll> Coales

9s p[er] Ch[alder] I here there is severall of youre vessells Lost in the East Loaden with
Corne w[hi]ch I am sory for pray God Comfort the Interest I am MB

11 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to John Horsham

Newcastle xber 11th 1675

Mr Jno Horsham

Sr

My last to you was of the 7 present to which refers you since none from you so the lesse
to Inlarge upon I have only one thinge to acquainte you withall which now Comes Into
my mind and being Confident you will seeke my most advantidge makes me the
willing<er> to Impart my selfe unto you when please God my vessell arrives will you if
there be no Goods Ready in your place for the above mentioned Intent you know
Ballasting her will cost me a great deale of money could not you therefor<e> for a little
<Schoca la mano> or a read headed lad or 2 order it soe as to let as many Coales goe for
Rotchell as would Ballast the vessell and for all that Procure me a Returne for the
quantity Loaden if you could do this it would do mighty well and I am sure such like
businesse are often done but if you cannot let not a Ch[alder] go over for she is an
<unfre> bottome soe I must pay 18s for every Chalder pray write me once a week as
formerly desired and you will obliedge him that desires some occatione may present
whereon he might let you se[e] how much he is sr MB

11 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Newcastle xber 11

Mr Ed Willett

Sr

Yours of the 3rd & 6th present came both to my hand together by the former takes
notice of the sale of my 600 p[ie]ce[s] Leed to Mr Vincent Allen of Paris at 102<ll> which
is very well but the time of payment is no way satisfactory at all yet w[ha]t you have
done doth please me very well all things Considered but I wish you had sold it
Cheaper and had ready money for I love quick returnes in my heart Though there be
the lesse profitt I shall now every post expect the acct & bills I thanke your mother
heartily for her care about my sweetmeats w[hi]ch I questione not but will prove to
Content & shall call for the same when please God J G arrives of whome no news as yet
& I wish he may in in Salvo for of late we have had Cruell stormy wether – I have
acquainted my Bro Davisson with the needfull who I suppose hath writt you or this I
am very much obliedged unto you for your advice aboute Mr Barroneau & the Paris
merchants which I shall make use of accordingly and Consigne unto you w[ha]t Goods

I send him provided he order them not to be Consigned to some other I intend you some more Leed so soone as is possible and shall order every 200 p[ie]ce[s] as you mentione Leed here £12 p[er] fodder Coales 9s p[er] Ch[alder] I am MB

pray remember me to Mr Capp[er] either the ould man or the younge & aske him if he yet thinke it time to pay me my money

14 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to John Strother

[Note: Mr Strother in Stockholm.]

Newcastle xber the 14th 1675

Mr Jno Strother

Sr

I suppose you have heard of ere this how that my father and I was in compa[ny] and alsoe that the sd Compa[ny] is seperated occation[e]d by his marrying againe so that for future I am to act for my se[l]fe and Intending by Gods Grace to use the Stockholme trade for ould acquaintance I thinke in Civility I ought rather to make bould with you then any other not doubting but you will accept of my Commission and Study my advantidge as much as any other can doe I have freighted m[aste]r Wm Lecke whose vessell is aboute 100 Last to goe from hence to Rotchell and so for your place in the Spring and I verily believe with the very first you may expect him with his Loading of the best french salt which I hope will find Ready vent who by Charter partie <is> bound to take in <3>0 last of Iron 20 last of pitch and the rest Tarr <w[hi]ch> this winter season take your owne time as you shall thinke most for my advantidge and buy as followeth for the winter time I suppose they are to be Got Cheapest 30 Last of Iron I suppose will be 400 shipp <ll> so let me have 200 shipp <ll> of fine narrow flatt 80 shipp <ll> of Inch square 20 shipp <ll> of 2 <.> inch square 50 shipp <ll> of 2 ¾ Inch flatt 40 shipp <ll> of 3 ¼ Inch flatt 60 shipp <ll> of pan plates 450 sh[ipp] <ll> in all of the very finest & best mettle but sr for stowidge I am Confident the m[aste]r will have a mind to Take in 550 sh[ipp] <ll> which is left to him so if he resolve Thereupon let me have 300 shipp <ll> of fine narrow flatt and of all other sorts as above

for the 20 Last of pitch pray let it be of the very best & ouldest & for the tarr I must Intreate your care to se[e] that I have if possible w[hi]ch hath stood In the Tarr <hoss> all winter and filled up with the same if you doe not this for me I shall Loose a great deale by it so pray be Carefull in this and let all be Good Casks strong and well hooped be sure I hope you & <foxhall> be better acquainted hereafter not doubting but in the Loading for a tryall you will Give me all satisfaction Immaginable I am Intreated

to make use of Urban Hall but will not medle with him untill you say me noe for ould acquaintance sake all this time I desire you to buy but never tells you where to Get <mo[ney]> Mr Peter Wattson & Mr fran: Townley being in Compa[ny] from whome you will have a letter with this will accept you<r> bills for w[ha]t you shall draw upon my acct or if you thinke it more for my advantidge may draw upon Mr Nicho: Verlaen of Amsterdam who hath the needfull order for Honnouring your Bills now sr because I suppose my salt will find Ready vent I would desire you not to draw more then w[ha]t you thinke the Loading will come to more than the proceed of the salt rather than you should I would willingly allow you Interest till the salt arrived butt if you find this winter time an oportunity of buying the above Goods Cheape & cannot disburse the mo[ney] for me for so long time do not let that hinder the buying thereof butt do itt & draw your mo[ney] as above I shall Go<d> willing write you every weke but at present am In hast[e] so with my respects to your selfe and Lady I remaine MB

14 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Peter Watson

[Note: In Hamburg]

Newcastle xber 14th 1675

Mr Peter Wattson and Mr fran: Townly

Srs

Since Mr Boynton came for London I have wanted a Corrispondent in your place & discourseing with my good friend Mr Roll<ma..> he was pleased to offer me a letter of recommend<ation> to you which you have Inclosed this winter tim<e> trading is dead next summer very probable we m<ay> have sume dealing togeather and so be better acquainted I have sent Good quantities of Leed to your place & whenever your market gives but any Incouridgm[en]t I shall willingly suply you upon the Least notice to begin our Corrispondency I desire you to send safe<ly> forward the Inclosed to Mr Jno Strother of Stockholme & if you dare trust me write him withall that you will accept his Bills for w[ha]t he shall draw upon you upon my acct to the valew of £1000 – though I am very Confident he will no[t] have occatione to Charge above £400: but w[ha]t ever he Charges pray let his Bills be accepted & Reimburse your selfe upon me payable In the House of Mr Hen: Nelthorpe Gouldsmith at the Rose Inn Lumbarstreete in London and your bills shall receive dew Honnour if you accept not of my Commissione let me have your answer p[er] very first that soe in time I may get a letter to some other for my Hand I would not have my f[rien]d disapointed Leed £12 p[er] fodder of 21 <ll> w[eigh]t each Hundred att 112 <lb> Coals 9s p[er] Ch[alder] Rye 4s p[er] Bush[el] of 8 gall[on]s winchester measure I am upon all occations yours to Command MB

17 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

[Note: Goldsmith in London]

Newcastle xber the 17th 1675

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Sr

I have received yours of the 11th I had already drawne a Bill upon you for £500: - : payable 30 d[ays] sight to Jno Parkhurse or order Valew of mr Robt Delavell and though I can assure you you shall be suplyed before my Bill fall dew yet that is no Good Argument for you to accept it I am sory for the trouble you had in youre <shoppes> the Last weeke and seing you are pleased to say you are not in Capacity at present to accept my Bill<s> pray when it comes to your hands let it be sent for acceptance with the Inclosed to Henry Ashhurst Esq who will give it all dew honnoure I am very Confident and soe I remaine MB

I will not faile God willing to write you at large p[er] to morrows post write me I pray who accepts my Bill that soe I may remitt him back the needfull.

18 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to John Wells

Newcastle xber 18th 1675

Mr Jno Wells

Sr

I have before me yours of the 13th doe heart<ily> thanke you for your Readinesse to enquire after what desire I doe assure you I shall not be un gratefull if ever an opportunity present for the Bill you have of £50 pray send it me p[er] C: F: and by him I shall send you the money and if you can get me any more bills you will doe me a greate kindnesse and for the greatnesse of the same the more you can procure the more will oblidg<e> him that is In hast[e] being newly com'd out of the west but remains sr yours to Command MB

18 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to John Spereman

Ditto

Honnoured Sr Jno Spereman

Inclosed I send you a letter which I received this day at my returne out of the west pray send me the supp<eris> Desired or for Expedition sake send them to Mr Matt: Lamb of Darlington whether you thinke the most propper I am Honnered sr MB

I will be youre paymaster

18 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to John Strother

[Note: Mr Strother in Stockholm.]

Newcastle xber the 18th 1675

Mr Jno Strother

Sr

My last to you was of the 14th present to which refers you since none from you soe the Lesse to Inlarge upon this serveing Chiefly to second my former & to desire you that all my Goods may be as is desired and that you would please to take care that the Iron be the very finest & best mettles the pitch and Tarr as is before expressed for your money draw all upon Mr Peter Wattso[n] and Mr fran: Townley of Hamb<urg> who will accept your Bills for I perceive that the king of Denmarke will have occatione for money at Hambuarg so no[t] doubting but you will seke my most advantidge I do not questione but you will take the most propper time and Imbrace the heighest motions for Exchange which may tend very much for my advantidge but pray draw no more then is needfull for I am very Confident my salt when please God it arrives will find ready vent and till then I shall be very willing to allow you Interest for the time you shall be in disburse but if you cannot do me this kindnesse I cannot help it and must submitt so let nothing hinder your buying of my Goods when a good oppertunity presents as I suppose it will doe in the beginning feb: w[he]n people will want money & will be Glad to sell there Commodities so take the best opertunity for my advantidge: and buy and draw where you please w[hi]ch I leave to your discretione God willing I will write you every weke but at present am in Hast[e] so forced to Conclude but before I do let me assure you that I am MB

18 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

[Note: Goldsmith and banker in Lombard Street, London]

Newcastle xber 18th 1675

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Sr

My last to you was of the 17th present by w[hi]ch you will se[e] I have made bould to draw upon you £500: because you are not in cash I doe not desire you should accept my bill Especially seing you are soe straitned so when it is presented pray send it to Esq Ashurst as above desired; within a post or two I will God willing remitt you £200: or £300 w[hi]ch pray let sd Ashurst have provided he accept my Bill with w[ha]t more you have of mine in your hands I am MB

18 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Anthony Allaire

[Note: in La Rochelle]

Ditto

Mr Antho: Allaire

Sr

My last to you was of the 27th past to w[hi]ch refers you this being only to Confirme the same desireing you to provide against my vessell arriveall 80 last of the largest and Roundest salt your Bill for the ammounte thereof when drawn shall be dewly Honnoured I do assure you I do <supose> Olerowne [Oleron] salt is the best but I leave it to you so order the m[aste]r where you please but he must no[t] lye above 8 or 10 dayes at most and take a note under the m[aste]r his hand how many dayes he lyes for his Loading I am in hast[e] at present but shall write you at large hereafter In the meane time remains MB

18 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Peter Watson

[Note: In Hamburg]

Ditto

Mr Peter Wattson and Mr fran: Townley

Srs

My last to you was of the 14 present to which refers you this being only to Confirme the same and to desire you to send forward the Inclosed to Mr Jno Strother a second time the postidge of w[hi]ch place to my acct w[hi]ch with w[ha]t he shall draw upon you and your Commissione pray Reimburse your selfe upon me payable In London as above your bills shall be Honnoured I am at present in hast[e] so am forced to Conclude but God willing shall write you every weeke In the meane time remains MB

18 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle xber 18th

Mr Ed Allen

Sr

I am this day offered 3s 4d p[er] bush[el] for your pease and have to this day seven night to give an answer w[hi]ch I thought Good to advise of use your discretione I am MB

24 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

[Note: Goldsmith and banker in Lombard Street, London]

Stockton xber the 24th 1675

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Sr

This Good time I am here keepeing my Christmas where I meet with yours more than expected friend letter of the 21 present I shall never live I am affraid to make you a Requitall the Obligatione upon me is so greate I can only assure you that you shall be no Looser God willing and if I had received yours before I had drawne my Bill not a farthing faith should have bene Charged upon you but that is now past I perceive you have accepted my Bill which is well I am seekeing Bills here for you if I can meet with any as I thinke I shall with some little ones shall send you them Inclosed and pray do not faile upon Receipt hereof to draw £2: 3: 4 or £500 upon me as you can meet with exchange if for 2 p[er] <%> Charge £500 if 24 : £3 or £400: but if you must Give 2 ½ then Charge only £200 spare not to draw at sight by which meanes you may I suppose Get things done for the Lesse advance for I have Mo[ney] in my hands which would rath<er> to speake truth have in your hands then my owne whether you make your Bills payable here or at Newcastle t'will be all one but rather at Newcastle and what you do let me have advice thereof directed to my owne Lodgeing for before your answer come I hope to be at Home I am Sr MB

Inclosed I send you 2 bills for £100 Each if you can draw for 2 p[er] <%> advance Charge upon me at sight 2 or £300: more

28 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Samuel Sowton

Newcastle xber 28th 1675

Mr Sam: Sowton

Sr

I have before me yours of the 9th present & although you thinke Mr Strother without any mans Recomendatione will as soone serve me as any man In England yet I doe friendly thanke you for your Readinesse to do me a kindnesse and for Requitall if at any time I can do you any service in these parts pray frely Command your letter putts me to <astand> In saying that Mr Strothers Intentione is to come over this winter whome I have writt severall letters about a great concerne If my vessell arrive before he returne I shall be vexed to the heart Soe I desire you write me as you here of his comeing away and if you know advise me who he leaves to Observe orders that comes unto him if none that he will Ingage for God be thanked I have another Good man at Stockholme at Command but will rather make use of him than any other for ould

Acquaintance sake pray write me once a weeke I will do as much for you another time for would not have my businesse Neglected and another reason is that if In case he be Com'd away I may order some to call for w[ha]t letters I have writt him that soe this winter time they may take the best oppertunity for buying the Goods desired as alsoe to procure the highest exchange as is desired for the [space left in text] of Swethland If I mistake not about this time must want Mo[ney] at Hamb[urg] Consequently the exchange if I mistake not must be High pray write me once a weeke which I intreate you do I am MB

I do write Mr Strother againe either this or next post

28 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle xber 28
Mr Nicho Verlaen

Sr

Though I write from Newcastle yet I am at Stockton and thereabouts keeping my Christmas where I meete w[i]th both yours of the 9th & 20th present the former by Geo Johnson who God be thanked is well arrived at Newcastle & the latter by <..> when I go hence w[hi]ch will God willinge be within 2 or 3 dayes shall deliver your inclosed, to sd Johnson, And advise you from thence how all goods <prices>, But I doubt not that all will be to my very great satisfaction for I question not but you Can buy as good Goods & as Cheape as any man, In Holland; I take notice your Markett for Corne falls, soe shall leave of our former Intention untill further Advice, for have to this day bought none not beinge able to meete w[i]th any to Content at the Price you <limit> mee to I am Sorry you can find mee noe Good £22: fine <co[tto]n> without buying a Coarser Sort, w[hi]ch I can doe nothing w[i]thall Soe send mee none, Butt sell my Lead when you thinke fitt And keepe the money in your hands untill further Order That is to say; remitt mee not a farthinge for other Goods I know none that will turne to Acct But shall Advise you more of that p[er] next

It may be Mr John Stoacher [sic] of Stockholme may chardge £100: <o> £200: upon you if hee doe, let his Bill bee accepted and upon your Advise; I shall Order your moneyes in time But I beleeve hee will not Charge any thing up[on] you

I wonder where John Huntinge is gone to I heard you freight him pray write to some Parts in your Country & see if you find him out or Advise mee if you can learne where hee is to: Rye where I am att 4s 3d & 4s 6d Leed £12: 10s <to> £12 12s Butter 15s & 16s p[er] Firkin I am MB

28 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr John Stroatyer
Newcastle 10ber 28 1675

Sr

My last to you was of the 28th 10ber to w[hi]ch I referr you since none from you soe the less to Inlarge upon this serveinge mearely for feare of miscarriage & I desire you once more that you would take greate Care, that all the Iron desired by my former bee of the very finest & best mettle & lett mee begg your Care that the Tarr desired be of the same Sort that I writt you of w[hi]ch if you doe not & be sure I shall <louse> by that very Comodity above £200: but I question not your punctuallity In oferseinge [overseeing] orders. And that in all things you will seeke my most advantage, Soe to take hold of the best opp[er]tunity for the Buyinge of my Goods & Chardgin[g] of your Moneys w[hi]ch I wholly Leave to your discession & if you think fall more for my advantage may Chardge £200 or £300 <...> upon Mr Nicholas Verlaen of Amsterdam who hath full order for the honouringe of your Bill, I wish you a Merry Christmas & soe I remayne MB

28 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Peter Watson

Newcastle xber 28th 1675
Mr P: W:

Sr

My last to you of the 28th xber to w[hi]ch I referr you since none from you soe the less to Inlarge upon, I have onely to desire you to send forward the Inclosed & though Unknowne, yet by my Friends letter of Recommendation I hope you will p[er]forme what is desired, But because I can not be Certayne of the Sume, I intend in my next, to gett a letter to one MrBanks of your place Recommended to mee By my Brother Tim: Davison, soe that if you will not serve mee I suppose hee will, & if you will please to accept of my Corrispondency you may then burne the letter I wish you a Merry Christmas & soe I remayne MB

28 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Stockton xber 28 1675
Mr Ed: Willett

Sr

I am here keeping my Christmas & thought good to advise you from hence, that I left order at home to Shipp you 200 p[ie]ce[s] of Leed by John Fuller a vessell Coming to le Gendre by my next you shall God willinge have both Invoyce & Bill of Loadinge I have

writt to Mr Coquemar to Receive them, when pleases God Shipp Arrives soe <bond> the same & give him your order for the disposall thereof after to send them up to you or otherwise as you shall see cause w[hi]ch I leave to your discession for the freight you are to pay le <..end> <.d> 20 <s...s> p[er] Pigg free of all Chardges till Landed att Havre dee grace I pray Inquire if on[e] Jno Huntinge bee in your <River> if hee be Arreast him on my Suite for £100 the business is I freighted him for Amsterdam; And lent him 10<s> upon bottomry hee Intendinge severall voyages for w[hi]ch I was to have £13: upon his Arrivall att Stockton; But the youth when hee was att Amsterdam minded his bill & tooke a freight & in short tis neare a yeare about 2 years I can not Catch him; I heare hee is in France if w[i]th you mak<e> him honest & gett mee my £13 & what more you can for the Interest of it & not p[er]formeing <n[o]th[ing]> more I am MB

I am affrayd my Greate Concerne is lost you kno[w] w[ha]t <you> sent mee <Vale> I every Post expect an account of any Leed from you & Bills for the Nett p[ro]ceed

31 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Stockton xber 31 75
Major Allen

I writt to you the 28th present from home since w[hi]ch doe meete with yours of the 23th w[hi]ch before I answer, lett mee Advise you <once> againe that if you will take a Reasonable price for your Rye in the hands of Mr Robert Jackson, I will be your man for that <Concern> for I have a way of sendinge the same, the truth is my Father Imployes a greate many men in his Coale Works & Leed Mynes all whome I doe furnish w[i]th Corne, & am almost out of Stock, But doe what you please for if <you> will not sell others will the man that offered mee 3s 4d for there pease is my Miller & for whome I will ingadge, but not a farthing above that price he will not give w[hi]ch I presume you will not take, soe they are still to the fore when a better opptunity presents I shall advise you thereof & soe I remayne MB

31 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Stockton xber ult 1675
Mr Ed: Willett

Sr

I writt to you from hence the 28th present where I am still merrily disposed the 200 p[ig]s of Leed advised you of is Shipped but can not send you the <weight> till next opptunity, since my last I heare that John Huntington is at Nantes at w[hi]ch place if

you have a Friend write upon receipt, a way you know the debitt & how it came soe
lett your Friend gett what he Can for I can not Indure to be <a....d> & would have the
Rogue pay for his knavery w[hi]ch I leave wholly to your discession as alsoe the
disposall of my Leed. But what ever you doe Lett mee have quicke Returnes, for that
pleases mee to the heart I am affrayd my Greate venture is gone, I wonder I know not
the account of my last Leed, w[hi]ch pray hasten & Bills for the nett p[ro]ceed I am in
hast[e] MB

31 Dec 1675 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Stockton xber ult 75
Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Sr

I writt to you the 28th present from hence & sent you 2 Bills for 100 <.> each of w[hi]ch
I hope came to safe to your hand. M<.> <happs> I may send you this Post a Bill for 1 or
£200 but there is a little diffrence twixt us & I am affrayd <.....> shall not <.itt> of it the
<p[ar]ties> > concerned about the Bills of £500 <s> w[hi]ch I chardged upon you would
have mee to Order you to pay the same before dew, doe not doe it a day upon my
account but if for your self you can <p...re> a little Schola Mana (as I believe you may)
you may use your discession doe not feare a Contradictory Order as to the paying of
the Bill I am MB

7 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle Jan 7th 1675
Mr Ed: Allen

Sr

Since my comeing home do meet with yours of the p[ri]mo But for answer I cannot
afford to Give you your price for your Rey [Rye] In Mr Jacksons Custody but p[er] last
I will Give which is 4s p[er] Bush[el] if you will take that I will take sume p[ar]t of it
perhaps all but more I cannot Give since I came home I spoake againe to my Miller
about y[ou]r pease but not a farthing above <.>s 4d he will Give so I tould him he
Could not have them when a better offer presents I shall advise you thereof so wishing
you a Good new yeare I remaine MB

offered him 3s 5d for his pease

7 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Peter Barr

Ditto

Mr Peter Barr

Sr

I cannot but acknowledge my selfe very much Oblidged unto you for both your kind letters of the 29th 9ber and the 23d past I wish the Heavens would be so favourable unto me as that some oportunity might present wherein I might Imploy my selfe in your service that thereby you might se[e] how Ready I would be to make you a Retaliatione in some measure for all your kindnesses being Impossible to satisfie you the whole In your letter I have an Inclosed from Mr Allaire whome I have Informed as to w[ha]t he desired and questions not but shall find him to Content so wishing you a good New yeare I remaine Sr MB

7 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle Jan 7th 75/6

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Sr

Inclosed send you 3 french Bills I suppose you understand so much french as to gather the Contents so will say no more but that they are payable in paris & amounte unto alltogeather 6400 Livers [Livres] all Endorsed unto you so if you can Negotiate the same to Content do itt and upon your advice of the termes they shall be Booked according[ly] butt if you cannot do it without Great Losse then Returne them to Mr Ed: Willet merchant in [towne] who will remitt you there valew according to Course of Exchange if not already done draw no money upon me for within a few days I thinke I shall remitt you something I am <m...> can you Insure me £600 upon a vessells cargoe if desired the vessell not yet sayled going for stockholme and I would have £600 Insured upon her Back Voyadge.

7 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to John Horsham

Newcastle Jan 7th

Mr Jno Horsham

Sr

I have before me yours of the 18th and 21 past I intend you God willing a percell of Leed by my vessell but before I proceed let me In treate you to make a quick sale as possibly you can of the Goods you Receive by sd vessell and Remitt the Mo[ney] to Mr Hen: Nelthorpe Gouldsmi[th] in London I would send no Goods but what I thought

would find Ready vent God sending the vessell to her desired port so shall not trouble you neither with Grindstones nor with Glasse I doe not much care wether you [struck out: might] meet with any Goods on freight for Rotchell or nott but such a <trick> as in former Mentioned would doe admireable well so pray try your hand if not to be done nor no Goods mett withall the vessell must Goe to Rotchell with Ballast and more as to that I cannot say Leed in small Barrs as you desire not to be procured in this place Tin no Good Commodity here I can Give you no Encouridgm[en]t to send <Canau..> for this place Nor french wine neither our vintners are so Curious & long in paying a yeare & a day we Reckon Good paym[en]t old french wine worth £20 p[er] Tun new £32 to £36 p[er] Ton my vessell is now prepareing I have ordered the m[aste]r when he arrives with you to pretend he is Bound to Bristol I am in hast[e] MB

be sure try your new Coast <surv.t?> for you will do me very Greate kindnesse if you can Get my Businesse done

7 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Newcastle Jan 7th 75/6
Mr Ed Willett

Sr

My last unto you was of the 31st past from stockton since have Received yours of the same Date with an acct of my Leed and the 3 Bills you mentione we have no ex: [exchange] betwixt this place & yours so have sent sd Bills to London to be Negotiated w[hi]ch if can be done any way Reasonable I will be well butt if not I have ordered my friend Mr Hen: Nelthorpe Gouldsmith at the Rose in London to returne them unto you w[hi]ch if he do then be pleased to Remitt me there valew by bils payable In London, according to the Course of your exchange, I am very well Content w[i]th w[ha]t you did about the saile of sd Lead, soe not a woord more of that, Let Mr <Cappre> alone for tis my fathers business, and not mine and In Gods name Lett then End it for I will not meddle In it, I hope Jno fuller may be with you as soone as this, who hath In 200 p[ie]ce[s] Lead of mine Consigned unto Mr Jno Cocquemer who hath order to observe the order In the disposall thereof, which lett him have In due time as you shall think most for my advantidge the said vessell Is Loaden all w[hi]ch Lead Consigned to Mr Legendre, but mine as I have advise Mr Cocquemer Is distinguished from the Rest, being marked W B A D and Is Laid alone betwixt decks, this pray advise Mr Cocquemer over againe, that he may Receive my Lead and noe others w[hi]ch weighs 271: 7: 7 to Compute the weight and the disposall of sd Lead I frely Leave to your discretion, soe w[ha]t you doe shall be to my full satisfaction not doubting but In all Concernes, you will seake my advantidge to the best of your Knowledge, you are to pay noe freight for I pay the same here to my father pray writ to nance [Nantes] about huntington I am MB

7 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Anthony Allaire

Newcastle Jan: 7d 1675/6

Mr An: Allaire

Sr

I had before me yours of the 22d past under Covert of one from Mr Peter Bar who writes me, that you desires to know the speditious way to Convey Letters unto me, w[hi]ch Is to direct them unto M: B mar<...>]t In Newcastle via London and they will Come safe to my hands this pray observe for future, my vessell Called the <own.....> Lane of Newcastle whereof Wm Leck Is m[aste]r Is now prepareing to begin her voyadge who Is bound soe soone as please God he arrives In Charles Lebois Road to give you notice of his arrivall there, and wheather place you order him too viz <suder> or Ree he Is bound to goe there soe it Is Left to your Chose, I pray order him to w[hi]ch place you thing for my advantidge he Is noe <opiniatre> soe much from it, that I doe not question, but you will find him very sivell [civil] and Ready to doe any thing that will tend to my advantidge, but pray take notice for his Loading I must not have him to ly ashore but ly of and his Loading Carried to him In boats and secondly if In case he brings you any Goods your are to take them out, where you order him <to> Load, and not Confine him to Come to Rochell for the unloading thereof, these too artikels pray be observe, as you are In disbourse for me may please to Reambourse your selfe upon me, payable In any house In London where you plea<se> and your Bills shall be honnor by M

7 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to James Stansfield

Ditto

Sr James Stanfeild

I have beene Long from home at my Returne doe meet w[i]th yours of the 7d past by which I p[er]ceive you still think that I am In Companie with my father, I did not question but ere this my father would have advised you the Contrary but it seames he hath forgot, soe pray take notice the Companie Is seperated and for future may please to writ to us distinckly, as you shall have accation to make use of either of us, for the provition of the <2> parcells Leed sent you, I must Referr my selfe unto you, but if I had had the Least thoughts of haveing none, not a pig should have beene Ship, for I doe assure that the price you pay I could have had he<..> Ready mony with thanks, and not have beene put too any trouble, but that Is now past, I know w[ha]t you writ to be true, though there was more Reason for it then, then there Is now, yet that Is nothing, I am Willing to submit, and if you give me noe Commission I am Content, soe deducting

that you may remit me the Remainder, soe soone as w[i]th Convenience you Cann, I wish you a Good new yeare soe Remaines MB

8 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

8 ditt<o>

Writt Brother Edward Blackett and advised him that I had allowed my <..> brother Mittford by his order £16 and placed the Same to his Debitt

8 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Ditto

Writt Mr Edwd Allen

and advised him I Care not wheather I have his Rye or noe and likewise Wm <Sparrow> is In the Same Condition wheather he have his pease or noe, if for his pease he will take w[ha]t is offered tis well, if nott may use his discretion they being still to <.....>

10 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Janu[ary] 10th 1675 [1676]

Mr Ch: & Ja: Banks

Srs

Though unknown, yett by the recommendation of my Mr Tim: Davison I make bold to write to you these few lines w[hi]ch if they come to your hand my request is that you would write <..edially> to Mr Jno Strother of Stockholme and advise him that you will accept my bills for what he draws upon you upon my Acco[un]tt to the value of £1000: be it a little more or lesse, though I think he will nott have accation to draw above 4 or £500 & for your reim bursments please to value your selfe upon me payable in any house in London your bill god willing shall be honoured <back> for Mr Strothers draughts & your commission soe nott doubting of your compliance remaine

11 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Peter Watson

Janu: 11th 1675/6

Mr Peter Watson & Mr Fra: Townley

Srs

My last unto you was the 24 past to w[hi]ch referes you, since none from you, soe the lesse to inlarge upon the serving cheifly for Covert to the Inclosed, att w[hi]ch all things considered you cannott think much, nott that I doubt butt upon my friends letter of Recommendation you would p<er>forme with me in the needfull, butt I looke to have two things for my <.ow> because I w<ould> nott really for £1000 have my friend to meet with any disapointments, soe in short if you doe trust me for whatsoever Mr Jno Strother of Stockholme doth draw upon you, pray lett his bills be accepted, being confident of his honesty & that he will Charge noe more then is needful & as you reimburse your selfe upon me payable In London, your bill god willing without fail shall be dewly honoured, if you will doe this then burne, or doe what you will with the inclosed butt if you think it nott convenient then pray deliver the inclosed to Mr Banks who I suppose will performe with me in every par ticular, as you were first recommended unto me, soe you have the Refusall of my commission I am in hast[e]

11 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to James Stansfield

Ditto

Writt Sr James Standefeild <he> pay to An: <Dobson> £140 if In case the Call for the Same

15 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Newcastle Jan 15 1675/6

Mr Edward Willet

Sr

The above is a Coppy of my last to w[hi]ch referrs you since none from you soe the less to inlarge upon, but to advise you that I am utterly undone for not imploying of <Mr> Legendre yet all will not doe for as p[er] before I now neither feare <frets> nor will make use of legendre soe Long as I live but as I sent the bills you sent me to London <ne.....> it seems they weer [were] offerd to Mr Pe: Bar upon w[hi]ch he writt me a litter a Coppy thereof as followeth London Jan: 11: 1675/6

Mr M: B:

Sr I have the honour of yours of the 7th I conceive you will Judge that where much <reallity> is their <me> Compliments I am assuredly your command <this> was about a <le....> business that I desired of him but now follows the remainder and In Testimony of my Reallyty let me tell you that although Mr Legendre and my selfe have the Honnour of your fathers Corrispondency yet it would not be Inconsistent with your Interest did you Honnour us with the same This I say not so much for the advantidge

we should reape as for your owne for sure I an[d] Mr Legendre would alwayes be in the Capacity of discounting your Debts there to remitt to your occations by which you would be saved the trouble of Haveing Bills of Debt sent over here to be Negotiated at under allowed prices this is the Cordiall advise of your aff[ectiona]t[e] friend Peter Bar

You se[e] how I am Blamed I must Confesse I would have given sixpence and more upon Conditione that you had sould my Leed to have bene p[ai]d sooner albeit you had sould it Cheaper as I writt you before for in the first place I shall loose a good friend at London and secondly I shall Loose vastly by Negotiating of your Bills as I suppose you are sencible of but all that shall not take me of from Imploying of you & to turne to Legendre for I do not questione but you can do as well as he I do not mind what P.B. writes me & be sure you take no further notice of the same I hope ere this Jno fuller is arrived with you you have the w[eigh]t of my 200 [p....s] Leed by him to Compute w[hi]ch and the dispersall thereof I freely leave to your discretione and whatever you do shall be to my full satisfacione I can say no more as to that pray write to Nants [Nantes] about Jno Huntington and procure me that Mo[ney] if possible no newes of my wifes venture tis gone I am afraid & so I remaine MB

15 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle Jan 15th

Mr Ed: Allen

Sr

I have before me yours ot the 11th with m<uch> ado have driven my miller up to 3s 6d for your pease but God knows he cannot pay you your mo[ney] in London for he hath no friends there nor will not be bound to do it he will pay Ready mo[ney] here upon delivery so if you approve of this upon your answer I shall make a bargaine I could not remitt you your money under 2 p[er]% <Lose> you know w[ha]t you could doe as for Charging upon me for if you could charge upon me though it were at sight your Bills should be <.....> for I am sure my miller will pay well now do w[ha]t you please as to that If In case I were <bid..> 2s p[er] Bus[hell] for your Beanes should I venture to sell any thereof yea or no I desire your advise I am MB

15 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Samuel Sowton

Ditto

Mr Sam: Sowton

Sr

Thanke you Heartily for your kind Letter of the 8 present I desire to know w[ha]t you call a reasonable Exchange which If I like and that you have any Mo[ney] at Stockholme I will take £1500 or perhaps more of you I am s[ir] MB

15 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle Jan 15th 1675/6

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Sr

I have before me yours of the 11th In w[hi]ch take notice of the Receipt of my 3 french bills which I perceive were offered to Mr Bar I would rather have Given £5 then he should have knowne thereof because he is angry with me that I do not Imploy his Bro[ther] Legendre of Rouen but I do not care I hope every man may Imploy whome he pleases so speake not a word of this to him but negotiate my Bills upon the best termes you can because shortly I shall have occatione to draw 2 or £300 upon you I am affraid let me know p[er] first upon what termes you can Negotiate my Bills that I may Booke the same in Conformity with you only take notice they have not so far to Run as they had when you first Received them but faile not to Negotiate them as well as you can I take notice what you write aboute Insurence certainly you are mistaken or tis very strange to me I do not desire to have Insured the whole voyadge only back from Stockholme if she never come there as God forbid I pay no Insurence for the voydges she goes before shall be upon my <.....> I supose it will be nigh may day before it please God she be at Stockholme and In summer time if from thence to this place they demand 5/8 p[er]% I will Rather Loose all then Insure a farthing for I am sure Mr Bar Got my father £1500 upon a vessell from Bourdeaux lately the very worst time in the yeare and when no news could be heard of the vessell and for all this p[ai]d butt 3 ½ p[er]% so Judge I pray you I am Sr MB

15 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Peter Barr

Newcastle Jan 15th 1675/6

Mr Peter Bar

Sr

I have before me yours of the 11th present but as I neither Love Lying nor decembling [dissembling] so I must tell you plainly that I am wholly at you[r] Command upon all occationes for a Requital in some measure of the favoures Received from you but for to Leave all ould friend whome In my Life time I have bene very much Ingaged unto and to Cleare to anew unknowne friend is a little unreasonable so I must beg your Excuse and the next place my adventure is so small that my Commission is not worth the

desireing for the bills of Debt sent me I am very well pleased with them all things
Considered If I had desired the same should have bene discounted I thinke Mr Willet
would have found friends to have done it for him if not In a Capacity himselfe
I am sr MB

15 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to John Horsham

Ditto
Mr Jno Horsham

Sr

My last to you was of the 7th present to which refers you since have received yours of
the 4th present thereby takes notice you have some hopes of disposing of 30 or 40 tun
of my Leed to some <Exon> merchants so God willing shall send you about that
quantity if possible to be had for this winter time I cannot command the Carriage men
as I could do in summer time but this frosty weather hinders my Vessell from
<starting> about Candlemas or before I hope he may be with you by whome I shall
send you such Coales as you desire for well <Cokeing> Coales no better in England but
the 1/3 p[ar]t Rubbly which you desire I do not know w[ha]t you meane except it
would be Round Coales you would be at which I suppose is your meaneing so shall
send them accordingly the use you Intend them for I suppose is p[ar]t for smiths and
p[ar]t for Brewers if so no better than I shall send you shall be in the world so that I
hope you will make a quick sale thereof as well as of the Leed and quick returnes made
as formerly desired I am sory no hopes of Effecting my project if you could but Cleare
her with you I would venture her Stopping at faulmouth for if once gone from you
faith the businesse is done for I will Ingagde rather than they would touch at
faulmouth or any other port they would wash her <nose> & a better vessell & seaboat
scarce to be sene as she hath bene tryed by severall stormes and the worst is they
pretending for Bristoll as they will they may safely come into your port againe which I
will Ingagde they will doe rather than touch at any other port In short the m[aste]r is a
very discreet man and I am willing to Give you both a large order to whome I leave the
businesse so pray w[he]n please God he arrives lay your heads togeather w[ha]tever
you resolve upon shall Content me and w[ha]tever hapen from <.....> to beare the
Adventure not doubting but your advice to the m[aste]r will do much and for the man
thorow whose hands it must passe of whome you are so much affraid I hope by some
meanes or other you may prevaile with him either by overwitting or Tempting him
with you know what tis True the vessell is <unfre> built so Carrying Coales oversea
would undo me unlesse you can order it soe as that I may <.....> of for halfe that is if I
pay but Custom for halfe of the quantity I carry over upon that the m[aste]r tells me he
will resolve if no probab[ility] of doing better. I shall God willing write you once a
weeke In the meane time remain MB

Sr you would do me a great kindnesse if you would be pleased to advise me w[ha]t place and County or shire Corne is Generally Cheapest In England & recommend me to a Good Honnest fellow there who will be faithfull and quick to observe orders

18 ditto

Writt Mr Jno Horsham and sent him a Copy of wm Lecks <freedome>

25 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle Jan 25th 1675/6

Mr Robt Jackson

I have both yours of the 13 and 17th present and for answer I do say possitively you were to send me the Dollers the munday before I got here: that soe I might have had time to have Disposed thereof and send you money for them and the Bill altogeather the munday after tis nothing for you to Disburse £170: upon a minuts warning faith I could find in my heart to Returne them because you are so sharpe but because you say you want money shall not do it, only for future shall take Notice how to deale with you for I perceive you Carp at every word a man says – pray how often do you passe Lewis for Dollers for I cannot Do it so I returne you one w[hi]ch I found among them

I required 760 at 4s 7d	£174: 3: 4
<from> Mr Dobson as p[er] Receipt	£13:13: 4
I send you p[er] Bearer	£160: 9: 6
<four> Baggs	£ : : 6
	£174: 3: 4

So we are Cleare

I have tould you that I would not pay money without Commissione: but for the £13 odd money I do not valew for future I will not pay nor Receive Cd without it and so I remaine Sr MB

29 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle Jan 29 1675/6

Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Sr

I very much wonder that to this day I have noe answer to mine of the 15th past att this raite how doe you think I Can booke Things In Conformity w[i]th you, for I doe

Imaggine you have negotiated my bills, in assurance of w[hi]ch I have this valued £200 upon you payable Todays sight To [space left blank] or order value of [space left blank] w[hi]ch pray let find dew honner In every Respect and <due respect> and if in case you have not negotiated my bills, I must desire you to trust me soe much and soe much, and upon your advice I doe assure you (if that will prevaile) I will remitt you your moneys upon sight immediately Pray write me how. Insurance rates from Stockholme singly. On doueing of w[hi]ch you will oblidge him that is
Your humble servant
Michle Blackett

I shall nott draw any thing upon <...> till next post <10 ch> Take no bill of accordingly
MB

29 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Samuel Sowton

Newcastle Jan 29 1675/6
Mr Sam Sowton

Sr
att my returne out of the west I doe meet w[i]th yours of the <20>th present; for answer w[ha]t you call very noble and favourable exchange I must confess is tollerable but I am resolved to run the hasard of have my money drawn upon Hambrough and soe upon me after wards soe shall not trouble you how ever doe tha<nk> you for your Kindnese and soe I remaine
Sr Yours to comand MB

29 Jan 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle Jn 29th 1676
Major Allon

Kind fri[e]nd at my Returne out of west I doe mee[t] with yours of the 20th present upon I have agreed w[i]th my mil[l]er for 13s 6d for your pease <...> shall be p<aid> some time the next weeke <for me>, if you can draw some moneis upon me upon that amount to content may freely doe it your bill shall be Honor<ed> if not I shall remitt you your moneis at short sight att too persent [per cent] or under If I can pray tell me <w[ha]t> I shall take for your beans if an opertunity offers and soe I remaine yours to command MB

1 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Newcastle feb p[ri]mo
Honnered Sr

I perceive it doth not stand with your Convenience to remitt me my money: so that if you will please to allow me the Curr[en]tt advance betwixt your place & London I will be willing to take my money of you at Edenbrough unto w[hi]ch pray afford me your answer I am MB

1 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to George Turfrey

Newcastle feb p[ri]mo
Mr Geo <Turfrey>

Sr

I have before me yours of the 27th past Obediah <Spurne> is not In this River so that I suppose he is not yet arrived which makes me keep his letter & when please God he arrives I shall deliver it unto him & sollicite an answer according to your desire the postidge being 6d I have placed to your Debitt about your other businesse I could do nothing yesterday but against next post I shall discourse with Robt Rand & some others and God willing shall advise you the needfull I am Sr MB

1 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

[Note: Day not given, but lies between letters of 1st and 4th in the original]

Newcastle feb 1675/6
Mr Henry Nelthorpe

Sr

I writ you the last post I do very <.....> wonder I do not here from you, but I hope you have negotiated my bills soe have this past <valued> upon you £200 payable <..> <sight> Mr <Tmo farison> or order value of him w[hi]ch pray settle <.....> & placed to the debt of MB

4 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Newcastle feb 4th 1675/6
Mr James Burkin

Sr

I have before me yours of the 29th past for answer unto which In the first place pray take notice that I am not in Compa[ny] with my father but for future am to act for my selfe and if at any time I can do either you or your friends any service in these parts none shall be more ambitious of your Commands nor more ready to observe them than my selfe for my ability and Honnesty I will not say word I have done your friends businesse but the affidavitt is not yet made w[hi]ch God willing by To morrows post shall be sent you the Charge of w[hi]ch according to your order shall be placed to your D[eb]t

4 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle feb 4th 1675/6

Mr Hen Nelthorpe

Sr

I have before me yours of the 29th past am glad you have Negotiated by french bills the Tearmes are to my full Content have booked the same in Conformity with you. In my last I drew £200 upon you and this post I have drawne £103 more In 3 bills viz

One payable 6/d[ays] sight to mr Jno <maceson> or order valew of Sr Ra: Delavell Bartt for £50

one payable 6/d[ays]sight to Mr Ed: Caskells or order valew of Ditto
£23

the 3rd payable 6/d[ays] sight to Mr Geo: <Corington> or order valew of Benedictus <Errington> Esq for
£30

£103

All which pray let be accepted

I thinke I shall be forced to draw £100 more upon you next post: Sr if you be acquainted with any merchants that have parts of vessells which use this trade I desire you to recommend me to them for the suplying of the masters with money to buy there Loadings withall I shall be very reasonable for my Commission ½ p[er] c[ent] is Commonly Given but to any of your friends I will do it for lesse & so I remaine Sr MB

4 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to George Turfrey

Ditto

Mr Geo Turfrey

Sr

Since my last of the p[ri]mo present have spoken to Mr Robt Rand and severall others of our masters but your order is Com'd to late for all our vessells are disposed of this excepting one the m[aste]r whereof Ab: Dixon by name is a Scatter braind fellow who I would not Counsell you to meddle withall & so will acquiesce I delivered with my owne hand your letter to Mr Spurne who hath promised me to write you answer this post – Sr you that are Concerned In many vessells which use this trade if you please and thinke it Convenient may make use of me for the Suplying of the masters with money to buy there Loadings withall I shall be very reasonable in my Commission so if I can do you any service upon all occationes may frely Command MB

4 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Ditto

Mr Charles & James Bankes

Srs

I writt you the 20th past under covert of one to mr peter Wattson & compa[ny] but I questione whether it came to your hand or not because I gave him libertie to burne it if in case he accepted on my Commissione but since I have mett with sume passageis w[hi]ch shall hinder me of Employing of them so upon Receipt forward the Inclosed to Mr Jno Strother of Stockholme and advise him that you will accept his bills for w[ha]t he shall draw upon you to the valew of £1000 speake alsoe to Mr Townley and pay him what charge he hath bene at if in case he hath accepted any of Mr Strothers Bills already pray tell him that the partie Concern'd repaires unto you for payment and as you discharge Mr Strothers Bills freely reimburse your selfe upon me payable In any house in London & your Bills shall be Honnered I shall God willing write you once a weeke or In 14 d[ays] at longest so at present will Conclude hoping the above letter of recommendation is satisfacione enough unto you that you may without Danger Comply with w[ha]t is Desired by Sr MB

4 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Newcastle feb 4th 1675/6

Mr Jno Strother

Sr

My last to you was of the 18th of xber to w[hi]ch refers you since none from you so the lesse to Inlarge upon I hope all my letters came to your hands & I doubt not but you will buy all my Goods to Content but whereas I formerly desired you to draw your reimbursement upon Mr Peter Wattson & compa[ny] I now desire you to draw all upon Mr Cha: & Jam: Bankes of Hamburg from whom with this I suppose you will

have a letter of libertie to valew upon them for wattsons <friend> here & I have fallen out so will not Imploy them my vessell I thinke will be Gone from hence the next weeke about the middle of Aprill I hope he may be with you so let the Goods desired be ready & the vessell Dispatched I am MB

4 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Ditto
Mr Ed: Allen

Sr
Here hath bene so many Hollydayes this last weeke that I cannot possiblyly Get your pease delivered before munday which I thought Good to advise you of & so I remaine MB

4 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Peter Watson

ditto
Writt Mr Peter Watson and Compa[ny]

I have before me yours of the 4 and 14 past and have allsoe perused 2 of the same dates from you to Mr Robt Mallabar, your 2 to me are well enough butt your other 2 I understand by them that seeing I did question wheather you would accept Mr Strothers bill<s> or nott, you seeme to questione wheather you will <....y> Doe itt or nott, soe I shall nott trouble you, w[ha]t Charges you have beene att mr C and J bankes will repay you and if you have accepted any of Mr Strothers bills upon my acct pray desire the party Concerned to require Mr C bankes for payment I am MB

5 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle feb 5th 1765/6
Mr Hen Nelthorpe

Sr
I have at present only to advise you that this day I have Charged upon you £100 payable 8/d[ays] sight to Mr Robt <.eaglemar> or order valew of Mr Nicho: fenwicke w[hi]ch pray let be discharged. Sr if any do remitt you any money from some port In the W Coast by the order of one Mr Wm Leck pray take notice tis upon my owne acct or if he come to London he will pay you the money himselfe which I suppose will be aboute £4: or £500: -: - at least I am MB

5 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Ditto

Sr

Since my last of the 4th present p[er] yesterdaies post have none from you so the lesse to Inlarge upon this serveing Chiefly for Covert to the Inclosed affedavitt which Cost me in all 7s & the postidge of your letter 6d in the whole 7s 6d w[hi]ch I have placed to your Debitt Sr as I writt you in my last I am totally at your Devotione and will remaine so while I am MB

5 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Ditto

Mr Walter Chaytor

Sr

I have not writt you this Long time for want to occatione this is Chiefly to advise you that I have this day shiped and Consigned unto you by the Jno of Newcastle Jno Vaughten m[aste]r 400 p[ie]ce[s] Leed which after Good arrivall be pleased to receive and dispose thereof for my most advantidge paying the m[aste]r 10 <stuyvers> p[er] p[er] freight with a <stuyver> upon a Gilder for primidge & Averidge next post God willing I shall send you a bill of Loading I do not questione butt you will make me quick returnes as formerly you have done w[hi]ch if so so long as your markett gives any Incouridgement you shall want neither Leed not Coales but I must tell you and I hope you will not take it ill that you are In my opinion very much to Blame that in so long time as you have bene silent never to give me advice of Occurrences with you for though winter time yet no harme if I knew the price of those Commodities with you pray Excuse me if you thinke me to blame – the Rennish wine is Indifferent the cost thereof have placed to your Credit I must trouble you once more I know there is Good water Doggs (spanniells as we call them <)> In your place; if you could buy a good one for me and send me Carefully you would very much Oblidge Sr MB

5 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Newcastle feb 5th 1675/6

Mr Ed: Willett

Sr

I have before me yours of the 2nd past & 4 present which I shall answer In short but I must tell you that by your latter I do so much thinke my selfe Oblidged unto you that all the Barrs in England shall never make me make use of Legendre the copy of which letter pray peruse at your leisure and take a fools advice have a care how you write the same to others in this place for it may be you may be trappand by there Servants but I shall keep it to my selfe & make use of your advice for future w^hi]ch I like very well – I hope fuller may be arrived ere this come to your hands my venture is Gone pray advise me w^ha]t they cost that I may place the same to your Credit aboute Huntington I cannot be so much a Jew as to torment him in another Country so that if you or your friend find him and that he will not pay the money upon faire termes let him alone I shall Catch him one time or other and make him pay for all – but sometimes I have occatione for Nantes Brandie and you say you have a very honnest friend there if he be so and Carefull and that upon your word pray Give me a letter of Recommendation unto him Never send me in your acct Artickles in Grosse but alwayes particulars of every Artickle and pray alwayes send me Jno Cocquemaers acct and I would Gladly know the Reason why you pay Custome for more than Realy the Leed weighs – I shall God willing send you some Leed by every oppertunity I am MB

In your acct you place 2p[er] % provitione I must tell you I am offered few Lesse but I will rather give you 2 Then them 1 ½ p[er] % pray by the by advise me w^ha]t <L/Soude> Mr Pickersgill uses w^ha]t for a man he is I meane In w^ha]t reputatione he hath bene and is still in MB

5 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle feb 5 1675/6

Mr Nicho: Verlaen

Sr

I doe very much wonder that all this winter time I have nott had soe much as on[e] line from you thought I did not write you yett I thinke you might have advised me on <.> In <4.> accurrence with you and all soe how my leed mends, ships will now begin to start soe pray lett mine be putt of upon the best tearms you Can and the money remitted unto me haveing advice from Rotterdam how leed rules there and nott knowing how itt rules with you I have this day shipt 400 peices for Rotterdam w^hi]ch I intended <for you> on that Markett if I had mett with any Incouridgement from you sir I know there is good water dog In your <...> spanels wee call them if you could mett with an Extraordinary good one and send me him carefully wⁱt] an account of all w^ha]t he can doe, I doe nott <valew> w^ha]t money you doe give for him and besid[e]s if a very good one you will very much oblidge

Yours To command

Michell Blackett

5 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

An addition to Edward Willetts

Sr

You are desired to send me by the first oportunity a pare of good pistles the best you can meet withall, about a quarter long English in the barrell and two of the best <Correbiks> I mene <...> hatts that will turne any raine about 7 an[d] a halfe in deomiter [diameter] an[d] soe deepe as will cover one eares all being for my own use I desire they may <be> Extranornieriery good

8 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Newcastle feb 8th 1675/6

Mr Jno Strother

I have writt you severall letters all w[hi]ch I hope come to yout han<d> In due time to this day not any from you soe the last [less] to Inl[a]rge upon this serveing onely to accompeny the bearer thereof Mr Will laike <..> of the owners love of newcastle you have had now by severall of my formers how that I have fr<egt..> him soe shall nott Inlarge upon that particular the goods desired are me[n]tioned above w[hi]ch I hope he will finde riddy [ready] for his taking in for the good <value> thereof in every respect and as is desired I doe not questione In the least for I have nothing more to recommend unto you then the vessell dispatch w[hi]ch pray lett be done w[i]th <all> Expedition, above 5 dayes both for unloding and loading he must nott <l.....> soe you see w[ha]t <brne> I have I hope you will minde my businesse and make me Lyable to any damage, w[ha]t money soe ever the M[aste]r Call for lett him have itt and take a noate under his hand <are> soe much p[ai]d upon account of his fr[e]ight

If please God he Come well he will deliver his loadin of salt w[hi]ch pray put of upon arrivall upon arrivall upon the best Tearmes you Can and lett me have I Intreat soe much the less as they <proseed> thereof Charged upon Messours Bookes of Hambrough the M[aste]r is to pay noe Charges soe you are pay all Charges w[ha]tsoever w[hi]ch makes me thinke the m[aste]r will have little occation for money but lett have w[ha]t he calls for – I shall nott now Inlarge hoping this first time all the good desired will pr<ced> to my sastfaction w[he]n please God they arrive here befor this Come to your hand you shall god willing have some from me by past soe att present will Con[c]lude and Rest

Sr Yours to command

Mich: Blackett

8 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Anthony Allaire

Newcastle feb 8 1675/6

Sr

The above is Coppy of my last to w[hi]ch refers you since none from you soe the less to Inlarge upon this serving onely to Accompeny the beare[r] hereof Mr Will Laike m[aste]r of the owners love of Newcastle the vessell w[hi]ch I have fr[e]ighted, I cannot tell whether he would bring you any goods or nott, if he doe pray dispose thereof to my most advantage and Load the vessell w[i]th all Expedission w[i]th the best and <Roundest> salt such as you know is most fit for Stockholme market and Consine itt unto Mr Jno Strother Merchant In the place above in lawfull working dayes he must not be In his unloading and loading <more> soe pray mind my businesse and make me nott lyable to any damadge the m[aste]r is to pay noe Charges for you are to pay all Charges w[ha]tsoever w[hi]ch makes me thinke he will have occation for litle owne mony butt lett him have w[ha]t he Calls for and take a noate under his hand of soe much received you on acct of his fr[e]ight

as you are In disburse, Reimburse your self as formerly advisd your draughts shall be honoured by

Yours to Command

Mich Blackett

8 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to John Horsham

Newcastle feb 8 1675/6

Mr John Horsham

Sr

Of late I have not any from you soe the lesse <to> Inlarge upon this being Ch[i]efly to accompeny the bearer hereof Mr Will Laike m[aste]r of the owners Love of Newcastle In whome I have Loaden And Consigned unto you 87 Chalder of Coales this <meas...> w[hi]ch after good arrivall be pleased to <reaceivd> <.....> and dispose thereof for my most advantadge the m[aste]r <...> pay noe Charges w[ha]tsoever w[hi]ch makes me thinke w[hi]ch m<akes> me thinke he will have occation for little or noe money but lett him have w[ha]t he desires and take a noate under his hand for <th..> as soe much need In p<aymen>t of his fr[e]ight

Noe Lead to be procurd for reason soe could not send you any his Coales are of the best In River Tine and good <k/Laeing> Coales soe that I hope they will find quick vent as moneys come In be pl<eased> to remitt the same to Mr Henry Nelthorpe Gold smith att the Rose In Lombard street for the acct of him that <de....> without Expedition and Rests

Yours to Command
Mich Blackett

8 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to John Horsham

Newcastle feb the 8 1675/6
Mr Jno Horsham

Sr

My last is what I wrote you this morning by m[aste]r Wm Leck who I hope may be with you so soone as this God sending him to arrive well at your port what Coale you take out of him be pleased to dispose thereof so soone as you can and remitt the neett proceed as formerly desired pray assist the m[aste]r and order it soe I may save if possible the Charge of Ballast about w[hi]ch businesse I can say no more then I have done do wholly Leave it to you and the m[aste]r and whatever hapen I am Content to leave the Losse at present in <h...> but before I conclude Let me assure you that I am
MB

8 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Ditto
Mr Ed: Allen

Sr

I have s[ol]d all your pease but there is some Little mistake betwixt my miller and I about the <..> of the quantity so I cannot possibly send you an exact acct till next post at which time God willing you shall have it in the meane time if you have drawne any money upon me upon acct thereof your Bills shall be Honn[oure]d and in answer to this let me have your Last ord[er] whether I shall remitt you the neet proceed or that you will draw it upon me I will Councell you draw it upon me if possible you could for if I do remitt it I se[e] no possibilyty of procureing Bills under 2 p[er]% advance this I advise of as a friend your order in answer to this shall be Observed p[er] MB

8 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Newcastle feb the 8th 1675/6
Mr Humphray Willet & compa[ny]

Sr

I have before me yours of the 3rd present with 2 Inclosures the one is from your Bro: Ed: to my selfe the is other is I suppose from you my Bro: Davisson which I have <.> according to your desire butt pray Sr let me be so free with you as to tell you that I do nott understand your writeing at all when you say you will readily be responsible for your Bro: Ed: In that he shall alwayes alwayes render me a true & a faithfull acct of all things whatsoever I shall at any time Intrust him withall did ever I desire any such thing from you no I am so well satisfied with his Ability & honnesty that I choose rather to Imploy him then sume others recommended unto me for w[hi]ch I am soundly scoulded & Am Like to Loose a good friend in your place but I valew him not as <loan> for I have nothing done but what I pay for and your Bro: I will trouble with my small Commissione so long as I live this is in short Sr now I have no other friend in London but Mr Hen: Nelthorpe who is my Cash keeper for my other friend hath forsaken me so that what businesse Lyes not in sd Nelthorpes way I should be Glad you would please to accept thereof I hope time will make us better acquainted tis true I am but a younge merchant but let not this hinder me of haveing the Honnour of your Corrispondence if you thinke it Convenient for you neede not feare I shall ever be in your D[eb]t for I must Confesse tis not Good to trust younge merchants I have a vessell in this River at present burthen about 200 Last Going for plymouth so for Rotchell and so for Stockholme pray advise me if you could Insure me £600: or £1000: upon the Back voy[a]dge Simply that is only from Stockholme Considering it will be Summer time I suppose you may do it upon reasonable termes pray let me have your opinion in doing of w[hi]ch you will oblidge MB

pray advise me if you can upon w[ha]t termes the Gouldsmiths do Gennerally agree with your merchants for receiveing & paying of there money MB

8 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Mr Ed Willett
Ditto

Sr

Since mine of the 5th present have received yours of the 7 Ditto the Contents have well observed but I wonder w[ha]t needs so many Compliments betwixt you and me if I were not satisfied with youre ability & honnesty do you thinke I would Imploy you In short I am so well Satisfied therewith that I desire none of your friends to give me any Security of w[ha]t I shall trust in youre hands and for the remainder of all youre Complements I shall answer them with Silence only give me Leave to tell you that my friend at London is no more my friend but I allow is not for he did nothing for me worth speaking of but what he was pd for so for future I should be Glad your Bro: would accept of my small Commission in this place to which affect I have this post writt him a letter I hope Jno fuller is with you ere this the vessell which had my

Sweetmeates in it seemes ran a shore of at Holly Iland but I am affraid they are gone I wish never Greater Losse come to newcastle I would Gladly know w[ha]t they cost that I might Give you Creditt for the Ammounte thereof pray mind my paire of pistolls & 2 hatts desired in my last let the pistolls be Good & the hatts as formerly desired about 7 ½ Inches Diameter w[hi]ch of proportionall will be aboute 22 ½ Inches Round and pray let them be so deep as will Cover ones Eares. I am very certaine I did formerly desire to know whether a percell of Good Jersey Stockins would sell with you or not to which I never had a word in answer pray upon receipt let me have your opinion thereof
I am MB

10 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Feb the 10th
Mr Ed: Allen

Sr

Inclosed you have the acct of youre pease Ballance is £89: 5: 2d what I disbursed for port of Letters shall place it all to the beanes acct which I perceive you have a mind to Let lye 2 or 3/m[onths] Longer your order aboute the same shall alwayes be observed As for the remitting of your money I shall Begg youre excuse till I receive answer to mine of the 8th present for I would willingly have you to draw it upon me because the Losse is Intollerable – I hope you will find the Inclosed right if any Errors upon your notice they shall be rectified by him who is MB

15 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle feb 15th 1675/6
Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Sr

there is some merchants in this towne whose friends in London hath mett with the Convenience of drawing Severall Summes of money upon them gratis I wish you could do the like & Charge upon me till I gave order to the Contrary £2: £3: or £400 at a time it would be something in my pockett I have a vessell Sailed which Intends for the west burthen aboute 100 Last so that I hope shortly either the m[aste]r Wm Leck by name or m[aste]r Jno Horsham of Plymouth will remitt you a good Summe upon the acct of MB

15 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to George Turfrey

Ditto

Mr Geo Turfrey

Sr

I have before me yours of the 10 present Robt porter shall be furnished with what moneys he desires not doubting but you will Comply with my Bill for the valew Though you write me not a word of it as alsoe for w[hi]ch more I shall at any time pay to any other m[aste]r by your order but I would Gladly have an agrement betwixt us aboute my Commission as I tould you I will be very Reasonable: for w[ha]t you thinke convenient to allow me shall satisfie MB

18 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Anthony Allaire

Newcastle feb 18th 1675/6

Mr Antho: Allaire

Sr

My last to you was of the 8th present of w[hi]ch I writt you by m[aste]r Wm Leck who sailed Saturday last 12 present so I hope he may be with you as soone as this & I questione not but he will find his Loading ready for his takeing in and that it will be of the very best and Roundest Salt and the most fitt sort for Stockholme markt which I leave wholly to your discretione as alsoe the disposall of w[ha]t Goods he Brings unto you w[ha]t they will be I cannot advise you as you are in disburse for me you know how to Reimburse your selfe and before I conclude let me assure you that your Bills w[hi]ch you shall Charge upon me shall be punctually Complied withall according to the Contents thereof By MB

18 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Samuel Sowton

Ditto

Mr Sam: Sowton

Sr

To this day I have not heard one word from mr Jno Strother so that I am affraid he is on his way for England pray write me a line or two in answer to this and advise me withall youre thoughts or that whether he is or is not that soe if he be I may In time I may In time write to another to Care of my Businesse for my vessell is saild & the time Consequently will not admitt of any delay by writeing 2 lines in answer to this as is above desired you would very much Obliedge him that Desires to remaine upon all occationes Sr MB

18 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Newcastle feb the 18th

Mr Jno Strother

Sr

My last to you was of the 8th present by m[aste]r Wm Leck and not haveing any of yours will cause Brevity I have already by my formers writt you so much at large that In short I can say no more unto you for I questione not but all my desires will punctually Complied withall both In disposeing of my Salt upon arrivall & chargeing so much the Lesse at the neete proceed thereof upon my friend at Hamb[urg] towards the reloading of the sd vessell as alsoe that my Goods will prove to Content the Iron of the very finest & best mettle & the pitch & tar as is formerly desired you may perceive the vessell is sailed so after Rec[i]ept hereof you may Expect him Every day so pray let the Goods be Ready for his takeing in that he may be dispatched with all speed possible for w[ha]t you disburse you know how to reimburse your selfe I intreate so I intreate youre care In the minding of my businesse that by your activity & vigilence I may not be Lyable to any damadge which is the needfull from MB

18 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Ditto

Mr Ed: Allen

Sr

I have before me yours of the 12 present the Contents have well observed I hope ere this you have received the acct of youre pease so shall dayly expect youre order aboute remitting the neete proceed thereof if you could draw it upon me it would do admirable well for you order me to remitt it I se[e] no probabil[it]y of procureing a Bill under 2p[er]% at least as p[e]r your <Graine> Indeed I thinke no greaine will turne to acct with us this next summer this is my opinion but I Refer it to better judgement Interim I neither can nor will counsell you to make any provitione for this markett with No sort of Greane whatsoever do w[ha]t you please for others this I advise you of as a friend at Stockton Rye is a very <Dragge> & here Likewise and In a word all other sorts of Graine is the very same at present I am MB

18 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Newcastle feb the 18th

Sr

My last to you was of the 4th present to which refers you Since none from you so the Lesse to Inlarge upon that being Ch[i]efly to Confirme my former and to desire you to forward the Inclosed according to the Superscription thereof and withall to second your former with the same unto sd Strother not doubting but you will Comply with what is desired you knowing as you are in disburse how to Reimburse your Selfe and you may be satisfied my Bro: Davisson would recommend none unto you but such as he knows you may safely deale withall but no more of that I hope this Letter will be satisfacione Enough unto you & so I remaine Sr MB

18 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to James Stansfield

Ditto

Honored Sr

By yours of the 10th Jan: which I presume should be feb: I take notice of youre Huffing at mine of the primo present deeming my proposall to you In that Letter unreasonable w[hi]ch none surely but your selfe would thinke so for me to buy you In Goods with ready money at your desire and to be thus rewarded for my disburse I thinke in my opinion is not merchant Like to tell me when I desire my owne that I am Severe & Rigid with you w[ha]t I desired in my sd Letter I still stand to that is Either to pay me my money In Scotland with the usuall Exchange betwixt Edenb[orough] & London unto Mr Jno Hall merchant In your place or send me Bills for the same as I was promissed when the Leed was ordered the Interest of my money if you pay it in Scotland will be the Exchange haveing wanted some part of it 5/m[onths] & the rest 3/m[onths] – what you do with the Leed or how you dispose of the same Concerns me not nor w[ha]t you have received in p[aymen]t thereof I only desire to have my owne which I Expected you would have remitted me Long ere now or I should not have bene so Ready to have Accommodated you for I know how to Employ my moneys otherwise then at such a Rate so pray Comply with my desire one way or other and if you can find oute any Corrispondent who will accomodate you better I am satisfied you Employ him & shall remaine MB

18 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to John Hall

Ditto

Sr

Upon the Recommendation of my Couz Wm Blackett I make bould to write you these few Lines desireing you to peruse Seale & deliver the Inclosed unto Sr James Stansfield and demand of him upon my acct £148: 6: 8d there is dew to me £2: 17: 4d

more but let him give you w[ha]t p[ar]t of that he pleases if none I must be Content if he Give you Bills for the same payable Either here or at London be pleased to receive and forward them unto me but if he offer to pay you in money then pray demand & receive therewith the present Exchange betwixt Edenbrough and London & keepe it in your hands till further order I beg youre pardon for this trouble as being unknowne but In Requittall thereof If at any time I can do you any Service in this place upon all occations may freely dispose of MB

19 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle Feb: 19: 1675/6

Mr Nicho Verlaen

Sir

My last unto you was of the 5th of Feb To w[hi]ch I referr you since I have <received> yours of the 18th present by w[hi]ch I take notice of the Sale of <50> peeces of Lead att 24 ¼ <s> w[hi]ch price I like not at all but doe Submitt to w[ha]t you doe & am content therew[i]th, Though I wish it were att Rotterdam where it gives above 25 <s> w[ha]t the Reason is that Rotterdam Markett should soe farr overreach yours I can not Immagine soe much as to that <particular> w[ha]t ever you doe with the Lead you have of mine In your hands shall be to my full satisfaction soe pray order the disposall thereof as you please & think fitt & convenient , And as moneyes comes In, be pleased to remitt the same as formerly desired, Rye 4s p[er] Bushell, Wheat 5s, Bigg 2 ½ s Malt 1/3s Beanes 3s if good, white pease 3s 8d Coales 8s p[er] Chalder Lead £12 p[er] Fodder.

Sir

You formerly sent mee 2 payer [pair] of Tonges I desire you would send mee p[er] first oppertunity 2 payers of Shovells sutable thereto In doing of w[hi]ch you will oblige Sir MB

19 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Newcastle 19th Feb 1675/6

Mr James Burkin

Sir

I am soe ambitious of your Comands & soe ready to observe them that immediately after Receipt of your letter I gott thee needfull subpeena served upon the p[er]son mentioned according to your order <.....> sent your Affidavitt thereof In due time, Now Sir in requittall thereof if you would please to advise mee p[er] first opp[er]tunity

(if you can Enquire it out) where Matth Bulmer the Plaintiff is or may be found, you would very much oblige him that desirest to Remayne Sir MB

19 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

[Note: This entire letter has been crossed through]

Newcastle Feb 19th 1675/6

Mr Walter Chaytor

I have not writt to you this longe time for want of occasion that is cheifely to advise you that I have this day shipped & conveyed unto you by the Jno of Newcastle Jno Vahan [Vaughan] M[aste]r 400 peeces of Lead w[hi]ch after good arrivall be pleased to Receive & dispose thereof for my most advantage paying the Ma[ster] 10 <...> p[er] peece freight with a St[uyver] upon a Gilder for primadge & averidge next post God willing I shall send you a Bill of loadinge I doe not question but you will make mee quick returne as formerly you have done

19 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

[Note: Possibly to Walter Chaytor since the previous letter to him was crossed out?]

Newcastle Feb 19th 1675/6

Sir

My last was of the <5> feb to w[hi]ch referrs you have none from you soe the lesse to enlarge upon that <Beinge> cheifely to advise you that Jno Vagghan [Vaughan] is Sailed, who I hope may be with you ere this come to hand, when please God send him to his desired Port be pleased as formerly desired to dispose of my Lead as you shall think Convenient, not doubtinge but you will doe it to the best of your knowledge, for my most advantage & make a quick returne as formerly you have done I can send you noe Bill of Loadinge, but you are to pay noe more freight then 10 st[uyvers] p[er] peece with ½ a st[uyver] upon a Gilder for primadge & adveridge after the Lead is disposed of & a Spaniell sent me as is above desired, be pleased to send me <...> my account Currant that soe wee may beginn upon a new for longe <draeing> accounts I <never> <fancied> soe the sooner you dispose of my Lead & send mee the sd accounts Currant the more you will oblige

Sr MB

22 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to George Turfrey

Newcastle Feb 22d 1675/6

Mr Geo Turffrey

Sr

I have onely to advise you that Robert Porter is arrived who shall have w[ha]t money hee desires but I would gladly know In answer to my last w[ha]t you will please to allow mee for my <Comm[iss]ion> & if you have any other Friends who you can recommend mee unto upon the same account I shall be as reasonable as any in this place whatsoever, for w[ha]t you & they think Convenient shall aske noe more, & <besides> you will very much oblige MB

22 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle 22d Feb: 1675/6

Major Edw: Allan

Sir

I have before mee yours of the 17th for answer I doe assure you I was my selfe seekinge a good p[ar]t of yesterday for a Bill for you but could neither for love nor money meete w[i]th any I have some at work this morneing if they bringe me some in time you shall have it Inclosed, if not I have no other remmedy but you must please to have patience a Post for if it lay upon my life I could doe noe more for my selfe then I have done for you Malt at present att 2s 6d p[er] Bushell but small quantities in Towne for that very p[ro]bable shortly it may reach abo[u]t 3s but yet I shall not Councill you to send either that graine, or any other whatsoever to that place for playnley that Markett is the uncertaynest one In the World In soe much that some times things falls out theare Contrary to ones advice & then a Jealousie arises of the <Factors> mindeing his benefitt more then the principalls advantage as some in that Towne hath found Rye 3s 8d To 4s white Pease if good 3s 8d To 4s Malt 2s 2d Bigg 2s 3d Beanes 2s 6d To 2s 11d all liklyer to fall then rise in price I am MB

22 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to John Horsham

Newcastle feb 22d 1675/6

Mr John Horsham

Sir

I have onely to advise you that my Vesell by greater Winds had much a doe to keepe above for by misfortune sprung a leack butt god be thanked by the helpe of some of his friends who stand by him hee hath gott into Them[s] [Thames] River & hee writes mee hee must of necessity sell his Coale there & soe lay the Shipp a Shoare to gett her mended. I hope hereafter wee may have greater dealeinge together & if at any time you

shall Judge mee capable of serveing you In this place upon all accasions pray freely dispose of MB

22 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

Newcastle feb 22d 1675/6

Mr Tho: Finley

Sir

I expected you over before now J: E: his business for you writt me you would be here before wee should make an end I goe into the West to morrow, att my Returne w[hi]ch will bee God Willinge upon S[a]turday I expect to meete with a letter from you and to know w[ha]t you Intend to doe for my p[ar]te I would advise you to come over some time the next weeke & to make a peaseable End thereof butt doe w[ha]t you please my respects to all Friends I am In hast[e] MB

22 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to William Leck

Newcastle Feb 22d 1675/6

Mr Wm Leck

I have before mee yours of the 17th present am very glad you are gott well to London God be thanked for itt I can nott helpe the badd Markett you meete w[i]thall onely I hope you will take care to sell as deare as otherwise & w[ha]t money you can spare pay unto Mr H: Nelthorpe Gold Smith at the Rose in Lomboard Streete, make w[ha]t hast[e] you will but noe more then good speed, I hope you have gott your Vesell <Holded> first & then away as fast as you please to Rochell where God willinge you shall meete with a letter from me tell Ralph I pray you that I say hee is an Idle Rogue hee might very well writt mee one time to have advised mee how hee proved att Sea soe Wishinge you a good Voyadge Rests MB

22 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Newcastle 22d feb 1675/6

Honoured Sir

I have noe more to Inlardge upon that to advise you that tomorrow morninge Brother C & I indendes God willinge for the pay, att my Returne you may expect as full an accou[n]t as my weak Capasity shall be able to give you of occurences att all places there, of w[hi]ch I can at present onely lett you that the next pay will take about £600 - -

<S> I intreate you to advise mee how it stands with Mr N for some people in Towne doth feare him a little but I pray not a word of that to himselfe for my p[ar]te I feare him nott & shall be sorry that any thinge butt good should happen him, soe praying for your health & happyness earnestly craveing your blessing I remayne MB

My wife desires to have her da[i]ly remembered unto you

26 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Newcastle Feb: 26: 1675/6

Honoured Sir

I have att present onely To advise you of occurrences at the Lead Mines w[hi]ch I shall doe God willing as well as I can, Soe in the first place the Condition of the severall Groves are as follows (vizt) Green Gill Inddiffrent good In two Shafts & they gett some Oare In the third Cole Cleugh Indifrent good In the low bed for the high bed itt hath beene poore this long time but Rich: tells mee hee hath <Dialled [drilled?]> oute a new Shaft, & is come to Indiff[r]ent good Ore In the first <dr> Sinkinge how it may prove hereafter is uncertayne R is allmost out of hope of Bates Hill soe Intends to give it over shortly Wellhope pretty hopefull Reed Groves Inddiffrent good In the low <Sale> but sore troubled with Water there The Slitts very good the Levell very hard butt gett not soe hard as formerly itt hath bene, Edw <Stoute> desires to know as soone as is possible whether you Intend hee should goe to Fallowfeild or stay where hee is hee seemes very willing to <Sturr> upon your order, But Richard thinks that if you continue your resolution of bringinge up a Levell there, there will bee noe greate need of him, but if you will resolve upon making of a Ginn hee thinks his presence There may bee very needfull but I finde by his discourse that except there were a greate neccessity of his goeing hee would not have him to <sturr> pretending hee is very usfull where hee is. all things very well at Mill [Dukesfield] 6 Harth goeing, 5 Oare harths & one Slagg harth, & <preparations> makeing for 2 harths more here here is there nothing a wantinge butt Smelters, for most you have are either butt indiffrent workmen or Sicke. Fallowfeild workes Continues pretty good

the whole pay comes to as followeth	£668: 1: 3
the heads pay £244:10: 5 1/2 but p[ai]d Richard	£250
Planky pay £ 80: 6:10 1/2 but p[ai]d Jno	£ 95
out of w[hi]ch hee will pay Wm <Lowe> the	£10
p[ai]d att Mill	£226: 1: 2
p[ai]d att Fallowfeild	£ 97: : 1
	£668: 1: 3

W[hi]ch money you had mad[e] at Duxfeild 103 Fodders Leed and 384 bings Oare brought to that mill as followeth (vizt)

From the heads	78 - 1 horse
From Read Groves	48 -
From Fallowfeild	255 -
From Jeffreys Grove	002 -
As above	384 - h

Besides you have made att planky Mill 45 bing 5 <p[iece]s> Leed @ 112b:2 oare brought to that Mill from the following Groves vizt

From Colecleugh	30b 1h
From the heads	45:
From Reed Groves	37: 1
	112: 2

What ore you have a fore hand is about 100 bings at Slitts 10 bings att Reed Grove, 30 bings att Cole Cleugh 100 bigge [?bings] att Fallowfeild & 4000 bings att Duxfeild Mill att least w[ha]t there is at Planky Mill afore hand Indeed I know nott for to tell you the truth I forgott to aske: I understand by Jno you have some land att <Mesridgge [Melkridge?]> & Duxfeild without Tenants w[hi]ch hee say hee will be forced to lett much under w[ha]t formerly itt hath beene lett for This is w[ha]t I have learned & the needfull att present, soe praying for your health & happyness & earnestly craveing your blessing I remayne MB

26 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle Feb 26th 1675/6
Major Ed: Allen

Kind Freind

Under 2 Posts I now meete w[i]th noe Bills, nor for 2 Posts from persons To Content, here Inclosed you have my owne Bill for £70: 8: 6 upon Mr George Turffreys> 10 d[ays] sight to your order, w[hi]ch money I payd yesterday unto one by 1 d Turffreys order if you will accept thereof & allow mee 2 <po> advance I suppose you may comand the money, if not you are free & I doe sweare to another I would nott take after that rate & upon these Conditions next post I may be able I think to remitt you the remaynder in my owne Bill, butt if you doe I thinke it too much & can draw the same upon mee att more reasonable Rates, pray doe itt, your Bill shall be honored for I doe <p[ro]test> I have lately had 2 ½ <p.....> w[hi]ch is nott given In that place, but use your freedome, noe marKett for your Beanes as yett I am MB

26 Feb 1676 Michael Blackett to George Turfrey

Newcastle Feb 26th 1675/6

Mr Geo Turfrey,

Sr,

I have your kind letter of the 19th p.sent & have furnished Robt <Porten> with £70 & this Inclosed receipt, now Sr what matter att any time you doe recommend unto mee my fitter shall be ready to wayte upon them upon all accounts, to <sbare> them & to helpe them to <such> coale as shall bee fit for the Markett for wch I demands ½ P % wch I call reasonable so Commission of that if 70 will be <7.s> att the rate. In all

£7[0]:7: 0

& 18d for postage of lettrs as followeth vizt.

1675 8<.>2d for 1 from yourselfe	£ :00: 6	
75/6 Ja.3: for 2 from yourselfe	£ : : 6	
75/6 Feb 13 for 1 from yourselfe	£ : : 3	
75/6 Feb 22 for 1 from yourselfe	£ : : 3	£00 : 1: 6
In all - -	£70 : 8: 6	

Which sume I have this day valued upon you payable on sight to Major Edward Allen or under vallew pd Robt Porten wch pray let be dischargd & if att any other terms I can be serviceable uton yw upon all occasions pray freely discharge of him that is Sr M B

When Major Allen requireis acceptance doe mee the kindness as aske him if he accept of my tearmes, if hee doe pray pay the money if nott then keepe it in your hand until further order M: B

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle March 3th 1675/6

Mr Walter Chaytor

Sr

The above is Coppy of my last dated the 19th feb to which referrs you Since have Rec[eive]d yours of the 21st & 25th past I hope ere this Va[u]ghan is Arrived & that you have made some progress In the Sale of my Leed the disposall of w[hi]ch I leave to your discession, onely pray after it is gone lett mee have an account Curent sent that soe wee may beginn upon a new I have gott the Bitch you sent mee the Charge of w[hi]ch place to my debtt onely pray if you can gett it done, lett mee have a Catalogue

of her vertues & also of her badd qualitys if shee have any the Bitch is a fine comly large Bitch & as shee proves I shall be adviseing you seeing you give mee soe greate incurradgm[en]t about Leed Leed doe I intend you shortly a nother quantity for you shall God willinge have supplyes upon the least probability of a little profitt. Could not you sell a parcell of Stockings, for if you could I would supply you, soe lett mee know w[ha]t quantyty you could sell In the yeare, att w[ha]t price & w[ha]t Collour is most desired, if any Incurradgem[en]t upon your notice I shall Sturr accordingly & could not you send mee a parcell of fine & ordinary tow, of fine & ordinary [...] flax & of Snuit if ordred for if soe, lett mee have p[er] first the Currant prices & in short if there bee any Commodity that this Country will affoord, w[hi]ch you think will turne to account with yours pray lett mee have thereof for I am as ready to Sturr for a little profitt as any other whatsoever I am MB

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Newcastle March 3th 1675/6

Mr Ed: Willatt

Sr

The above is Coppy of my last dated the 8th feb to w[hi]ch referrs you, since have Rec[eive]d yours of the 18th & 25th past lett <my> D<r> Huntington alone, if ever I catch him hee shall pay for all – pray writt mee an answer p[er] first as to w[ha]t I desire about the price of Stockings for if they were vendable w[i]th you & for my profitt I could supply you w[i]th greate quantytyes In the yeare

Tis very strange to mee that you cannott advise the arrivall of Vessels as soone as others for above 8 dayes a goe I heard Jno Fuller was arrived & yett to this day not a word from you of the same, butt I am in hopes that ere this come to hand you will have disposed of my Leed & some money remitted mee Thereupon In one letter you advise the name of your Frend att Nantes to be Jno le Prieuer, & in a nother Jacques pray lett mee know w[ha]t is his name £47 1s 5d for Cost of the Sweetmeats I have placed to your Credit I am willinge to allow w[ha]t Commission you shall please to place to account I intend you some more Leed shortly if possible I am MB

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle March 3d 1675/6

Mr Robert Jackson

Sr

In an answer to yours of the 15th past I will onely say that I am willinge To referr my selfe to any reasonable man I meane as to the diffrence you mention betwixt us & the

find the least poynt of discretion or reason, In w[ha]t you have done I shall be willinge to Submitt, may I dare venture in that Case to referr my selfe to your owne discreiton takeinge you to be a man of soe good <p....>, as that you will nott In the least Act any thinge Contrary to your oppinion onely pray lett mee aske you if it be hansome & Marchand like after haveinge money all most a Month In your Custody, To doe as you have done, butt in short, nott to trouble you with any longer discourse I tell you I am willinge to referr itt to whome you will appoynt that are reasonable, I doe declare you had right done you, to the best of my knowledge butt however if whome you appoynt shall accoord, to pay you the 40s more I will doe itt onely Remember you gave mee [struck out: a Bill] a while agoe a Bill for £600 w[hi]ch was nott payd till longe after itt was due for w[hi]ch I doe expect satisfaction & soe remayne MB

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to John Hall

Newcastle March the 3d 1675/6
Mr Jno Hall

Sr

For your readiness In Complyinge w[i]th my desire of deliveringe of my letter To Sr James Standfeild I give you my hearty thanks & want onely your comands to shew how ready I should be to serve you in matters of greater Importance, w[hi]ch In my oppinion Is an obligation upon mee untill I shall have made you a Retaliation In some measure, w[hi]ch is all I know needfull in answer to yours of the 24th past, but before I conclude give me leave to subscribe myselfe as realy I am without any Complem[en]t MB

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to James Stansfield

Newcastle March 3d 1675/6
Sir James Standfeild

I perceive by Mr Hall that as yett itt stands nott w[i]th your Convenience to lett mee have my money neither one way nor a nother, pray lett mee know when you think itt will bee your will & pleasure to remitt mee accordinge to your promisse w[ha]t is due unto MB

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle March 3th 1675/6
Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Sr

I desire you to send mee by the first oppertunity of shippinge a good large strong Silver Tankitt [?tankard] about £8 10s to £12 price & pray lett it be one of the largest & strongest you can affoord for that price I am MB

Pray Receive the Contents of the within Bill beinge fore £120: 14: 10 & place the same to my Credit & pay Major Ed: Allen £17 0s 8d of In case he demand the same & doe tell you that hee doth accept of my termes MB

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Samuel Sowton

Newcastle March 3d 1675/6

Mr Sam Sowton

Sr

I can not but acknowledge my selfe very much oblinded unto you for your kind letter of the 22d past, I shall not be backward to serve you a nother time If ever In my power w[hi]ch In my oppinion is an obligation upon mee until I shall have made you a Retaliation is some measure

Sr

I have occasion for some Pitch & Tarr, soe pray lett W Strother have your order for the Shippinge itt I question nott butt you will use mee, as you doe others soe will stand to your Courtesie for the price, that noe time may be lost, pray write Immediately away and you further oblidge MB

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

Newcastle March 3d 1675/6

Mr Thomas Finley

Sr

If you would give mee £1000 I can nott be att home Tusday the 7th present nore noe day the next weeke but Tusday the 14th I will God willinge bee ready to serve you as upon any day that weeke, praying respects to all my frends & acquaintance Them that wee are both merry & soe remayne In hast[e] MB

Faith I thinke itt falls soe out that I am allwayes in hast[e] when I have occasions to write to you

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Benoit Decoud

Newcastle March the 3d 1675/6

Mr Benoist de Coud

Sr

I doe confess I owe answer to severall of yours butt I can nott Endure to sett penn to pap[er] when I thinke my letters will nott bee worth the Postage, for thinges are soe falen out Contrary to Expectation that I shall nott beginn the wine Trade this yeare or two yett, In the meane time you may be pleased once a Vintidge to write mee one letter of occurances & bee assured that in your place I will never make use of any but your selfe for any occasions Leed at £12 p[er] fudder Coales 9s p[er] Chalder Brandye att 3s 8d p[er] gallon old French Wine £20 p[er] ton new Wine £30 to £32 p[er] ton Pruons [?prunes] 11s p[er] hundred & many sold under, for the new Pruons prove very badly this requires noe answer nor write mee any more letters untill further order, excepting every vintage as is above desired by MB

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Newcastle March the 3d 1675/6

Mr John Strother

Sr

My last to you of the 18th Feb: to w[hi]ch referrs you since have Rec[eive]d yours of the 26th January & accordinge to your advice have this Post writt to my freind at Rochell that hee take care my Salt be of the very whitest, w[hi]ch I am confident will be complied withall for the disposall of w[hi]ch I leave to your discession you know how many lying dayes I have for his unloadinge & loadinge soe order him as you please, onely take care that you make mee not lyable To any damage, but for your pornes [prunes] you may <venter> upon Tenn dayes more then I formerly advised you of for that liberty I have granted mee for my Pann Plates lett them bee all from 50 to 52 & 54 Inches longe & from 10 to 12 Inches broad & a quarter & halfe a quarter Inch thicke w[hi]ch pray see to make ready accordingly & my Iron of the very finest mettle – As for Pitch & Tarr I have desired Mr Sowton to send you his order Streight forward, soe that it will be w[i]th you as soone as this, Therefore after receipt I hope you will take good Care to provid[e] of those things according as I formerly desired all w[hi]ch I leave to your discretion nott doubting butt in every thinge you will doe for mee as if it were your owne Concerne pray to take care that I have good Cases for the Pitch & Tarr otherwise I may bee a great looser thereby, keepe the Master to his owne & if any advantage to mee, besure make him lye all the lyinge dayes I have granted mee to a day I have noe more to Inlardge upon Then to assure you that I am MB

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Anthony Allaire

Newcastle March the 3d 1675/6

Mr Antho: All[a]ire

Sr

My last to you of feb 18th to w[hi]ch referres you, since none from you soe lesse to Inlardge upon I hope this will find <Master> Lecke arrived unto whome I pray deliver the Inclosed & I desire you to lett his Loadinge of Salt be of the very whitest that can be gott for money w[hi]ch I hope you will buy for mee accordingly & pray write Mr John Strother of Stockholme by the Vessell & acquai[i]nt him of the quantyty of Salt Loaden as alsoe how many dayes the Vessell was In Loadinge pray Sr lett the Salt bee of the very whitest Sort otherwise I shall bee a greate looser thereby, as you are in disburss, Reimburss your selfe upon mee payable In any house in London you may be assured your Bill shall be duly honored by MB

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Newcastle 3d March 1675/6

Mr Cha: & James Bankes

Sr

My last to you of the 18th feb: to w[hi]ch Refferrs you since have Rec[eive]d your kinde letter of the 18th past for w[hi]ch I give you my hearty thanks & without any further Complem[en]t I hope wee shall be better acquainted hereafter pray send forward the Inclosed And as my Sume as chardged upon you upon my account by Mr Strother, doe you chardge the value upon mee payable in any house In London, you may bee assured all honour shall bee given to your Bills by him that is MB

Leed here £11 15s p[er] fudder pray advise mee of the price of that Comodity with you as also of Coales MB

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to William Leck

Newcastle March 3d 1675/6

Mr Wm Leck

I hope this will find you well gott to Rochell pray mind my advantidge, for I am like to bee a greate looser by the voyadge the London Marchant doth not please mee att all & I thinke I beinge soe Civill to you In every p[ar]ticular, you might have beene soe kinde to mee, as to have Chardged the account to Mr Nelthorpe & nott to have payd itt to my

Father as you did, But more of that at Meetinge, I hope you will Indeavour to make mee amends & minde my Instrest more Then hereto you have done, soe pray putt Mr Allen in minde of that you must have of the very whitest Salt that can be procured for money, otherwise I shall bee a greate looser thereby, likewise & when please God you come to Stockholme, I hope you will not refuse to advise w[i]th Mr Strother & as many dayes as possibly you can for the disposing of my Salt for I thinke you will have a greate many by that quicke dispatch att London & Rochell & if you be nott willinge to doe me them good att Stockholme I shall take it very Ill from you MB

3 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle March 3d 1675/6

Major Ed: Allen

Kinde Freind

In my last I remitted you £70: 8: 6 & upon the 10th present Mr Hen: Nelthorpp Gold-Smith att the Rose in Lombard Streete will pay you £17 more if you will please to demand the same for both w[hi]ch I doe expect p[er] cent yett if you can meete w[i]th an oppertunity of Chardging the whole upon mee & that more to your <...ent>, you may please not to <receive> w[ha]t money I order you & your Bill upon mee Though att sight shall bee punctuall payd, but I protest I can nott remitt itt unto you, soe use your discretion I am MB

10 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Allen

Newcastle March the 10th 1675/6

Major Edward Allen

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 2d Thereby takes notice you are willinge To allow mee for Comission w[ha]t I desired, the £70: 8: 6 I hope you have Rec[eive]d as also the £17 of Mr Hen: Nelthorpe pray now upon Receipt Call of him for 12d more w[hi]ch will cleare as I think, as to the p[ro]ceed of your Pease, w[hi]ch pray examine & if found right, may please To book the same accordingly noe Chap man for your Beanes appears – Good Malt is sold here for 2 ½ s p[er] Bushell soe that if yours bee very good & can afford to sell it att that price, As very probable, I could dispose thereof In a little time but if it be nott very Good by noe meanes send it here I am MB

10 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle March 10 1675/6

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe

Sr

Inclosed you have a Small Bill of £19: 12s w[hi]ch pray Receive & place to my Creditt

I hope you have payd Major Allen accordingly To my desire £17 pray the first time you see him pay him 12d more w[hi]ch will be in all £17: 1s w[hi]ch shall place to your Creditt, when I have advice from you of the paym[en]t thereof I am MB

10 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Newcastle March 10th 1675/6

Mr Edw: Willett

Sr

My last to you was of the 3d March to w[hi]ch reffers you Since have Rec[eive]d yours of the 3d present w[i]th the good newse of Jno Fuller his Arrivall w[i]th my 200 peece of Leed, But I wonder & am sorry that you can nott give advice of the arrivall of Vessels as soone as others, for w[ha]t I writt in my last is true butt noe more of that for this time, I hope ere this come to hand, you will have sold my Leed, and remitted mee some money upon that accompt I perceive by your letter you have <...> used to the Stockinge Trade, for I know Woollinge Stockings payes greate Custome, Tis Jearsey Stockings I meane of & to the best of my knowledge that sort payes little or noe Custome, butt if it did Cannott as well as others, play a little the sleight of hand, & gett them a Shoare without paying any Custome att all I am certayne many <lick> trickes are done In your place, your advice to this I pray give mee p[er] first oppertunity.

I am sorry you miss an opportunity for the sendinge mee those things I desired, pray Shipp noe more, whereby you will oblige MB

I pray thanke Jno Cockmer for his Letters MB

10 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Newcastle March 10th 1675/6

Mr Hum: Willett

Sr

My absence hath occasioned soe longe answer to yours of the <..> & 29 past, to w[hi]ch I shall now say In short that when ever I have any businesse In your place I shall make bold w[i]th you seeing you are pleased to accept of my Small Commission & shall shortly I thinke desire you to Ensure mee 5 or £600 upon that Vessell I formerly writt

you of Butt shee is noe Engli[sh] Built Vessell, onely as free as any English Built Shipp
Can bee of that Nature – I have delivered the Inclosed In your last accordingly to the
Superscription Thereof, this being the needfull I kiss your hands & Remayne MB

10 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle March 10d 1675/6

Mr Walter Chaytor

Sr

My last to you of the 3d March To w[hi]ch reffers you since have Rec[eive]d yours of
the 6th present w[i]th the good news of John Va[ug]hans safe Arrivall for w[hi]ch God
be prayesd – I hope ere this come to hand you will have disposed of my Leed &
remitted mee some money upon that account I am MB

10 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle March the 10th 1675/6

Mr Nich: Verlane

Sr

My last to you was of the 19 feb: To w[hi]ch refferrs you Since have Rec[eive]d
yours of the 6th present Thereby takes notice you have sold 30 p[ie]ce[s] more of my
Leed att 24 ½ s deducting 2 p[er] <%> for ready paym[en]t the price is badd enough,
And for the deduction for ready money I never heard of soe much given In all my life,
Butt w[ha]t you doe shall Content mee, Soe putt of the remaynder as soone as you
meete w[i]th a good oppertunity & lett mee heare when money is Rec[eive]d, some
remitted upon that account pray send mee the Shovells I desired, & writ mee once In 17
d<ays> businesse or none

If you could light of an Excellent Watter Dogge for mee you would doe mee a
very greate kindnesse, I doe nott value w[ha]t money shee Cost provided a very good
one I am MB

14 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Newcastle March 14th 1675/6

Mr Hum: Willett & Company

Sr

You cannott Immagine how much I thinke my selfe obliged unto you for your advice, of w[hi]ch I shall make best use I cann my selfe, But be confident I will nott Impartt the same to noe Man liveinge, for Some Reasons best knowne to my selfe soe to that p[ar]ticular shall say noe more then that I wish I may live to make you a Retaliatiion In some measure – Inclosed you have a Bill for £120 upon Mr Hen: Nelthorpp payable 4 d<ays> sight to your selfe, w[hi]ch pray Endeavour to Receive & <...> the same to the Creditt of MB

14 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

[Note: not dated but sequence in original is between letters of the 14th and 18th March]

Mr Hen: Nelthorpp

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 9th present, w[hi]ch requiring little answer occasions brevity this serveing Cheifley to advise you that I have this day valued upon you one hundred & twenty pounds payable 4 d<ays> sight to Mr Hum: Willett, or order value of Jo: Heron Esqr w[hi]ch pray lett be discharged <p...> I am MB

18 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Newcastle March 18 1675/6

Honoured Sir

I have before mee yours of the 13 present & according to your desire Thereby have payd unto Mr Mathew Cape the Sume of £5: 17: 6 w[hi]ch have placed to your debtt & that you may be certayne of the paym[en]t Thereof I have desired Mr Cape to advise Eliza: Spence of his Receipt of the same, w[hi]ch I am confident will (this Post) bee done accordinge to your desire MB

18 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

Newcastle March 18 1675/6

Mr Tho: Finley

I have before mee yours of the 14th present w[hi]ch requires little answeringe & soe have less to Inlarge upon, tis very true Jno Eden was most part of this weeke att W Auckland & is not yett come home, when hee doth shall Speake w[i]th him, & advise you in due time, when wee both will bee at <Baswe>, soe desireinge to be remembered To all freinds w[i]th my love to your selfe I remayne MB

18 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Newcastle March 18th 1675/6

Mr Hum: Willet

Sr

I writt you the 14th present & there withall Remitted you £120 since have Rec[eive]d yours of the same date, for w[hi]ch I doe most heartily thanke you, Though am exceedingly glad that it doth not prove my Nelthorpe, w[hi]ch is under a Cloud if It had, I had beene most undone this takeing all into consideration I am in a measure Sorry that I draw my Bill upon him for Some time before I was Indeaveringe to be hansomly cleare w[i]th him & soe to make use of you for the future a little time will make you certayne of this truth but in the meane time to keepe my Creditt w[i]th him, lett mee desire you that if in case the money bee nott Rec[eive]d nott to Receive a farthinge thereof And to acquaint Mr Nelthorppe you have Order from Esquire John Hearon for soe doeinge, nott mentioneing mee in the least for I have this Post advised Mr Nelthorpe that the sd Esquire hath given mee to Content In consideration that if my Bill bee nott payd, to Order the non paym[en]t thereof & to repay him his money here In doeinge this hansomly that nothings may be Suspected you will very much oblige MB

Since writing the above I have taken things into better consideration, & doe thinke itt nott Convenient to writte to Mr Nelthorpe this Post, soe pray doe things hansomely, And act for mee as if it were your owne business, If you thinke him secure pray <Rec[eiv]e> nott the money but Acquaint him as is above desired But if you thinke There may Bee any Danger of <s....> then pray Endeavour to Receive the Bill for MB

21 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Newcastle March the 21st 75/6

Srs

I have before mee yours of the 3 present w[hi]ch requiring little answer have the less to enlarge upon, onely to desire you to send forward the Inclosed accordinge as itt desired wherein you will oblige MB

21 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Newcastle March the 21st 1675/6

Sr

My last to you was of the 3 March To w[hi]ch referrs you Since have Rec[eive]d yours of the 12th past; w[hi]ch requireing little answer have the less att present to Inlardge upon, have onely to advise you that itt seemes your Freind Mr Sam: Souton Cannott as yett dispose of any Tarr & Pitch, hee nott knowinge whether hee will bee Concerned Therein this next yeare or nott Soe I am att a Stand, Butt however doe you offer to loade him w[i]th Daells [?Deal] after hee hath taken In his quantyty of Iron, w[hi]ch if hee accept of, pray buy them for mee, upon the best Tearmes you can, And such as you know are fitt for this Markett, If hee accept not thereof, offer him money to buy Pitch & Tarr withall, And lett him have w[ha]t hee demands I shall Stand to his buying thereof, onely I hope you will be pleased, to assist him, If hee accept of neither lett him take his course, for I cannott finde him Goods w<hen> none is to be procured, Butt I hope hee will be Civill w[hi]ch will be Better for him, The Sorts of Daells that I desire is halfe double Dales & the other halfe Single Daells lett them bee sure bee of Good Reed [?Red] Wood & such as usually Comes from <Gewll> & longest & broadest that can be hadd for money I am MB

21 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to William Leck

Newcastle March 21st 1675/6

Mr Wm Lecke

Sr

I writt you to Rochell w[hi]ch I hope came safe to your hands Since none from you, soe the less to Inlardge upon I have onely to Advise you, that I can p[ro]cure neither Pitch nor Tarr for you In respect that trade is Monopolized as you know very well & who will bee concerned therein this next yeare, as yett is uncertayne, Soe the business I <doe> wholly leave to your discession, nott doubting but you will Act in every p[ar]ticular to the best of your knowledge for my most adva[n]tage If you can p[ro]cure any, I shall stand to your buying thereof & Mr Jno Strother will lett you have what money soever you demand of him, I am Informed there is one Mr James Semple & severall others that will att any time Supply you, unto whome you may repay<re> if any be gott you have as full order for the buying thereof as I can give you butt if none to be p[ro]cured, I hope you will be soe Civill, as to take in some other light Goods as Daells Soe if you load all w[i]th Iron & Daeles you may freely doe itt without any abridgm[en]t of your Charter partie, lett mee have both Double Daeles & Single Daeles as ar[e] fitt for this Markett your wife desires to be remembered unto you soe expecting your Compliance w[i]th my desires I remayne MB

21 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Samuel Sowton

Newcastle March the 21st 1675/6

Mr Samuel Sowton

I have before mee yours of the 1<2>th present & accordinge to your desire did deliver the Inclosed unto my Cousin Wm Blackett w[i]th my owne hands, who said little butt that he onely desired answer from you to his of the 14th present – [struck out: from you to his] for answer To the Remaynder of your letter, I doe thanke you for your kinde <proffer>, butt the little profitt that will accreu [accrue] thereby Considering your Rates, hath mad[e] mee alter my resolution of haveing either Pitch or Tarr from Stockholme, besides you are uncertayne whether you can furnish mee w[i]th any or nott, soe shall say noe more but that I am MB

21 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Newcastle March the 21st 1675/6

Mr Hen Nelthorpe

Sr

I writt you the 14th past & therewithall chardged upon you a Bill for £120 since none from you soe the less to Inlarge upon this being Cheifely to advise you that if any Bill bee nott payd before the Receipt hereof, nott to pay the same att all, for Esquire Heran hath given me to Content for to Order the non paym[e]nt thereof & I beleeve Mr Willett last Post had order nott to Re<ceive> the same, w[hi]ch I hope hee did acquaint you w[i]thall – I have before mee yours of the 16th by w[hi]ch I see you have pd Major Allen £17 when I have advice of the 12d more pd him, shall place the whole £17: 1s to your credit I am MB

25 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Newcastle March the 25th 1676

Mr Charles & James Banks

My last to you was of the 21st March 75/6 To w[hi]ch referrs you Since have Re[ceive]d your kinde letter of the 14th present w[hi]ch requiring noe more Answer then kinde thanks for your readiness to comply w[i]th my desires have noe more to Inlarge upon Then desire you to send forward the Inclosed In doing of w[hi]ch you will oblige MB

25 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Newcastle March the 25th 1676

Mr Edward Willet

Sr

I have since my last to you of the 10th March Rec[eive]d yours of the 17th & 24th present both w[hi]ch God willinge I shall now answer In Short, they requireing little or none – by your writings I suppose you believe that in this Country Bees Wax may had upon an houres warneing noe I will assure you tis nott nor can I att present procure one hundred weight neither for love nor money soe you need nott expect any from mee – I am sorrey for your Badd Markett of Coales & especially for Leed & seeing you advise mee that if I send any more I must not make my acco[un]t att above £100 you may please take notice I shall not trouble you w[i]th any more till your Markett mend when it doth I pray give mee a line – I observe you have sold my 200 p[ie]ce[s] of Leed at £100 but once more the time for paym[en]t doth nott please mee att all, soe pray if itt stand w[i]th you Concerneing upon receiptt remitt mee the money upon discount att the present exchange & lett mee have my Bill payable as soone as you can because shortly I shall have occasion for a greate Sum of money, more then I know well how to <Receve> soe expectinge your compliyance with my desires I remayne MB

25 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Newcastle March the 25 1676

SR

Mr Jno Strother

My last to you was of the 21 March 1675/6 to w[hi]ch referrs you since have Rec[eive]d yours of the 26th past I cannott helpe the deareness of Iron noe reamedy but patience I hope you will buy it for mee as Cheape as you can w[hi]ch is all I can desire, for the length, breadth & thickness of the pann Plates you have allready my Order, soe can say noe more to that peticular Mr Sowton cannott assure mee of any Tarr, soe pray lett my last bee observed, w[hi]ch this onely serves to confirme, I take notice you have bought 150 <...> Iron for mee, w[i]th w[hi]ch I am content as you reinburss your selfe, I make noe question but your Bill will be honored & soe I remayne MB

25 Mar 1676 Michael Blackett to William Leck

Newcastle March the 25 1676

Mr Wm Leck

Sr

My last to you was of the 21st March to w[hi]ch referrs you Since none from you soe the less to Inlarge upon this being chifely to confirme my former, Butt I hope I shall finde you Civill And that you will Indeavour there may bee noe difference betwixt us, w[hi]ch lyes in your power more I cannott writte you then w[ha]t is above, the business well taken Into consideration, I hope will make you plyable To my desire of loadinge Iron & Daells, w[hi]ch would avoyd all diffe[r]nces & be to the full content of MB

4 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Newcastle Aprill the 4 1676
Mr Hum: Willett & Compa[ny]

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 18: 23d and 30 past all w[hi]ch I shall now Answer (God Willinge) In short for I am well satisfied of your receipt of the £120: - : - : and may please to take notice that this day I have vallued upon you one hundred pounds St<erling> payable 6 d[ays] sight To Mr Henry Ashurst or order vallew of Mr Thomas Foster, w[hi]ch pray lett be complied w[i]thall accordinge to itt contents for the other £20 pray keepe itt in your hands untill further order. Sr I have allwayes occasion for some money In London, Soe that if you could att any time draw upon mee £3: or £400: without advance you would doe mee a greate kindness, To accomplish w[hi]ch lett mee desire you to use your uttmost Indeavours, or if either you or any of your Freinds be concerned In any Vessels that uses this Trade I meane the Coale Trade I should be glad to serve you, In furnishing the Ma[sters] w[i]th w[ha]t money they should have occasion of & soe to have my money againe In London, In my Commission I shall be as reasonable as any Man can be, or as can be expected – Sr if Capt <Guams> Come himselfe or send his order to you for £10: £15 or £20 or if it be a little more, pray lett him have itt takeinge his Receipt for the same as so much payd him by Order of Mr Allen Nicholson who desires to be kindly remembered unto you w[hi]ch receipt send mee downe, & place w[ha]t money you pay him To my debtt I am In hast[e] MB

4 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Newcastle Ap[r]ill 4 1676
Mr Lamb

Sr

The Reason that upon Saturday night I gave you nott an account of my gettinge home, was, that I was noe sooner of horsbacke, but I was called to goe upon an Inquest, & it was Eleven a Clock before I had done all w[ha]t w[i]th that & w[i]th Rideing I was soe wearey, that after I had done I went immediately to Bedd & writt nott soe much as one

Letter for w[hi]ch I am putt to itt now, wee are both God be thanked very well In w[hi]ch condition I hope this will finde you & my Mother better then when I left her, pray write mee an answer how shee doth, I must desire you to minde the Bakehouse once more for I can nott Endure Clamours, soe when you beginn (w[hi]ch I would have done as soone as is possible) lett it be well done w[hi]ch is all I desire I doe nott vallue the Chardge soe beinge in hast[e] am forced to conclude my Service to all frends I am MB

4 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle Aprill 4d 1676

Mr Walter Chaytor

Sr

I writt you the 28th past, unto w[hi]ch be pleased to be referred I have now before mee yours of the 16th & 24th past, the former by Jno Va[ug]han with your toaken to my wife, who desires to be kindly remembered unto you & thanks you for the same, I must thanke you also fore the Bitch, But am vexed to advise you shee is Stolne {?stolen}, I hope yett to make some sharply pay for soe doeing, But Sr if shee cost you any thinge pray putt itt to my account for I desire her nott att your loss I hope ere this Jno Vaughan will be safely arrived by whome you will receive upon my account 600 peece of Leed, w[hi]ch God sendinge well to hand be pleased to Receive & dispose there of for my most advantage paying the Master 9 <.> p[er] p[eice]s freight w[i]th a St[uyver] upon a Gi[l]der primidge & Averidge, the disposall of my Leed I Leave freely to your discession soe lett itt bee putt off soe soone as you can & before any more supplyes come & lett mee have as quick a returne as formerly w[hi]ch pleases mee very well I have nott examined your account but God willinge will doe itt a<...> next & then will advise you how I finde the same - I pray minde my business with Huntington if you can meete w[i]th him I intend you some Stockings shortly for a tryall & if any profitt, more you shall have hereafter but w[ha]t is your meaneing of desireinge this may come by Stockdan [?Stockton] w[hi]ch pray lett mee know, if any advantige to mee I will doe itt you say you can send mee w[ha]t Tow I desire, w[hi]ch is very well pray by every concerneing of Shippinge send mee a thousand weight of 22 gilder Harlemer Tow & a thousand weight of Snuit, if to be gott under 25 Gilders & when you have noe money of myne In your hands, upon your advice of the buying or Shipping Thereof I will remitt you the money & allow you Intrest for the time you shall be in disburss – doe w[ha]t you w[i]ll with my Leed either sell itt att price Cur[re]nt or keepe itt a while whether you think most for my advantage, for I leave it to you & am MB

8 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Newcastle Ap[r]ill 8th 76
Mr Edw: Willett

Sr

My last to you was of the 8th Ap[r]ill to w[hi]ch referrs you since have Rec[ieve]d yours of the 31th past w[i]th an account of my 200 p[ie]ce[s] of Leed w[hi]ch I have examined found Right & booked accordingly haveinge In Conformity Thereto made your account Currant <Dr> £2444: 17: 2d for the nett proceed thereof this will Confirme my former In desireing you without delay to remitt mee the Valew upon discount; your compliance w[i]th w[hi]ch I doe expect I will take of nothing of your Commission seeinge you are pleased to putt itt to account w[hi]ch I never Expected; I intend you God Willinge a p[ar]cell of w[hi]t[e] Stockings for a tryall by the first oppertunity but the Custome you must Indeavour to safe w[hi]ch I leave to your discesion the whole running upon my <visues> - expect noe more Leed from till I heare from you of the rising of your Markett, And when I doe send you more pray take notice to lett mee have noe <.....de> Artickles (if you please to p[er]use the Coppy of that account of those 200 p[ie]ce[s] you will find many Sr I question nott your honesty In the least, soe thinke nott much att mee but for the future lett my Curiosity bee observed as being the desire of Sr MB

8 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to James Stansfield

Newcastle Ap[r]ill 8th 76
Sir James Standfeild

My last to you was of the 3d March 1675/6 to w[hi]ch att your Leasure referrs you I would desire your Worshipp to give a line in answer Butt the Sooner the mo<r>e acceptable unto MB

8 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

Newcastle Ap[r]ill the 8th 76
Mr Tho: Finley

In Answer to yours of the 7th present may please note Jno Eden is nott att home, w[he]n I see him I hope To determine the diffrence betwixt you - as for lettinge of my Land I will say nothing to itt for I have that wholly to my uncle Eden w[ha]t hee doth therein shall content mee being in hast[e] I remayne

8 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Newcastle Ap[r]ill 8th 1676
Mr Robt Jackson

Sr

If you or your frends have any Bills to spare att 10 or 15 d[ays] sight or dollers att 4s 6 ½d or ¾ pray doe mee the kindness as Lett mee know, my respects to all freinds when you see them I am MB

8 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Mayes

Newcastle Ap[r]ill 8th 1676
Mr Nich Ma<.>s

Sr

I have a greate ambition to be Little acquainted w[i]th you & therefore have made bold to trouble you w[i]th these few lines desireinge you att your leasure to lett mee know In Answer if either you or your Friends Cann spare any Bills att 10, or 15 d[ays] sight or Dollers att 4s 6 ½ or ¾ pray excuse this boldness & afoard a line in answer unto Sr MB

11 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Newcastle Ap[r]ill 11th 1676
Mr Walter Chaytor

Sr

My last to you was of the 4th present 76 to w[hi]ch referrs you Since have Rec[ieve]d yours of the 7th present w[hi]ch required little answer, have the less to Inlarge upon this being cheifely to desire you that when it pleases God my 600 p[ie]ce[s] of Leed arrives you will putt them off as also the remaynder in your hands when a good oppertunity presents & soe lett mee have the Nett proseed thereof Remitted & the Sooner the more acceptable for Shortly I shall have occasion for more money in London, Then I know well how to rayse I have p[er]used your account currant, w[hi]ch I finde right but there is one Article therein (vizt) your provision att ½ p% of all moneyes remitted & drawne I have traded some years both for Holland & severall other places beyond Seas & I never had before this any such Article plast to account, besides I am certayne its not usuall in England, but how ever seeing you have placed itt to account, And that if you have it of others, I am content to allow itt you, Butt that Factor that sells my Goods & will nott remitt mee my money without provision, I thinke hee is very unkinde & Indeed itt goes against my Stomach to allow itt for if that

had beene a Custome in England I am sure I should have this day have had £500 in my pockett w[hi]ch I have nott

I take notice you have Sold 150 p[ie]ce[s] of my Leed att 24s ½ w[hi]ch price is low butt must Submitt, once more I desire you to putt off all my Leed in your hands as soone as you can, w[hi]ch I leave to your discession not doubting but you will Act to the best of your knowledg for my most advantage & soe Remyne MB

11 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Newcastle Ap[r]ill the 11th 76
Mr Charles & James Bankes

Srs

My last to you was of the 25th of March 76, Since none from you have the less to Inlardge upon onely to desire you to send forward the inclosed unto Mr Strother without delay, who I perceive will have accasion very shortly to draw some money upon you, upon my account all his Bills I pray lett bee accepted & as the fall due, And that you reimbursse your selfe upon mee, you need nott feare butt all honour shall be given to your Bills by MB

11 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to William Leck

Newcastle March the 25th 76 Ap[r]ill 11th 76
Mr Wm Leck

Sr

My last to you was of the 25th of March 76 to w[hi]ch referrs you Since none from you w[hi]ch I doe very much wonder att, haveing notice both from my freind & others that you are safely gott to Rochell you writt from London that you would not fayle to write to mee out of the Downes & you promised mee att your departure that you would write mee from every Port you came att, butt I see you are turned a French Man, all promise & no p[er]formance, truly Mr Leck it had beene as little as you could doe, to have given mee advice of your arrivall att Rochell in a line or two as well as you did your wife but that is past, I hope this will find you well gott to Stockholme where I hope you will be Civill, for I am still att the same pass neither Pitch nor Tarr to bee procured, if you cann gett any I am content you buy itt, you know where to gett money, for the buying thereof, Butt if none to be gott, w[hi]ch I looke upon as <Restraym[en]t> of Princes I hope you will comply w[i]th my desire In loading w[i]th Iron & Daells, and soe hasten away with all speed possible, w[hi]ch will bee a meanes to avoyd diffrences & to the Greate satisfaction of MB

11 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Newcastle Ap[r]ill the 11th 76
Mr John Strother

Sr

My last to you was of the 25th March past to w[hi]ch refers you Since none from you soe the lesse to Inlarge upon this serveing cheifely for a Covert to the Inclosed w[hi]ch pray deliver & perswade him all you can to avoyd diffrences if hee can neither procure Pitch or Tarr, Butt if hees <positive> & refractory Lett him take his Course, if hee can buy any Pitch & Tarr, I am content hee shall buy it, w[hi]ch I heare hee may easily doe, hee <p....ding> his Voyage for Amsterdam, & I desire you to doe as much for mee, as to Assist him in the buying thereof, w[hi]ch I know you may doe, & itt never come to Mr Sowtons knowledge, besides in the doeing thereof, you will avoyd diffrences betwixt Mr Leck & mee, & further very much oblige MB

14 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Newcastle Ap[r]ill 14th 1676
Mr Hum: Willett

Sr

I have before mee yours of the 8th present, doe heartily thanke you for giveing acceptance to my Bill of £100 I desire you to advise mee p[er] first, that if in case I shall send you any Forraige [Foreign] Bills accepted, whether upon discount you could procure mee ready money for the same or noe, w[hi]ch kindness Mr Nelthorppe used allwayes to doe mee, I paying him for itt, & Ingadgeing hee Actinge his parte on his side (I meane making protest if not punctuall complied withall) that hee should bee noe looser by the same your answer to this I desire p[er] first, for I have a Farraige [Foreign] Bill or two in my hand.

Mr Nicholson desires to be remembered unto you & your Sister Ester & soe doe I who is MB

14 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Newcastle Ap[r]ill the 14th 1676
Mr Nicholas Verlane

Sr

Since my last to you of the 10th March past have Rec[eive]d yours of the 30th & 31st past the former by John Persey & the latter by Post both w[hi]ch I shall now answer God willing att large The price of the Shovels & Water Dogge I have placed to your Creditt, I thanke you for your kindness, about procureinge mee a good Water Dogg as you call him, as yett I have had noe greate tryall of him, soe knowes not how hee may prove, But I can tell you for certayne, that the seller did come beyond you for the Dogg is basely founded in both his fore feete, nor has hee any such quallities well as you mention, I gave they<..> Cabbin Boyes w[ha]t you ordered, But they deny to have Rec[eive]d any thinge of you pray advise mee w[ha]t you gave them that I may place the same to your account.

In your letter I finde a Bill of £150 w[hi]ch I have placed to Booke in conformity w[i]th you I have now onely to desire you that w[ha]t leade you have of myne in your hands, you will nott fayle to putt itt off, when a good oppertunity presents, & the sooner the farr more acceptable to mee, for shortly I shall have occasion for more money in London then I know well how to rayse soe desireing your compliance & readiness to effect this my desire I remayne MB

15 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Newcastle Ap[r]ill 15th 1676

Mr Jno Strother

Sr

My last to you was of the 11 <..> of Ap[r]ill 76 To w[hi]ch refers you since have Rec[eive]d yours of the 15th past, w[hi]ch before I ansar lett mee desire you to acquaint Mr Lecke that to this day I never heard from him, of his Arrivall att Rochell w[hi]ch I can nott, but take very well (I meane Ill) from him your Bill for the vallue of 300 RD I have accepted & w[ha]t more you draw upon <Mersieres> Bankes upon my acct I am very confident will be punctually honoured – about Pitch & Tarr you have you have allready soe full an Order, that I can say noe more, for I cannot have Mr Sowtons order soe that if you can buy w[ha]t quan[t]ity I desire, I desire noe better, for I would Willingly avoid diffrences betwixt Wm. Locke and mee butt if noe Tarr and Pitch to be gott and that Wm. Locke will nott loade w[i]th Daelos according to my desire lett him take his Course only remember mee to him; and tell him I hope to finde him Civill, w[hi]ch will be to the greate satisfaction of S[i]r. MB

15 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr. Hum: Willett and Comp[any]

Newcastle Ap[r]ill 15th 1676

Sir

I have none of yo[u]rs to answer soe the less to Inlarge upon this sendinge Cheifely for Covert to the Inclosed 2 Bills for £ 250 = = = the needfull of w[hi]ch I pray promise when due ~

Sirs I have this day accepted a Bill for £ 72:3:7 dated Hambrough [Hamburgh] 4 present drawne by Messieurs; Cha: and James Bankes 2 /us [2 month's usance] To Wm. Delabies treate or order Endorsed to one Wm. Mussaerf as I thinke, but his name is soe badly written; as God knowes whether itt bee fore yea or noe however I desire that kindness of you that you would be pleased, To Acquaint; Mr. Thomas Sheapherd that you understand hee sent such a Bill to his Brother; Mr. John Carr of this Place for to procure acceptance ; of the same and that you will pay itt, when due, To the party Concerned In doing of w[hi]ch you w[oul]d very much oblige. MB:

15 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mr Cha[rles]: and Ja:[mes] Bankes

Newcastle Ap[r]ill 15th [16]76

Sirs

My last to you was of the 11th of Ap[r]ill 1676 to w[hi]ch referrs you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 4th present and thereby takes notice of your draught upon mee for £72:3:7d w[hi]ch I have accepted, And need not question; but the same will be complied w[i]th all, according to its contents att the house of Mr Hum. Willett and Comp[any], where I desire you would allwayes make your Bills payable and I think you will find due hono[u]r haveing Effects there ready for your Draughts; soe desiring you to send forwards the Inclosed I remayne MB.

15 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nich[olas]: Verlane:

Newcastle Ap[r]il 15th 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 14th present 76: To w[hi]ch refferres you Since none from you so the less att present to Inlarge upon this being only to confirme my former and especially the laste article thereof w[hi]ch tends to the following purpose (vizt) that you would without delay putt of w[ha]t Leed you have of myne, In yo[u]r hands att prise Currant and remitt mee as soone as is possible that the Nett p[ro]ceed thereof for (as I writt you formerly) shortly I shall have occasion for more money In London, then I know well how to rayse soe preay fayle nott To effect the Order and desire of MB:

Jno: Huntington must have beene w[i]th you, soe I hope you have found him out and procured mee my dew [due] from him w[hi]ch would be very acceptable newes unto MB:

15 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr. Walter Chaytor Newcastle Ap[r]ill 15: 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 14 present [16]76 to w[hi]ch refferes you Since none from you, soe the less att present to Inlarge upon this beinge onely to confirme my former and especially In the last Article Thereof, w[hi]ch tends to the followinge purpose; (vizt) that you would without delay putt of w[ha]t Leed you have of myne In your hands att prise Currant and remitt mee as soone as is possible the Nett p[ro]ceed thereof (for as I writt you formerly) shortly I shall have occasion for more money In London, Then I know well how to rayse soe preay fayle nott to effect the desire and possitive order of MB:

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 17 present, I hope your next will bringe mee the good newes of John Vahans arrivall yo[u]r Bill of £100 have placed to book In conformity w[i]th you Jno Huntingtons is an Errand Rogue if ever hee come to Rotterdam be sure Arreast him on my Suite and <presente> mee w[ha]t is due from him MB:

In yo[u]r letter you write Exch: [exchange] for the Bill att 37 s ½d truly I know nott whether you meane 37s 6d½ pray Informe mee and for future allwayes advise mee how many Gilders you debitt mee for every Bill you send MB:

22 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor Newcastle Ap[r]ill 22d; 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 15th present to w[hi]ch refferrs you since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 24th present w[i]th the welcome newes of Jno Vahans arrivall; for w[hi]ch God be preaysed as I formerly writt to you pray fayle nott to putt off all my Leed In yo[u]r hands and lett me have some money remitted as soone as possible you can ~

I am bacey Cheated about the Bitch you sent mee for that Wellbourne never Intended for that place pray if you can advise mee his Christian name his Vesles [vessel's] name and where hee belonges too and I will lay wayte for him in all the Ports

Inn England and if ever you chance to see her againe be sure secure her till further order ~

pray advise mee p[er] first how the last Bill of £100 was remitted I <onward> [wondered] att w[ha]t Exchange for by yo[u]r Writing 37s ½d I know nott whether you meane 37s 6d or 37s 0.½ the truth pray Inform that I may booke the Bill in conformity w[i]th you and for the future allways advisee att the bottome of yo[u]r lett[e]r the Currant Exchange; and in yo[u]r letter how many Gilders you debitt mee for every Bill you send mee ~

my Stockings will bee about 9s p[er] Duzon for yo[u]r gowns I shall expect some 22 Gilders Tow and S[ub]mit by first oppertunity for a tryall, - my wife desires to bee remembered unto you and soe doth him that is M.B.

22 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

[Note: Haven degrace - old name for Le Havre]

Mr Hum[phrey]: Willett Newcastle Ap[r]ill 22d [16]76

Sir

My last to you was of the 15th ditto to w[hi]ch refferrs you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 18th present doe heartily thank you for the paymt [payment] of my £100 Bill.

I perceive Capten Guliames hath nott as yett called upon you for any money nore doe I think hee will but if in case hee doe pray lett my former Order bee observed ~

I take notice of yo[u]r Answer to w[ha]t I writt you as concernenige [concerning] forraigne [foreign] Billes w[hi]ch I doe willingly accept of being very satisfactory unto mee, I doe nott question butt what forraigne [foreign] Billes I shall send you will be punctually Complied w[i]thall; but incase of default, you actinge yo[u]r <pte> [part] on yo[u]r side as you say you will I doe promise and Ingadge my selfe hereby to make itt <qu> [quite] good accordinge to yo[u]r desire w[hi]ch is butt reason and w[ha]t I did to Mr Nelthorppe, soe w[ha]t Billes I send you, pray procure the needfull of the same when dew and when Billes by you if I should change to drawe any money upon you, before you be in Cash, I hope accordinge as you write you will be pleased to discompt my Billes upon the tearmes above mentioned, and furnishe me w[i]th money when I have occasion, for all my Writing I doe nott Use, to draw before my money bee ready and Rec[ieve]d att London for w[ha]t I write is meerely to prevent protesting of my Billes; when a considerable advantadge is offered mee, w[hi]ch I hope you will nott suffer Coales 8s p[er] Cha[l]der, Leed £11 10s p[er] fudder of 21c [cwt] each Contayneinge 112<C> [cwt] freinght for the latter for Haven degrace is generally 20 <..ohs> p[er] pigg free of all charges and for Rouen 25s and for former 30 <.Sts> [Stuyvers] p[er] Chalder for Rouen And 25<s> for Haven degrace [Note 1] w[i]th primidge and Averidge, to the Captane of the Seas - I am M:B:

22 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

[Note: Aam - a Dutch measurement for wine]

Mr: Cha[rles]: and Ja[mes] Bankes Newcastle Ap[r]ill the 22d 1676

Sirs

my last to you was of the 15th ditto to w[hic]h referrs you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 7th and 11th present and doe heartily thank you for yo[u]r advise In the former, But Mr Jno Strother I doe nott feare, nor doe I blame him for serving of himselve, soe pray lett not this hinder you from accepting of his Bills you have mee allwayes att the helme, if any loss itt will be myne, for bee assured w[ha]tever s[ai]d J: S: drawes upon you, upon my account as you reimburrse yo[u]r selfe yo[u]r Bill shall be hono[u]red~

In yo[u]r latter takes notice of RD [rijksdaalder] 300: chardges upon you upon my account by the above mentioned J S: payable 3/10 sight yo[u]r complyanse to the same In every respect question nott, haveinge as full an Order for the doeinge thereof as I can give you, And as Bills falls due spare nott to reimburse yo[u]r selfe upon mee

Sir/ you would doe mee a greate kindnesse if by the first opportunity you would please to send mee an Ame of Right old Hocke I am sure there is Excelent in yo[u]r place, soe pray by yo[u]r hands for once the Cost thereof please to place to my account; pray send forward the Inclosed; In doeinge whereof you will oblidge MB:

22 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

[Note: MB's mother-in-law Elizabeth had a sister Margery who married John Eden of Billingham.]

Mr: Tho: Finley Newcastle Ap[r]ill 22d [16]76

Sir

I have beene severall times to wayte upon Mr Jno Eden upon yo[u]r account, but cann nott bringe him to any reasonable tearmes I find him resolute, and as he sayth hee will be Revenged upon you, for the many asfronts [affronts] by you, putt upon him, so I have desired him to take his Course, but in the meane time thought good to advise you that hee Intendes to proceed ag[ains]t you, soe doe you order yo[u]r selfe accordingly, for my part I will meddle noe further In the businesse, In respect that I finde the Devill a farthing you are like to gett more for yo[u]r horse than £8=: if soe much

Sir In the first place I pray trouble mee noe more about this misunderstandinge business, because in all probability I can procure noe likelyhood of putting a period to the same Kindly remember mee to my friends and advise mee p[er] first how my

Mother doth. In doeinge of w[hi]ch you will oblidge him who you shall find upon all accounts: MB:

22 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr: Hen[ry] Nelthorppe Newcastle Ap[r]ill 22d : [16]76:

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]res of the 13th present, the Silver Cann Therein mentioned I have Secd [Secured], and placed the Cost thereof to yo[u]r Creditt this Winter time Tradeinge is dead; I hope the next sumer our Corrispondency may begin afresh In the meane time I desire you to send mee such another Silver Cann rather Stronger than Weaker though itt bee alittle dearrer, for I would have itt alltogether as lardge soe hopeinge you will comply w[i]th this my desire by the firste conveniency by Sea I remayne: M: B:

22 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Anthony Allaire

[Note: Although the name appears to be written as 'Allaine', this is believed to be Antoine Allaire, a merchant at La Rochelle France (near Oléron). See p 15. in http://allaire-dallaire.genealogy.phildallaire.net/Allaire-Dallaire-Book/pdf/Les_Familles_Allaire_et_Dallaire.pdf . Alleran is Île d'Oléron is an island off the Atlantic coast of France.]

Mr: Antho: Allaine Newcastle Ap[r]ill 22d [16]76

Sir

By yo[u]res of the 27th past I had advise of Wm. Lockes arrivall and that you hadd sent him to Alleran where you hoped hee would bee dispatched in 3 or 4 dayes, Butt 20 beinge past and no account comeing to hand, trouble mee alittle, because the M[aste]r advises mee by last post that hee had lyen [lain] 15 dayes and had nott Rec[eive]d a loade board the quantity of one hundred w[hi]ch is the strangest thinge to mee Immaginable I had rather have given £20:=: then you should have made mee lyable to any damage, to prevent w[hi]ch was all alonge my desire, but itt seemes you took noe notice thereof, and sent him to a Marchant who never minded him, but sent otheres away and lett him lye, w[hi]ch I can nott but take very ill, and Indeed I belieeve itt would vex any man haveinge To loose £20 <Stg> [sterling] Carlessly I doe nott understand such punctuallity; for I doe assuere you it doth not please att all MB:

22 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Mr: Ed[ward] Willett Newcastle Ap[r]ill 22d 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 21th present the 2 billes I have Rec[eive]d, but noe newes of the Pistoles one bille more I must press upon you, that is, that by the first opportunity you would send mee 6 hattes more of the same biggness w[hi]ch I shall expect the Cost and Chardge of all w[hi]ch Advise mee and the same shall bee placed to yo[u]r Creditt ~

By next Post I expect Bills according to yo[u]r advice for the nett proceed of the 200 p[ie]ce[s] Leed upon discompt, for answer to the latter part of yo[u]r letter, you may bee certayne of beinge troubled alth[ough] my Small commission end shortly if Mr Ed: Willett bee nott my Fathers <Factuor> att Rouen I am very much mistaken, In some hast I Remayne MB:

Can you att any time pay mee a Bill of £10:= or £20 att Paris if desired. M:B:

22 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Peter Barr

Mr: Peter Bar Newcastle Ap[r]ill 22d : [16]76

Sir

I heartily thank you for yo[u]r kindness In recommending mee To a good carefull Man att Rochell, from whom I had severall kinde lett[e]rs, w[i]th assureance, that hee would without fayle dispatch my Vessell In 3 or 4/d [days] how full working dayes I meane; butt hee <peones> nott accordinge as I expected In this business, by w[hi]ch I shall bee a greate looser, nay I am ashamed to tell you of itt, that of the 14 dayes lyinge, my M[aste]r had nott rec[eive]d aboard the quantity of one hundred, To advise you of other neglects is needlesse though to many hath beene Committed, however yo[u]r kindness is noe less In requitall of w[hi]ch, you shall find mee allwayes willinge to send you In w[hi]ch lyes In my power as beinge without Complaint: MB:

22 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jno Strother Newcastle Ap[r]ill 22d : 1676

Sir

[Blank]

25 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr. Hum: Willett and Comp[any]

Newcastle Ap[r]ill: 25: 1676

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of 20th present w[hi]ch requiringe little answer have the less to Inlardge upon this being cheifly to advise you that I have this day charged upon you £ 16=: payable <7>/d sight to Ed Blackett Esq[ui]re or Order vallue of himselfe, To wh[i]ch I question nott butt you will give all due hono[u]r

I hope ere this you have spoken to Mr Tho. Sheapherd

I shall say noe more about forraigene Bills; for I accept in every perticuler upon yo[u]r Tearmes

Coales and Leed as in my last (vizt) the former 8 s[hillings] p[er] Chalder and the latter from £11:10 To £12 p[er] fudder I am MB:

25 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

[Note: unknown recipient. We cannot assume it was a Blackett, for his often refers to his brother-in-law Davison as brother. However, the reference to a bill paybel to Edward in the previous letter of the same date to Humphrey Willett suggests it was to brother Edward.]

Brother

Newcastle Ap[r]ill 25th 1676

I Rec[eive]d yo[u]res of the 22d present In due time, and d[elivere]d your inclosed To Peter Bell, but hee can lett you have noe Bill; nor can I my selfe procure you one In Newcastle, but before you should be disappointed; I have here Inclosed sent you my owne Bill, w[hi]ch you need not question, but will bee complied w[i]th all; after your Endorsm[en]t to the Partey who you would have to receive the money I never know Billes soe <Sarce> In all my life 2 p[er]0/00 [percent] is commonly given, I doe Swere I doe nott know that man to whome I would have given this Bill excepting my Father and yo[u]r selfe, and <can> nott procure Billes, I may thence Step over and give you a visitt shortly soe w[i]th my fondest to my sister I remayne MB:

26 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr: Mat[t]hew Lambe Newcastle Ap[r]ill 26th : 1676

Sir

I have Rec[eive]d youres of the 24 present, And am sorrey to heare of my Mothers Indisposition; Indeed the reason of my soe longe silence was my <preperacon> [preparation] for goeing, As alsoe in goinge to the pay att the Leed Mines the last week, together w[i]th my business extraordinary att my returne from thence, But I am resolved (God willinge) some time this week, to see you and my Mother at Darnton,

where wee shall take each otheres mutuall acct[n]t [account] of w[ha]t you write in yo[u]r letter; soe w[i]th myne and my Wifes service to you both I remayne MB:

The hattes are come you shall have one p[er] first opportunity.

26 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Mr: Robt Jackson

ditto [Newcastle Ap[r]ill 26th 1676]

Sir

I have Rec[eive]d a letter dated the 22 present from Mr Walter Tucker of Lyme wherin hee desires mee to founnish his Brother Mr Jno Tucker, (who is now in the <Role> of Lyme as hee sayth and bound for this place) w[i]th money for buying of a Lo[a]dinge of Coales, and vallue the same upon you w[hi]ch may be done, I being assured how, to Reimburse myselfe by you w[hi]ch is all att present from: M:B:

26 Apr 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Tucker

Mr: Walter Tucker

ditto [Newcastle Ap[r]ill 26th 1676]

Sir

I have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs the 22th present w[hi]ch the Inclosed for your Brother Mr Jno Tucker. And take notice of yo[u]r desire to founnish him w[i]th money for his Loadinge of Coales w[hi]ch shall be performed, when itt pleases God hee shall Arrive here, as allsoe his letter delivered, by him who is MB:

5 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr. Hum: Willett

Newcastle May the 5th 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 22d: 27 and 29th past w[hi]ch I shall now God willinge Answer att large, In yo[u]r former and last doe find 2 Bills remitted mee by yo[u]r Brother, w[hi]ch Inclosed send you desiring you to resend the ballne [balance] when due and place the same To my credditt I thank you for haveinge spoake to Mr Sheapherd; and also for promiseinge paym[en]t of my Bill of £ 16:===: I take notice of the Contents of yo[u]rs of the 27th for Answer I thinke you need not feare; Butt w[ha]t foraigne Bills I send you will be punctually pay[e]d, for to this day I never had one protested yett, nor shall you loose a farthing, if any chance to be badd I this day charged upon you £100 payable 6/d [days] sight to Mr Ben Ellison or order Valew of

him, w[hi]ch I hope accordinge to yo[u]r kind promise, you will lett finde all hono[u]r allowinge you w[ha]t you thinke reasonable till you bee in Casle, soe I hope you will nott lett itt be protested for I would not for £20 you should <nor any> Bill I chardge upon you – and this day I also accepted a Bill for £225=1:6d: Chardged from Rochell by An: Allaire the 24th past payable 2/ds [days] In the House of Mr Peter Bar att last Endorsed to Mr Herman Olmias whome praye acquaint you will pay the same when due, I think you will be I Cash before itt be due within 2 or 3 posts I thinke to send you a Bill for 3 or £400 att short sight I am MB:

5 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Peter Barr

Mr. Peter Bar ditto [Newcastle May 5th 1676]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 29th past, Mr Allaire [Allaine] hath left mee above £20:= my desire in every letter to him was to keepe mee indemnified from demaridge, Butt for all that and all his fayre promises of dispatchinge the vessell In 3 or 4 dayes shee was noe less then 25 dayes: 15 dayes demaridge att 40s p[er] diem; nay worst of all the Ma[ste]r hath made protest, how I come off I know nott Butt for all this I have accepted his Bill for the Amount of my Vesseles Loadinge and that upon yo[u]r account I am willinge to pass itt by, all the reason I can give from Mr Allaire [Allaine] is that hee will dispatch my Vessell the next time Sooner I am MB:

5 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Tucker

Mr. Walter Tucker ditto [Newcastle May 5th 1676]

Sir

My last unto you was of the 26th past, wherein I advised you that yo[u]r Brother John Tucker should be furnished w[i]th w[ha]t money hee wanted for the buyinge of his Loadinge of Coales, and this I would reimburse my selfe accordinge to your order upon Mr Robt Jackson of Stockton, but since I have advice from s[ai]d Jackson, that hee will nott accept any Bill upon yo[u]r account soe concerneinge this business, and for dispatch sake, I desire you will please w[i]th all speed to affoord yo[u]r second Order unto MB:

5 May 1676 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

[Note: MB's mother-in-law Elizabeth had a sister Margery who married John Eden of Billingham. He could be 'Uncle Eden'.]

Mr. James Cooke

ditto [Newcastle May 5th 1676]

Sir

I hope one thinks you have Rec[eive]d the forty pounds of Esqr Irrington; w[hi]ch makes In all three hundred and forty pounds.

you need send noe Bill as yett for I intend <soin.inge> the next weeke by Hen Lawes to send you some more money and then will advise you, for w[ha]t send you <soe> please to send mee a Bill. In the meane time pray advise mee how my Unckell Eden doth I am MB:

6 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr. Nicho: Verlane

Newcastle May 6th [16]76

Sir

My last to you was of the 15th Ap[r]ill 76 to w[hi]ch referrs you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 27th past and the 4th present whering takes notice of the Sale of p[er] of my Leed I wonder you remitt mee noe money upon t[ha]t account to Effect my desire

Sir Expect noe more Orders butt this w[hi]ch is, that you fayle nott upon receipt to putt off w[ha]t Leed you have of myne In yo[u]r handes, and as soone as is possible, Remitt mee the nett p[ro]ceeds, w[hi]ch once more I pray lett be observed, an Answer to that Letter, w[i]th performance to my desires, I shall expect in 20/d [days] time ~

The Dogge Pleases mee very well soe not a word more about him t'is very Strange you can not meete w[i]th Jno Huntington hee was Certaynely w[i]th [his] Vessell, on the River Butt I am affrayd some business of greater Concernment did hinder you from letting him bee sought after nay I beli[e]ve hee is w[i]th you still, pray lett my Order above be observed

I am MB:

6 May 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr. Jno: Strother

ditto [Newcastle May 6th 1676]

Sir

My last was of the 22d past to w[hi]ch referrs you Since not any from you, soe the less to Inlardge upon; I hope ere this come to hand, William Lecke will be come away, and I question not butt God sending the Goods To hand here they will all prove to Content w[hi]ch will be a meanes to Create greater Correspondence together hereafter, I allsoe hope that accordinge to my desire you would not fayle of puttinge off my Salt upon Arrivall att price Currant And draw soe much the lesse as the proceeds

thereof Towards his Relodging w[hi]ch I can not but think you either have or will go forme accordingly, By w[hi]ch meanes I suppose you will nott have occasion to draw about 6 or £700: upon Mr Bankes but if you draw £1000 yo[u]r Billes will be hono[u]red upon my account for I am soe well satisfied w[i]th your ability and honesty that I have given that order, And not only soe Butt seconded the same twice hopeinge this business betwixt you and Mr Sowton, will nott hinder you from mindinge my concernes though I must tell you that yo[u]r sendinge your accepted Bills tender soe maney Endorssments To another where to be payd, as is reported you have done hath a little defamed yo[u]r Creditt att Hambrough; This I hope you will nott take ill from mee, Butt as a freindly Advice as Realy t'is

I perceive you have Charged 300 RD [rijksdaalder] upon M[aste]rs Bankes of w[hi]ch I have noe advice, soe cannott booke the same I am MB:

6 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Mr. Ed: Willett

ditto [Newcastle May 6th 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 22d Ap[r]ill 76 To w[hi]ch referrs you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 28th past and 5th present both w[hi]ch I shall now God willinge Answer att lardge

Noe newes as yett of my Pistoles I hope shortly to heare of them but yesterday I gott my Sweete meates w[hi]ch are good for little; as you may Immagine, having beene soe oft in Salt Water

Both yo[u]r Bills I have Rec[eive]d as allsoe my Amount Currant; All w[hi]ch have booked in conformity w[i]th you haveinge after examination found all right, nott doubting but yo[u]r Billes will be pay[e]d when dew

Ife every Article in this account of the Sale of my 200 p[ie]ces of Leed, bee as amply specified as may bee then I am much mistaken for first you say for freight from New Haven £37 2 . 6 I would know how much p[er] Tonn; or how you came to make this freight soe much Secondly you say for porteridge and Cart hire In all p[ie]ces £10 I would know how much for the one and how much for the other and if you pay these duties by the Ton, or p[ie]ces if soe then how much by the w[hi]ch you pay

Then thirdly you say soe much for Mr Coquemaers Charges and commission I desire a nother of p[er]ticulers now I leave itt to yo[u]r selfe to judge if this Account bee as amply specified as may be; nott I question yo[u]r honesty butt mearely for my satisfaction of beinge desireous to know exactly the chardge of a <£> 100 p[ie]ces or 200 p[ie]ces Leed with you; That soe I might immediatly cast upon the same, when ever I should have occasion; I can not affoord to send you any Leed till yo[u]r Markett mends this sellinge att 5/Us [5 month's usance] vexe mee to the heart, nor can you expect any Stockinges haveinge other wise disposed thereof, In respect you can give mee noe

Encuradgemt [encouragement] for the sendinge of the same, In the mean time for Answer to the maney kindnesses you mention I refere my selfe to my last ~

the 2 Reames paper pray send mee p[er] first opportunity our Past paper and the other Course, and when I know the price itt shall be placed to yo[u]r Creditt by MB:

6 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

[Note: 'livre de gros tournois' was a synonym for 'franc']

Mr. Cha: and Ja: Bankes

ditto

Sirs

My last to you was of the 22d of Ap[r]ill 76, w[hi]ch I doe confirme Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 21th and 25th past doe heartily thank you for your continuall advice how Squares goes w[i]th Jno Strother but I have soe good an oppinion of him, that I will trust him w[i]th £1000 St[erlin]g soe that hee drawes upon you upon my account to that ballene [balance] pray let his Bills be accepted, And for noe more till further Order ~

yo[u]r Bill of £72:7:2d payable 2/us [2 months usance] to Sir Jno: Fredericke and Compa[ny] is nott yett presented, when t'is, it shall receive acceptance and paym[en]t att London when due by Messeieurs Hum Willett and Compa[ny] in whose house make all yo[u]r Bills payable for future that you draw upon mee ~

Sir pray doe mee the kindnesse as advise mee In w[ha]t money you keepe yo[u]r Bookes for I remember to the last of my knowledge, that some Marchants in yo[u]r place keepe theires In <m.> - 1s - d <Lups> and others In £ fl 1s d degros as att Amsterdam, And for future, how much you make mee D[ra]w for every Bill you pay And how much you Creditt mee for every Bill you charge In doeing of which and sendinge forward the Inclosed w[i]th all speed you will very much oblidge MB:

6 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Anthony Allaire

[Note: 'Muid' was a measure of dry capacity salt in France which depended on the locale <http://sizes.com/units/muid.htm>. Olleron is probably Île d'Oléron, Charente-maritime, France. The mouth of the river Seudre is close to the island, and there are salt basins there.]

Mr. Antho Allaine

ditto

Sir

My last to you was of the 22d of Ap[r]ill 76 to w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 24th past w[i]th severall Inclosures about William Leckes

Loadinge all w[hi]ch I have examined found right and Booked accordingly and have acquitted yo[u]r draught upon mee for the ballne [balance] of the s[ai]d Loadinge, w[hi]ch you need nott question butt will be complied w[i]th all accordinge to the Contents thereof, nothing vexes mee but yo[u]r causeinge mee here lyable, To demaridge to present w[hi]ch was all allonge my earnest desire; And yo[u]r nott takeinge notice of the same hath left mee £20 att least but now noe remeady but patience for mee, only I doe assure you this business doth nott please mee In the least

Sir upon Receipt I doe begg a fine from you and that thereby you will please to give mee satisfaction In the followinge perticulers (vizt) first how many Bushells makes a Muyd, and how many Muyds makes a hundred of Salt att Olleron [Note 3.]~

Secondly w[ha]t measures the use In the River Seudre for Salt from the highest to the lowest, with the same satisfaction thereof this I desire above of the Measures att Olleran thirdly w[hi]ch cwt exchange, or by w[ha]t way, or how you make William Leckes Loadinge To Amount unto £225:1:6d <Stezg> [sterling] for truely I doe nott understand yo[u]r sayinge of having drawne that sune upon mee at 5½ per% [percent] demon benefice, all French Bills I ever saw, were allwayes made payable att such a exchange, Butt you doe nott soe much as name exchange, soe have to work the same truely I know nott, pray Advise mee how you doe itt and you will oblige MB:

6 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

[Note: 'Snayl' - a poor quality of FLAX, similar to or identical with SNOUTING and TOW.]

Mr. Walter Chaytor

ditto [Newcastle May 6th 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 22d Ap[r]ill 76 to w[hi]ch referrs you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of 30th past and 5th present the account of the Snayl I have examined, found right and booked accordingly, butt send noe more till further order for this sort is too Course for this Markett, I hope p[er] next oppertunity to Receive the Tow and send noe more of that neither, untill I see w[ha]t sort of Stuffle itt is and give you a second Order ~

I hope according to my Order ere this, all my Leed is disposed of and that you have remitted mee the nett p[ro]ceeds, w[hi]ch if nott done lett itt be done upon Receipt w[hi]ch I hope you will not fayle to effect, an Answer to this and compliance w[i]th my desire In every perticuler, I shall expect In 20/d [days] att furthest, I have this day booked some Accounts from France, and I assure you In none of them is there any such thinges as ½ per% [percent] for remittinge and drawinge, nor did I ever pay itt in my life, Indeed itt was never Charged to mee observe I pray my Order, and soe I remayne

MB:

12 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

[Note: A Rundlet is an English wine cask unit of capacity 1/14 of a Tun which was possibly 210 imperial gallons. Thus a Rundlet would contain 15 imperial gallons. From wikipedia.]

Mr. Walter Chaytor

Newcastle May the 12th 1676

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 this date w[i]th an Account of 400 p[ie]ce[s] of Leed Sold w[hi]ch I shall examine and advise you p[er] next how I finde the same And now every Post shall expect the account of the other 600 p[ie]ce[s] for I hope you would not fayle to effect my desire in every perticular and soe shall acquiesse from reiteratinge any thinge w[ha]t I therefore said as to that business ~

Before send mee noe more Snayl , for t'is the damdness Cheate that can be Immagined; the Courseth Stuffe that ever I See, besides they are so cunninge that att the Mouth of every Bagg is putt, 10:20: or 30 C of a good Sort and all the rest good for little, w[hi]ch makes mee belive you never see itt putt up; but in Short; I will have noe more of itt if yo[u]r Tow bee nott very fine I shall loose £5: besides adventure Soe send noe more of that neither untill further Order And pray take notice that of the Bagges I Rec[eive]d there wanted all In everyone w[hi]ch pray See to gett you done good ~

I never took notice of the 2d bill, butt had filed itt, w[hi]ch Inclosed I returne you In w[hi]ch roome I have putt the right one ~

yo[u]r Bill of £150: have Rec[eive]d and placed the same In conformity w[i]th you And now every Post shall expect more Bills ~

Jno Vaughan Sailed Weddnesday last the 10th past by whome you will Rec[eive]d a Packe of Stockinges Conteyneing [containing] of 4 duzen as p[er] the Inclosed note – marked W:C: for w[hi]ch you are to pay freight accordinge to Custome And pray dispose thereof for my most advantage and remitt mee the nett proceeds w[i]th the other money as also a Rundlett of Ale w[hi]ch my Wife presents unto you for a Toaken

I hope I shall catch Welbourne att last; I wish I may ~

I have examined yo[u]r account of the Sale of 400 p[ie]ce[s] of Leed w[hi]ch I have found right soe have booked the same accordingly I am MB:

12 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Mr. Ed Willett

Newcastle 12th May 1676

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 this date, doe heartily thank you for yo[u]r kind offer Therein In givinge mee leave to draw upon you payable in Paris att yo[u]r Friends House; w[he]n I should have occasion w[hi]ch kindness I shall accept of as good advantage is profered mee ~

Noe newes of my Pistoles I am fearefull they are gone the 6 hattes and 2 Reames of pap[er] I shall expect p[er] first opportunity and when you Signifie the Chardge thereof the same shall be placed to yo[u]r Creditt In new account Currant Expect noe Leed till yo[u]r Markett mend, And in this yo[u]r Letter you doe nott soe much as advise mee the price Thereof, w[hi]ch is a great omission pray once in 14/d [days] advise mee of occurances w[i]th you for my Governo I am

MB:

12 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr. Nicho: Verlane

ditto [Newcastle 12th May 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 6th present to w[hi]ch referrs you Since none from you soe the less to Inlarge upon this beinge chiefly to Confirme my former; my desire In w[hi]ch I doubt nott but is Effected and ere this come to hande the nett proceed of my Leed remitted; w[hi]ch will be to the greate Satisfaction of MB:

12 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr. Math: Lamb

ditto [Newcastle 12th May 1676]

Sir

I shall nott trouble your patience w[i]th any longe tedious unecessary lines, haveinge noe business to cause Inlardgm[en]t butt the Cheiffe Reason is makeinge pr[e]parTn [preparations] for my jo[u]rney Into the West w[hi]ch puttes mee a little to the Spurrs; I meane makes mee a little In hast[e] yett not soe much butt I can spare time for one 3 or 4 lines that soe I may be within bounds of my promise

I send this Messenger to To enquier enquier after both yo[u]r Wellfares who I hope will finde you in as good health as we are att this pr[e]sent: a Confirmation of w[hi]ch from yo[u]r owne hand would be to the greate Satisfaction of MB:

12 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Messieurs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny]

ditto [Newcastle 12th May 1676]

Sirs

Inclosed you have a bill of £50:=: upon Jno Osgood Endorsed to you pray see to procure acceptance and paym[en]t w[he]n dew; And as Rec[eive]d be pleased to place the same to the Creditt of MB

13 May 1676 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr. James Cooke

Newcastle May the 13th [16]76

Sir

you have £340 but I can spare noe more so pray p[er] first oppertunity, send mee a Bill for s[ai]d Sumd payable upon the 10th June as was promised; I had allmost done yo[u]r business this day as to the Dogg you know of, but was pr[e]vented patience a while I hope to doe itt shortly to yo[u]r satisfaction I am MB:

forgett not my respects to yo[u]r Wife

13 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr. Walter Chaytor

ditto [Newcastle 13th May 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 12th Instant to w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you so the less to Inlardge upon; not doubting but ere this you have effected my Earnest desire, by soe many letters in every Peticular, Soe this serves Cheifely to confirme my formers As to that business and for Covert to the Inclosed Note w[hi]ch was Omitted In my last by M:B:

15 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr. Hum: Willett and Compa[ny]

Newcastle May the 15th [16]76

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 9th present; w[hi]ch is soe full of kinde expressions, that I can nott omitt to returen you my hearty thanks and especially for yo[u]r lardge freedome you give mee of nott spareinge you upon all occations; w[hi]ch Inboldenes mee to advise you that as business falls outt I will mak[e] bold to trouble you ~

Sir I have this day vallued upon you £50:=: payable 10/d [days] sight to Mr Tho: Foster or Order Vallue of him, And have all soe accepted a bill for £72:7:2d drawne

from Hambrough [Hamburg] the 25th past by Es/m Ch: and James Bankes upon mee payable 2/us [2 month's usance] to Sr Jno: Fredericke or Order in London; soe have ordered them to repayre to yo[u]r House for paym[en]t Therefore to both w[hi]ch Bills I desire you will please to give dew honour; upon the account of MB:

20 May 1676 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr. Ja: Cooke

Newcastle May the 20th 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 16th and 17th present and in yo[u]r latter a Bill of 340 £ allthough itt be chardged upon a Greate Person, yett doubts nott butt that itt will bee complied withall accordinge to the contents thereof; if I can spare £100 more shall send itt you of w[hi]ch in a Post or two you may rest assured To be advised w[ha]t can be done by : MB:

Noe drinke will hurt my Unckell Eden; I am nott unmindfull of yo[u]r Dogg. my respects to yo[u]r wife. I would nott for £20 butt yo[u]r Bill bee punctually complied withall, for Speciall reasons w[hi]ch att meetings shall advise you of. MB:

20 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett and Compa[ny]

ditto [Newcastle 20th May 1676]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 16th present Signifienge yo[u]r procureinge acceptance of my Bill of £150 Inclosed you have a Bill of £340 payable upon the 10th June next w[hi]ch allthough upon a greate Person yett I question nott, butt itt will bee punctually Complied w[i]th all according to the Contents thereof; if either acceptance w[he]n pr[e]sented or paym[en]t w[he]n done bee refused pray fayle nott to returne itt w[i]th protest unto : MB:

20 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Mark Mortimer

Mr Marke Mortimer

Newcastle 20th May [16]76

Sir

I am ordered by Mr: Wm Smith and compa[ny] of Lyme in Dorsetshire To furnish Jno Tucker w[i]th as much money as will purchasse him a loading of Coales and to reimbursse my selfe upon you, Sir I desire upon Receipt you will please to advise

whether you will accept my bill upon the same account yea or noe, In doeinge of
w[hi]ch you will oblidge MB:

20 May 1676 Michael Blackett to George Turfrey

Mr Geo Turfrey

ditto [Newcastle 20th May 1676]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 16th present for Answer unto w[hi]ch may rest assured that if Hen: Fairiwater come into this Port I shall find him outt, and will not fayle to furnish him w[i]th as much money as hee will have occasion for to purchase a loadinge of Coales, nott doubting yo[u]r Compliance w[i]th my Bill, for the discharging of the amount of the same; And when you have time to examine my last account; if any Error be found itt shall willingly bee rectified by MB:

20 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

[Note: Tow - short or broken fiber (e.g. of flax) that is used especially for yarn, twine, or stuffing.]

Mr Walter Chaytor

ditto [Newcastle 20th May 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 13th present to w[hi]ch reffers you Since none from you soe the less to Inlardge upon; nott doubtinge butt ere this; my desir[e] In formers is Effected To my Content soe shall conclude onely if you have any moneis, upon receipt in yo[u]r hands of Mine you may please to send mee by very first opportunity 1000Wt more of the finest 22 glt. Tow. if noe money, send none, but as yett I have nott gott the first parcell, yett hope to receive itt shortly I am MB:

20 May 1676 Michael Blackett to William Smith

Mr Wm Smith and Compa[ny]

Newcastle May the 20th [16]76

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 13th present Mr Robt Jackson of Stockton, continues his former advice (vizt) that hee will nott accept my Bill upon Mr Wm Tuckers account for about £20 towards the loadinge of Jno: Tucker, soe w[he]n please God hee arrives; If hee meete nott w[i]th a Freight here, I shall furnish him w[i]th the needfull money and valew [value] my disbursm[en]ts upon Mr Mark Mortimer of London; if In case Mr

Jackson continue his resolution I should be glad to be found Capable of serveinge you, or any of yo[u]r Friends In this place none should bee more willinge to observe (nor more ambitious of) yo[u]r commands Then Sr MB:

23 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor

Newcastle May the 23th [16]76

Sir

My last to you was of the 20th present To w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you soe the less to Inlardge upon, butt I doe a little wonder That In 20 dayes I have nott heard from you yett I am In hopes you would nott fayle upon receipt of my lett[e]rs to Effect the desire of MB:

23 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nicho Verlane

ditto [Newcastle 23th May 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 20 present to w[hi]ch refferres you, Since none from you Soe the less to Inlardge upon, but I doe a little wonder that In 20 dayes I have nott heard from you, yett am In hopes you would not fayle, upon receipt of my lett[e]rs to effect the desire of MB:

23 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Welborne

Mr Welborne

ditto [Newcastle 23th May 1676]

If you had a Bitch when you were last att Rotterdam w[hi]ch was Chalenged by Mr Walter Chaytor, butt (neither to trouble you w[i]th readinge, nor my selfe w[i]th writinge many times) without any more to doe I would Councell you to deliver her To the bearer hereof my Bitch I would nott loose for £20:==: Shee kept my house, Soe that if the Same be broaken; I doe think if any contraversue betwixt us you may be found liable to pay all damages for takeinge of her away att present I have nott time to Inlardge, but I hope you will nott fayle upon receipt hereof, To effect the desire of him who desires To remayne M:B:

23 May 1676 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Honest Man Jon Eadon

Newcastle May the 23th 1676

Inclosed is a letter for one Welborne who att present is att Hartlepoole, upon receipt hereof I doe Intreate you to hire a Man to goe and deliver him the same I will pay all Charges And if you gett mee my Bitch I will fill yo[u]r Belley with Socke, the first time I come over pray Slipp noe time, soe feare hee bee gone w[hi]ch if hee bee, lett him that goes Inquer [inquire], where hee is gone to MB:

24 May 1676 Michael Blackett to James Stansfield

Sr Ja: Standsfield

Newcastle May the 24th 1676

Sir

I have so often writt unto you to pay mee what I have beene soe long in disburss for you that I doe blush when I sett penn to paper to putt you in minde w[ha]t you are oweing mee w[hi]ch I thought you might have payd longe ere now w[i]th consideration for the time, or the Course of Exchange, But seeinge you rather ere forgettfull of w[ha]t you are Indebted; I thought good to give you these few times to putt you In minde once more to pay mee my money And haveinge now this oppertunity of my Cosen Wm Blackett and beinge oblided to pay him a sume of money, hee hath beene soe kinde to mee as to take part of it in Scotland And soe I have desired him to call on you for £146:4s:=d beinge w[ha]t both the p[er]celes [parcels] of Leed Came to, w[hi]ch soe longe agoe I Shipt you And w[hi]ch the Sume pray pay him either the Course of Exchange or Consideration for my money and his Receipt shall bee yo[u]r dischargd I shall Intreate you nott to fayle to pay him the s[ai]d mo: [money] because I p[er]ceive hee relyes one the same for the paying of his worke men soe expectinge your complance to my desire I rest MB:

26 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Hubert Aylwyn

Mr Hurbt Aylwyn

Newcastle May 26 : [16]76

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 20th present for Answer unto w[hi]ch may please to take notice that w[ha]t Mr Brokeinge heares Concerning Mr Clark is a false report for the Lady is in as good health as I was att the present writinge, yo[u]r s[ai]d letter requireinge noe further Answer shall Conclude only before I doe lett me assure you that upon all accounts you shall find mee ready to Serve you and none shall bee more Ambitious of yo[u]r comands There MB:

26 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willet and Compa[ny]

ditto [Newcastle May 26th 1676]

Sir

I have heere Inclosed sent you a Bill of £100 w[hi]ch I pray rece[i]v[e]d when done and place the same to the account of yo[u]rs of the 18th requiers but Answer more than hearty thanks for all yo[u]r kindnesses I am MB:

26 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor

ditto [Newcastle May 26th 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 23th of May 1676 To w[hi]ch refferes you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of this date, w[hi]ch In 2 places doth nott a little trouble mee, firstly you say you have sold p[ie]ce[s] of my Leed. And as moneyes comes In you will remitt itt mee I am certayne you allow yo[u]r selfe <.> p[er] 20 for vys [usance] paym[en]t Soe tis Strange to mee that you receive nott the money upon delivery of my goods and soe Immediately remitte mee the same, but noe more of that now

Secondly I p[er]ceive you will nott observe my Order noe further Then you please; for you say you must sell my Fatheres Leed as fast as myne w[hi]ch is the best I ever heard for how cann my father know how you dispose of my Leed and I giveinge you Order to sell upon receipt of my letters if you had sold for 20S itt had pleased mee but nott to doe itt, doth not please mee att all and in short before this come to hand if all my Leed here nott Sold: the nett proceeds remitted mee I shall nott take all very well I have book In Conformity w[i]th you yo[u]r bill of £100:=:=: MB:

26 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett:

ditto [Newcastle May 26 th 1676]

Sir

I have Rec[e]i[v]e[d] yo[u]rs dated of the 18th present, And have Answered the needfull thereof this morneinge, Butt one thing I forgott w[hi]ch was to Intreate you to buy mee 20 duzen of Good Glass qu[a]rt Bottles, Marked MB: (If possible) and send mee by the first opportunity; w[hi]ch will very much oblidge. M:B:

27 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Mr Edw: Willett

Newcastle May the 27th 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 12 present to which referrs you Since I have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 29 ditto for answer to this day I never had one line from Mr Jon Coquemaer about my Pistoles nor have I yett rec[ei]v[e]d them, Soe pray desire Sr Coquemaer to advise either you or mee by whome hee send them, for itt will vex mee to Loase them the 6 hattes and 12 Reames pap[er] I shall expect p[er] first oppertunity; I am very well pleased about the perticulars of the Chardge of the 200 p[iece]s Leed, you still omitt to advise mee the price of Leed and Coales w[i]th you Soe knowes nott w[ha]t to say more Then that I am MB:

27 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Messieures Hum: Willett and Compa[ny]

ditto [Newcastle May 27th 1676]

Sirs

I writt you 2 lett[e]rs yesterday Morninge to w[hi]ch refferrs you, Since none from you Soe the less to Inlardge upon this sendinge Chiefly for Covert to the Inclosed bill of £100:== upon Geo: Gooderidge w[hi]ch pray Rec[ei]v[e]d when due, and place the same to the account of MB:

27 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nicho: Verlane

Newcastle May the 27th : [16]76

Sir

My last to you was of the 23th of May 76 to w[hi]ch referres you Since have yo[u]rs of the 29 present w[i]th 2 Bills of £190 for w[hi]ch have Credited yo[u]r Account Currant £2126:13:8d In Conformity w[i]th you I am Certaine John Huntington was w[i]th you but not noe more of that Leed £11:10s p[er] fod[der] Coales 7s p[er] Chalder; Rye 3s3d p[er] Bushell Malt 2s3d barley 2s2d Oats 15d wt Pease 3s6d beanes 2s4d I hope ere this came to hand you will have Sold all my Leed, and remitted mee the Nett p[ro]ceed thereof w[hi]ch will bee to the greate satisfaction of M:B:

27 May 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Nelthorpe

ditto [Newcastle May 27th 1676]

Sir

Att yo[u]r Leasure bee pleased to send mee my account that soe as oppertunity offers mee may beginn upon a new In doeinge of w[hi]ch you will oblidge MB:

3 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Lamb Newcastle June the 3d: [16]76

Sir

In the first place I hope you are both well, secondly I thought to have beene w[i]th you ere this, but a journey to york hath prevented mee And I am for the West shortly, that and other business putt me soe to itt that I can nott possibly bee w[i]th you till Munday come three weeks the 26th present; w[hi]ch will be the 2d fortnight day after <guate> Munday, Soe pray tell all they <Tenna.s> [Tennants], that upon the day they may expect mee and nott before; And desire them to have all their Rec[eip]ts ready I will stay (God willinge) 2 or 3 dayes w[i]th you to end all differences betwixt <.hey> [they] Butchers and mee for I am basely cheated by some of them I am upon all occasions M:B:

3 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr Ja: Cooke Newcastle June the 3th 1676

Sir

These are to give you thankses for yo[u]r kinde p[ro]ferr of yo[u]r Bills w[hi]ch I thought might have beene so jofull to to mee; but heere is Bills of my owne come from Amsterdam; to Serve my needfull occasions, Soe that att present I have noe want of any w[i]th my kinde respectes to you I remayne M:B:

6 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ne[w]castle June the 6th 1676

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 25th 30th past and first present w[hi]ch I shall now god willinge answer att large; I doe nott question but my Bill of £340 will be punctually complied w[i]th all; allthough itt bee upon a greate Man; yett I heare hee is as punctuall in his business as any Merchant what soever; I doe heartily thanke you for yo[u]r care, that you will take about my bottles you see I make bold w[i]th you upon all occasions soe must begge yo[u]r excuse, for the trouble I putt upon you about my small

commissions; itt is my desire they should bee send p[er] first opportunity; of Shippinge, And w[i]th w[hi]ch pray send mee a good Chesshire Cheese w[hi]ch Mr Barr and Mr Alayson use allwayes to gett mee for a about 5½ 5¾ or some times 6d p[er] <C> yo[u]r disburse for both w[hi]ch, when I know itt will w[i]th many thanks doe itt you good; I am sourey [sorry] for the Sadd : newese you write mee; butt glad you are noe way concerned; Inclosed is a bill of £100 upon Abraham Stocke of Dover; if you have any friends there send itt to them to p[ro]cure acceptance if none, Inclosed you have a letter to one; who I am certayne will doe as much for mee; after you have gott itt accepted send itt mee. And itt shall bee returned Endorsed unto you by him that is M:B:

Severall Merchants broake att Rotterdam ~

Sam Tucker: then Hope : and other greate <dealeres> soe pray bee tare full of preserveinge the right of all Billes I send you MB:

6 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to John Mattson

Mr Jno Mattson Newcastle June the 6th 1676

Sir

I have nott writt you this longe time for want of occasion this is cheifely to desire you as to p[ro]cure acceptance of the Inclosed Bill and lett him write underneath in what house in London I may repayre unto for paym[en]t thereof And after returne the Bill unto Meseurs Hum: Willett & Compa[ny] of London In doeinge of w[hi]ch you will very much oblige me; who upon all accounts you shall finde willing To Serve you in what I may be able to doe for you In this place And none shall bee more Ambitious of your Commands Then M:B:

6 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Mayes

Mr Nicho: Mayes ditto [Newcastle June 6th 1676]

Sir

I have before me yo[u]rs of the 26th past; w[hi]ch I could nott answer sooner; you shall allwayes find mee ready to serve you In what I may bee able to doe for you In this place but I can nott counsell you att present to send any sortt of grayne heere price (vizt)

Rye 3s2d wheate 3s6d Oates 14d beanes 2s2d beanes and pease mixt 2s3d Malt 2s4d Bigge and Barley within a penney of the same Rate Leed £11 p[er] fodd[er]: Coales 6s6d

p[er] Chalder little or noe vent for Corne And tis <verily> thought that all sorts will
Sooner Cheaper then dearer you shall find mee upon all accounts MB:

6 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Mark Mortimer

Mr Mark Mortimer ditto [Newcastle June 6th 1676]

Sir

I have before me yo[u]rs of the 24th past by w[hi]ch p[er]ceive you misunderstand
mee In myne of the 20th ditto for I have p[er]used my Coppe Book of Lett[e]rs and doe
nott find that I advise you of Mr Tuckers beinge heere; <oneley> this I had order to
furnish him w[i]th money w[he]n hee arrived and to reimbursse my self upon you; Soe
desired to know whether you would accept my Bill upon the same account yea or nae
hee is nott yett come heere; which if In case hee doe; and I furnish him w[i]th money I
crave yo[u]r further answer In advising mee whether I may reimbursse my selfe upon
you or nae In doeinge of which you will oblidge him that is M:B:

6 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor ditto [Newcastle June 6th 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 26th of May last past To w[hi]ch referrs you Since have Recvd
yours of the 1 mo and 2d present In your former have the Invoyce of the 1000C Tow
w[hi]ch have booked In conformity w[i]th you, But I never see fine Tow soe done up in
all my life how ever by Jno Vaughan send mee another 1000C by whome you will
receive 3 or 400 p[ie]ces of Leed upon my account w[hi]ch after arrivall bee pleased to
receive and disbursse thereof upon arrivall for as much as you can gett, and lett mee
have moneyes remitted w[i]th all speed, this is my order w[hi]ch if you observe nott; I
must trye if others will, And by my next you shall bee Advised the certayne number of
p[ie]ces Leed w[hi]ch now I can nott doe the Ma[ste]r is to have 9 Sts [Stuyvers] p[er]
p[ie]ces freight without either primidge or averidge. yo[u]r Bill of £100 I have booked
in conformity; I take notice of Severall of your March[an]ts faileinge I hope you take
care to send mee good Bills onely for yo[u]r governo I would never have you to send
mee aney but upon a March[an]t In London

MB:

If you can send mee the 1000C Tow In Mattes; send itt; if nott send none for none will
buy itt but sett itt here in Bagges and every pound must bee finely done upp w[i]th
pap[er] as Generally itt comes from Amsterdam

8 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Ma[ste]r Walter Chaytor Newcastle June the 8th 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 6th present To w[hi]ch referres you Since none of yo[u]rs
Soe the less to Inlardge upon this beinge cheifely to accompany the bearer hereof Mr Jno
Va[u]ghan In whome I have Laden and consigned unto you 350 p[ie]ces Leed w[hi]ch
after good arrival be pleased to receive and dispose thereof accordinge to my Order
above payinge the Ma[ste]r 8½ Sts [Stuyvers] p[er] p[ie]ces freight without either
primidge or averidge and nott 9 Sts [Stuyvers] as in my last w[hi]ch pray observe Mr
Va[u]ghan will tell you my minde about the disposall of my Leed Soe referres you to
him and in short whatsoever hee sayth to you I doe confirme soe noe more as to that
p[er]ticular ~

for your fine Tow tis not for this Markett soe done upp; Soe bee sure send noe more
of itt to mee but if you can procure mee 1000C of very good for 22 gilders or under;
done upp In Mattes and every ½C finely tyed up w[i]th paper as Mr Vahan [Vaughan]
will Informe you may send itt mee by him; but playnely I will have noe more In bagges
and soe I remayne In hast MB

8 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

[Note: possibly means William Blackett, son of Michael's uncle Christopher Blackett,
and who was at some time envoy to the Court of Sweden. In July William was in
Edinburgh, from where he wrote to Sir Wm Blackett on the 18th –given elsewhere in
this collection]

Cousen Wm ditto [Newcastle June 8th 1676]

My cousen Rumney goeing Soe Suddenly away desired mee to Answer yo[u]rs of the
5th present as followoth; In the first place hee takes notice w[ha]t you write Greyston to
w[hi]ch hee sayth that hee hath allowed himselfe the money Soe you and hee may
Reckon as you please and when my Cousen comes home hee will reckon w[i]th you
both att pleasure and as to w[ha]t you write about the bonds of £50:== hee will say
nothinge to itt untill hee can doe the same by word of Mouth, unto you and yo[u]r
Mother the Coppie of the bond you sent I return itt Inclosed w[hi]ch is the needfull att
present from M:B

9 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

[Note: A bolt of canvas is traditionally 39 yards Doek is Dutch for cloth, which evolved into the English word 'duck' in reference to sail canvas –Wikipedia.]

Mr Walter Chaytor Newcastle June the 9th 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 8th present w[hi]ch I writt you yesterday by Jno Vahan [Vaughan], Since none of yo[u]rs, Soe this serves Cheifely to confirme which is above written and therefore have no more att present to Inlardge upon, then only to buy and send mee by s[ai]d Vahan [Vaughan] 10 bolts of the best Hollands Docke for mayne Saile, fore Saile, Missen [mizzen] and Sprissell [spritsail] and 5 bolts of Small Hollands Docke for Top sailes you may gett Mr Vahan [Vaughan] to goe allong w[i]th you; who knowes w[ha]t Stuffe is for my use and I know accordinge to his promise to mee hee will assist you In w[ha]t lyes in his power onely doe you pay for itt And when I know yo[u]r disbursse for the same; shall doe itt you good In accou[n]t ~

only I desire you that if you and Mr Vahan [Vaughan] doe find the commodity att present deare and think itt will bee cheaper hereafter that you would be pleased to lett allone for a voyadge or two for I am in noe greate hast, but if noe probability of beinge Cheaper; Then pray buy itt this voyadge as above To M:B:

10 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Geo Moorecroftt Newcastle June the 10th 1676

Sir

I have Rec[eive]d yours of the 7th present concerneinge Huntington w[hi]ch pleased mee very well and returne you my thanks for yo[u]r care and payme[n]ts In the same I take notice of what you write concerneinge Speareman referres the businesse to my uncle Eadon [Note 1.] and yo[u]r selfe <wha.y> [whereby] Soe whatsoever you doe therein shall be to my Satisfaction butt w[ha]t passes till itt bee att yo[u]r leasure Imparted unto M:B:

13 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett And Compa[ny] Newcastle June 13th :[16]76

Sirs

I have heere Inclosed sent you a Bill of Seaventy pounds of w[hi]ch I pray p[ro]cure the needfull; noe more at present but that I am MB:

17 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

[Note: Rhenish – relating to the Rhine]

Mr Cha: and Jam: Bankes Newcastle June 17th :[16]76

Sirs

I have unanswred before mee yo[u]rs of the 9th 19th and 23d past and 2d present all w[hi]ch I shall now God willinge answer att lardge upon yo[u]r advise In yo[u]r former that Leed is att 25 p[ie]ce[s] I have freighted a Vessell; by whome God willinge you shall Re<.> [Receive] a good quantity; but more of that within a Post or two, once againe I am Satisfied w[i]th Mr Jno Strotheres honesty and ability; soe pray lett his Bill bee accepted for all hee shall draw upon you to the Value of one thousand pounds St[erlin]g as I formerly writt you and as you reimbursse yo[u]r selfe as I ordered; yo[u]r bills shall be discharged when due God willinge

My Renish Wine I have Rec[eive]d pray advise what itt cost that I may give you Creditt for the same ~

In your last have advise of RD [rijksdaalder] 1800 drawne upon you all w[hi]ch I have advise of from Mr Strother and of RD 600 all hono[u]r shall bee given to yo[u]r Bill or Billes for the vallue of the same as you reimbursse yo[u]r selfe upon M:B:

17 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Robert Ledgant

Mr Robt Ledgant Newcastle June 17th : [16]76

Sir

Upon Receipt of yo[u]rs of the 12th present Immediately repayred to our Custome House, and Showed yo[u]r Certificatt To our Officers; who can doe you noe good, yo[u]r Bond beinge sent Into the Exchquer, tis very Strange that neither you, nor none of yo[u]r Owneres should not mind that business Sooner all knowinge that a bond was given you Cleareinge for the Coast, but Excuse mee, I am Too bold; Inclosed I returne you the s[ai]d Certificatt, my Advise is that Immediately without delay; you send the same to some freind In London; w[i]th order to require w[i]th all convenient hast To the Exchequer office, where if sone [soon] done you will gett of for 5s or 10s att most but the longer you forbear the more chardge itt will bee soe left yo[u]r discession ~

To yo[u]r Brother Mr Wm pray present the Service of MB:

17 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr: Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] ditto [Newcastle June 17th 1676]

Sirs

I have beene the most part of this Weeke in the Westcountery att my returne doe meete w[i]th yo[u]rs of the 10th and 13th am gladd the Bill of £340: is p[aye]d you I am very well satisfied, w[i]th the Bottles you have Shipped though as yett I have nott <attay.ed> to that p[er]le of wisdom of makeinge use of Pint Bottles; w[hi]ch I must confess are very necessary; And my wild Oats beinge now allmost Sown upon second consideration I wish you had sent mee as many Gill bottles; but w[ha]t you have done is very well, soe have given you Creditt accordinge to yo[u]r advice £4:15:6 and w[ha]t comission you desire shall be allowed you all pleasure In S[ai]d le[tte]r you say my Bill of £72:3s:7d drawne by Messeieurs Bankes of Hambrough [Hamburg] is payed; you mistake tis Messe[u]rs Bankes who shortely will draw £1000 upon mee payable in yo[u]r house for w[hi]ch God willinge you shall bee p[ro]vided In due time the Bill of 100 upon Mr Stock[e] have this day sent to Rotterdam w[i]th the p[ro]test; Advise mee w[ha]t chardge you were att aboute the same that I may take notice Thereof; for I feare nott repayment w[i]th all chardges; Wm Nephew is an honest Man I know him very well; to whome pray send the Inclosed I am In hast: MB:

desire Mr Nephew to deliver the Inclosed to his Brother MB

17 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

[Note: Sophister – ‘the use of clever but false arguments, especially with the intention of deceiving’.]

Mr Walter Chaytor Newcastle June 17th : [16]76

Sir

My last to you was of the 8th present to w[hi]ch referrs you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 12th present; I hope the second thousand Harlem Tow will nott bee of the same sort as formerly you have sent; I meane nott soe done upp In Bagges; w[hi]ch if itt bee; if this come In time I desire you to dispose thereof upon the best tearmes you can and if any loss I will bee willinge to doe itt you good; butt if In Mattes as I lately ordered bee pleased to send the same p[er] prise conveniency ~

Yo[u]r Bill of Seventy poundes I have booked in conformity w[i]th you before I answer further may please take notice that inclosed you will finde a Bill lately send mee for £100 upon Mr Abraham Stocke of Dover as alsoe a protest S[ai]d Stocke refusinge to accept the same for want of advice; I hope Wm Harrid is able to repay you yo[u]r money w[i]th chardges w[hi]ch pray see to p[ro]cure to the uttmost and for future never send mee Billes but upon Merchants In London; if s[ai]d Harrid bee a

freind of yo[u]rs, if hee will take a fooles advise, Counsill him from mee to have noe further dealeinge w[i]th s[ai]d Stocke; for I know him to be a Cunning Sophester ~

I take Speciall notice of w[ha]t you write about my Errors for answer To the first, If I sell yo[u]rs att 5/10 <per> 6/10 and allow 1 per[centage] I will be hanged Soe noe more of that att present I know nott w[ha]t others may have hadd; but for my p[ar]t (excepting from your selfe) I never had advise from Holland of goods Sold; but Immediately after the net p[ro]ceed remitted mee ~

att yo[u]r second reason I wonder very much; for you say you would have Sold all my Leed; and holted a little w[i]th my Fatheres; if you had thought that hee would nott have taken notice thereof but that my s[ai]d Father was as urgent w[i]th you as my selfe soe that hee might Justly have beene displeased w[i]th you for soe doeinge, how the Devell should hee know how you dispose of my Leed except you advise him yo[u]r selfe, not that I have occasion for money; God bee thanked for by the same reason you may say that my Father hath occasion likewise for money hee beinge as urgent as you yo[u]r selfe, confesse for the disposall of his, as I was for mine; I cannot endure contraverssies, w[hi]ch I will Indeavour to present shortly In the meane time (if you please) dispose of my 350 p[iec]es Leed sent you by JohnVahon [Vaughan] accordinge to my Order And as for my Stockinges I never In my life Stinted my Father to a price butt allwayes desires him to dispose of my goods for w[ha]t they would <yearled> [yield] In Reallity all they mens Cost mee 8s p[er] duzen; And the rest 6s soe sell them as well as you can, if any p[ro]fitt I can send you more and soe remayne In hast MB:

19 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr: Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle June the 19th : [16]76

Sirs

There is a bill drawne upon mee from Hamb [Hamburg] the 6th present by Mrs [Masters] Bankes for £288: payable 2/us [2 months usance] In yo[u]r house to Daniell Abersure or Order if the same be presented unto you, pray tell the p[re]senter that if hee will send the Bill to aney freind heere I will accept itt, and I hope you will tell him; And I hope you will tell him upon yo[u]r accord that after I have accepted itt, you will pay itt when due I am MB:

19 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mr: Ca: and Ja Bankes ditto [Newcastle June 19th 1676]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 17th present; w[hi]ch I hereby confirme Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 6th present In w[hi]ch takes notice of £288: St[erlin]g drawne

upon mee w[hi]ch bill is nott yett p[re]ssented when t'is God willinge itt shall bee accepted and pay[e]d when due ~

I still confirme my former Order In desiringe you to accept Mr Jno Strotheres Billes to the value of £1000: St[erlin]g and as you reimbursse yo[u]r selfe upon mee, bee assured all hono[u]r shall be given to yo[u]r Billes my Vessell is a Ladeinge; by my next shall advise you w[ha]t goods you may demand w[he]n please God She arrivees w[i]th you pray send forward carefully the Inclosed

Sir I have a Brother and a Freind I suppose att Hambrough att p[re]sent either Mr D: Welkines Dicciekson or Mr Tobyford and Appleyard will acquaint yo[u]r Man where to find them if you will please to doe next the favo[u]r as to lett yo[u]r man goe and present my Service to them you will very much oblige M:B:

My Brotheres name is Wm Blackett my Freinds name is Wm Creah M:B:

19 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr: Jno Strother ditto [Newcastle June 19th 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 6th May 1676 to w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 26th ap[r]ill and 17th May In yo[u]r former takes notice of RD [RijksDaalder] 2400: drawne upon Mess[e]urs Bankes upon my account all w[hi]ch will bee duely pay[e]d 2000: being already and the other 600; will likewise bee complied with all In due time; as also w[ha]t more you shall draw to the vallue of £1000 St[erlin]g w[hi]ch w[i]th the nett p[ro]ceed of my Salt I hope will Serve you for the Reloadinge of Wm Lecke if nott I dare say you will trust mee, the Remaynder till I know w[ha]t more you will have accation [occasion] for; and then shall nott fayle to Order itt you w[i]th consideration if either considerable or deserved, Butt the Reale truth is I have given Order only to accept your Billes to the value of £1000 St[erlin]g the Reason was that Mrs [Masters] Bankes was very urgant w[i]th mee (for some Reasons you know to know to w[ha]t vallue hee might accept yo[u]r Billes upon my Account; upon w[hi]ch I gave him the above mentioned order; w[hi]ch I thought would serve; butt if itt will nott; the worst is you can only bee without yo[u]r money untill I heare from you, and if you shall hap[p]en to be any thinge in disbursse upon my account, I will w[i]th all my heart allow you satisfaction to the uttmost of the time

In yo[u]r last takes notice of RD [RijksDaalder] 600 more drawne upon Mess[ieu]rs Bankes w[hi]ch will bee pay[e]d I am gladd Wm Lecke was arrived w[i]th newes; Soe that now I shall begin to expect him every day, noe Reamedy but patience for yo[u]r badd Markett for Salt; I hope you sold myne accordinge to my former order and Chardged soe much the less as the nett p[ro]ceed Thereof upon Mr Bankes towards the Reloadinge of S[ai]d Locke w[hi]ch would bee much to my Satisfaction ~

yo[u]r Inclosed to Mr Wolfe was sent forward by MB:

19 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr: Walter Chaytor ditto 19 [Newcastle June 19th 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 17th present; w[hi]ch I doe hereby confirme In every p[er]ticular; Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of this date w[i]th the account of 600 p[ie]ces Leed w[hi]ch I have examined found right, and booked In conformity w[i]th you I see there is noe reamedy though you sell my goodes for ready money; you will allow a p0/0 [percentage] for good paym[en]t yett I must 6/10 without itt; soe shall acquies and have patience untill I grow wiser about the Tow and Stockinges I can say noe more that w[ha]t is above; only if you please sell my Stockinges for w[ha]t they will yeild; or as you best cann; w[hi]ch I leave to yo[u]r discession and for the disposall of my Leed by Vaughan I hope you will observe my Orderes If you will nott I must have patience a While I am M:B:

20 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke ditto 20th [Newcastle June 20th 1676]

Sir

I have Rec[eive]d yo[u]res of the 19th present and doe heartyly thanke you for your kindnesse; butt att present have noe occation for Billes; Soe w[i]th Service to yo[u]r selfe and yo[u]r Lady I remayne MB:

23 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle June the 23th: 1676

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]res of the 17th w[hi]ch before I answer pray take notice that this day I have past my Bill upon you for £50 payable 6 dayes sight to Mr Richard Chiswell or Order vallue of Mr Richard Randall w[hi]ch pray lett bee complied w[i]th all ~

W[ha]t you mention of the Greatos of those that have Billes; w[hi]ch are to be pay[e]d to you upon my account; I like very well and shall bee observed for future If needfull; but I have ordered; that itt bee expressed In the Bill; payable att yo[u]r House, soe nae necessity of mentoing [mentioning] itt under the Bill also I am M:B:

23 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

[Note: Braunschweiger Mumme was an thick, near-black , highly-alcoholic, sweet beer, probably brewed since at least the 14th century in Brunswick. Very bitter, it was first imported into Britain in the 17th century, where it was called Mum or Mumm. ... Brewed first in Braunschweig, it was later copied in Hamburg and England, though some of the ingredients had to be substituted.
<http://www.europeanbeerguide.net/niedbrew.htm>]

M[aste]rs Cha and James Bankes ditto [Newcastle June 23th 1676]

Sirs

This <comes> to accompany Mr Hen Lawes Ma[ste]r of the obedience of Newcastle In whom I have Laden 1200 p[iec]es of Leed and 51 - - Chalder of Coales Newcastle measure w[hi]ch affter good Arrivall bee pleased to deliver unto Mr John Baron and Ma[ste]r Luce Knightley and without payinge aney freight 600 p[iec]es of the Leed as they arrise the remayneing 600 p[iec]es w[i]th the Coales bee you pleased to receive and dispose thereof for mee upon the best tearmes for mee you <canne> w[hi]ch I leave to yo[u]r discesion you are to pay freight for none of the goodes; but if In case the Ma[ste]r desire any money of you pray furnish him w[i]th w[ha]t ever sumes hee demandes to the vallue of £100 St[erlin]g and when you send mee his Receipt itt shall bee done you good In account;

Now Sirs if you would dispose of those goodes so as w[i]th the Nett proceeds there of you could answer some of Mr Strothers Draughts itt would bee much to my satisfaction I beinge a <gote> [joint] owner of the Vessell; doe Intreate you to assist the Ma[ste]r in procuering him a freight soe much I will say for him; that a more honest and carefull Man they will scarce finde, I should bee glad that you would make a tryall of him yo[u]r selfe And I have Ordered him to serve you Cheaper then any other; but if you have noe occasion; now none of yo[u]r Marchants; and the Ma[ste]r Resolve to come to this place (as hee will if hee can p[ro]cure noe freight) be pleased to putt a board of him, upon my account 20 Barrells or 7 ½ Fattes of yo[u]r best Nelloro Brumsicke Mum tomorrow I shall write att lardge p[er] Post In the meane time remaynes M:B:

24 Jun 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[ieu]res Hum: Willatt [Willett] and Company Newcastle June the 24th
[1676]

Sirs

Since my last of the 23th by yesterdayes Post have before mee yo[u]rs of the 20th present; Inclosed doe returne you the Bill accepted w[hi]ch pray pay when due as allso

a Bill w[hi]ch I have this day passed upon you for £100 payable 28 dayes after date to Richard Moutaney Esq[ui]re or Order, vallue of Mr Anthony Fackson. I am just now goeing out of Towne; otherwise would have Inlarded; but from some Post place; or others in the Road either this day or next Post may expect a line from MB

1 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mess[ieu]res Cha: and Ja Bankes Newcastle July the 1o [primo – first]: 1676

Sirs

My last to you was of the 19th June and 23 ditto 76 To w[hi]ch refers you p[er] latter of w[hi]ch was p[er] Hen Lawes who Sayled 2 dayes agoe soe that I hope hee may bee w[i]th you as soone as this if nott before; when please God hee arrives, bee pleased to dispose of the Goods before mentioned as is before desired and if w[i]th the nett p[ro]ceede of myne you could answer some of Mr Strothers Draughts; itt would doe extraordinary well and very much to my Satisfaction sell att w[ha]t price you will or can p[ro]cure; I shall bee content there w[i]th, for I freely leave the disposall there of to yo[u]r discretion and if possible would willingly have some of S[ai]d Strothers draughts answered w[i]th the Nett p[ro]ceeds thereof ~

I am now w[i]th yo[u]res of the 13th past thereby takes notice of £300 Chardged upon mee payable 2/us [2 months usance] to Dan Abersure or Order; w[hi]ch have accepted and money is ready for the paym[en]t thereof w[he]n due – onely RD [rijksdaelder] 1200: att 33:7. I thinke will not come to £300: but the difference is nott materiall nor worth Speakinge of betwixt you and MB:

I pray advise mee how much you Creditte mee for S[ai]d Bill.

1 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] ditto [Newcastle 1 July 1676]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 22d and 27th past the Bill of £200 was accepted and Returned In due time w[hi]ch I hope came safe to yo[u]r hands; and the 2S10d Chardge of the p[ro]test you sent mee have placed to yo[u]r Creditte; yesterday I accepted a Bill for £300 drawne from Hambrough [Hamburg] by Mess[ieu]rs Bankes the 12 past payable 2/us [2 months usance] In yo[u]r house to Dan Abersure or Order, w[hi]ch pray lett bee complied w[i]th all w[he]n due

Inclosed you have a bill of £200; of w[hi]ch pray p[ro]cure the needfull; Now Sirs I have a Vessell at Stockholme; w[hi]ch I freighted called the Owne[u]rs lone of Newcastle W[illia]m Locke Ma[ste]r burthen about 160 Tunnes; Inclosed is a letter of her arrivall; who is bound for this place w[i]th her Loadinge of Iron Pitch and Tarr; all

upon my owne account but because the Adventure is greate and I but a younge Trader I desire you to Insure mee upon the goodes (I meane gett mee Insured upon the Goods) £600 or 700 upon the best tearmes you can the Vessell <has a> forraigne bottomme hollandes build but as free In England as any of that sort is I tell you all the very truthe that thinges may bee rightly understood and to p[re]vent differences lett happen w[i]th God pleases; tis now Summer Time; soe hopes you may gett my desires effected upon reasonable Tearmes; but w[ha]t ever you doe shall bee to the satisfaction of MB:

Pray returne mee my lett[e]r w[he]n you have done w[i]th itt

1 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen Nelthorpe Newcastle July 1mo [primo – first]: [16]76

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 15th past w[hi]ch I Rec[eive]d by Thomas Bee as allso a Silver Cann the cost thereof have placed to yo[u]r Creditt though itt weights butt exactly 43 ozts [ounces] but that is nothings pray att yo[u]r leasure bee pleased to write outt and send mee my account In doeinge of w[hi]ch you will oblige MB:

1 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor ditto [Newcastle 1 July 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 19th June [16]76 To w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 26th 29th and 30th past and allsoe one of this date; w[hi]ch I shall God willinge now answer att lardge one after another; Vaughan is Arrived by whome Rec[eive]d the Tow and Sayle Docke w[hi]ch is it to content; but yett the Tow is nott pap[er]ed as our Marchants desire itt; Soe shall nott trouble you w[i]th causeinge aney more to be soe done up therefore w[i]thout paperinge aney of itt pray send me by John Vaughan; or p[er] first conveyently 2000C of the the very same sort of Tow onely doe you write your customer; that itt tis nott for Good In the Middle is In the Oute side w[hi]ch fault desire him to mende and hee may come to have a good Customer of mee but write Sharpely to him now Sir pray safe notice of another thinge; this Sort is nott right Haerlemes Tow for 22 Gilders or 22½ Gilders pray send itt likewise ~

I have the account of my 350 p[ie]ces Leed which have examined found right and booked in conformity with you; I am very well remembered w[i]th the Sale there of and would have sent you more by Vaughan; but that I was In the Countrey when hee arrived; and before I got home hee had p[ro]vided all his Loadinge; but shall send you

some p[er] first oppertunity pray hasten In what money is behinde; and remitt itt mee as soone as is possible, and my Stockinges pray dispose of for w[ha]t they will yeild ~

I am very well contented w[i]th the price you promised for my Leed and if you could bringe them to pay ready money upon delivery of the Goodes <oboteinge> [obtaining] 1 p % [percent] I would send you farr more Then I doe ~

I was att Sunderland about some business; where I mett w[i]th Mr Peter Roas did offer him my assistance and w[ha]t money hee wanted; money hee will want none And an honest Man hee hath att command; who will see that noe Man come beyond him; And Assist him in all his businesse. yo[u]r Bill of £200 is booked in conformity w[i]th you pray remitt mee some more money as soone as ever you cann ~

About the Sale of my Leed; keepe yo[u]r owne Counsill and I will warrant you now all yo[u]r lett[e]rs is Answered so shall conclude remayneinge MB:

4 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke Newcastle July the 4th 1676

Sir

If you have any Blanke Billes to free up att 20 dayes date or 20 dayes Sight att London you may please to send them by the first oppertunity; If this will doe you a kindnesse I thinke I can p[ro]cure £200 or £300 for you and I am ready to Serve you upon all occasions beinge realy

MB:

6 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Ettrick

Mr Walter Ettricke Newcastle July the 6th [16]76

Sir

I have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of this date, and returnned you hearty thanks for all your kindnesses; but can doe nothings w[i]th your Doll[e]rs att 4S7d And as for billes I have none to Spare; but if you have occation Mr James Cooke of Stockton; may furnish you as hee hath done him what restes

MB:

7 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Mat[t]hew Lamb Newcastle July the 7th 1676

Sir

I Expected to have heard from you ere this; of the Receipt of my Rent from Esq[ui]re Foweller, desire to know whether you have gott itt or nott and that p[er] first God bee thanked wee are both very well; hoping that you are both in like manner I remayne
M:B:

7 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle July the 7th 1676

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the p[ri]mo present, doe heartily thanke you for all your kindnesses; I am afrayed I shall never bee able to make you any Retaliation but upon all accountes pray freely Comand him who is really and wholly att yo[u]r devotion – the blacke Gowne and other things desired, may please to send them made p[er] any Shipping Inclosed you have 2 Billes of £100: each; the one is the Bill upon Mr Stocke of Dover w[hi]ch you lately sent mee protested; but I am desired to try him once more; And assured of paym[en]t there of when due soe pray convey itt to Mr Nepheu w[i]th the needfull order; if either acceptance or paym[en]t bee now refused I shall trouble you noe more w[i]th the same I am
M:B:

7 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chayteor ditto [Newcastle 7 July 1767]

Sir

My last to you was of the p[ri]mo July to w[hi]ch referrs you Since have Rec[eve]d yo[u]rs of this date; yo[u]r Bill of £100 upon Robinson and Compa[ny] is booked in conformity w[i]th you; And I shall trye Mr Stocke of Dover once more w[i]th the Other Bill; but I hope you will (p[ro]cure) and place to my Creditt w[ha]t Chardge I have beene att about s[ai]d Bill; the p[ro]test is 2S 10d besides all post of lett[er]s w[hi]ch pray p[ro]cure to the uttmost; I have freighted Mr John Consitt and am Loadinge of him w[i]th Leed and Coales for yo[u]r place; but Knowes nott the quantity as yett, only take notice you are to pay neither freight nor primidge nor averidge for the same and dispose there of as you disposed of my last parcell of Leed; w[hi]ch is upon Arrivall att price Currant pray remitt mee some more money as soone as you can In doinge of w[hi]ch you will very much oblidge MB:

p[er] John Vaughan I pray send mee a Box of <Wayfers>

7 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Michael Clipsham

[Note: A 'Thomasion' appears to be an expression used by MB to mean a 'doubting Thomas']

Mr Michael Clipsham Newcastle July the 8th: 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 4th present; w[hi]ch before I answer; lett mee bee soe free w[i]th you; As to tell you in playne English that after haveinge follwowed [followed] orderes and that nothings was wantinge, on my part to p[ro]mote yo[u]r Interest in the Sale of yo[u]r 12 p[ie]ce[s] Prunes as I can endorce by Sober men in Towne, I never did expect to have beene Blamed; because I could nott sell them (beinge nought) att the Rate of good Pruones but further I heard from Mr George Morton of this place that some In London were not onely dissatisfied w[i]th myt proceedinges, but (like themselves) vended their passion by Scurrilaus [scurrilous] discourse In the publick Coffee House; nameing mee (as Indeed probably Became themselves) Blockhead instead of Blackett, Sir I never hadd ocction [occasion] to Corrispond In this nature before, now pray doe you take notice I Scorne their discourse; and (Though young) hopes to prove my selfe both as much, and as honest a Marchand as hee is; lett him bee what hee will, the Intent here of is onely to lett you know, I have heard of them soe much as to that particular ~

It seemes you yo[u]r selfe doe question my account. I have made many In my life; and never had such afront putt upon mee before. Now if you still persist a Thomasion you may please write to yo[u]r Freind to enquire if I really p[ai]d nott. And to the uttmost farthinge w[ha]t is placed to account for I my selfe am unwilling to give you that satisfaction as to send itt you under thre[e] handes though att this very present hath itt before mee for our Weigh house Ma[ste]r and Free Porteres are Still alive to Justifie mee either to yo[u]r Freinds or any Man in the world ~

I must confesse in the account I made due to you Errars Excepted £22:7S. 2d but pray acknowledge the Receipt of myne of the 9.9ber [November]: last though to deduct for the Tare of 12 p[ie]c[es] 1200wt 12d for my Commission of the same; beinge abated; itt beinge nott chardged

In the account £2:13:=
the Remynder beinge £19:14:2

I am Ready to pay to whome you will appoynt, Soe if you agree to the Contents heereof bee pleased to Signe and Seale mee before Wittnesses the Inclosed Release; w[hi]ch as soone as yo[u]r Freinds Receives, here returned; I shall not fayle to pay in the money; and In the meane time remaynes as you use him MB:

7 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 7 July 1676]

Sirs

pray doe mee the kindness as deliver the Inclosed and if the party will Signe the Release be pleased to be a Witness thereto after w[hi]ch lett him have itt and doe w[ha]t hee will w[i]th itt; if hee aske you if you will pay the money pray give him for answer that you will nott creditt mee for soe much; lett himselfe send itt downe to whome hee pleases; in this part of the Countrey and when I know where to finde itt; shall see to gett itt In and pay the money pray excuse the trouble; and doe this kindness for mee, And you will very much oblige M:B:

11 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

[Note: August 1 is Lammas Day (Anglo-Saxon hlaf-mas, 'loaf-mass'), the festival of the wheat harvest, and is the first harvest festival of the year.]

Mess[eu]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny]

Newcastle July the 11th: [16]76

Sirs

I have before me yours of the 6th present for Answer my Wifes Gowne and other thinges you are desired to find p[er] very first convenience of Shippinge for if they came not to hand before Lammas; I must runne the Countrey; That w[hi]ch I called a Toppinn is a Tower of Haireworke; w[hi]ch pray lett bee one of the best and of the lightest Haire you can procure; I observe your Insureres answer to my businesse and the many particulars w[hi]ch they would have Inserted In the Pollicy w[hi]ch I can nott doe; Soe returne mee my letter; And trouble your selfe noe more In s[ai]d businesse for I never yett Adventured any thing; but w[ha]t I durst trust God withall; soe lett his will bee done; I will turne Insurer; And Insure itt my selfe. Now Sir I take notice that your Brother Edward is w[i]th you and that one of you doth Intend to accompany him Into the North as farr as this place, pray remember mee kindly to your s[ai]d Brother. And lett him know I desire two kindnesses of him. In which if hee grant nott my request; I will never owne him; first; that hee never thinke of makeinge use of any other Lodginge; In this place; but my poore habitation; hee shall have God willing good Oates and beanes for his Horsse; for himselfe lett him take what hee finds; Secondly that hee will be pleased to write to mee as soone as he can w[ha]t night hee Intendes to lye att Darlington; w[hi]ch is a dayes Journey from this place; if hee have nott allready setten out his Lodginges every night; hee may write mee from any place In the Roade; and whether of you comes a longe w[i]th him you shall bee as welcome to my house as any Man in the world; but pray one of you fayle nott to advise of mee when and w[ha]t

might you Intend to lye att Darlington In doeinge of w[hi]ch you will very much oblidge M:B:

11 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

[Note: MB was Sheriff in Newcastle upon Tyne in 1676, so maybe this letter was to do with that role.]

Mr James Burkin Newcastle July the 11th 1676

Sir

I have before me yo[u]res of the 6th present w[i]th a Warrant Inclosed To be served on the person of Mr Henry Braband In the Effecting of w[hi]ch I will begg yo[u]r Excuse, for I am unwilling to meddle In a businesse of that nature, beinge hee is a magistrate of the Towne soe Inclosed I returne you s[ai]d Warrant, and Remaynes
M:B:

11 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

Ditto [Newcastle 11 July 1676]

Writt to Mr Tho: Finley <.e> M:B:

11 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr: Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 11 July 1676]

Sirs

I writt you this morning the needfull to w[hi]ch referres you And since to pleasure a freind have this day mad [made] bold to vallue upon you nine pounds payable three dayes sight To Thomas Liddle Esq[ui]re Order Vallue of Madam Jane Liddle; w[hi]ch pray lett be complied w[i]th all I am MB:

11 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor Newcastle July the 11th: [16]76

Sir

This is to accompany Edward Alderson in whom I have Loaden 300 p[ie]ces Leed 14 Chalder of Grindstones (vizt) 13 Stones 7 footte 13 more 6 footte, And also 20 Chalder of Coales Newcastle Measure w[hi]ch after good arrivall be pleased to Receive, and dispose there of according to Order p[er] Post payinge noe freight att all neither primidge nor Averidge for the same, but if <the.tle> have occation for any money; lett him know what Sumed hee demandes to the value of £20 or £30 Sterlinge And upon sendinge mee his Recip [Receipt] itt shall be done you good in account by him that desires you to Observe this Order and Remayne

M:B:

14 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor 14 ditto [July] : [16]76:

Sir

My last to you was of the 11th July 76: p[er] Edward Alderson; who I hope may be w[i]th you as soone as this; When please God hee Arrives be pleased to dispose of the goodes above mentioned att price Currant you are to pay neither fr[e]ight Primidge nor Averidge for the same onely as above If the Ma[ste]r want aney money lett him have w[ha]t hee demandes and upon Sight of his Receipt itt shall be done you good on account ~ Pray lett my Goodes bee disposed of att price Currant for w[ha]t they will yeild; and if possible lett mee soone have said money remitted upon this account pray call In debts. And once more remitt mee some money I intreate you Soe Soone as possible you can w[i]th conveniency; And the Sooner the more kindnesse and greater obligation unto you from

MB:

14 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Richard Crossman

Mr Rich: Crossman: Newcastle July the 14th [16]76

Sir

Yo[u]res of the 8th present I have before mee; In w[hi]ch takes notice of yo[u]r request In desireinge to know w[ha]t white Leed is here worth p[er] Ton to w[hi]ch I answer that I doe nott understand what you meane by white Leed nor cann I imadgine, w[ha]t sort of Leed t'is you desire, Wee have here both white and Read Leed but they are used medicinally. And allso wee have a Sort of white Leed such as is used for Pencilles but none of these are to be sold by soe greate quantities as the Tonn In this Countrey; The Sort of Leed that I sell is in Pigges or peeces w[hi]ch is comonly sold by the fudder of 21C wt [cwt] Each hundred contyneinge 112C the price Currant of w[hi]ch att present Is £11 p[er] fudder w[hi]ch w[i]th Custome and other Charges for Oversea will cost

aboutt £12: 10S p[er] fudder free aboard. And I can att any time Shipp you what quantity you desire for Rotterdam this beinge thought the needfull I remayne
MB:

15 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Math: Lamb: Newcastle July the 15: 1676

Sir

I have before me yours of the 13th but I have nothinge of Esq[ui]res Fowlers paym[e]nt here neither doe I expect itt nor like him at all, but this to your selfe pray talke to him about itt I am this day returned from the Leed Mines; Now w[i]th our Freinds God be thanked are all well hopinge you are in the same condition I remayne M:B:

15 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Cousen Wm Newcastle July the 15th: 1676

Inclosed is a letter to S[i]r James Standsfeild [Stansfield] w[hi]ch after perusall I pray Seale and deliver; of whome pray p[ro]cure all the Ballance if you cann or as much as is possible for you know (considderinge) I expect dayly W[illia]m Locke; and that I shall have occation for money; soe the more you procure the greater kindness you will do mee

I am M:B:

15 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to James Stansfield

[Note: This letter is assumed to be the letter referred to in MB's letter to 'cousen William [Blackett]' of the same date, hence Sir James Stansfield is the 'Honoured Sir'.]

Hon[ou]red Sir [Note 1.] Ditto [Newcastle July 15th 1676]

I desire you upon Receipt hereof to pay unto my Cosen Mr William Blackett Junio[u]r what money you are oweinge mee; or as much there of as you can conveniently spare but haveinge ocction [occasion] for money the more you pay him upon my account; the greater kindness you will doe mee. And his Receipt for w[ha]t you pay him shall bee yo[u]r discharge from

MB:

18 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

[Note: see also letter to Burkin of July 11th]

Mr James Burkin Newcastle July the 18th 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 11th present w[i]th a second warrant to be served on the p[er]son of Mr Henry Braband [Note 1.]; butt as I writt you in mine of the 11th I have noe minde To meddle att all in the businesse soe Inclosed you will find s[ai]d warrant and allsoe the letter, you shall find mee upon aney other businesse
MB:

18 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 18 July 1676]

Sirs

I have before mee both yo[u]rs of the 11th and 13th present; In the former have the account and cost of thinges Shipt for mee In Geo: Johnson; w[hi]ch I have booked in conformity with you

I will trouble you noe more w[i]th the Bill upon Mr Abra[ham]: Stocke w[hi]ch you returne mee In yo[u]r last I longe till I have the happynesse of seeinge yo[u]r Brother and you here; none in the world should bee more Welcome unto M:B:

18 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor Ditto [Newcastle 18 July 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 14th July 1676 To w[hi]ch Referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 17th present w[hi]ch requiereing little answer have the lesse to Inlardge upon this cheifely comes for Covert to the Inclosed Bill of £100 w[hi]ch if I have some time Since remitted mee upon Mr Stocke of Dover acceptance to w[hi]ch is once more refused; and Still for want of advice Soe that tis to be concluded; either s[ai]d Stocke is as I writt you or else W[illia]m Harris must bee a very punctuall Marchant to draw billes and In 2/us [2 months usance] nott to give advice Thereof; In short I like nott the businesse att all Soe trouble mee noe more w[ith] s[ai]d Bill Gett my money Restored w[i]th all damages to the uttmost exch: was then 37:3d:37:8d w[hi]ch hee must make upp; but in short nott doubtinge but you will Endavour my Adva[n]tage And that you know w[ha]t to demand In such Cases; for dammage I doe referr itt to you; but spare

him nott I pray you and for future send mee allwayes Billes upon Londoners. And I hope you take good care, to send mee good billes; I doe dayley expect bills from you upon Receipt I pray remitt mee this £100 In some other Bill w[i]th w[ha]t more you cann w[i]th Convenience; I hope ere this Edward Alderson is w[i]th you As to his Loadinge pray observe my former Order; pray upon Receipt call In money; lett them want noe dummings and remitt mee as much as you cann one way or another I am

M:B:

21 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to James Ward

Mr James Ward

Newcastle July the 21th: 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]res of the 15th present doe note it's Contentes; Inclosed you have yo[u]r Bill accepted and when pleased God W[illia]m Locke comes In; I shall discourse yo[u]r businesse w[i]th him; and his Answer shall be Signified unto you by him that is realy upon all accounts

MB:

21 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eu]rs Hump: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle] July the 21: 1676

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]res of the 15th present, for answer in the first place pray returne mee the letter from John Strother; Secondly be pleased to Informe yo[u]r selfe of the Taylor and advise mee w[ha]t those 12 yards of flowered Silver Ribbin is for and how to use them for here will know nott ~

I take notice you have spoaken w[i]th Mr Clipsham but could nott p[re]valye w[i]th him to Signe the Release I sent you I hope you did nott presse itt upon him if you did you did more than was desired of you if hee will not Signe itt lett him make some other use of itt; hee talkes of the Sale of his Pruones [prunes]; they were the verry outcastes of a p[ar]cell the worst that ever I see; Some whole Caskes nott worth 6d a hundred; as I can make appeare ~

People that are dissatisfied without any reason when I meete w[i]th such I order them accordingly ~

Soe I will see him as farr as Jemaico before I humer him soe much as to pay him his money att London; if hee have noe Correspondence here I am sure hee hath att Stockton who can easily Re[leas]e itt if hee pleases; but pray trouble nott the man too much lett him use his discession; if hee were a Civill p[er]son hee would never have abused mee as hee did

I have Rec[eive]d my Box all thinges are very much to Content I am M:B:

22 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[esseu]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle July 22d: 1676

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs the 18th present; for Answer as in my last; pay nott Mr Clipsham a farthinge, for the reasones best knowne to my selfe and about Signeing the Release I sent you lett him use his discretion yo[u]r Brotheres is nott yett come here; when I see them shall deliver yo[u]r letter I hope they will bee here this night And allsoe that they will bee as free w[i]th mee as lodge att my house the time they abide In this place w[hi]ch if they doe nott; I cannott Chouse but bee a little displeased att them both I will assure you and them they shall bee as welcome to w[ha]t they finde As any men In England My vessell from Stockholme is God bee thanked well arrived; Soe pray Returne mee Jno Strothers' Letter ~

Sir I pray take notice that this day I passed a bill upon you for £100 payable 6/d [6 days] Sight To Henry Ashhurst Esq[ui]r or Order vallue of Mr Geo Morton w[hi]ch pray lett bee complied w[i]th all ~

Inclosed you have a Bill of £60 of w[hi]ch I pray procure the Needfull I am

22 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

[Note: A fagott is an old English unit applied to bundles of certain items. A faggot was also a unit of weight used to measure iron or steel rods or bars totaling 120 pounds (54 kg) [Wikipedia]. 'Kittes' must similarly be a measure of weight, possibly Dutch, although no reference to this has yet been found. 'kite' apparently is an old Egyptian measure [Wikipedia] but as it is only 9 grams, it would not appear to be relevant to quantities of steel.]

Mr Walter Chaytor Ditto [Newcastle 22 July 1676]

My last to you was of the 18 present to w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]res of the 24th ditto; I am glad you have bespaken the 40 Mattes Tow desired; but am affrayd they will nott prove as you say (vizt) without deceite but if they be I can Assure yo[u]r Freind hee will have noe badd Customer of mee, soe hee may very well take a little more then ordinary care In my businesse. And if I find hee done. And that hee bee willinge to serve mee faithfully for any thinge I know; I may prove as good a freind to him as any whatsoever hee hath; yo[u]r Bill of £60 is booked in Conformity w[i]th you w[hi]ch I feare nott butt will bee complied with all; yett I wish itt had beene upon a Londoner the account of my Stockinges I shall examin and booke In due time;

but I wonder how there came to want 2 payre; I am sure I sent 84 duzen every Stockinge I hope ere this Edward Alderson is w[i]th you And allso that you have disposed of part of his Loadinge if nott all pray Sir lett People want noe damminge and remitt mee some money if possib[l]e upon receipt here of ~

Pray advise mee the price of all Sortes of Steele w[i]th you And whether yo[u]r place or Amsterdam hath the better Sort, And where tis Cheapest. And whether usually tis In Kittes or Faggottes. If in faggottes of w[ha]t Marke this pray p[er] first Conveniency. And once more remitt mee some money as soone as possibly you cann and the Sooner the Greater obligation you will lay upon

M:B:

22 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Cousen Will: ditto [Newcastle 22 July 1676]

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 20th And accordinge to yo[u]r desire I send S[i]r James a Release; w[hi]ch I thinke will bee to content; Soe pray Receive the money of him; and take the trouble to bring itt alonge w[i]th you If noe otherwise can bee Bid pray put S[i]r James In minde that hee promised mee, to remitt mee my money either to this place; or to London, but In Short you know my businesse as well as I doe my selfe, soe referres itt to you and w[ha]t ever you shall doe therein shall bee to my Satisfaction; onely minde the Inclosed Release cost mee 18d w[hi]ch I hope S[i]r James will repay. As allso Intrest for the time I have beene In disburse, but as above I refer all to you and what ever you shall doe shall comport mee the remaynder of yo[u]r letter I shall answer att <accordinge> In the mean time remaynes: MB

28 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

[Note: It is not entirely clear from the handwriting 'Rf' or 'Rb' is referred to in this letter, and the occurrences within the letter differ in form. Since Charles and James Bankes are in Hamburg, it has been guessed that the transcriptions are 'Rf' for 'Rhenish Florin'. However, Wikipedia notes that the 'mark banco' was a historical currency used in Hamburg between 1619 and 1873, which only deepens the mystery.]

Mess[eu]rs Cha & Ja: Bankes: Newcastle July the 28th 1676

S[i]rs

My last to you was of the 1mo [primo – first] July; To w[hi]ch referes you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 27th and 30th past 7th and 14th present; I am ashamed to have soe many of yo[u]rs before mee unanswered; the best excuse is the very truth; that I have for some time; beene merry w[i]th some freinds who came from London on

purpose to give mee a visitt; They beinge now gone; I am now againe In my Ellements; hard att my businesse to regayne the time lost; Soe that att present I shall God willinge answer att large one after another all yo[u]r lett[e]rs. In yo[u]r former takes notice of Rf [Note 1.] 178: drawne upon you by Mr Jno Strother w[hi]ch bill you hadd accepted and debited mee for the same; Soe farr Soe good; In yo[u]r second you say and confirme to have accepted Mr Jno Strothers draughtes for Rf [Note 1.] 168 whereas In yo[u]r former you write that In that the Bill is for Rf 178:= noe man but my mistake; I know the Bill is for Rf [Note 1.] 178 and have booked the same accordingly, I heartily thanke you for yo[u]r kindnesse to my Brother and Freinds, who If still w[i]th you pray present my Service to them; In yo[u]r third have the good newes of Henry Lawes his safe arrivall, for w[hi]ch God bee prayed. And that you had sold my Coales for 30 <s> a barrell; w[i]th w[hi]ch am very well content; hoping that soe farr as the nett p[ro]ceeds thereof will goe moneyes will come In to answer pte [part] of Mr Jno Strotheres draughts and In yo[u]r last takes notice of Rf [Note 1.] 1650: drawne upon you In 2 bides by Mr Strother and that you had accepted the same w[hi]ch is well, I must confesse Mr Strother hath now drawne about £1000 St[erlin]g upon you upon my account but God bee thanked my vessell from Stockholme is well arrived In this place; Mr Strother is Still Rf [Note 1.] 400: In disbursse for mee; who all alonge know of my order unto you Soe that hee will nott draw above Rf [Note 1.] 400 until hee receive the Inclosed w[hi]ch pray send forward Carefully and advise him w[i]th all of you will accept his bill for Sume of Rf [Note 1.] 400 w[hi]ch I desire you to doe: as also to dispose of my Leed soe as w[i]th the nett proceeds thereof you could answer some of S[ai]d Strotheres draughts; but if nott to bee done; you know where I live soe In short draw w[ha]t you have occasion for upon mee, And yo[u]r Bills shall bee hono[u]rd, I leave my businesse to yo[u]r disresstion nott doubtinge but In all thinges you will seeke my advantage; but one thinge pray observe; the lesse money you draw upon mee the greater kindness you will doe mee; Soe if noe likelihood of Leed riseinge as you say sell mine for w[ha]t itt will yeild; Soe that the nett proceeds thereof may serve my other occsiones as above ~

I take notice Henry Lawes can procure noe freight and beinge resolved to return hither rather then here should w[i]th ballast, you are Content to give him £60. And Soe will Load him of yo[u]r selfe w[i]th some Wooden Comodities for this place upon yo[u]r owne account w[hi]ch if you thinke fitt to Consigne unto mee I shall doe for you as for my selfe; beinge Realy upon all accounts, ready to serve you and none more ambitious of yo[u]r Condes; nor shall bee more honest and faithfull unto you Then
M:B:

28 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chayter: Newcastle July the 28 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 22d present To w[hi]ch referes you Since none from you
Soe the less to Inlardge upon this beinge Cheifly to confirm my former and to desire
you upon Receipt hereof to remitt mee some money if possible I have nott heard from
you this Weeke w[hi]ch is a little Strange unto mee; If you would take the trouble upon
you, as to write mee once a weeke, though you remitted mee noe money; yett to heare
that you used yo[u]r Indeavo[u]rs for the Rayseinge of some would bee much to the
satisfaction of M.B

28 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nicho: Verlane Ditto [Newcastle 28 July 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 26th May 1676 To w[hi]ch referres you Since have
Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 22d present whereby takes notice that all my Leed is Sold
Exceptinge 13 p[ie]ces Sir if any money be In Cash or that you dare trust mee till
moneyes be In Cash I desire you to send mee 6 Kittes and 6 Fagattes. of the very best
Steele that is to be procured in yo[u]r place and upon sight of yo[u]r account if the
same I will doe itt you good in account ~

I give you many thanks for yo[u]r toaken. Leed noW £11 p[er] fudder Coales 7S
p[er] Chalder Rye £12 p[er] last beanes 2s 2d p[er] bushell; Oats 12d Malt 2S 6d Wheate
3S 6d Pease 3S p[er] bushell I am glad of the Safe arrivall of soe many Shippes w[ith]
you and am without any long Complem[en]t M:B:

28 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

Mr Jo: Strother Ditto [Newcastle 28 July 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 19th June: 76: to which referres you Since have Rec[eive]d
yo[u]res of the 14th and 22d past first p[er] Gothenburg and the latter p[er] W[illia]m
Loacke who God be thanked is well arrived herew[i]th you will have a letter from
M[e]ss[eu]rs Bankes of Hambrough [Hamburg] to that purpose that they will accept
yo[u]r bill or bills for the Rf. 400: that you are Indisbursse for mee Soe you may
chardge itt w[ha]t you please after receipt hereof, And for the disposall of my last I
leave itt to yo[u]r discession; nott doubtinge butt you will doe for mee therein as for
yo[u]r selfe and after disposall of the same if you cann light of a conveniency for this
Port bee pleased to Shipp mee the Nett p[ro]ceed thereof of w[ha]t sort of Iron you can
best meete withall; but bee sure itt bee of the best Iron and finest Mettle that is to bee
procured, otherwise remitte mee the money to Mes[eu]rs Bankeses or to Mr Nicho:
Verlane of Amsterdam; whether tis most for my Advantage ~ you Charge one ere for

p[ai]d the Pylott To the Dallures and Land Sort Rf 60 butt seeinge the s[ai]d Pylott went noe further Then to the Dallures; as Mr L: [Locke] advises mee I hope you will pay him noe more than is good and right and doe mee good In account the remaynder I am M:B:

28 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to William Nepheu

Mr Wm Nepheu Ditto July the 28th 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]res of the 17th present w[hi]ch I Rec[eive]d by yo[u]r Freind Mr Nathaniell Smith to whome did offer my Assistance In his affaires To the utmost of my power; about w[hi]ch shall expect his further order from Sunderland who shall find mee very Ready to serve him upon all accounts I have also profered him money; but hee hath taken none; Mr Hum: Willett of London is w[i]th mee at present; who desires to be remembered unto you – I am glad as occasions offeres you thinke mee Capable of Serveinge either you or yo[u]r freindes In this Countrey; I wish an opportunity would offer wherein I might show w[ha]t kindnesse I have to make a Retaliation In some measure be assured none shall bee more ready to observe yo[u]r Comands none more ambitious of them then hee that is Realy M:B:

29 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Richard Crossman

[Note: Potter's Ore – a premium product so-named because of its use in (green) lead glazes.]

Mr Rich: Cros[s]man: Newcastle July the 29th: [16]76

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 24th present by w[hi]ch I doe very well understand w[ha]t Sort of Stuff t'is you desire I can furnish you att any time w[i]th w[ha]t quantity you please provided you will give mee 3 weekes or a Monethes notice aforehand; wee call itt here Potters Oare. And is allwayes Sold about £7 p[er] Tonn free aboard at present I may come to gett you 5S abated, att w[hi]ch price If you cann make yo[u]r account I should be gladd to Serve you; And Soe I remayne M:B:

29 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Michael Clipsham

Mr Michael Clipsham 29 ditto [July] 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 28th present I doe assure you I shall nott presse you very much to Signe the Release soe use yo[u]r discretion; And where as you say you doe Expect Intrest from me fore the time that I have had yo[u]r money In my hands; give mee leave to tell you; that a man that had any Reason In him would never have written such lines; itt was allwayes Ready but never demanded; but seeing you are resolute In the businesse gett itt if you Cann If any Merchant speake on yo[u]r behalf In this pay[me]nt I am very much mistaken; t'is soe unreasonable a demand that I am ashamed to lett yo[u]r letter bee seene, and blush when I thinke but of itt ~

For a reference I consent nott to In the least Signe mee the Release send itt to Robert Jackson of Stockton And before itt bee deliverd the money (as much as is due unto you) shall bee pay[e]d him; but I have noe freinds In London that I dare trust w[i]th soe weighty a businesse or rather trouble w[i]th soe small a concerne, I still remayne yo[u]rs as you use him

M:B:

every one of yo[u]r letters costes mee 3d w[hi]ch you may expect shall be deducted out of the ballance M:B:

29 Jul 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle July the 29th: [16]76

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 25th present w[hi]ch before I answer pray take notice that I have Shipped aboard of James Stott a Ipswich Man 2 dried Salmon and a little box; who I hope may bee w[i]th you as soone as this; bee pleased to enquire after him and Rec[eive]d s[ai]d things; the Salmon yo[u]r brother bought for his Lady. In the box you will find 4 Petty=Coats w[hi]ch pray lett yo[u]r Mayd doe as much as gett dyed accordinge to the Severall Noates writt upon each Petty=Coate and you will oblidge mee very much; I thank you heartily for w[ha]t you have Shipped In Abraham Dixson the £1:11d:= I have placed to yo[u]r Creditt

yo[u]r Brothers went from hence yesterday morninge I wish them a good Journey w[i]th all my heart I payd them £3:=: w[hi]ch place to my Creditt Speake nott to Clipsham In the least nor give him a good word I doe postively forbid you to pay him one farthinge upon my account If you doe I will nott owne itt; When the 4 Petty=Coates are gott dyed bee pleased to send them mee by first oppertunity of Shippinge and you will oblidge M:B:

Pray remember mee kindly to yo[u]r brother Edward when hee gettes home

4 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle Aug[us]t the 4th 1676

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 27th past w[hi]ch requ[ir]es little Answer Soe that I have the less to Inlardge upon this serveinge cheifly to advise you that this day I have made bold to vallue upon you five hundred pounds In one bill payable 12/d[ays] Sight to Mr Robert Ellison or Order vallue of him here; w[hi]ch I intreate you will lett bee Complied w[i]th all Towards dischargd of w[hi]ch I send you Inclosed the followinge Bills (vizt)

W[illia]m Abonys upon W[illia]m Nutt att 10/d[ays] Sight for - £173: 7: =
Peter Bells upon Rich: Howatt att 12/d[ays] for £100: =: =
Christo: Shadforthes upon Fanley Stephenson att 8/d[ays] Sight for £ 50: =: =

All w[hi]ch I thinke will bee complied w[i]th all accordinge to theire Contents w[ha]t you shall bee att any time In disbursse for mee I will very readily and willingly allow you consideration to Content till I can bee able To Reimbursse you; Soe nott doubtinge butt you will give all due hono[u]r to my s[ai]d Bill of £500 I remayne

MB:

4 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

To Ditto [Mr Hum: Willett and Company] Newcastle August the 4th 1676

Sirs

By this mornings Post I writt you the needfull w[i]th three Inclosed Bills and Since meeting w[i]th another of £60 I thought to good to send itt you Towards the discharge of my Greate draught upon you I shall send you more w[he]n I can gett them; but noot before you may be certayne I am in hast

MB:

5 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to George Harrison

Mr Geo: Harison Newcastle Aug[us]t the 5th: 1676

Sir

I Suppose Mr Nath[aniel]: Smith did desire you to send unto mee w[ha]t pap[er] I writt for; as also his 10 bottles of Oyle Soe pray by the bearer here of W[illia]m Rayne

Send the said 10 Bottles of Oyle and as much pap[er] as hee can carrey besides; pray see that hee be full loaden; for the Mercha[nt] advantage

I ordered Tho: Grayinge to leave w[i]th you 2 Reames of pap[er] and 6 hattes; I wonder I heard nothinge from you of them; if they come to yo[u]r hands pray send them to mee carefully w[hi]ch way or aney way you thinke most convenient

I am M:B:

5 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

[Note: A 'hoedt' seems to be a Dutch measure for coal. 'A hoedt of pit coal is 38 maaten' [The Elements of Commerce, by Christopher Dubost, <http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=qkI7AAAACAAJ&pg=PA327&lpq=PA327&dq=hoedt+coal+holland&source=bl&ots=wXNV7KyL5w&sig=Fi3L-h1N1dAyh6jQb1nHwdXUGGI&hl=en&sa=X&ei=9pWEVO3NB4fcPbGKgJgF&ved=0CCMQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=hoedt%20coal%20holland&f=false>]. '1 Amsterdamse hoed = 38 maat = 11.72 hectoliter' <http://rabbel.nl/Olddumes.html>.]

Mr Walter Chaytor Ditto [Newcastle August 5 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 28th July to w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 4th and 7th present In the former have the good newes; of Edward Aldersons safe arrivall for w[hi]ch God be thanked I take notice of the Saile of my Grindstones att 13½ Gilders p[er] Chalder as allso of the Sale of my Coales; pt [part] att 12½ and pt [part] att 12¼ hoedt both w[hi]ch please mee very well; all things is to my Content onely that you remitt mee nott money fast enough there is little profit to bee gott; Soe that if you can nott make mee quicker Returnes; I must goe Seek out some other Trade; I hope ere this all my Loads is disposed of; Soe pray one more; lett People want noe damminge and remitt mee some money if it bee possible; to move you to w[hi]ch I can nott say more then I have allready done

In yo[u]r letter takes notice of £100 remitted Mr Nelthorpe upon my account In W[illia]m Harryes [Harris's] his bill upon Sam: Shepherd payable 3/d[ays] Sight w[hi]ch bill is In lieu of Harris his former protested bill upon Stocke the same is booked accordingly; but I could wish you had nott Inclosed itt to Nelthorpe for Severall Reasons, make noe more billes payable to him butt all to my Order; and send them directly to mee and bee sure never send mee any but upon Londoners except you gett some Consideration w[hi]ch pray observe I am

MB:

5 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to James Ward

Mr James Ward Ditto [Newcastle August 5 1676]

Sir

Mr Loake [Lecke] brought mee this day £10:=10:= w[hi]ch hee sayth is In full for yo[u]r 1/13 pt [percent] profit of the last Summer Work and this East Countrey Voyadge the money I Rec[eive]d; if you can draw itt upon mee; at Sight yo[u]r Bill shall be hono[u]red by him that is M:B:

5 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe Ditto [Newcastle August 5 1676]

I perceive that Mr Walter Chaytor of Rotterdam remitted you £100 upon my account In W[illia]m Harris his bill upon Samuall Shephard payable 3/d[ays] Sight paym[en]t of w[hi]ch I doe nott question butt you will have procured ere this Come to hands; if soe I might Intreate you upon Receipt hereof to pay the s[ai]d £100 unto Mr Hum[phrey]: Willett and Company <Marchents> In yo[u]r place for last Post I drew upon them £5:=0 towards the Discharge of w[hi]ch I must Endeavour to Remitt them w[ha]t I can; but Incase you have nott Rec[eive]d the money pray upon my account endorssse s[ai]d Bill to Willettes And lett them Receive the money; In complyinge w[i]th this my desire; you will very much oblidge him that is MB:

5 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eu]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle August 5 1676]

Sirs

My last to you was by yesterdayes Post advisinge you of £500: Charged upon you And withall Remittinge you £403:7: In 4 bills w[hi]ch letter I hope came safe to yo[u]r hands

Sir upon Receipt bee pleased to Repayre unto Mr Henry Nellthorppe deliver him the Inclosed letter and be earnest w[i]th him for the £100 therin mentioned; w[hi]ch I question nott but hee will Immediately pay you if hee has Rec[eive]d itt; if nott then pray desire him to Endorssse s[ai]d bill unto you; wherein Inclosed is the second; and tell him; you will take the trouble upon you as to Re[cei]ve itt next Post I will God willinge send you a bill for £100 att least In the meane time I remayne

M:B:

5 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mess[eu]rs Cha and Jam Bankes Ditto [Newcastle August 5 1676]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 28 of July to w[h]ich referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 25th past w[i]th 2 Inclosed bills of Loadinge I am att present In haste soe shall nott Inlarge; only will advise you that both Hen: Lawes and John Fell; is God be thanked this day arrived I shall say noe more this Post; God willinge next Post will write you att lardge In the meane time Remaynes M:B:

5 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke Ditto [Newcastle August 5 1676]

Sir

If you cann furnish mee w[i]th any Doll[e]rs att 4S6 ½ or bills att 12 or 15 dayes sight; pray send mee either Sort; to w[ha]t Sume you cann procure to the vallue of £1000; and if you cann helpe mee In this business; w[i]th either doll[e]rs or bills you will very much oblidge mee; and soe I remayne; but before I conclude pray lett mee tell you; that whether you can help mee or nott I desire yo[u]r Answer p[er] very first Conveniency I am In hast

M:B:

5 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Mr Robt Jackson Ditto [Newcastle August 5 1676]

Sir

If you cann furnish mee w[i]th any Doll[e]rs 4S6d or 4S6 ½ or bills att 12 or 15 dayes sight; pray send mee of either Sort to w[ha]t Sume you cann procure to the vallue of £600 and if you cann helpe mee In this business you will very much oblidge mee; but before I conclude pray lett mee tell you; that whether you can help mee or nott I desire yo[u]r Answer p[er] first conveniency and soe I remayne; w[i]th my Respects to yo[u]r good wife

M:B:

5 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to John Wells

Mr Jno Wells Ditto [Newcastle August 5 1676]

Sir

If there bee any doll[e]rs to be procured In yo[u]r place att 4S6d or 4S6 ½ or bills att 12 or 15 dayes sight I desire you to procure mee of either sort all that ever you cann to the vallue of £600 or £800 St[erlin]g, p[ro]vided you can order yo[u]r business soe; as that I may Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs before Tusday Noone next upon w[hi]ch <teacanes> soe the Greater Sume you can promace mee the greater kindnesse you will doe

M:B:

5 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Math: Lamb Ditto [Newcastle August 5 1676]

In the first place God bee thanked wee are both very well, hopeinge this will find you In the like Condit[i]on

secondly pray observe that I leave nothing of my Customer the Esq[ui]re about my Rent nor doe you write one word to mee of itt w[hi]ch I wonder a little att but Consideringe yo[u]r businesse and my lazynesse if you will excuse mee I will soone excuse you soe In short att this time I only desire to heare from you w[he]n you are att leasure and w[i]th all to know w[ha]t my Esq[ui]re Intends to doe for I will nae longer bee play[e]d the fool w[i]th all soe w[i]th my Respects to my mother, I remanye M:B:

8 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen Nelthorpe Newcastle Aug[us]t the 8th 1676

Sir

I have before me yo[u]rs of the P[ri]mo present wherein takes notice that Mr Chaytor had remitted you £100: upon my account; upon Sam: Sheaphard att 3/d[ays] Sight and that you had p[ro]cured acceptance of the same w[hi]ch is well; if the money be received; pray pay itt to Mr Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] if nott be pleased to Endorsse s[ai]d Bill unto them and lett them Rec[e]ive itt upon my account accordinge as I desired In my last; for of late I have charged greate Sumes upon s[ai]d Willettes; And now am Endevoeinge to Reimbursse them accordinge to my promise ag[ain]st my Billes fall due; pray send mee my old account w[he]n itt is Cleared; as oppertunityes falles outt; I shall bee very ready to beginn a new one w[i]th you In the meane time Remaynes M:B:

8 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[esseu]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 8 August 1676]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 5th present to w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you soe the lesse to Inlardge upon this onely servinge for Covert to the Inclosed bill of £100 upon Capten John Welwang of w[hi]ch I pray procure the needfull upon the account of :MB:

I am afrayed I shall bee forced to drawe £100 or £200 upon you either this very Post or the next; By honouringe of my Billes God willinge you shall be noe loaser and for the time you shall bee Indisbursse I will allow you satisfaction to Content you see how bold I am <resorting> to be w[i]th you M:B: Sir accordinge as I feared itt is <mine> to <pays> for I have vallued this day upon you £200: payable 12/d Sight to Jno <.elbourne> [Welbourne] or Order <.....> [on behalf of] of Rob[er]t Ellison; w[hi]ch pray lett be complied w[i]th all In doeinge of w[hi]ch you will very much oblidge MB:

helpe mee or nott I desire yo[u]r Answer p[er] first conveniency and soe I remayne; w[i]th my Respects to yo[u]r good Wife

M:B:

9 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Francis Buck

[Note: Francis Buck is the brother of Michael's mother-in law Elizabeth (nee Buck), and is presumed to be the 'Uncle Buck' that MB refers to.]

Unckle Bucke Newcastle Aug[us]t the 9th [16]76

Sir

<Yester> night I received yo[u]r letter by Henry Lanes for Answer doe w[ha]t you will w[i]th my horssees for the Orderinge of them I wholly leave to yo[u]r discession and w[ha]t ever you doe itt shall bee to my Sayisfaction; And shall be very Ready to repay you all Charges

I doe nott att all fancye my Tennant Esq[ui]re <Fowler>; to this day I want my Rent; nor doe I heare one word from him; soe pray acquaint my Unckell Eaden [Note 2.] that I will have another Tennant; or better paym[en]t of this

You say that Morton Fayre will bee done in the beginninge of September; upon Receipt hereof write mee a letter and lett me know positively; what day of the Month the fayre begin and w[ha]t day itt ends. And if I can bee att home before the fifth of September; I will goe God willinge allonge w[i]th you; Soe that I may Order my businesse for that Jorney pray fayle nott to Write to mee p[er] first conveniency

All Freinds here God bee thanked are very well; pray remember mee very kindly to my Unckle and Aunt and tell the former That my Brother Edward and I Intends to give him a visitt shortly; but cannott positively advise you the day till I have Rec[eive]d yo[u]r Answer of this; my respects to yo[u]r selfe I remayne

M:B:

9 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr : Mathew Lamb: Ditto [Newcastle 9 August 1676]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 7th present; Esq[ui]re Fowler I doe nott like att all; nor doe I heare any newes of his money; soe pray Speake to him againe and Ask him w[ha]t hee Intends to doe

I am this morning for the Pay soe shall nott Inlarge further; then to advise you that wee are God be thanked very well, hoping that these will finde you In the same Condition soe desireinge heartily to bee Remembered to all Freinds especially to my Mother I remayne M:B:

9 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to John Wells

Mr Jno: Wells Ditto [Newcastle 9 August 1676]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 7th And therein a bill of £100 upon Peter Bar w[hi]ch I accept of; And accordinge to yo[u]r Order did send you yo[u]r money by Cuthbert Fowler; w[hi]ch I hope came Well to yo[u]r handes

If you can spare mee a bill of another for £100 or £200: att same Sight you will doe a kindnesse unto

M:B:

9 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

[Note: 'Hatherickes Mill' - there is a possible link to an Eden family, and MB's mother-in-law Elizabeth had a sister Margery who married John Eden of Billingham. Welford's book on the History of Gosforth (1879) suggests the name Hatherickes is probably derived from the family of Hatherwicke; in the Parish Register in 1753 it is noted as Hatherick's Mill. The book says it formerly belonged to the Eden family, and was purchased by a Mr. Charlton of Newcastle, whose family still (1879) owned it (from Google, here.). (Hatherwicke was the name of a Parish Clerk of 1577, according to the story of Gosforth Parish Church.) This Eden link is confirmed in A Historical, Topographical and Descriptive View of the County of Northumberland (Vol. II) which states (p469): '... Haddrick's Mill, the property of the heirs of the late Mr T. Clarlton, of

Newcastle. It had long been possessed by the Eden Family'. However, no further proof that this might be the same Eden family as the MB link has yet been uncovered.]

Brother Edward: Newcastle Aug[us]t the 9th 1676

I know you are forgettfull soe shall make bold to putt you in minde of yo[u]r promise; of yo[u]r little Pretty Spanyell Dogg; w[i]th your promises to send mee secondly bee pleased to take notice; that I Rec[eive]d yo[u]r lett[e]r and therein severall peices of Parchm[en]t w[hi]ch you say are of Concernm[en]t whether they bee; or bee nott; you may bee certayne I shall deliver them Carefully accordinge to yo[u]r Order; unto my Cousin John Blackett; before I Returne from the Pay; where I intend God willinge to morrow morninge

Brother <say> t'is yo[u]r desire I shall nott fayle to writte you onece in fourtene dayes; And In due time will advise you; when I intend to Billingham soe knowes nott as yett – pray Remember mee my businesse w[i]th Wil<l> Devell If you can procure mee the money you will very much oblige. I have noe newes to acquaint you w[i]th all; onely that by some Persons yo[u]r <Worpp> [Worship] and my Selfe was thought to have beene Drunken att Hatherickes Mill the last time wee were there together; of w[hi]ch I never heare til of late I will for my Part give People leave to talke; I shall in my next write you <more> att large; In the meane time and In <Reallity> I am MB:

11 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eu]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle Aug[us]t the 11th 1676

Sirs

My last to you was of the 8th present to w[hi]ch referrs you Since none from you Soe the less to Inlarge upon this Serveing Cheifely for Covert to the Inclosed Bill of £100 drawne upon Mr Peter Bar; by John Wells of Stockton of which I pray pr[oc]ure the needfull upon the account of M:B:

12 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to George Moore

Mr Geo: Moore Newcastle Aug[us]t the 12: [16]76

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of this date from AmsterDoem; by w[hi]ch takes notice of yo[u]r Draught upon mee from thence for £16:==: payable att w[ha]t date or Sight I know not however s[ai]d Bill who p[re]sented; shall be accepted; and w[he]n due shall be punctually Complied w[i]thall. And according to yo[u]r order; After I have p[ai]d the same; shall Reimbursse my Selfe upon you att Lond[on] not doubting butt you will

bee there In time to discharge my Bill when Charged upon you In the Meane time I
remayne M:B:

12 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mess[eu]rs Cha and Ja Bankes Ditto [Newcastle 12 August 1676]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 5th Aug[us]t to w[hi]ch referres you Since w[hi]ch have
landed all yo[u]r Goodes; both out of John Fell and Hen: Lawes this day beinge
Saturday and Markett day Could doe nothings as to the disposall thereof; upon
Monday next being the 14th present I Intend God willinge; To Offer yo[u]r Goods as I
thinke Fit; to severall Marchants; If I can dispose of them to Content shall doe itt; if
nott; will begg yo[u]r excuse till further Order; In the meane time Remaynes: MB:

12 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eu]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 12 August 1676]

Sirs

I have before mee both yo[u]rs of the 8th All yo[u]r Complements shall answer
w[i]th Silence; onely In playne English; I wish att any time; I might bee thought
Capable; to serve either you or any of yo[u]r Freinds; In this Place; as a Retaliation In
some Measure of all the favours I have Rec[eive]d from you ~

Inclosed is a Bill of £50 of w[hi]ch pray procure the needfull; Pray advise mee p[er]
first if Geo: Moore Marchant In yo[u]r Place; bee Returned from Ansterdam And how
hee is to <live>; yo[u]r Inclosed I have Delivered to S[i]r W[illia]m My Service to Mr Ed:
if w[hi]ch you Still I am In hast: M:B:

15 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mess[eu]rs Cha and Ja: Bankes Newcastle Aug[us]t the 15th 1676

Sirs

My last to you was of the 12th present to w[hi]ch referres you now has before mee
yo[u]rs of the 1mo [first] present w[i]th the account of my Leede and Coales w[hi]ch
God willinge shall examine and p[er] next advise you how I find the same ~

I have Offered yo[u]r Tarr to severall Marchants In Towne but cannott bee bidd
above £7 p[er] last for itt In my oppinion itt will nott bee Cheaper; Soe I am resolved to

<leave> it lie a Moneth or two unto w[hi]ch desires yo[u]r approbation yo[u]r Timber is such little Pieces; that noe Carpenter will looke att them; Exceptinge one; w[i]th whome I am to treat tomorrow soe p[er] next shall advise you w[ha]t hee bids mee; And for yo[u]r Plankes those of 3 Inches I can sell by themselves but then the remaynder may stay long in my hands before I can bee able to dispose of them; for they are a Planke nott att all usefull In this Place I have a man att worke now Measureinge of them; when hee has done I shall see the most that People will offer mee; but In short I am affrayd; That neither yo[u]r Timber; nor Plankes bee certayne I shall doe nothinge In the disposall of yo[u]r Goods; without yo[u]r Order and Advice; In my next will advise you the most that can bee offred; for all yo[u]r Goodes yo[u]r Order shall bee observed by him that is MB:

15 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to James Ward

Mr James Ward Newcastle Aug[us]t the 15th 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 10th present thereby takes notice that you have Endeavourd to Charge the £10:10:=: upon mee; w[hi]ch I rec[eive]d of W[illia]m Locke upon yo[u]r account but could nott effect yo[u]r designes In soe much that you desire mee to send you a bill for itt or to Order Capten Mayson to pay itt ~

In w[hi]ch I must begg yo[u]r excuse for I never Traded w[i]th Capten Mayson in my life upon my owne account; nore have I any money att London; if you bee willinge to allow 1½ p% [percent] w[hi]ch is the present Exchange betwixt this place and London; I will Endeavour to p[ro]cure you a good Bill att 4/d [days] Sight; otherwise yo[u]r money is still att yo[u]r Command In this Place; upon an hours warneinge; I shall either pay itt to any other; or Charge itt upon mee at Sight; yo[u]r Bill shall bee honoured; w[ha]t Store his Shipp hath I know nott; I take him to be an honest Man; but doe w[ha]t you will w[i]th him; for t'is nothinge to mee; My Fathers booke keeper is att London when hee comes home; I shall procure God willinge and send you an account of all his decidents; Since the vessell was bought In the Meane time Remyne

M:B:

15 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

[Note: Edward Blackett married Mary Yorke in 1676. Her mother was Mary Yorke (nee Norton) whose first marriage was to Sir John Yorke who died in 1663, with whom she had a daughter Mary born in 1657/8.]

Lo: Brother Ditto [Newcastle 15 August 1676]

I carefully delivered yo[u]r pap[er]s of Greate concerne unto my Cousin Jno ~

Noe newes allonge this Close all is now well enough, onely there is a report you are goeing to bee Marryed; w[i]th my Lady Yorkes Daughter, and that you went to the Wells a purpose to see her

I intend God willinge to bee at my Unckle Edenes upon Saturday com a Senight the 26th present; and there abide most part of the weeke followinge pray advise mee p[er] first; if yo[u]r occations will p[er]mitt you to spend a day or two there w[i]th mee and upon w[ha]t day I may expect you there ~

all Freinds are God be thanked very well here hopeinge this will find you in the same Condition I remayne

M:B:

15 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eu]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 15 August 1676]

Sirs

In yo[u]rs of the 10th I take notice of the Receipt of £100 upon my account of Henry Nelthorpe GoldSmith: w[hi]ch is very well ~

I wish yo[u]r Brother Ed: a Good Voyadge I am in hast

M:B:

15 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor Ditto [Newcastle 15 August 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 5th Aug[us]t 1676 to w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 10th 11th and 12th present; butt nott a farthinge remitted mee w[hi]ch I doe Wonder att; Immagine the more I desire you to remitt mee money; the longer you will bee a remittinge itt soe I shall desire you noe more nor will I after this say soe much; as one word in that perticular; Soe take yo[u]r owne time; but I am affrayd I will nott prove to both our advantages; the accountes of the Tow; Grindstones and Coales I shall Examine In due time pray give mee leave to say that I am very Confident you never looked Into the Tow nor sees w[ha]t you buy; for I thinke noe Man in s[ai]d world butt yo[u]r selfe; would have given as much for some part thereof; as for other some p[ar]te thereof I doe Sweare there is 5 yea 6 Gilders betwixt; some bagges butt that is nothinge; before I conclude; I will mely say; that I remember I did desire itt should bee all of one Sort; for remitting mee money take yo[u]r owne time I am M:B:

Rokley Endorssed to mee or order £200

Peter Belles Bill for £100 upon Rich: How Esq[ui]re
payable 12/d[ays] Sight to my Order - £100

£400

of all w[hi]ch I pray p[ro]cure the needfull I will God willinge send you more billes
w[i]thin a Post or two In the meane time Remaynes M:B:

18 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor Ditto [Newcastle 18 August 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 15th present to w[hi]ch Referrs you Since none from you soe
the less to Inlardge upon I have onely to advise you this last parcell of Tow as one Matt
Soe. I never had Tow more dredfull nor worse; the Customer hath Cheated you
<baserly>; for I shall say no more onely that I will have noe more Tow from Holland for
I find the Hollandders nott to here deall welle; such Cheates they putt upon men as
Can nott be Endorsed; by this p[ar]cell I thinke I shall loose well nigh £20 w[hi]ch is
<bad> dealeing In a £50 Adventure noe Reamedy but patience I am MB:

18 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Me[sseu]rs Cha & Ja Bankes Ditto [Newcastle 18 August 1676]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 15th present to w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you
soe the less to Inlardge upon I have examined yo[u]r account of my Leed and Coales;
w[hi]ch I have found righ[t] and booked accordingly ~

for <p[ro]ar> [proper] Tarr I can nott here find above £7 p[er] last att w[hi]ch price I
can nott resolve to sell itt att w[ith]out yo[u]r Advice w[hi]ch pray lett mee have p[er]
first I doe for you as for my selfe for if itt were myne I would keepe itt a while. In my
oppinion itt cannott bee Cheaper then now itt is. but pray affoord mee yo[u]r Advice ~

Noe as yet will bid mee any money neither for yo[u]r Plank nor Timber God
will[ing] I shall write to you every other Post the needfull In the meane time I remaynes
M:B:

19 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen Nelthorpe Newcastle Aug[us]t the 19th 1676

Sir

At yo[u]r leasure bee pleased to send mee my Account Currant; And the Sooner that you send itt the more you will oblidge M:B:

19 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Theodore Jacobson

Mr Theadore Jacobson Ditto [Newcastle 19 August 1676]

Sir

This is to give you notice that Shippes Guedeperes is well arrived In this River who delivered mee yo[u]r letter of the p[ri]mo present accordinge to yo[u]r Order thereby shall furnish him w[i]th a Loadinge of good Coales And Reimbursse my selfe upon you w[he]n needfull; for the Cost and Chardges thereof; I have noe more to Enlardge upon Save onely to Advise you That next Post I hope to send you the Invoyce of £5 Shepper Pells Loadinge In the meane Time Remaynes M:B:

19 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

[Note: 'Tric-trac' was a French version of backgammon.]

M[es]seu]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 19 August 1676]

Sirs

yo[u]rs of the 12th and 15th came both to my hand together the last Post; w[hi]ch Requires little Answer more then my hearty thanks; for yo[u]r Care of Receiving and Payinge w[i]th needful; All Bills I remitt and Charge upon you ~

Sir I desire to know if you Can p[ro]cure a handsome Tricktrack bord; As will have In Frame usually vizt w[i]th holes Allonge Each side to marke the Game and Chess board upon the backe side thereof; If Soe I pray Advise mee the lowest price of the same; And you will Oblidge MB:

I have a p[ar]cell of Tarr lately comed from Hambrough; If you have occasion either for that Comodity or a p[ar]cell of Planke or Timber I will use you well God willing MB:

22 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Honest Unckle Eden

Newcastle Aug[us]t the 22d: 1676

I can Informe you of noe Newes; Butt that you may here att Stockton; Nor have I any business to imp[ar]te unto you worth the Postidge; Save onely to Inquier after all yo[u]r well faire; for further businesse of concernem[en]t shall omitt till meetinge; Intendinge God willinge to give you a visitt Saturday next the 26th present and my Brother Edward will meete mee there the 28th beinge p[er] Monday after <as> hee hath promised mee who Intends God willinge to bee norrey w[i]th you one or 2/d[ays]

I heare nothing of E[s]q[ui]re Fowler; I like him noe

My Respectes to all Freinds Especially my Uncle Buck and loveinge Aunt I am MB:

22 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Brother Edw[ar]d Newcastle Aug[us]t the 22d: 1676

I Rec[eive]d In due time yo[u]rs of the 18th present; the Inclosed for Arnold Burdett shall God willinge send forward p[er] very first oppertunity ~

I doe Continue my resolution of being att Billingham God spareinge mee health and life the 26th present and upon the 28th I shall expect yo[u]r Compa[n]y; where I am very certayne you will bee a Welcome Guest ~

I have one Standinge by mee who desires to bee remembered unto you and will nott goe away till I advise you that you forgett yo[u]r p[ro]mise unto her about yo[u]r Pretty Dogg ~

Noe Newes but that my Lady upon Saturday last; fell over a Dogg and broake her Arme; my Brother W[illia]m is Expected home to morrow I am: MB:

22 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor Ditto [Newcastle August 22 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 18th present to w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eived] yo[u]rs of the 18th ditto w[i]th an Account of my 300 p[ie]ces Leed p[er] Edward Alderson as allsoe a Bill for £190: upon Claude Hays London; both w[hi]ch is booked In Conformity w[i]th you; I take notice because I am afraid you remittance my money att 21/u [usance] I hope yo[u]r next will bee at 3 usance but all is well; Sir you have noe Goods of myne In yo[u]r handes Therefore pray send mee an Account Currant from the begininge; And w[ha]t money will be found standinge out; or In yo[u]r hands; I desire you to remitt itt mee when you thinke Convenient I am

MB:

22 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[essee]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle Aug[us]t the 22d 1676

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 17th w[hi]ch requieringe little Answer; will Cause Brevity this is onely for Covert to the Inclosed bill of £190 upon Mr Claude Hayes of w[hi]ch I pray p[ro]cure the needfull w[he]n due

Sir I pray bee pleased to buy mee and send p[er] first oppertunity of Shippinge a Silver Server as wee call itt in English w[hi]ch is a thinge to serve Sweete Meates upon; yo[u]r Lady will Informe you w[ha]t for a thinge itt is; if you know nott; w[hi]ch pray lett bee one of the longest and finest wrought you can procure for £10: or £12 but noe more; In doeinge of this you will oblidge

MB:

22 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to John Wells

Mr Jno: Wells Ditto [Newcastle 22 August 1676]

Sir

I thank you for yo[u]rs of the 19th for Answer unto w[hi]ch send mee w[ha]t Billes you will or can att 10/d [days] date or 10/d [days] Sight I will accept of them; but if you cannott draw att that Sight yo[u]r Billes are nott for my use ~

Leed £11 p[er] fudder of 21Cwt Rye 3S Oates 15d Malt 2S 2d Beanes 2S w[ha]t Pease 2S 8d p[er] Bues [Bushell] I am Sir M:B:

25 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[essee]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle Aug[us]t the 25th 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 19th present; I hope the Bill of £50 upon Ben Smart is payd you ere this if nott Immediately Returne mee the Bill ~

W[he]n James Renwicke Arrives I shall demand the 4 Petty-Coates; the Charge w[hi]ch you have beene att about dyinge the same I have placed to yo[u]r Creditt ~

Pray take notice I have this day vallued upon you £100 payable 14/d [days] Sight To W[illia]m Sawyer or order vallue of Mr Robert Ellison; w[hi]ch pray lett bee Complied w[i]th all upon the Account of Sir MB:

25 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Broth: Ed:

Ditto [Newcastle 25 August 1676]

I writt you p[er] last Post that my Intention was to bee att Billingham God p[er]mittinge health upon the 26th beinge tomorrow And my hopes are to see you there on Monday the 28th Instant accordinge to yo[u]r p[ro]misse noe News but that my Bother W[illia]m and W[illia]m Creagh are come home As also the 2 Ladyes I am MB:

25 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mr Cha: & Jam: Bankes Ditto [Newcastle 25 August 1676]

Sirs my last to you was of the 18th present to w[hi]ch Referrs you Since none from you soe the less to Inlarge upon; none will offer mee above £7 p[er] last for yo[u]r Tarr soe I am Resolved to keepe itt until yo[u]r Advice come For yo[u]r Planke And Timber yett none hath offered mee one Farthinge Chapman I hope will come att last of w[ha]t Passes you shall God willinge have Punctuall advice from
Sir MB

25 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Nathaniel Smith

Mr Nath: Smith: Ditto [Newcastle 25 August 1676]

Sir

The last weeke I findinge a Good oppertunity I sent for a Boate full of yo[u]r pap[er]; w[hi]ch I now have In my handes beinge 130 Reame besides the 9 bottles of Oyle one where of I doe accept off, Givinge you many thanks for the same; the other <8th> being none of the very best I sold for 16S w[hi]ch <was> all I could p[ro]cure; For yo[u]r Pap[er] I can nott meete w[it]h Chapman as yett but hopes shall doe itt shortly 3S A Reame will bee the most itt will yeild I will doe for you As if itt were my owne; but be pleased p[er] first oppertunity to affoord mee yo[u]r Advice; In the meane time Remaynes Sir M:B:

26 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Theodore Jacobson

Mr Theadore Jacobson Newcastle Aug[us]t the 26th 1676

Inclosed you have the Invoyce of Jasper Shuttlepote his <Lon.> amountinge unto With £3: p[ai]d the Ma[ste]r as p[er] his InclosedReceipt £50:0:10 w[hi]ch Sumed Accordinge to yo[u]r Order have this day vallued upon you payable 10 dayes after date to Mr Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] or Order w[hi]ch pray lett be Complied w[i]th all; And wherein you Judge mee further Able to Serve you upon all Accounts pray freely dispose of him that is Realy MB:

26 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor Ditto [Newcastle 26 August 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 22th present to w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 25 ditto w[i]th a bill of £75 upon Mr Ben Durant of this place; If you were to Study my last; you could nott proceed better then you doe; the perfect Exchange I suppose you thinke is So favourable because it be butt 13½ p[er]% [percent] losse That you will send mee Billes whereby I loose 2 p[er]% [percent] more for Sir is the Exchange betwixt this place and London; I will say no more of my last Bill of £190: att 2½ usance; but pray tell mee did nott I desire you never to send mee Bills but upon Londoners And you writt mee that you would nott; So Judge if you remember w[ha]t you promisse however I must bee Content w[i]th w[ha]t you doe And say all is well; pray observe the latter part of my last I am

MB:

26 Aug 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[es]seu]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 26 August 1676]

Sirs

Inclosed is a Bill for £58:8:10 of w[hi]ch I pray p[ro]cure the needfull I am

MB:

1 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mr Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle 7ber [September] 1mo [primo – 1st] 1676

Sirs

I have before mee both yo[u]rs of the 22d and 26th present [past?] for Answer unto w[hi]ch may please take notice that In the first place I have delivered yo[u]r Inclosed to young Mr Ellison whose Christian name is John ~

<Renwijeke> [Renwicke] nott yett arrived; when hee doth I shall take care to demand of him the Small box; and advise you In due time how all proves; but I question nott in the least; but that all will prove to both our Satisfaction ~ The Silver Server I pray send mee as soone as you can by Shippinge; I am glad w[i]th all my heart yo[u]r Brother Edward is safe arrived In France To whome Remember mee kindly the first time you write to him ~

Trouble nott yo[u]r selfe about the paym[en]t of my £500: billes; w[he]n they call for the money pay itt; butt if they call nott for itt this 3/m [months] never doe you Seeke them

Sir I am forced to draw upon you; one hundred pounds more; w[hi]ch I have done this day payable 20 dayes Sight to Mr John Squine or Order vallue of him w[hi]ch pray lett finde the needful honno[u]r upon the Account of M:B:

9 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Unknown

[Note: A page has been torn from the volume at this point, the pencil annotations to the original going from 140 to 142, and the archivist adding '1 leaf torn out'. The start of this letter is on the missing page of the letterbook. The date is not known, but it is somewhere between 1st – 12th Sept. In a letter to the Bankes' on Sept 12th MB refers to an earlier one dated 9th, presumably one of those now missing, so a date of 9th is assumed for this and subsequent letters dated 'ditto']

In you will have some of myne In your handes; for pray as itt doth come In be remittinge me, hopeing ere this come to hand; you will be In Cash, and that allonge w[i]th the answer hereof; you will remitt mee some; w[hi]ch I pray you doe; And as much as you cann, or are In Cash; I am seekinge oppertunity for the sending you more Leed w[he]n yo[u]r Markett gives Encuradgem[en]t; for either Leed or Coales; Grindstones or any other Comodity thos Kingdome affoards; doe but be pleased to advise mee; And God willinge, if possible you shall be Supplied by MB:

9 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to James Ward

[Note: The date is unknown, but it is somewhere between 1st – 12th Sept, probably 9th based on contents of a later letter of the 12th]

Mr James Warde Ditto

Sir

Inclosed is a bill for the £10:10 w[hi]ch I Rec[eive]d of W[illia]m Loacke [Locke] upon yo[u]r account S[ai]d Loacke is att present In this River unloadinge from Norway; If you will have mee to Speake to him; upon any businesse; upon yo[u]r Answer itt shall

bee done; And wherein I may bee thought Capable [capable] of Serveinge you upon all occations pray freely dispose of him that is Realy MB:

9 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

[Note: The date is unknown, but it is somewhere between 1st – 12th Sept, probably 9th based on contents of a later letter of the 12th]

Mr Walter Chaytor Ditto

Sir

My last to you was of the 26th Aug[us]t To w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 8th present; have observed the Contents thereof, but shall say very little to itt att present onely I will say itt over againe and <Insiste> <itt> w[he]n I have done; that same Matte of the last p[ar]cell of one you sent mee was 6 Gilders better then other some Mattes; And noe disaster happened to any of them In the least; worth Speakeinge of but enough is said I shall dispose thereof as well as I can ~ Now Sir I take notice of yo[u]r Advice never to oblidge my Father to sell Goods upon Arrivall; w[hi]ch was never my Custome; but att this Juncture of time when I had above £2000: to Rayse befor p[ri]mo Aug[us]t past upon a businesse and know nott how to Rayse the $\frac{1}{4}$ without the selling of Leed and Coales; If Some other had beene In my Case perhaps they would have beene as hasty as I was to have had moneys remitted but I shall say noe more; If you take any thinge ill that I writt I am contented you say you constantly remitted mee money before you were In Cash; if you expect any thinge for the doinge thereof pray satisfie yo[u]r selfe; and keepe w[ha]t is due unto mee soe much the longer In yo[u]r handes

Inclosed is Harris his 2d Bill I am MB:

9 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

[Note: The date is unknown, but it is somewhere between 1st – 12th Sept, probably 9th based on contents of a later letter of the 12th]

M[essee]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto

Sirs

Inclosed is a Small Bill of w[hi]ch I pray procure the needfull and make ready against next Post; to accept my Bill for £50 or £100; you see how bold I make w[i]th you I am Sure I spare you nott I am MB:

9 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

[Note: The date is unknown, but it is somewhere between 1st – 12th Sept, probably 9th based on contents of a later letter of the 12th]

Mr Ed: Willett Ditto

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs acceptable Lines of the 11th present for answer unto w[hi]ch may please take notice; that all yo[u]r complem[en]ts I shall Answer w[i]th Silence; you know I am noe French Man; bit In playne English w[ha]t Entertaynement you Rec[eive]d here from my hands was neither accordinge to yo[u]r deserts nor nott soe much worth as thanks ~

I am Endeavouringe to send you a Vessell or two w[i]th Coales w[hi]ch I hope to gett effected before itt be longe and so as yett will say noe more Pray Advise mee if Grindstones bee good Comodity w[i]th you and the price thereof As allso the price of Bees Wax, w[ha]t I did desire you to send mee when you were here was Lace but wee will defer that a While onely pray advise mee if att yo[u]r place you can procure mee allwayes of the newest Fashion ~

Desire Mr Coquemer to give you an Account of Mr An: Dobsones Effects In his handes If any Money dew pray Receive itt; or If hee hath any of they Cottones Unsold lett him send them to you And here you pleased to dispose therof; for as I understand itt Mr Coquemer doth nott deale hanesomly w[i]th s[ai]d Dobson; butt will nott Judge till I heare both partyes Speake; I will keepe S[ai]d Coquemer Indamnified by observinge my order Soe I hope hee will nott refuse to doe itt; if hee doe itt may bee worsse for him I am Sir

MB:

12 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

[Note: The letter of the 9th referred to must have been on the missing page of the letterbook]

Mess[eu]rs Cha &: Ja Bankes Newcastle 7ber [September] the 12th 1676

Sirs

My last to you was of the 9th present To w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you Soe the less to Inlarge upon; This Serves Cheifly to advise that Enquireinge after the Truth of w[ha]t I was Informed about the quantity of Tarr In Towne and w[ha]t more was expected I found my freindes Report to be very True; Soe meetinge w[i]th a Chapman that bid mee money I did resolve yo[u]rs should goe and w[i]th much adoe I did fetch

him up to £7:5S p[er] last to pay within a moneth I will Endeavoure to dispose of yo[u]r Wood Comodities; w[hi]ch shall bee effected as soone as is possible In the meane time pray order yo[u]r Freinds att London to draw upon mee about the 12th of the next moneth one hundred pounds; for if I doe remitt it him his 2 p[er]% [percent] losse for soe is the Currant Exchange betwixt this place and London then as more moneyes comes In I can order him to draw; if you approve thereof; yesterday Came up 2 Vesselles from Stockholm In w[hi]ch are a greate deale of Tarr; Soe that tis fallen 20S a Last; I am now Glad w[i]th all my heart yo[u]rs is sold; w[hi]ch was effected but few houres before the s[ai]d Vessell came up; though to tell you the truth I had notice thereof; w[hi]ch made mee more earnest To sell; I need nott tell you any more that I did you you as if itt were my owne Concerne; I hope w[ha]t I have done itt will content you w[hi]ch is all that is desired by MB:

12 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Richard Crossman

Mr Rich: Crosman Ditto [Newcastle 12 September 1676]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 7th present And accordinge to yo[u]r Order thereby have bought you 12 Tonn of Pott[e]rs Oare [Note 1.] for £6:10S p[er] Tonn the Oare is all bigg p[ie]ces noe dirt amongst itt I short without Expectation And I thinke pretty reasonable In price beinge to be delivered a board free of all Charges w[ha]t soever Soe my Comission and freight is all you are to pay above s[ai]d price of £6:10S:= But now Sir here is noe English Vessell att present bound for Ostend w[hi]ch made mee make In my bargaine that unlesse an oppertunity offered In 15/d [days] I should bee free If I pleased If an oppertunity offer itt shall bee Shipped and Consigned unto the Person you mention but if noe oppertunity offer In that time I desire to know p[er] first whether I should Release the bargaine or Stand to itt; And keepe the Oare In my handes untill an oppertunity offer yo[u]r Answer pray affoord p[er] first unto MB

12 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[esse]urs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 12 September 1676]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 7th present I question nott but the Silver Server will give Content w[hi]ch I shall demand w[he]n please God In Thorpe arrives the Cost there of I have placed to yo[u]r Creditt ~

I know not w[ha]t tis you call terme Madame; w[ha]t I desire is a payre of Tables, Such as is usually in Coffee houses the backe sid[e] there of is a draught board or a Game they call draughts all the diffrence is w[he]n upon the fore side wee English play

att Ticktackke w[hi]ch they French call Tricktracke the have holes a longe the side of the Table to marke w[i]thall w[hi]ch wee English have nott; how many holes they should bee I have forgott I thinke a doazen upon either side but if you can meete w[i]th none that cann Informe you pray send mee a hansom payre without those holes though would rather have w[i]th holes if to be procured ~

I have this day vallued upon you £50: payable 10/d [days] Sight to Mr John Squire or order vallue of him w[hi]ch pray lett be complied w[i]thall I am MB:

15 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Richard Crossman

Mr Richard Crossman Newcastle 7ber [September] the 15th 1676

Sir

I have Since my letter found out a Vessell for yo[u]r purpose; Soe In Conformity to yo[u]r order have Shipped and Consigned unto Mr Jacques Hays of Ostend 40 Caskes of Round Potters Oare [Note 1.] amounting unto as p[er] the Inclosed account thereof £71:4:9d w[hi]ch Sume this day have vallued upon you payable 6/d [days] After Sight to M[es]seu[rs] Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] or Order to w[hi]ch pray lett the needfull Honour bee given; The s[ai]d Inclosed account will Certifie unto you the Shipp and Ma[ste]r name and next Post God willinge will send you a Bill of Loadinge, and if att any other time I can Serve you upon all occasions pray freely dispose of him that is Realy

M:B:

15 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[es]se[rs] Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 15 September 1676]

Sirs

Inclosed you have a bill for £71:4S:9d upon Mr Richard Crossman of w[hi]ch procure the needfull and Advise mee yo[u]r thoughtes of him; upon whome s[ai]d Bill is drawne; I mean how farr one to tenture to trust him this pray keepe to yo[u]r selfe I am M:B:

15 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe Ditto [Newcastle 15 September 1676]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 9th present w[i]th my account Currant and Account of Intrest; the former of w[hi]ch I have Examined; wherein In one Article you give mee Credit for Rec[eive]d of Mr Is: Vincke £120:16:10d I thinke itt was butt £120:14S 10d: the Rest is all right and that Small Error is nott worth Speakinge of Especially itt beinge to my advantage, but Sir for all my sayinge I am very Ready to doe itt you good, the account of Intrest; I will God willinge shortly Examine and findeinge itt right; you shall see that after haveinge booked all thinges In Conformity w[i]th you how Ready I shall bee to begin a new Corispondence In the meane time Remaynes Realy

M:B:

16 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Jacques Hays

Mr Jacques Hays Newcastle 7ber [September] the 16th 1676

Sir

This comes to accompany Mr Thomas Rewcastle Ma[st]ler of the Maikerell of this place; In whome I have Loaden; and Consigned unto you by Order of Mr Richard Crossman of London 40 Caskes of Potters Oare w[hi]ch God sendinge well to hand; be pleased to Receive and follow the Orders of S[ai]d Crossman; for the disposal thereof payinge the Ma[ste]r Eighty Gilderes freight as p[er] Inclosed bill of Loadinge ~

Leed £10:10S p[er] fodder of 21Cwt each hundred Conteyninge 112lb: Coales 7S a Chalder; butter 14S a Firkin; Rye £12 a last Malt £8 p[er] last; Oates £4: p[er] last; Beanes and Pease £9 p[er] last consistinge of 80 Bushelles measure 8 Gallones to the Bushell: If att any time you thinke mee Capable of Serveinge you In this place upon all accounts freely dispose of him that is Realy

M:B:

16 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Richard Crossman

Mr Richard Crossman Ditto [Newcastle 16 September 1676]

Sir

Inclosed you have the Bill of Loadinge I promised you in my last the freight is accordingly as wee Generally give for Rotterdam w[i]th w[ha]t I have done here tofore I hope will prove to your satisfaction And if in my other businesse I can Serve you pray allwayes comand

M:B:

19 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[essequ]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle 7ber [September] the 19th 1676

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 14th pray advise mee of the Receipt of that final bill of £7:16:10d upon Mr Ralph Harope

I have this Post past these following bills upon you vizt

one for £80 payable 15/d [days] Sight to Mr Jno <Esquier> or order vallue of him

one for £20 payable 6/d [days] Sight To Mr: Edw: Blackett or order vallue of Hugh Anderton

Both w[hi]ch pray lett bee complied withall And when you have discharged all the Bills I have past upon you And Rec[eive]d all the Billes I have sent you pray lett mee have my Account drawne outt and sent mee; for I how longed to State accountes and God willinge here after wee will State accounts every 3/m [months] for of all things in the World I like nott longe driven accounts I am Sir M:B:

19 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Francis Buck

[Note: 'Uncle Buck' is believed to be Francis Buck, the brother of MB's mother-in-law.]

Unckell Bucke

Ditto [Newcastle 19 September 1676]

I hope these will find you all well as wee are here (God be thanked) I pray here pleased to pay unto Mr John Wells of Stockton £20 upon my account; of the moneyes w[hi]ch you have of mine in yo[u]r houses and for the Remaynder owed shall Reckon att our next meetinge w[hi]ch I desire may here att Newcastle As soone as w[i]th conveniency you can remember mee to my Unckell Jo: and my good Aunt w[i]th my Service to yo[u]r selfe I am in hast MB:

19 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to John Wells

Sir

I have Rec[eive]d yo[u]r bill of £100 from Mr Hutchinson for w[hi]ch I returne you £80 p[er] bearer and you may please to call of my Unckell Bucke for £20 more to make up yo[u]r s[ai]d £100 (to w[hi]ch purpose I pray desire the Inclosed and upon Sight there of my Unckle will give you the £20 upon w[hi]ch you may relye I am

M:B:

22 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Jos: Pannell Newcastle 7ber [September] the 22d 1676

Sir

I thinke you know mee soe well that I need noe letter of Recomendation from any Man of this Towne If you bee as Ready to send mee as I am to Imploy you noe question but you will Content mee and all the Actions prove to my Satisfaction, for a tryall where of I send and Consigne unto you by Mr John Vaughan the bearer hereof 400 p[ie]ces small Leed and 20 Chalders of Grindstones w[hi]ch after good arrivall bee pleased to Receive; and dispose thereof for my most advantage payinge the Ma[ste]r freight 9Sters p[er] p[ie]ces of Leed 4½ Gilders p[er] halder of Grindstones and noe more that is to say without Primidge or Averidge the disposall of my Goodes I wholly leave to yo[u]r discession not doubtinge but you will doe for mee as if it were yo[u]r owne concerne ~

Tomorrow God willinge I shall write you att large p[er] Post In the meane time remaynes

M:B:

Mr Jos Oley is dead and buried

23 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Jos: Pannell Newcastle 7ber [September] the 23th 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 22d present to w[hi]ch refers you Since w[hi]ch nothinge hath happened worth notice Soe that I have little more to Inlarge upon then to Advise you that John Vaughan is Sayled soe that I hope that hee may bee w[i]th you as soone as this when please God hee arrives be pleased to Receive my goodes above mentioned; the disposall of w[hi]ch I wholly leave to yo[u]r discession; I hope here after wee may bee better acquainted; if yo[u]r account of the Sale of these goodes for a Tryall give mee Encuradgement I shall nott long God willinge want supplied or If att any time yo[u]r Market wantes either Leed Coales; Stockinges; Butter or Grindstones; I meane that some any profit may bee gott Thereby upon the least notice from you If itt bee possible I will supply you my greatest fancy is to have quick vent and quick Returnes for I will bee content w[i]th as little profit as any man shall bee ~ soe sellinge and as cheape as any that is my oppinion Jno Vaughan could but take In 18 Chalder of Grindstones soe demands noe more of him they Sortes are 17: Seaven footes 17 Six footes and eight foote In all 18 Chalder you have full power to Act In my concerne; soe use yo[u]r discession and w[ha]t evey you shall doe shall bee to the satisfaction of MB:

23 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mess[eu]rs Cha: and Jam: Bankes Ditto [Newcastle 23 September 1676]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 12th present To w[hi]ch referes you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs if the 4th present w[hi]ch requieringe little answer will cause brevity this serveinge cheifly to advise you that I have Endeavored to sell yo[u]r woodden Comodities as much as In mee lyes; but have nott to this day beene able to gett my desire Effected none will bid mee money for the same w[hi]ch vexes mee to the heart And w[hi]ch vexed mee more the Carpenters telles mee the goods beinge soe unfitt for this Markett; that they will Engadge I shall not dispose of all In seaven years time expect I give them haffe [half] for nothings my demandes are 12d p[er] foote the Crooked Timber and £4 p[er] loade for the Planks theire answer is they will nott give mee 3d p[er] foote for the Timber nor £2:10:0 a Loade for the planke to take all And I must either sell all together or none for if I should sell thes very best aloane I am of that oppinion the rest may lye longe enough; w[ha]t I doe I am councelled to date by good Freinds though t'is true I am offred 12d a foote for some peece of the Timber and £4:10 a Loade for some of the Planke; but doe refuse itt Thinkeinge itt nott to be for yo[u]r Advantage now Sir you know of all that is past In the businesse pray affoord mee yo[u]r Advise and you will oblige M:B:

23 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Math: Lamb Ditto [Newcastle 23 September 1676]

Sir

I Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs thies day p[er] Robert Stansby w[i]th the wax candle; w[hi]ch is to Content for hansomenesse but as you say Indeed t'is pretty deare however I am satisfiled and will pay you w[i]th my thanks att our first meetinge w[hi]ch I hope will bee shortly for I remember you promised to come and see mee att Michallmass and I hope you will bee as good as yo[u]r word; doe w[ha]t you thinke Convenient w[i]th Mr Garth if a doore bee needfull and noe prejudice; lett him have one made but seeing tis for his Advantage I hope hee will beare a part of the Charge I like nott my Tenant fowler att all

Pray advise mee when yo[u]r first fayre for horsses will bee for if I can I will come and see if I can putt off 2 badd horsses for one Good one; or if I can nott Come my selfe I will trouble you In the businesse I hope you are all well; pray remember mee kindly to my Mother wee are both merrily disposed God be thanked I am MB:

23 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Me[esseu]rs Hum: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 23 September 1676]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 17th and 19th present w[hi]ch requires little Answer
soe have the lesse to Inlarge upon; good butter is att present 14S a Firkin when ever
you have ocction [occasion] give mee but 14 dayes notice; and I thinke I shall buy itt as
good; and; as Cheape as any other In Towne

Leed £11: p[er] fodder; Coales 7S p[er] Chalder

I hope ere now my Tricktracke board is ere this shipped I am MB:

26 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Richard Crossman

Mr Rich: Crossman Newcastle 7ber [September] the 26: 1676

Sir

For Answer unto yo[u]rs of the 21th present the Vessell w[i]th yo[u]r Leed Oare Sayled
on Friday last the 22d Instant w[hi]ch I hope ere this may bee very neare her desiref
Port for the Winde ever since her departure hence hath beene very fayre If att my other
time I can Serve you In this place upon all occations I pray comand

M:B:

26 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr Ja: Cooke Ditto [Newcastle 26 September 1676]

Sir

If by the next friday Post you can send mee bills to the Value of £3 or £400 att 15/d
[days] Sight or 20/d [days] date I shall nott fayle God willinge to returne you yo[u]r
money on Tusday followinge accordinge as you shall order; however Write mee a line I
pray you p[er] Fridayes Post and if I may rely upon assy Billes from you I doe nott care
much if you doe nott send them before Cuth[bert]: Fowler come w[hi]ch will bee on
Tusday next soe pray lett mee heare from you I am M:B:

I pray If possible send mee billes for £3 or £400

26 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to John Wells

Mr Jno: Wells Ditto [Newcastle 26 September 1676]

Sir

I have Inclosed send you 3S that you say was wantinge of the £80 &c [etc]: Now Sir If you have bills for £300 or £400 att 15/d [days] Sight or 20/d [days] date and can send them by the next fridayer Post; on Tusday followinge you shall God willinge have yo[u]r money Returned by Cuthbert Fowler; or whosoever you shall order; however write mee a line I pray you p[er] Fridayer Post and if I may relye upon any billes from you I doe nott care much if you send them nott before C[uthbert]: F[owler]: Come soe pray lett mee heare from you I am MB:

pray If possible send mee billes for £300 or £400

30 Sep 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen: Nelthorpe Newcastle 7ber [September] the 30th: 1676

Sir

Inclosed you have a Bill for £400 w[hi]ch is to lett you see that I have a minde to beginn a new account w[i]th you and tis probable I may draw itt againe upon you shortly; but you may assure yo[u]r selfe itt will nott be before you be in Castle soe when this is due I pray procure the needfull; and w[ha]t billes I send you here after I hope will bee more for my advantage then this present bill will bee because I am certayne I must draw itt out of yo[u]r handes againe shortly however I hope itt will nott displease you soe I remayne M:B:

2 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to William Tempest

Mr Wm: Tempest: Newcastle 8ber [October] : the : 2d : 1676

Sir

Accordinge to my promisse I doe Intend to pay you yo[u]r money soe soone as I have Advice that yo[u]r bill is pay[e]d att London I sent yo[u]r bill the last Poast [Post] if itt bee accepted t'is well; but if acceptance bee refused; I will Ingadge; yo[u]r bill shall bee returned to you againe; soe I can say noe more; Mr Gary <Stere> may pretend w[ha]t hee pleases; for I was never acquainted w[i]th my Lordes punctuallity; and In short I am very sorrey that you did nott give the bill to Mr Ellison seeinge that some thinkes much w[i]th my Actions I am very willinge to performe our Agreem[en]t send w[ha]t billes you will; I will pay the vallue when the same is dischardged att London and nott a farthinge before; for one while; soe use yo[u]r discession; If you can meete w[i]th any In this Towne that can doe yo[u]r businesse better and more to content; I am very

willinge you shall Imploy him And w[hi]ch I doe assure you will bee very much to the satisfaction of

M:B:

3 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to John Wells

Mr John Wells Newcastle 8ber [October] : the : 3d : 1676

Sir

Inclosed I send you by the bearer two of yo[u]r bills for £150 a peece. And for yo[u]r other two each for £100 I send you £200 In greate hast I remayne

M:B:

13 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Major Allan

Major: Allan Newcastle 8ber [October] : the : 13th : 1676

Sir

I have not writt you this long time. And now itt makes mee blush to advise you of the baddnesse of our Markett for yo[u]r beanes for att this time they will nott yeild above 18d p[er] Bushell all this while you may bee certayne I am as carefull of them as of they were my owne, for they are kept in as good Loftes as any In Towne, and Constantally turned once a fortnight; w[hi]ch care shall bee continued for their perseruasion untill the order come for the disposall thereof I am

MB:

13 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

[Note: 1. A mantua ('mantigowne?') is an article of women's clothing worn in the late 17th century and 18th century [[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mantua_\(clothing\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mantua_(clothing))].]

Broth[er] Edw[ard]: Ditto [Newcastle 13 October 1676]

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 9th present w[hi]ch I read to some of yo[u]r Freinds; who made a little wonder of the mindfullnesse of yo[u]r promisse w[hi]ch thing they said was nott very usuall for you to doe therefore the greater reason has my little Rogue and I to acknowledge the same ~

I thanke my Lady yorke heartily for her kindnesse whose Counsell I will follow about the Mantigowne; make yo[u]r Capons Ready for as you have promised mee

them you may bee certayne I will nott lett you forgett to send for them upon w[hi]ch I doe relye ~

My Father is very well God be thanked and att present hee is att his Leed Mines from whence wee thinke hee will returne this night; noe newes here; onely a warr w[i]th France is very much feared I am

MB:

13 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Math[ew]: Lamb: Newcastle 8ber [October] : the : 13th : 1676

Sir

Att my Returne from the Leed Mines I doe meete w[i]th yo[u]rs of the 2d present w[i]th an account of the time of yo[u]r Fayre w[hi]ch doth fall very ill out however I will God willinge come if possible if nott I thinke to trouble you w[i]th 2 Horsses about w[hi]ch I shall say noe more for when I thinke on you will bee here before that time if you hold yo[u]r promisse for our Fayre beginnes next Weddnesday pray doe w[ha]t you will w[i]th Stephenson about the broaken Slate; I leave itt to you and w[ha]t you doe itt shall content mee I finds by w[ha]t you write that you may bringe him to 25S easily ~

I shall expect my Mother over the latter end of the next weeke att farthest; to whome remember mee heartily; wee are God be thanked both well hopeinge this will find you soe two I am

MB:

13 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[seu]rs Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 13 October 1676]

Sirs

I have this day past my bill upon you for £40 payable 4/d [days] Sight to Mr Hen[ry]: Mettcalfe or Order vallue of Mr Hen[ry]: Hargrave to w[hi]ch pray lett the needfull hono[u]r bee given ~

I must trouble yo[u]r Lady once more In desiringe her to buy for my Wife a Mantegowne ala Mode I vallue nott w[ha]t itt cost soe that itt bee of that newest fashon for the <sib.> I leave itt to yo[u]r Lady to Choose and pray lett itt bee of the widenesse of her Gowne butt nott soe long wasted by 2 or 3 Inches; w[he]n made may send itt p[er] first convenience either by Lande or Shippinge I begge yo[u]r Ladyes pardon for this trouble and rests a voues ett a votre Chere Moitye [moitie – french for half?]

M:B

14 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen[ry]: Nelthorpe Newcastle 8ber [October] : the 14th : 1676

Sir

I hope ere this you have Rec[eive]d my bill for £400 In confidence of w[hi]ch I have this day past upon you a bill for £60 payable 4/d [days] sight to Timothy Davison or Order; for vallue of him to w[hi]ch lett all due Hono[u]r be given; this beinge the needfull att present I remayne

M:B:

14 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[esseu]rs Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 14 October 1676]

Sirs

My last to you was by yesterdayes Post To w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you soe the lesse to Inlardge upon this beinge cheifely to give you advice of they followinge Billes w[hi]ch I have this day drawne upon you vizt

one for £50 payable 4/d [days] Sight to Mr Jno Squire or order vallue of him £ 50:==

one for £100 payable 6/d [days] Sight to Robert Wetwange or order £100:==

In all £150:==

To both w[hi]ch lett all due Hono[u]r be given I pray you I must desire you to gett one of yo[u]r men to buy mee Two Bushelles of yo[u]r best London Flower and a Barell of the best and largest Pippines that can bee gott lett the flower be extraordinary and the Pippines likewise In doeinge of w[hi]ch you will oblidge mee w[ha]t you are In disburse you may be certayne you shall bee shortly reimbursd by

M:B:

17 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Richard Crossman

Mr Rich[ard]: Crossman Newcastle 8ber [October] : the : 17th : 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 12th present; for answer; Since the Vessell wherein the Leed Oare was London; Sailed from hence neither the owner nor the freighter thereof have had any newes In the least of her, w[hi]ch is all can be said by

MB:

17 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen[ry]: Nelthorpe Ditto [Newcastle 17 October 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 14th present In w[hi]ch I writt you that I had past a Bill upon you for £60 payable 4/d [days] Sight to Mr Timothy Davison or Order And have this day past another for £80 payable 3/d [days] Sight to Thomas Greene or Order vallue of Norton Westraw; To both w[hi]ch I pray lett all due Hono[u]r be given I am

MB:

17 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Nathaniel Smith

Mr Nath[aniel]: Smith: Ditto [Newcastle 17 October 1676]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]r kinde lett[e]r of the 9th present but I doe nott understand why you should thinke that to dispose of yo[u]r pap[er] is too greate a trouble for mee; I assure you I thinke itt not soe; but rather very ready and willinge to serve either Mr Nepheu [Nephew] or you as you shall Finde mee upon all accounts I am onely Sorrey that this first oppertunity of Serveinge you should prove soe baddly; yo[u]r pap[er] I have Sold to Mr W[illia]m Hutchinson att they same price hee badd [bid] you w[he]n you were here (vizt) 2S: 8d a Reame w[he]n delivered shall send you the account; I am affrayd itt will nott turne to account but I can nott helpe itt; I assure you I did my best; but cannott procure one farthinge more

my Service to Mr Wattson and Mr Nepheu [Nephew] and bee pleased To accept of the same yo[u]r selfe As also hearty thanks To you all for yo[u]r kinde Wishes I am in hast

MB:

19 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Mr Rob[er]t: Jackson Newcastle 8ber [October] : the 19th : 1676

Sir

Yo[u]res of the 17th I have this day Rec[eive]d and in Answer to yo[u]r request for the returne of £400 I doe assure you that att this present I am in yo[u]r Condition for I would bee glad to give billes att London; but att this time money is soe Scarce here that

if one would give never soe greate advance; a much lesse sume then £400 would bee very hard to p[ro]cure soe w[i]th my owne and my Wifes kind respectes to you and yo[u]res beinge sorrey that itt is nott in my power to serve yo[u]r expectation I remay[n]e

In short I never knew money soe scarce in all my life advance w[i]th billes is dayly given I my selfe have done itt and will still give any one 1 p% [percent] to lett me have £4: or £500 you see the Case is Strangely alltered I am

MB:

19 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to John Wells

Mr Jno Wells Newcastle 8ber [October] : the 19th : 1676

Sir

Yo[u]rs by Cuthbert Fowler I have this day Rec[eive]d but money is soe Scarce In this Towne that I can neither answer you for yo[u]r bill my selfe; nor can I advise him where hee may bee furnished for the same I am

MB:

19 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to James Cooke

Mr James Cooke Ditto [Newcastle 19 October 1676]

Sir

Yo[u]rs of the 18th this day I have Rec[eive]d and am verrey sorey that I can nott answer yo[u]r expectation for att this time I am in yo[u]r condition more ready to give billes then take for money is now soe scarce here as I never see itt in all my life for if one would give more then ordinary advance; I can nott advise you either how or where to bee furnished for yo[u]r bill In this place I am

MB:

20 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Jos Pannell Newcastle 8ber [October] : the 20th : 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 23 of September 1676 to w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you Soe the less to Inlarge upon I very much wonder that I hear nothinge from you of John Vaughanes Arrivall; butt hopes by this dayes Poast or the next you will advise mee thereof w[hi]ch will bee very welcome newes unto

MB:

20 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Richard Crossman

Mr Rich[ard]: Crossman: Newcastle 8ber [October] : the 20th : 1676

Sir

In my last I could nott give you an account of Tho: Richardson Ma[ste]r who carryed from hence yo[u]r Leed Oare for att that time neither owner nor Freighter could Informe you as you desired; but now have advice that hee is arrived att Oastend w[hi]ch I thought good to lett you know; nott doubtinge but that ere now you have advice thereof yo[u]r selfe I remayne

MB:

20 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mess[eu]rs Cha[rles] & Ja[mes]: Bankes Ditto [Newcastle 20 October 1676]

Sirs

I owe answer to yo[u]res of the 3d and 6th present I doe assure you that in the disposal of yo[u]r Tarr I did my uttmost Endeavour when Mr Thomas Boone drawes £100 upon mee upon yo[u]r account his bill shall bee answ[er]ed And as I am more in Cash hee shall bee advised thereof; what you have done w[i]th Volchnaer Contents mee thought you needed nott to have abated him the 2 RD [Rijksdaalder - Dutch 'national dollar'] but in consideration of his losse for w[hi]ch I am very Sorrey I willingly allow thereof yo[u]r wooden Comodities Still p[er]plexes mee; for w[hi]ch I can meete w[i]th noe Customer as yett to Content Seeing tis yo[u]r advice I shall be sellenge the Timber as well as I cann and the Planke likewise as I proceed you shall have due advice and soe I remayne

MB:

20 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to John Eden

[Note: 1. MB's mother-in-law Elizabeth (nee Buck) had a sister Margery who married John Eden of Billingham..]

Unkell Eaden Newcastle 8ber [October] : the 20th : 1676

Sir

My Aunt when she was here last told mee That when you were att Houghton you had something to say to mee of concernment; but that time my businesse was such that I could nott come; Soe that if you have any thinge worth writinge; I pray bee pleased to lett mee have itt in a line; for as my businesse Standes now I can nott tell you when itt will give mee leave to see you att Billingham my Respectes to you all I am
MB:

21 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen[ry]: Nelthorpe Newcastle 8ber [October] : the : 21th : 1676

Sir

This is to give you notice that this day I have drawne upon you a bill for £100 payable 6/d [days] Sight to Mr Jno Sherwood or Order; vallue of Sir Ralph Carr Knt Mayor for this Towne of Newcastle to w[hi]ch I pray lett all due hono[u]r bee given; As allso to another Bill w[hi]ch I have this day Charged upon you for £30 payable 6/d [days] Sight to Mr Mathias Hunter or Order vallue of Mr Allexander Simpson nott doubtinge of yo[u]r compliyance w[i]th s[ai]d Billes I remayne

MB:

21 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Broth[er]: Edw[ard]: Ditto [Newcastle 21 October 1676]

I have noe newes to tell you nore more to Inlarge upon then to give you notice that Tis reported In Towne that my Father some day next weeke is to meete my Lady Yorke about the businesse you know of and that hee Intends to goe from hence upon Monday morninge next how farr this is true I am satisfied that you know best yo[u]r selfe for my part I neither know nor can learne any certaynty of the designe if such a thing bee I wish you all happiness Immaginable I am confident there will bee noe long dispute In the Case for if yo[u]r affections bee settled I dare Sweare my Father will never bee aganist itt butt rather promote itt; soe goe on and prosper In Gods name w[ha]t I write pray keepe to yo[u]r selfe; but Brother I wonder my Capones came nott I begin to bee fearfull they will come too late for if they come nott this next weeke I shall nott have time to feed them this is to putt you In minde of yo[u]r promise for I assure you I will nott lett you forgett itt I am

MB

My humble Service to Madam Y: if you thinke fitt I meane To the younge Lady ~

21 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Jos: Pannell Ditto [Newcastle 21 October 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 20th present to w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 23th present w[i]th the welcome newes of Jno Vaughanes safe Arrivall for w[hi]ch God bee prayesed If you please to minde w[ha]t is above written you may say that I have a verry good guesse w[hi]ch noe: I am Sorrey for yo[u]r badd Markett for my goodes butt that cann nott bee helped I question nott but you will doe as well as you cann for the disposall of mine; w[hi]ch is all I desire; I can afford I thinke to sell as Cheape as otheres; quicke returnes pleases mee verry well doe w[ha]t you please for the disposall thereof I wholly leave to yo[u]r discession soe remaynes

MB:

be sure send mee never Billes butt upon Londoners except you gett them 1d under the Exchange

MB:

21 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

M[es]seu]rs Cha[rles] & Ja[mes]: Bankes Newcastle 8ber [October] : the 21th 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 20th present To w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 10th 8ber [October] w[i]th my account Currant for ballance of w[hi]ch when yo[u]r bill is presented itt shall find acceptance and payment when due and when Mr Strother drawes upon you the 400 RD [Rijksdaalder - Dutch 'national dollar'] I pray comply w[i]th his bill and reimbursse yo[u]r selfe freely upon mee I assure you that yo[u]r bill shall find the same hono[u]r And punctuallity In the complynce therew[i]th as yo[u]r former billes have done for yo[u]r Wooden Comodities nothinge to speake of hath happened Since my last I am in p[er]suit of a Customer for the same; wee both as yett stand of att a greate distance I know nott how itt may prove as I p[ro]seed God willing you shall have advice In the meane time bee assured I will doe for you as itt were my owne Concerne and soe hopeinge you will belive mee I remayne

MB:

21 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[es]seu]rs Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 21 October 1676]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 17th present my account Currant came well In due time to hand; but from that time to this I have nott had time to answer itt w[hi]ch was the onely Reason of my hintinge nothings of my Receipt thereof I question nott butt tis right God willinge I shall p[ro]cise itt Shortly and as I find itt will In dew [due] time advise you; I take notice of the greate Case you take; nott onely to discharge punctually all bills I thorge upon you butt alsoe; of my other Small concerne for doeinge of w[hi]ch I returne you my hearty thanks in requitall If att any time I bee thought Capable to serve you or yo[u]rs In this place upon all accions pray freely dispose of him that is w[i]th all affection

MB:

21 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Unckell Eaden Ditto [Newcastle 21 October 1676]

Sir

I writt you the last Post that if you had any thing of concernment to impart to me I did desire; att yo[u]r leasure you would pleased to lett mee have itt in a line; But one thing I omitted that was to tell you That Esq[ui]re Fowler Sweares that hee will pay mee noe Rent before Martinmas; And I very much question whether then hee will pay mee the fore Rent or noe; Soe att yo[u]r leasure I pray lett mee have yo[u]r advice; what you thinke best to doe w[i]th him in this Case my respects to all w[i]th you and att Norton I remayne

Ditto [MB]

24 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Nathaniel Smith

Mr: Nath[aniel]: Smith Newcastle 8ber [October] the 24th 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 17th present Inn w[hi]ch I did advise you that I had Sold yo[u]r pap[er] to Mr W[illia]m Hutchinson att 2S 8d p[er] Reame w[hi]ch could nott bee delivered till this day by Reason of the Throngness of the Fayre I allso writt the [you] the 25 of Aug[us]t that there was 130 Reame of the pap[er] w[hi]ch was a mistake for I returned noe more butt 128 Reame and proc[ure]d noe more att the delivery of the same an account of w[hi]ch may expect p[er] next In the meane time remaynes

MB:

24 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eu]rs Hum[hrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 24 October 1676]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 19th present for Answer to w[hi]ch I retorne you the bill accepted Inclosed And before due God willinge you shall have the vallue thereof, yo[u]r account Currant is right enough I am

MB:

27 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Michael Clipsham

Mr: Mich[ael]: Clipsham Newcastle 8ber [October]: the : 27th : 1676

Sir

You may remember that the 10th of 7ber [September] (75) you writt to mee Concerneinge yo[u]r 12 p[ie]ce[s] Pruones of w[hi]ch you have had on account att large and att that time further desired mee to Relode s[ai]d Shippe of Whitby Tho: Dickeson M[aste]r (w[i]th Coales) and discharge her of the Custome house for Stockton w[hi]ch I did accordingly. And now my desire is that you will please to send mee a retorne of the S[ai]d Shippes unladinge in England or otherwise I must bee forced to pay the forraigne Custome for the same; or else have my Bond returned into the Exchequer; w[hi]ch will p[ro]duce greater Charges then payinge of the Forraigne duty Soe desireinge yo[u]r Speedy answer I am

MB:

27 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Mr Rob[er]t Jackson Ditto [Newcastle 27 October 1676]

Sir

This is to putt you in minde of a letter from you dated the 13th of 7ber [September] (75) w[hi]ch was writt under one from Mr Michael Clipsham of London dated the 10th ditto by w[hi]ch you may remember and take notice; S[ai]d Clipsham wishes mee to Cleare S[ai]d Shipp of Whitby Tho: Dickeson Ma[ste]r (of this Custome House for the Coast to Stockton) but yo[u]r desire was rather for France or Burdeux [Bordeaux] and give s[ai]d Clipsham an account of the same; but you Judged itt best for mee to Cleare her for Burdaux [Bordeaux] for you could nott doe itt soe well att Stockton; yett w[i]th all you s[ai]d that Mr Clipsham his order might be observed; but now I am <like> to pay foraigne Custome for the s[ai]d Shippes Lodginge <except> either you or Mr Clipsham can Speedily give mee a p[er]fect account how the s[ai]d Lodginge was

disposed of; for if itt was nott In England my bond will bee putt into the Exchequer; If doe nott pay the forraigne duty w[hi]ch is all Ready demanded or otherwise p[ro]ve shee was unladen In England w[hi]ch can nott bee done; Except either you or Mr Clipsham doe itt; Soe if you can nott doe itt yo[u]r selfe I pray Intimate the same to him w[i]th all Speed ~

You know where the Shipp went to w[hi]ch pray lett mee know likewise if for Burdeaux [Bordeaux] then Forraigne Custome is dew [due]; if otherwise pray doe either you or Mr Clipsham Send mee his Returne Immediately to w[hi]ch purpose fayle nott, to writt Mr Clipsham the very next Post that soe I may gett my bond Cleared; lett mee have yo[u]r oppinion p[er] first Post w[hi]ch I shall expect and Soe remaynes MB:

28 Oct 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen[ry]: Nelthorpe Newcastle 8ber [October]: the: 28th 1676

Sir

This is to give you notice that I have this day Charged upon a Bill for £20 payable 6/d [days] Sight to Edw[ard] Blackett Esq[ui]re or Order; Vallue of him, To w[hi]ch I pray lett all due Hono[u]r bee given I am MB:

1 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Nathaniel Smith

Mr Nath[aniel]: Smith Ditto [Newcastle] 9ber [November]: the 1th: 1676

Sir

I shall now God willinge give you an account of w[ha]t is due to you Vizt

For 128 Reame of pap[er] Sold to Mr W[illia]m Hutchinson att

2S 8d p[er] Reame is £17: 1: 4

For 8 bottles of Oyle att 2S £00:16: 0

£17:17: 4

For freight from Sunderland £00: 5:00

Carridge to Loft £00: 2:00

00: 7:00

dew unto you £17:10: 4

I Imagine you will soone understand this account Though nott in forme; Soe shall trouble you w[i]th noe other; for Loft hyre Commission and Post of lett[e]rs Considderinge yo[u]r badd markett will have nothings and is dew unto you as above; is att yo[u]r Comand draw yo[u]r Bill upon mee; att sight and it shall bee honored I will send for noe more of the pap[er] this first parcell hath given mee noe such Incurradgm[en]t for yo[u]r advantage but pray believe I did for you as if itt had beene my owne Concerne my Service to Mr Nephew and Mr Mattson and bee pleased and bee pleased to accept of the same yo[u]r selfe; If att any time I can doe any of you any Service in this place pray freely Comand mee, none shall bee more ambitious of yo[u]r com[m]ands nore more ready to effect them then him that is without any Complem[en]t
MB:

1 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Jos: Pannell Newcastle 9ber [November]: the 1th: 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 21th of Octo[be]r [16]76 Walt[er] Chaytor hath Sold all my Fatheres Leed I hope you have done the like to myne though I have noe such advice from you Sell as Cheape and as fast as here; Except you find reason to the Contrary I leave all to you Soe use yo[u]r discession but quicke returnes is the heart of Trade In my oppinion I am
MB:

1 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mess[eu]rs Cha[r]les: & Ja[m]es: Bankes Ditto [Newcastle 1 November 1676]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 21th of 8ber [October] [16]76 To w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you Soe the lesse to Inlarge upon the Customer above mentioned will doe nothings nor could I to this day dispose of any of yo[u]r Woodden Commodities exceptinge one loade of Planke for £4:10:= And 6 p[ie]ce[s] Timber that and 42 foott att 18d a foot this is all I have done; as I proceed you shall God willinge have dew advice and once more bee assured I will use my utmost Endeavoures for yo[u]r advantage but some Planke lately arrived from yo[u]r place hath occasioned a fall In price for the Com[m]odity none now will bidd mee £4:== for yo[u]rs by Retayle; Load by Loade I will doe as well as I cann; w[hi]ch is all can be expected from
MB:

pray advise mee the price of all Sorts of Iron and if you can p[ro]cure mee a p[a]rcell of my Sort and very good Mettle if desired

MB:

1 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

Honoured Sir Ditto [Newcastle 1 November 1676]

As I told you when you were last in Towne the deadnesse of all Trade and moneyes soe very hard to bee com[e] by; that and the costly trouble I have att present upon my banke considered will force mee much against my minde to call in my moneyes from you when the yeare is expired w[hi]ch will bee the 6th of Ja[nuary]; next If I could have forborne itt longer none should soone have Commanded itt then yo[u]r selfe; But you must excuse mee for within three monthes I shall have maney urgant occationes for money; yea for more then I know well how to rayse soe give mee leave to tell you I must Rely upon youre w[hi]ch I question not but will bee ready to comply w[i]th my necessity Soe w[i]th my Service to yo[u]r Lady I remayne

MB:

1 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to John Eden

Unckell Eaden Ditto [Newcastle 1 November 1676]

Sir

The above is coppie of a letter to Mr Mark Errington of Stockton if money to bee had I must have itt my respectes to all my freinds I am

MB:

1 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to John Rumney

[Note: 1. The mention of a wigg, and subsequent letters, strongly imply that this 'Cousin' is John Rumney.]

Lo: Cousin Newcastle 9ber [November] pmo [primo 1st]: 1676

Yo[u]rs of the 26 past shall answer in few lines am gladd w[i]th all my heart you have gott soe good a price for yo[u]r Iron but especially to heare of yo[u]r good health w[hi]ch I pray God to continue unto you ~

I never saw Parson Bell since you went from hence t'is true hee has beene twice or 3 in Towne but unfortunately I allwayes happend to be out of itt our Mines p[ro]ves

[improves] God be thanked bravely; noe more for I will not bragge too much of them onely I hope they will make us <allnon>; yo[u]r p[ar]t Charge is nott above £7 more of that att meetinge ~

remember mee to Jno Strother and lett him know I desire to heare from him; pray lett mee know if itt will bee noe trouble to you to buy mee a Wigg I would willingly bestow £6: upon a good one pray looke about and advise mee how you find them all freinds are well God bethanked hopeinge this will finde you In the same condition I remayne

MB:

7 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen[ry]: Nelthorpe:

Newcastle 9ber [November]: the 7th 1676

Sir

Pray take notice I have this day vallued upon you £80 payable 20th present To Jno Jenkins Esq[ui]re or Order vallue of Mr Jno Carr w[hi]ch I pray lett bee complied w[i]th all

I Intreate you aske yo[u]r Man Lance Gander if hee Rec[eive]d nott £20: of one Jno Sherwood by the Order of Geo: Davenport upon my account t'is Strange to mee that advice of the paym[en]t came this day Sevvennight and that I have nott a line of the Receipt thereof I hope my businesse is noe trouble pray affoord mee yo[u]r answer; I really doe desire yo[u]r Corrispondence and to remayne

MB:

7 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Richard Crossman

Mr: Rich[ard]: Crossman Ditto [Newcastle 7 November 1676]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 2d present for answer yo[u]r best butter is now att 15S a Firkin; but a very uncertaine Commodity itt may bee att 8S tomorrow; and p[er]haps att 12S I could lately have bought very good for 13S as above t'is att present att 15S I can att any time upon 14/d [days] notice Supply you w[i]th w[ha]t quantity you please; but an opportunity for Oustend is very uncertaine few will now goe there for most of our Shippes are lay[e]d by I am

MB:

7 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Hardinge

Mr Nicho[las]: Hardinge Newcastle 9ber [November]: the 7th 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the last post takes notice thereby of the Receipt of my deputation I doe nott question In the least butt you will soee mannidge my Concernes; as that I may passe over my troublesome office without any damage I am willing and ready to returne you all yo[u]r moneyes att 30/d [days] Sight; but excuse mee I will nott Receive every trifelinge Sumed as £50: £40: or £30 Comes In I will take itt butt nott under I am

MB:

7 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen[ry]: Nelthorpe Ditto [Newcastle 7 November 1676]

Sir

I have allready writt you the needfull Since w[hi]ch I have meete w[i]th the Inclosed Bill; when due I pray p[ro]cure the Contents of the Same I am

MB:

7 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

Mr Geo[rge]: Moorcroft Ditto [Newcastle] 9ber [November]: the 7th 1676

Sir

when my Cousen John Rumney went from hence hee ordered mee to pay for him as his debts came in about fouerscore [fourscore, i.e. 80] pounds And amongst the rest hee gave mee an account of you for one In his abcence that would pay mee some money but Since his departure I have never heard one word from you; Soe that now I am forced to tell you that his acciones att this present time are such for money that his creditt will lay att Stake ~

expectinge yo[u]r Speedy Supply w[hi]ch I hope will bee as soone as possible I am
MB:

If you can Advise mee how Esq[ui]re Errington takes my letter I lately writt him MB:

9 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Brother Edw[ard]: Newcastle 9th: 9ber [November]: 1676

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 7th w[hi]ch I Rec[eive]d by yo[u]r Man accordinge to yo[u]r desire I give you these few lines in answer; but I have noe newes att all att present to Impart unto you; onely that a warr w[i]th France undubtedly will bee shortly

I wish you a good journey to London w[i]th all my heart and a safe returne I may come to see you before you sett forward but expect mee nott for my comming is very uncertayne pray Advise mee att yo[u]r leasure how to direct a letter to you att London that soe upon occation the needful may bee Signified unto you by him that realy is

MB:

I heartily thank you for yo[u]r Toaken; Some prayes for good Weather when they heard you better then yo[u]r promise I assure you they came very Seasonably I am Sorrey wee cann nott have yo[u]r company att the Dating of them for about that time you goe for London I doe Intend to beginn to feast

10 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen[ry]: Nelthorpe Ditto [Newcastle] 9ber [November]: the: 10th: 1676

Sir

By my last of the 7th present I gave you notice that I had that day vallued upon you a bill for £80 payable 20th present To Jno Jenkines Esq[ui]re or Order vallue of Mr Jno Carr ~

Now this is cheifely to advise you that the same day I vallued another Bill upon you for £200 payable Xber [December] the 20th to s[ai]d Jno Carr or Order vallue of himselfe; w[hi]ch pray lett bee punctually complied w[i]th all; for att that day his occationes In London will bee very urgent for money; and upon that s[ai]d bill hee will Relye; Soe pray lett him nott be disapoynted.

I am MB:

10 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eur]s Hum[phrey]: Willett and compa[ny] Newcastle 9ber the: 10th: 1676

Sirs

I have Received the Pippins and all the other thinges w[hi]ch proves to content. And I heartily thanke you for yo[u]r care In p[ro]curinge the same I am nott forgettfull of you for I doe intend God willinge to Supply you w[i]th money before the bill falles due upon w[hi]ch you may Relye but at p[re]sent I can doe nothings w[i]th Convenience I am

MB:

10 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Major Allan

[Note: 1. The letter is not dated nor 'dittoed', but the following letter is explicitly dated Nov 11, so this one is assumed to be the 10th]

Major Allan

Sir

I can doe no less then once in 14 dayes advise you of occurances here; but nothinge more att p[re]sent to Inlarge upon then to tell you of a badd Markett for yo[u]r Beanes; yett I hope for better ~

Last night Mr Timothy Tizicke [Tizacke] was att my house and begun yo[u]r good health w[hi]ch was heartily pledged by

MB:

11 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Jos: Pannell: Newcastle 9ber [November]: the: 11th: 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 1th present To which referrs you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 30th past; thereby takes notice of the Sale of 200 p[iec]es of my Leed w[i]th w[hi]ch I am contented doe hope ere this come to hand the Remaynder will bee likewise disposed of you see above w[ha]t progresse W: C [Walter Chaytor] hath made w[i]th my Fatheres; who writes him; that if hee had a greater quantity hee could Immediately dispose of the same, I doe nott question but you can sell as well as hee; both as quickley and for as much soe all my Concerne I wholly leave to yo[u]r discretion and as moneyes comes In (if any oppertunity by Shippinge either for this place or Stockton) pray send mee the vallue In Dollers; If nott bee pleased to remitt itt mee Though t'is much against the grayne to loose 15 per% as now the Exchange goes; Now you know my minde I leave all to yo[u]r Serious Considerraton and Remaynes MB:

11 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to John Rumney

[Note: 1. A subsequent letter (to Humphrey Willett) names the cousin as John Rumney. 2. 'Sat verbum Sapienti' literally translates from Latin to 'enough word wise', or 'a word to the wise is enough'.]

Honest Cousen

Ditto [Newcastle 11 November 1676]

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 7th present I am glad you have bespoake a Wigg am onely affrayd you will present itt unto mee for I thinke I never gave you order to buy mee one and unless you can p[ro]cure mee a very good one Bush; Hansome; and of a very white Complexion for £6 or under I will have none

But loveinge Cousen all Jestes left a side seeinge I take you to bee a man of Greate skill in that commodity and that by yo[u]r civility you have contracted the trouble upon you I doe desire you would please to p[ro]ceed soe fare as you thinke Conveanient; for p[ro]vided you gett mee one of a light Collour but esspecially a hansome one I doe nott vallue much if you gave £6:=5:= for itt In short (Sat verbum Sapienti) I leave itt to yo[u]r discretion our mines are God be thanked very hopfull I shall bee this £30 and above out of Pursse for you and mee all will bee well if partneres p[ro]ve honest I darst venture to give you £30 w[i]th all Charges for yo[u]r part but you shall nott take itt; I would bee glad to see you att home I longe to see yo[u]r present yo[u]r little Cousen sayth shee will Ingage t'is some bouddy piece pray Enquire how Hen[ry]: Nelthorpe Standes Efforted I meane as to businesse and if you drinke 5S w[i]th him att yo[u]r leasure upon my account I will repay you As also another w[i]th Mr Hum[phrey] Willett who you will find dayly in the French Walk upon the Exchange I will Try you if a line from mee bee as acceptable to you as one is from you to mee I will willingly give you one for one and without delay soe remaynes ~

Geo[rge]: Moorecroft hath beene very ill but now better

MB:

11 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eur]s Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 11 November 1676]

Sirs

In the first place (I will (God spareing mee life) next Post send you a bill for £100 upon w[hi]ch you may relye and shortly after a bill for some more I wonder exceedingly I have noe money remitted mee from Holland noe reamedy but patience pray advise mee if you could dispose of any Leed yearely for mee w[ha]t quantity and how itt now Rules w[i]th you yo[u]r Lady doth buy thinges soe well that shee shall nott want my Custome soe pray p[re]vayle w[i]th her to buy for my Wife two sutes [suits] of Childes Cloathes in the Moneth; and all thinges belonging unto them; both Laced and one a very Rich one and the other an ordinary <one> more one Pearle Colloured Satin Mantell w[i]th a Rich Lace of the newest Fashion and bee pleased to send mee them by very firste oppertunity by Land I have a Cousen att London John Rumney by name who I have ordered to Drinke a Crowne w[i]th you hee will bringe them downe if noe oppertunity present before hee come butt would nott have him troubled if itt could bee avoyded and if an oppertunity present by Shippinge pray send mee a large Screene w[i]th 6 or 7 leaves and two Basketes for the keepinge the Childes Cloathes the one a

fine one and the other an ordinary one I begg yo[u]r Ladyes Excuse heartily for all this trouble; If ever I come to London I will thanke her and soe I remayne
MB:

16 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to William Ward

[Note: 1. The Coastal Port Record book for Newcastle (National Archives Kew E190 196/8) record for 16 November 1676: 'Ship name: Sam[uell]: of London; Master: W[illia]m Ward; Goods: xl [40] case glasse, xij [12] fothers and an half lead'. That weight would correspond to 200 pigs of cast weight 10 stone each.]

Mr W[illia]m Ward Newcastle 9ber [November]: the: 16th: 1676

Sir

The 200 p[ie]ces Leed this day by mee Shipped aboard yo[u]r Vessell; when please God you arrive att London deliver to Mr Hum[phrey]: Willett and Company Merchants In London; noe more att present; onely pray observe the Order of M:B:

17 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eur]s Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle 9ber the: 17th: 1676

Sirs

My last to you of the 11th I hope came safe to yo[u]r handes by w[hi]ch you will see how free I am w[i]th you if (for requitall In some measure) I can att any time serve you In this place pray freely lay yo[u]r comm[an]d upon mee ~

Att last I have mett w[i]th some Billes Inclosed is fouer [four?] To the Vallue of £610: to w[hi]ch I pray p[ro]cure the needful. I have Loaden and Consigned unto you aboard the Samuell of London W[illia]m Ward Commander 200 p[ie]ces Small Leed w[hi]ch after good arrivall bee pleased to Receive and dispose thereof for my most advantage payinge the Ma[st]er nine pence p[er] p[ie]ces freight; and 5S to the Men to drinke if demandes this is a small p[ar]cell for a tryall; if any Incurag[me]nt I can Supply you upon the least notice; I leave the disposall of this wholly to yo[u]r discretion Soe yo[u]r proceedinges shall bee to content; nott doubtinge butt you will doe for mee as if itt were yo[u]r owne concerne; and Soe I remayne

MB:

17 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen[ry]: Nelthorpe Ditto [Newcastle 17 November 1676]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 11th present for answer I will assure you that befor this yo[u]r last letter I never had advice of yo[u]r Receipt of the £20; whereas you say you formerly Writt mee thereof I never before had a London letter misscarried I hope there was noe other businesse of concerne In itt Soe wee shall say noe more of itt ~

Inclosed is a Bill for £150 upon Hugh Mason payable p[ri]mo [first] Xber [December]; next w[hi]ch pray Receive when due and place itt to the Creditt of MB:

17 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Jos: Pannell Ditto [Newcastle 17 November 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 11th present to w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of this date; w[hi]ch advises mee of the Sale of all my goodes; and though for the Grindstones you have gott but a poore price yett I am very well satisfied there with; being confident you have done yo[u]r best And I desire noe more I am Endeavouringe to freight a Vessell for yo[u]r place if possible; you shall bee Supplied w[i]th more Leed before itt bee longe for such quicke returnes pleases mee very well w[hi]ch I hope you can allwayes make mee hereafter for I Suppose allowinge 1 p[er]% [percent] you will have Ready money upon deliveringe of the Goodes Yo[u]r 2 bills for £300:==: have Rec[eive]d for w[hi]ch have given you Creditt £3412:10:= hereafter pray advise allwayes how many 9th you Debitt mee; for every bill you send w[hi]ch you omitted to doe the Exchange is unreasonable high $13\frac{3}{4}$ p[er]% [percent] losse butt noe remeady but patience Dollers is not 9 p[er]% [percent] losse if money bee not remitted and that you have an oppertunity for this place or Stockton would desire you to send mee Dollers for the Remaynder In Short w[ha]t ever you doe shall content mee soe remitt or send Dollers as you see cause I leave itt to you Soe restes

MB:

18 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

[Note: 1. 'Sock' and 'Coulder' [coulter] and 'Mo[u]ld board' are parts of a plough. Pann plates could be plates for building salt-pans for salt production from salt water.]

Mess[eur]s Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle 9ber the: 18th: 1676

Sirs

Still more trouble; I must desire you to gett mee bought and Sent mee w[i]th the other thinges by land and by the very first convenience one sute of fine laced head Cloathes and a laced Apron for my Wife w[hi]ch pray bee mindefull of ~

Advise mee if you bee acquainted w[i]th any Iron Mungers and how you could buy mee; (If desired the followinge Sortes of Iron Vizt) Small and thicke Square <from> one to three Inch narrow; and broad; flatt from 2½ to 4 Inch Socke Mouldes and Coulter Mouldes; Pann Plates and Stroker Plates In doeinge this you will oblige ~

I want another Cheese w[hi]ch pray send mee by Sea I am

MB:

18 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Hugh Mason

Mr Hugh Mason Ditto [Newcastle 18 November 1676]

Sir

Att yo[u]r leasure bee pleased to advise mee how all Sortes of Iron Rules w[i]th you Especially Socke Mouldes Coulter Mouldes; Pann Plates and Storoker [stroker] Plates; If a quantity bee desired I hope you will use mee as well as another yo[u]r Money shall bee well pay[e]d my Respects to your self and good Wife I remayne

MB:

18 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen[ry]: Maister Ditto [Newcastle 18 November 1676]

Sir

formerly I have had the happinese of Corresponding a little with you, w[hi]ch Emboldens mee to write you these few lines desiring att your Leasure that if you still bee in the way of trade, you would please to advise mee the price of all sorts of Iron with you; especially sock mouldes, Coulter mouldes, pann plaits and stroker plaits I doe not question but iff a quantity bee desired you can procure mee as cheape as any other or recommend mee to one that can doe itt your answer pray afford unto

M:B:

18 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Nathaniel Smith

Mr Nath[aniel]: Smith Ditto [Newcastle 18 November 1676]

Sir

I have before me yours of the 13th present: your bill was presented me within this halfe houre w[hi]ch I Immediately discharged but pray your Reason for nott Charging the full Ballance I am sorry for the bad markt I mett withall but noe Remeady but patience. I assure you I did my best. I hope you beleive itt and whereas you say mr Dent sold you some that was was 5 p[er] o o [percent] worse for 3: 6d a Reame I doe answer itt may bee true and I doe beleive you. for goods are sold accordinge to the time of plenty or scarcity within 4/d[ays] hops were sold here for 5<d> a pound I gave my selfe 4d now I can have for 6 and 8: enough soe likewise many other Commodities w[hi]ch would bee too tedious to sett all att large I did my best for you, and soe I remaine

M:B:

25 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Writt to Mr Lamb about Esq[ui]re Fowler etc:

25 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

And Writt to Mr Geo[rge]: Moorecroft of Stockton about Huntington etc.

25 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Hugh Mason

[Note: 1. This letter appears to be crossed out in the letterbook.]

Mr Hugh Mason Ditto [Newcastle 25 November 1676]

I have before mee yours of the 23d past thereby takes notice of the prices of iron with you w[hi]ch are all too deare for mee, w[he]n I have occation will make bold to trouble you, In the mean time Remaines

M:B:

28 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eur]s Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle 9ber the: 28th: 1676

Sirs

I have several of yo[u]rs before mee; w[hi]ch my occationes att present will nott give mee leave to answer at large This serveinge cheifeley at this time to give you notice of the Severall followinge Billes w[hi]ch I have this day drawne upon you Vizt

one for £68:12:4½ payable 20/d[ays] sight to Mr James Oades or Order Vallew of Jno Blaukston Esq[ui]re £68:12:4½

one for £38:== payable 20/d[ays] sight to Mr Seth Powell or Order Vallew of S[ai]d Blaukston Esq[ui]re 38:==

one for £55:== payable 4/d[ays] To Mr Jno Squier or Order Vallew of himselfe £55:==

one for £50: payable 4/d[ays] Sight to S[ai]d Squier or Order Vallew of himselfe £50:==

To w[hi]ch lett all dew Hono[u]r be given and placed To the Debt of
MB:

28 Nov 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Nelthorpe

Mr Hen[ry]: Nelthorpe Ditto [Newcastle 28 November 1676]

Sir

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 drawne upon you a Bill for £200=: payable 20/d[ays] Sight To S[i]r Charles Bickerstaffe or Order Vallew of Phillip Bickerstaffe Esq[ui]re To w[hi]ch lett all dew Hono[u]r be given and placed to the account of
MB:

1 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Hugh Mason

Mr Hugh Mason Newcastle xber [December]: the: 1th: 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 23d past there by takes notice of the price of Iron w[i]th you w[hi]ch are all too deare for mee when I have occation will make bold to trouble you In the meane time Remaynes
MB:

1 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Thomas Boone

Mr Tho[mas] Boone Ditto [Newcastle 1 December 1676]

Sir

Yo[u]rs of the 4th past I have Rec[eive]d and accordinge to yo[u]r desire have pay[e]d the Bill of £100 upon the accountes of M[es]seur[s] Cha[rles]: & Ja[m]es: Bankes and if there bee any thinge here that I can serve you in I pray comand upon all accountes him that Realy is without any Complem[en]t

MB:

1 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eur]s Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 1 December 1676]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 18th: 21th: 23d and 25th past all w[hi]ch God willing I shall now answer att large If nor [noe] Screene bee bought pray dissist buyinge of one till further Order for wee are nott yett resolved of w[ha]t Collour to have itt; but if one bee bought I will Stand to have itt pray dispose of my Leed as well as you can; if you gives mee any Encouragement you shall not want supplies £49: 4 I have placed to your credit and w[he]n and w[he]n the things comes to hand I will advise you how they are liked, but I question not of their proveing to Content as well as all other things formerly sent I have Still forgott a Cradle w[hi]ch pray send w[i]th the Che[e]se p[er] first oppertunity of Shippinge ~

I am glad of the arrivall of my 200 p[ie]ces Leed for the Disposall there of you have as full Orderes as I can give you and w[ha]t you doe therein shall content mee ~

I take notice of all sortes of Iron w[i]th you w[he]n I have Occ[a]tion will make bold to trouble you amongst the Bill Drawne upon you last Post was one for £68:12:4½ payable 20/d[ays] Sight w[hi]ch I desire you to take notice of as drawne att 10/d[ays] Sight and discharge s[ai]d Bill accordingly In doeinge of w[hi]ch you will oblige

MB:

1 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Mr Ed[ward]: Willett Ditto [Newcastle 1 December 1676]

Sir

I have only to thanke you heartily for yo[u]r Token w[hi]ch I have Rec[eive]d and have given my Father the Casse marked WB: w[i]th half of the Apples; for w[hi]ch doubtlesse hee will thanke you himselfe ~

I can nott for my life meete with a conveniency to send you some Leed though I have Endeavoured itt as much as lies in my power Mr LeGender did agree w[i]th this James Weatherell for the takeinge In 600 p[ie]ces or w[i]th the freightar I know nott

whether had you done the like for 200: 300: or 400: p[iec]es itt would have done
admirable well; but now I can nott prevaile w[i]th him to take in one peece ~

I am still in p[er]suite of a Vessell I hope to gett you some Leed Conveyed before itt
bee long as I proceed advice shall bee given you In dew time by him that Realy is
MB:

1 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen[ry]: Maisters Ditto [Newcastle] p[ri]mo xber [1 December]: 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 24th past thereby takes notice of the pieces of Iron
w[i]th you pray advise mee p[er] first convenience if you could freight mee a small
Vessell of about 20 to 25 Tonn and of their demands if possible I will make bold to
trouble you as I shall doe for the future when ever I shall have occation In the meane
time remaynes

MB:

2 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eur]s Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle xber [December]: 2d 1676

Sirs

I refer you to my last of p[ri]mo [1st] present p[er] yesterdayes Post Since none from
you Soe the lesse to Inlarge upon this Serveinge Cheifly to advise you that I have this
day Vallued upon you £240 payable 10/d[ays] Sight To Henry Ashurst Esq[ui]re or
Order Vallew of Mr Geo[rge]: Murton To w[hi]ch pray lett the needfull Hono[u]r bee
given I hope yo[u]r next will Informe mee of the Sale of my Leed and that for ready
money w[hi]ch will bee much to the satisfaction of MB:

2 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to John Rumney

[Note: The mention of a wigg, and previous letters, strongly imply that this 'Cousin' is
John Rumney.]

Cousine Ditto [Newcastle 2 December 1676]

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 28th past have p[ro]ceed acceptance to the Bill of
£100 and Mr Wettwange tells mee you may relye upon punctuallity as to the discharge
thereof w[he]n dew I have noe more commandes to lay upon you then to desire yo[u]r

care In the making much of my loveinge Cousen; and I hope Mr Willett and you had one merry bout I hope to heare of the Effortes; for a Wigge pray trouble nott yo[u]r selfe too much for I care nott £5000 whether I have one or nott Soe Indifferant am I~
yo[u]r Picture I have gott butt none can tell w[ha]t the Fancey is Some are p[er]swaded there must bee a booke for the Interpretation thereof I must needes say there is pretty things in itt butt more of that att meetinge I would bee glad to heare from you upon the Roade if you Intend to come to Stockton and will give mee my charges I will God willinge meete you there any day you will appoynt or otherwise shall meet with a letter att Darnton to the contrary I am

MB:

5 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mess[eur]s Cha[rles]: and Ja[mes]: Bankes: Newcastle xber [December]: the: 5th 1676

Sirs

Since mine of the p[ri]mo [1st] past have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 10: 17 and 21 ditto w[hi]ch I shall now God willinge Answer att large Mr Boones Draught on mee for £100: upon yo[u]r Account have discharged and when more moneyes is in Cash shall advise him; but I thinke there is little yet for Since my last; I have but sold one Load more of yo[u]r Plankes for £4:10:= and one p[ie]ce Timber qt [quantity] 28 foot att 18d a foot; I will doe my best for the disposall of the Remaynder but am affrayd I shall nott bee able to doe itt in haste; As I proceed you shall have advice for the 400 RD: [Rijksdaalder - Dutch, 'national dollar'] that Mr Strother hath vallewed upon you As you Reimbursse yo[u]r selfe upon mee yo[u]r Bill shall be hono[u]red I will have noe Iron till the Springe pray once In 14/d[ays] advise mee the price thereof and If you could procure mee a parcell of Inch Square $\frac{3}{4}$ Inch and $\frac{1}{2}$ Inch if desired~

This a mistake In sayinge that my Father is an owner of Capt[ain] Joseph Roble his Vessell very probable hee may bee concerned In the Loadinge but noe owner I am Certaine

MB:

5 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Jos Pannell: Ditto [Newcastle 5 December 1676]

Sir

My last to you was of the 17th past To w[hi]ch referres you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 24th ditto w[hi]th the account of my Leed and Grindstones; w[ha]t you have by mistake remitted mee shall have done you good but I thought the nett proceed

thereof would have beene forr more <.> I am about a Vessell for yo[u]r place and hopes to agree w[i]th him as I proceed advice shall bee given you God willinge by him that is MB:

5 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Nicholas Verlaen

Mr Nicho[las]: Verlane Ditto [Newcastle 5 December 1676]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 23th: and 24th past all Trad[e] now over till the Springe And then God willinge wee shall beginn againe ~

Yo[u]r bill of £60 I have discharged and Soe I will to the Ballance of account betwixt us w[he]n drawne upon mee I am Realy

MB:

5 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eur]s Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 5 December 1676]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 30th past doe thanke you for yo[u]r Cheese; but Jno fossett nott yett arrived – as also for yo[u]r Kindness to my Cousine w[hi]ch I take as done to my selfe ~

I have this day vallued upon you £100 payable 6/d[ays] Sight to Mr Jno Meriton or Order Vallew of Tho: Jennison Esq[uir]e To w[hi]ch let all hono[u]r bee given; am very willinge to allow you Consideration to Content for the time you shall be Indisbursse I am

MB:

7 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to John Strother

[Note: Sweathland – is this an old name for Sweden? One account noted that Sweathland 'lye betweene Stocholme and Valsterboen'.]

Mr Jno Strother Newcastle xber [December]: the: 7th 1676

Sir

The reason of my omittinge Soe longe answeringe yo[u]rs of the 7th 8ber [October] was cheifely grounded upon my expectation of seeinge you here before this And assure you

I would be very glad to see you but the Report goeing In Towne that you have alltered yo[u]r resolution I thought itt convenient to write you these few lines; beinge very desirous to know w[ha]t becomes of my Salt for I hope ere this you have Rec[eiv]ed letters from Sweathland whereby you may bee able to fullfill w[ha]t you could nott doe In this yo[u]r last (vizt) to Informe mee of all things att large w[hi]ch I intreate you to doe by the very first conveniency for to tell you the truth I would very gladly have itt sold. Nay I longe to heare of the Sale thereof; for I am resolved In the minde I am in nott to send a Vessell to Stockholme till that bee done w[hi]ch w[he]n effected and that I know the nett p[ro]ceed; I can the better chase a Vessell for my purpose certainly there is some way or other to gett itt disposed of In my oppinion itt might easily bee Trucked for Iron to be delivered In the Springe; And especially att this Season pray Write over to yo[u]r freind and lett mee have itt disposed of for now is the time Soe I shall leave itt to him nott doubtinge butt hee will Ask for my most advantage I shall now onely desire to heare from you upon receipt hereof and when you heare from yo[u]r freind about my concernes that you will bee pleased to Signife the contentes thereof att yo[u]r leasure unto him that realy is
MB:

12 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

Mr Hen[ry]: Maister Newcastle xber [December]: the: 12th 1676

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 5th present the contents thereof have well observed I am concerned In the Trade of Iron Soe shall have occ[a]tions for the following Sortes w[hi]ch you must by all measures p[ro]cure mee; w[i]th the best; both as to Mettle and finnesse vizt

of Socke moulds 1 Tonn nott too large and little Iron betwixt the Moulds~

of Coulter Mouldes ½ a Tonn as you thinke convenient for Sale w[hi]ch I leave to you discesion~

Of Pann Plates 3 Tonn from 50 to 54 Inch long and from 9 to 12 Inch broad and about ½ Inch thicke as clean without crackes or flawes as you can p[ro]cure them for our Smithes are very curious ~

Of Square Sweades Iron 2 Tonn all of under Inch Square be sure And one Tonn of 2 to 2½ and 2¾ Inch Square. The Goodes above mentioned I desire you to send mee p[er] first oppertunity for a tryall; desireing you to agree for the freight thereof as well as you cann But In respect I am a young Merchant; If you send mee that w[hi]ch is nott good Mettle and fine I shall loose all my customeres w[hi]ch will Spoile my Trade

Soe I leave itt to yo[u]r Serious consideration nott doubting but you will doe to content for mee. And as you are In disbursse I shall either pay you here or att London w[hi]ch you please I intreate you punctually to Observe w[ha]t is above written and send mee w[ha]t goodes you can p[ro]cure accordinge as is before mentioned; bid none

otherwise Soe w[ha]t you can gett as desired; you may please to send p[er] first
conveniencey and w[ha]t you can nott p[ro]cure (that is to say very good) be pleased to
lett aloane. And In <an.winge> [answering] the contentes hereof you will very much
oblige

MB:

12 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[ei]u]rs Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 12 December
1676]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 5th and 7th present all my Bills therein mentioned I
question nott but will finde dew compliance att any time If my thinge In disburse for
mee I am willinge and you shall all wayes find mee Soe To allow consideration; for the
time to content ~

I take notice of the Sale of 20 of my Pigges of Leade for a tryall; w[hi]ch I perceive
does nott prove to content; Soe shall nott trouble you w[i]th any more of itt I imagine
you are either out of the way for the Sale there of or else they buyers doe thinke to play
upon you Mr Mason att the Plough In Theames Streete hath Sold for my Father and
mee many thousand peices and can dispose att any time w[ha]t I can send unto him;
t'is strange too mee yo[u]r Customeres should complayne of itt; Whereas I send to most
partes in Europe of the very same Sorts w[hi]ch never before was found fault w[i]thall;
besides I am certaine; <twas> as good Lead as ever was used in England; lett yo[u]r
Customers say w[ha]t they please; I can send itt to some who can dispose of itt for
ready money; Soe shall nott trouble them w[i]th any more of itt; pray dispose of the
remaynder of itt as well as you cann; And against new yeare dispatch yo[u]r account
Currant unto him that is

MB:

The box by Land I have Rec[eive]d all therein prove to content; but there wants to each
Sale a fall Cloth; I desire to know whether any such thinges be Interste or noe I am MB:

15 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Math[ew]: Lamb Newcastle xber [December]: the 15th: 1676

Inclosed is an account of w[ha]t Rents I want w[hi]ch pray Endeavoure to gett In
against I[n]come over If you hitt right w[i]th the Butchers itt will bee more than ever I
could doe yett; butt bee assured soe much as is sett downe I want of them att least; Soe
keepe them to itt and Spare them nott a farthinge. Tho[mas]: Bell is a Rogue to tell mee

hee payes fare Rent; I will see him hanged before hee playes the foole w[i]th mee; if hee p[er]sist that very thing will above all the Sooner urge mee to take that Coarse w[i]th him w[hi]ch I never thought to have done for I finde itt playnely Booked att Whitsonday 75 Rent of him In full till that time and att Martinmas 75 the like. And now the Rogue att Martinmasse 76: when hee payd mee 30s w[hi]ch was my dew till that time; hee Swoare mee downe the fore Rent and I thinke hee forces mee to give him a Receipt accordingly. If hee doe Stand upon that receipt; before hee live In the house I will burne itt downe; Soe discourse the business w[i]th him. nay I am confident hee can nott make appeare that ever hee payd fore Rent to any other ~

If this com[e] by the Carior you will Receive a Small Toaken w[hi]ch be pleased to accept of and make merry this good time (As well are resolved to doe God willinge) my Respectes to my Mother I am

MB:

16 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eu]rs Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle xber [December]: the 16th: 1676

Sirs

Inclosed you have a bill for £500³ of w[hi]ch w[he]n dew I pray procure the needfull and place itt to <to> account

I have this day drawne upon you these followinge billes vizt

one for a £180 payable 28/d[ays] after date To Mr Edw[ard]: Callender or Order vallew of Mr Geo[rge]: Murton £180³:=

one for £120 payable 28/d[ays] after date To Henry Ashurst Esq[ui]re or Order vallew of S[ai]d Murton £120³:=

As allso one other Bill for £20³:= payable 4/d[ays] sight To to Mr Matthias Hunter or Order vallew of Mr Allexander Simpson £20³:=

one more for £32:7³:= payable 30/d[ays] Sight to Henry Ashurst Esq[ui]re or Order valew of Mr Geo[rge]: Murton £32:7³:=

In all £352:7³:=

To w[hi]ch lett all dew hono[u]r be given

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 9th unanswred In the first place for the future In yo[u]r Supersaription pray leave out the word worshippfull ti's a title I neither desire nor deserve ~

Jno Fawsett nott yett arrived I suppose hee may bee w[i]th you for I heare that Theames hath beene frozen upp for some time ~

Lett mee have noe more talke of the Coursness of my Leed; I shall nott trouble you w[i]th any more I know ti's as good Melting Leed as any is in England; but I see yo[u]r Customers Intends to play upon you but soe they shall nott upon mee you say you are offered £10:5:= by Some And by others £10:7:= pray take the most you can procure; but I hope you will privaile for ready money upon w[hi]ch Tearmes take £10:=- rather then saile far short I leave itt to yo[u]r discretion; Soe doe therein w[ha]t you thinke convenient Soe I remayne

MB:

23 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Jos: Pannell Newcastle xber [December] the 23th: 1676

Sir

My last to you was of the 5th present To w[hi]ch referres you; Since none from you soe the less to Inlarge upon; pray look out the Master to whom this Inclosed is directed; and deliver him itt; who if w[i]th you; will pay you upon my account about 200 Gilders and as much for my Brother Davison; as also for Mr Jefferson and Compa[ny]; as much more - wee can expect noe more tradinge till the Spring as the weather is and then God willinge I will renew our Corrispondencey In the meane time Remaynes

MB:

23 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Henry Lawes

Hen[ry]: Lawes Ditto [Newcastle 23 December 1676]

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 5th present the Contents of w[hi]ch have Intimated to my Brother Davison and Mr Jefferson; wee are all Sorrey you can nott gett home; In respect that itt cannott Tend In our Judgm[en]tes to our advantage; but seeinge you were Surprized and that itt cannot be helped; you might now doe as well as you cann; wee have here fine open weather; if the like w[i]th you; this will nott meete w[i]th you but if the weather bee contrary to my Expectation; and that this find you att Rotterdam; w[ha]t money you have for my Brother Davison; Mr Jefferson and my Selfe; you may pay itt all to Mr Josuah Pannell; Merchant In Rotterdam; his receipt for the same will bee sufficient; who will deliver you this letter; now for yo[u]r further Trade wee all thinke itt most convenient to come home butt to take a freight where you are; or to goe where you think convenient and Seeke yo[u]r fortune; In short wee all leave itt to you Soe doe w[ha]t you please w[ha]t ever you doe itt will content us all

yo[u]r Sister Kirton is brought to bedd of a Daughter and all yo[u]r other Freinds are well; Wife and all I am

MB:

23 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mess[eu]rs Cha[rles] and Ja[mes]: Bankes Ditto [Newcastle 23 December 1676]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 5th present To w[hi]ch referes you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the p[ri]mo ditto thereby takes notice of yo[u]r draught upon mee for £100 but never mentions upon w[ha]t account; whether yo[u]rs (that is to say In refferance to yo[u]r Wooden Commodities) or mine that is to say for w[ha]t Jno Strother hath drawne upon you (if upon the former Considderinge w[ha]t I pay[e]d freight; I cannott find that I am the 10th p[ar]t In Cash and if upon the latter I thinke itt will nott all together come to that however yo[u]r bill have honno[ur]ed and placed to the Debit Side of my Account Currant; In yo[u]r hands upon w[hi]ch account I doe Immagine you have drawne s[ai]d bill; if otherwise pray advise mee ~

I have made noe further progress In the Sale of yo[u]r Wooden Commodities then w[ha]t is above mentioned I am In treaty w[i]th one or two; w[ha]t the event will bee God willinge you shall have advice In <14>/d[ays] time for the next weeke beinge Christmas weeke; noe greate businesse will be done; Pray Gentlemen looke over yo[u]r bookes and see if you have nott accepted Jno: Strothers Draughts upon my account to the vallew of aboute £1000: St[erlin]g In Short In yo[u]r account Currant the 30 May you say pay[e]d Strothers Draught of RD [Rijksdaalder - Dutch, 'national dollar'] 1200 In two bills payable to Jacob: Eiqhosfe – w[hi]ch two bills Jno Strother never Mentioned to mee In his account Currant Soe that I suppose you have accepted those 2 bills upon some other Mans account pray Inquire Into this businesse for soe much I am out of pursse and the mistake must bee betwixt you these RD: [Rijksdaalder - Dutch, 'national dollar'] 1200 is soe much above £1000 St[erlin]g Soe that I am Satisfied you will Soone finde out the mistake and that they were nott drawne upon my account pray hasten yo[u]r Answer unto <JSt> [John Strother]

MB:

23 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Walter Chaytor

Mr Walter Chaytor Ditto [Newcastle 23 December 1676]

Sir

I had formerly an abstract of an account Currant from you If you please to take the paynes as to Sett all thinges Streight; whatever shall be found dew unto you to answer yo[u]r expectation I will order Some to pay itt you and Soe I remayne Just as you please
MB:

23 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eu]rs Hum[phrey] Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto

Sirs

I have none of yo[u]rs to answer; Soe the less to Inlarge upon this serveing cheifely to give you notice that this day I have accepted a bill for £100 St[erlin]g dated the 11th present drawne upon mee; by M[essei]urs Charles and James Bankes of Hamburgh payable 2/us [usance] att yo[u]r house in London To Mr John Bankes or Order w[hi]ch I pray lett have dew hono[u]r and if Said bill be shewed you before dew; please to promisse paym[en]t and about that time you shall bee In Cash; or before if possible; I have also this day vallewed a bill upon you for £60: payable 30/d[ays] Sight to Mr Nicho[las]: Hardinge or Order vallew of Mr John Duglas w[hi]ch pray lett likewise bee hono[u]red God willinge I shall Supply you where with all to discharge both before they fall dew; In the meane time I hope you may dispose of my Leed w[hi]ch may a little putt you in Cash; and w[hi]ch would bee much to the Satisfaction of. / <Sris.>

MB:

29 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mess[eur]s Cha[rles]: and Ja[mes]: Bankes Newcastle xber [December]: the: 29th 1676

Sirs

My last to you was of the 23th present to w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you soe the less to Inlarge upon this beinge cheifly to desire yo[u]r answer w[i]th all expediton to w[ha]t is above Written; for I dayly expect John Strother here; w[i]th whome I cannott hansomly discourese the businesse before I know where the blame lies ~

I have nott yett Spoken w[i]th yo[u]r Wooden Customers; but hopes to doe itt shortly In the meane time remaynes

MB:

29 Dec 1676 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eiu]rs Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle xber [December]: the 29th: 1676

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 16: and 21 present the former of w[hi]ch requires little answer; In the latter takes notice of the Sale of my Leed att £10:10:= p[er] foodder and that the partey would have 120 p[iece]s more w[hi]ch shall (God willinge) and more (bee) by the very first conveniency conveyed unto you And if you can agree w[i]th him for 3: 4: 5: or 600 p[iece]s more att the same price I will Ingage here shall have them by the very first Shipp that Starres from hence; ~

If you can but sell I can serve; But I will heare noe complaynts of my Leed for I am nott onely confident but certaine they doe itt without any Cause ~

Wee use noe greate Pigges here soe can send you none; but as many little ones as you please I can heare nothinge of Fausett I doe nott know w[ha]t is become of him In the meane time I want my Cheese I am

MB:

6 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

[Note: 'Brother Davison' in the letter was MB's brother in law (Timothy Davison) who married MB's sister Elizabeth Blackett.]

Brother Ditto [Newcastle 6 January 1677]

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 30th past; yo[u]r order therein shall observe and place the cost thereof To yo[u]r account I can advise you of noe newes but that my Father Intends for London god willinge very shortly; the day of his setting out nott yett resolved upon but hee thinkes itt will bee on the 15th present hee comes In his coach for my Lady sayth shee will accompany him – the £200 of my Brother Davison t'is called In w[hi]ch I have pay[e]d and trade Soe very badd that I am a little Straytned; you know w[ha]t I am In disburse for you but that I shall nott Insist upon; if you could lend mee two hundred pounds for a while I will god willinge another time; if ever you have one accion lend you twice the Summe for double the time you might rely upon itt <again> within lesse then 6/m[onths] and the same pay[e]d either here att yorke or att London <and> serve my turne To w[hi]ch I desire yo[u]r answer att yo[u]r connveniency my humble Service to my Sister to whome w[i]th yo[u]r selfe I wish a happie and prosperous new yeare w[i]th many more followinge; w[hi]ch is the hearty and Reale desire of

MB:

6 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

[Note: enclosing a latter fro John Strother]

Mess[eur]s Cha[rles] and James Bankes Ditto [Newcastle 6 January 1677]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 29th past to w[hi]ch referrs you Since have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 19th ditto w[hi]ch requires little answer soe have the less to Inlarge upon I think to meete w[i]th the Customers about yo[u]r Wooden Commodities within 2 or 3/d[ays] you may be certaine I will doe for you as if it were my owne concerne and shall say noe more; but of w[ha]t passes you shall God willinge have advice In dew time

Inclosed is a letter from John Strother by w[hi]ch you will see how thinges Stands and that I am a good Sume of Money out of pursse w[hi]ch is noe small losse unto mee; soe I intreat you w[i]th all expedition to write both him and me att large about this businesse that soe I may know where and of whome To demand my owne I am

MB:

Mess[eur]s Cha[rles]: and Ja[m]es: Bankes: Newcastle Ja[nuary]: the: 6th 1676/7

Sirs

Cominge to cleare Acc[oun]ts w[i]th Mr Michael Blackett here you charge him w[i]th 1200 RD: [Rijksdaalder - Dutch, 'national dollar'] I drew on you the 30th of June last payable to Jacob: Echhoffe for his account; w[hi]ch I doe nott remember and my Bookes beinge In Sweeden cannott att present rectifie the same w[i]th him and beinge the next weather this Moneth att furthest intended for London I begge a line from you Concerninge the same to satisfie mee if it were for his acc[ou]nnt or nott and pray send mee a Copyie of the letter of Advice; for as I remember you ordered mee to draw butt 1000 £ St[erlin]g on you for Mr M: Blacketts accou[n]t And the last 400 RD: soe pray let mee have a word or two from you to London it's possible may bee my Mistake but I shall know when I come to Sweden whither Intend God willinge In March Moneth next and if I can serve you there Command freely

Jno Strother

pray send mee a Coppie of the Bill and if is my Mistake that I may doe Mr Blackett the Money Good

Jno St[rother]:

6 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eur]s Hum[phrey]: Willett Newcastle Ja[nuary]: the: 6: 1676/7

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 2d present; w[hi]ch requires noe further answer
Then that you may Rely upon 2: 3 or 400 p[iec]les Leed p[er] first oppertunity I wish
you and yo[u]r Lady a happie and prosperous new yeare w[i]th many more followinge

John Fawsett not yet answered; I wonder w[ha]t is become of him Pray send
forward the Inclosed to yo[u]r brother In doeing of w[hi]ch you will oblige

MB:

6 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Willett

Mr Edward Willett Ditto [Newcastle 6 January 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 29th past the contents have noted hereby you have
an Order accordinge to yo[u]r desire w[hi]ch pray see To gett effected as offten as you
can possibly

Mr Ed[ward]: Willett when you meet w[i]th a conveniency of a Vessell cominge to
this place either from Rouen or Newhaven that returnes to either of S[ai]d places; pray
by every such conveniency (untill you Receive a contradictory Order) prevaile if
possible for the conveyinge of 2 or 300 p[iec]les Leed agreeing for freight as well as you
cann; w[hi]ch I leave to yo[u]r discretion wholly; and w[hen]ever you doe I will make
good; but for feare of the Worst; lett not yo[u]r agrement bee for above 300 p[iec]les In
a vessell for I have nott Leed allwayes afore hand. Now Sir pray minde yo[u]r
businesse and shipp noe oppertunity I will minde the weighinge of the Leed
accordinge to yo[u]r desire noe quantity of bees Wax to bee p[ro]cured wish you a
happie and prosperous new yeare w[i]th many more followinge; the like to yo[u]r good
Mother and the Rest of yo[u]r Family w[hi]ch is the hearty desire of

MB:

6 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

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

Mr Hen[ry] Maisters Ditto [Newcastle 6 January 1677]

Sir

I have beene for a while keepinge my Christmas In the Countrey att my Returne
doe meet w[i]th yo[u]rs of the 9th past; the contents have well observed if yo[u]r Socke
Moulds and Coulter Mouldes bee both In one barr they are of a Sort that I never Saw in

all my life and Such never come to this Towne that I can heare of however pray send mee for a Tryall Two Tonn; one Tonn pann Plates as formerly desired I meane as nigh as you cann and one Tonn of the finest Square you can meete w[i]th all under Inch square if possible pray buy the above goods as well as you can for mee and send mee p[er] first oppertunity agreeinge for the freight as cheape as you cann w[he]n you are In disbursse upon yo[u]r advice I will either pay you here; or send you a good bill or Short Sight upon my freind In London

I leave all to yo[u]r discretion; not doubting but you will Act for mee In every p[er]ticular for my most advantage, pray send mee likewise halfe a duzen Studdies I wish you a happie and prosperous new yeare w[i]th many more followinge w[hi]ch is the hearty desire of

MB:

12 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Joshua Pannell

Mr Jos Pannell Newcastle Ja[nuary]: the: 12: 1676/7

Sir

My last to you was of the 23th past To w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you Soe the less to Inlarge upon this beinge cheifely to desire you to Inquire after one Robert Sutton a Sea Man who formerly dwell att Sheilds And as I am Informed is att present In yo[u]r place if you meete w[i]th him pray demand In the behalfe of my Uncle Matthew: Kirkley upon a bond £5:= and lett mee know his answer here under you will have a letter from my S[ai]d Uncle who I desire you to assist In this businesse and w[ha]t you doe for him shall ever bee acknowledged as soe much kindnesse done unto MB:

12 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

M[esseu]rs Cha[rles]: and Ja[mes]: Bankes Newcastle Jan[uary]: the 12: 1676/7

Sirs

The above is Coppy of my last to w[hi]ch Referrs you my last to you was of the 6th ditto your answer unto the same I doe not question but is dispatched ere this if not pray let it be done with all expedition

I have att last mett w[i]th my Customers, with whome I have had soe much discurse, if I find neither there old store to be nigh gone, nor they att all willing to buy more, Especially yours that is not sette for sale, In the place (as they say) there finall Resolution is soe unreasonable In my opinion that I once thought not to have acquainted you with itt, but Recolluting my selfe if you thought itt nott convenient to keepe you from the knowledge of my proceedings and actuals In your businesse soely

that you may know here your goods is esteemed In this place pray take notice that
<40d> a Load for the brook £3:= a Load for the Rest of the planck, and <6d> a foot for all
the timber is by oaths and protestations the very most they will give Soe wee parted.
Gentlemen I desire you will a lease, if you thinke Convenient to <.....> mee to a price
under w[hi]ch I must nott sell, I shall know your pleasure, and be assured as much
above as <can be> procurd shall be gotten, I am

MB

12 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[essee]rs Hum[phrey] Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 12 January 1677]

Sirs

My present my Ma[ster] beinge very busie comandee mee to inclose and send you this
bill for one hundred pounds St[erlin]g when dew prayes you to p[ro]cure the needfull
I thinke hee has Shipped you 300 p[iece]s Leed; of both w[hi]ch you may by next Post
expect more att large; noe more att present but that I am
P:L: Servant to MB: Esq[ui]re]

13 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[essee]rs Hum[phrey] Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle Ja[nuary] the 13th 1676/7

Sirs

I had nott time to write you last Poast but Ordered my Man to send you a bill for
£100 w[hi]ch I find hee p[er]formed accordingly of the same pray procure acceptance
and payment In dew time ~

I have this day past upon you a bill for £400 payable 12/d[ays] sight to the Right
Honorable Katherine Lady Gray Dowager of Warke; or Order vallew of Mr W[illia]m
Browne; tis now late and I have nott time to seeke about for bill to content for yo[u]r
Reainburssem[ent] however pray accept the bill you may bee assured you shall bee noe
looser by soe doeinge I inclosed send you a bill for £100 w[hi]ch I accidentally mett
w[i]thall and next Post God willing you shall have more to same vallew [value] and att
as short sight as I can possibly p[ro]cure them but att the worst I hope you take mee to
bee worth £400 and able enough besides to give you satisfaction to content for the time
you shall bee In disbursse Soe pray lett noe objection hinder yo[u]r compliance w[i]th
my bill ~

I have agreed w[i]th Robert Swaine for freight of 300 p[iece]s Leed and w[i]th
Edward Greene for freight of 300 p[iece]s more all w[hi]ch you may expect by very first
Shippinge I am certaine these vessells will Sturre w[i]th the first when Shipped you

shall God willinge have advice w[ha]t freight you are to pay In the meane time
Remaynes
MB:

13 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Mr Robert Jackson Newcastle January 13: 1676/7

If you receive this letter tomorrow night, (as I have taken as good fare as I Can that you shall) that soe by monday by Cuth[bert] fouler [Fowler] you may send mee a bill of your owne or procure me of any other in this place for £100 or £300, you will doe mee a kindness if you will doe itt, though they bee att 20/d[ays] date you doe pretend a great deale of kindnesse soe pray excuse my boldness if I desire you to speake to Mr Cooke and Mr Wells and others, and see if you Can helpe mee provided you your selfe Cann p[ro]vere Spare none your answer however pray afford, soe with my service to Mrs Mary I Remayne both here and
MB

13 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr M[atthew] Lambe Newcastle January 13: 1676/7

In the first place Inclosed is a letter w[hi]ch I must of necessity have att Stoc[k]ton tomorrow night that soe upon monday morning by Cuth[bert] fowler I may Receive answer there unto, w[hi]ch will be here Tuesday morning before post goe away, I durst not venter [venture] to trust C:f [Cuthbert Fowler] with itt for feare off a neglect, upon Receipt immediately send away the foot post or some other with itt the charge I will repay you att meeting before noe time for itt is a letter of Concernment w[hi]ch must bee with Mr Jackson tomorrow night <alin.> Sunday night for feare of mistake wee are all <f.rrantion> <nomi..bred>, wee are all merrily disposed god be thanked and I hope this will find you and my mother in the same Condition I am
MB:

16 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to George Moorecroft

[Note: The letter written 'eight days ago' mentioned below does not appear to be in this letterbook.]

Mr Geo[rge]: Moorecroft Newcastle Ja[nuary]: the: 16th 1676/7

Sir

I writt to you about eight dayes agoe w[hi]ch I am confid[ent] you Received In dew time; Soe that I very much wonder I have nott had a line In answer there unto this is therefore to putt you In minde of the contents thereof and to desire you care in every p[ar]ticular but esp[e]cially on account how you p[ro]ceed in the latter clause of my last letter; relatinge to the businesse you know of, certainly Penn and Ink is nott soe deare but that you may afoard noe a line to any of my letters w[hi]ch is all I desire if you doe but signifie the Receipt thereof it will bee sufficient but to come to the p[ay]m[en]t Sticke fast to yo[u]r businesse and bee earnest w[i]th the p[ar]tie for some Reasons I know w[hi]ch I shall acquaint you w[i]th all att our meetinge soe lett the p[ar]tie say w[ha]t hee will you may beli[e]ve him if you please I desire to end freinds as wee begunn w[hi]ch pray endeavour to effect and that w[i]th all expedition affoord mee a line in In answer of yo[u]r p[ro]ceedinges that soe w[he]n the p[ar]tie comes to Towne who I dayly expect I may order my discourse w[i]th him accordingly In doing of w[hi]ch you will oblige

MB:

16 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[essee]rs Hum[phrey] Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle Ja[nuary]: the: 16th
1676/7

Sirs

My last to you was of the 13th present to w[hi]ch referrs you Since none from you Soe the less to Inlarge upon this serveinge cheifly to advise you that this day I have drawne upon you a bill for £13 payable 10/d[ays] Sight to Mr Samuell Simmons or Order vallew [value] of Thomas Riddall Esq[ui]re

Inclosed you have two bills for £200; when dew I pray procure the needfull w[hi]ch is all att p[re]sent from

MB:

20 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[essee]rs Hum[phrey] Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle Ja[nuary]: the: 20th
1676/7

Sirs

In the first place Fausett and Wigganer are arrived so that I have Rec[eive]d both the Cheese and the Craddle for w[hi]ch I give you many thanks but especially for the former ~

pray take notice that this day I have valled upon you a bill for £80 payable 6/d[ays] Sight To Mr Rob[er]t Bloome or Order vallew [value] of Mr Samuell Ellison which lett bee complied w[i]thall towards discharge of w[hi]ch and former billes charged upon you Inclosed is one for £200. I am p[ro]mised more to some vallew [value] by Merchantes In Stockton but as yett they come nott w[hi]ch I wonder att; Soe soone as they doe come you shall have them: I know you will bee In disbursse for mee; but you shall have consideration for itt To content ~

Expect noe Leed; for this day I have made a bargaine for all that I make for a yeare I told my Customer of my p[ro]mise to you to w[hi]ch he answered except hee send all hee would have none; but if you have <made> any bargaine rather then yo[u]r word should not be p[er]formed well Order you some from Stockton pray offoard yo[u]r answer p[er] first unto

MB:

20 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett

[Note: Memo item]

Newcastle Ja[nuary]: the: 20th: 1676/7

Writt to Mr Mat[t]hew Lamb and Mr Geo[rge]: Moorecroft etc.

MB:

23 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

[Note: A copy of this letter is in the letterbook on the pages that contains letters from May 1676, at the end of the recto letterbook page numbered 107. There this letter is clearly out of sequence. There is a large X in the left-hand margin (and a line across the page above the letter) to reinforce the impression that it was written in the wrong place, and the letter also appears in the proper date sequence.]

M[es]seu[rs] Hum[phrey] Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle Janu[ary]: the: 23d 1676/7

Sirs

I have before mee yours of the 18 present for your great kindness therein, doe give you many thanks, but a free horse ought not to bee too much spurd, I doe assure you I will never Charge any thing upon you, when not In Cash but when brave advance offers, and then I will presume, and if I Cannot, Reeinburse you In time, as some times it doth fall out, I will allow you Consideration

Pray take notice of the following draughtes this day upon you viz

one payable 6/d[ays] sight to mr Matthias Hunter or order valew [value] of mr Alex Simpson for £20:=- one payable 6/d[ays] sight to mr Suertis Swinburne or order valew

[value] of mad[ame]: Swinburne for £2 one payable by 6/d[ays] sight to mr Ralph Sanderson or order valew [value] of mad[ame]: Swinburne for £100 all w[hi]ch pray let be Complied with all

I sent you last post a bill for £200 w[hi]ch for some Reasons pray Returne, and I will send you another In Roome thereof, and I think for a greater somme [sum], otherwise itt shall bee heard I am In some haste

MB:

26 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett

[Note: Memo item]

Newcastle Ja[nuary]: the: 26th 1676/7

Writt To S[ir] W[illia]m Blackett To Mr Lamb and To Mr Buckle

26 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

M[essee]rs Hum[phrey] Will[ett] and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 26 January 1676/7]

Sirs

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 20th Inclosed you have the Bill of £100 backe; endorsed; w[hi]ch formerly by hast was omitted ~

Inclosed is another Bill for £100 of w[hi]ch procure the needfull I am in greate hast
MB:

27 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

[Note: 1. 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 probably the Redgroves on the hill north of Nentdale, where the Blacketts had a lease from the Radcliffes in the 1670s, the vein through which appeared to connect with Coalcelugh, within the Balcketts mines in the West Allen valley. '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.

2. Rich M: is Richard Mowbray at Allenheads (from an April 21 letter).

3. Jno M: is Jno Mowbray (from an April 21 letter).]

Hon[our]ed Sir Newcastle Ja[nuary]: the: 27th: 1676/7

According to my promise by myne of the 26th present p[er] yesterdayes Post; have thought itt my duty after my Brother W[illia]m his returne from the pay to give you an account of occurances there as well as can bee expected from mee the whole pay tooke as followeth £380:==:=

P[ai]d Rich M: towards the heades pay	£220:==:=
P[ai]d Jno M: Towards Planky Pay	£ 23:14:7
P[ai]d att Mill as p[er] p[er]ticulers	£ 59:18:9 1/2
P[ai]d att Fallowfeild as p[er] p[er]ticulers	£ 75:12:4
P[ai]d for a hndges this Month	£ 00:14:4

	380:00:0 1/2

for w[hi]ch charge you had 11 fudder 14 p[iec]es Leed Smelted att Plankey Mill and 46 Bing 1 horsse over Charged to s[ai]d place vizt

bing : horse	
from Coale Clugh	13 : 2
from Greene Gill	03 : 0
from the heades	10 : 3
from Read Groves	05 : =
from Bateshill	10 : 2
from Wellhope	03 : 2

as before	46 : 1

and likewise 38 fodder 10 p[iec]es Leed Smelted att Duxfeild [Dukesfield] Mill and 116 bing one horse over Carriged to s[ai]d place viz

bing : horse	
from Jeffreyes Grove	03 : =
from the heades	51 : 1
from Reed Groves	06 : 2
from Roakehoope	01 : =
from fallowfeild	54 : 2

	116 : 1

there is nott a farthinge Charge for cariadge of any Leed from the Mill neither to Cooperhouse nor to Bladan soe that I have little more to Inlardge upon then to advise you of the condition; of they severall Groves w[hi]ch are as followeth vizt Greenegill hath nott beene soe poore this long timee; Coale Clough still uncertayne where noe quantity of Oare is gott; Read Groveses still worke the Stile pretty good; the levell Indiffrent; they dared the last week 3½ ya[rd]es; but now tis some what harder Baties his [Bateshill] and Rookehoppe pretty good but Wellhope the <best> of the Tow. Sir the other sid is as full an account as I can give you of this moneths pay if any thing bee omitted I doe heartily begg yo[u]r excuse soe w[i]th my humble service to my Lady w[i]th my duty to yo[u]r selfe prayinge for yo[u]r health and happynesse and earnestly cravinge yo[u]r blessinges I remayne

MB:

30 Jan 1677 Michael Blackett to Thomas Finley

Mr Tho[mas]: Finley Newcastle Ja[nuary]: the: 30th: 1676/7

Sir

I desire you to doe mee the favour p[er] that upon receipt hereof To take mr Lambe alonge w[i]th you if hee bee not Come here and view that Land of my Coasen Edward Blackettes and advise me yo[u]r thoughts w[ha]t you thinke itt realy worth and likewise to take a third p[er]son William Prescott is named but charge whom you please and lett mee have itt under all yo[u]r hands w[ha]t dammage the Quaker hath done the land by plowing up the farme; bee nott partiall because I ask yo[u]r Landlord; but doe itt faithfully as betwixt two freinds and lett mee have yo[u]r oppiniones make noe talke att all of this businesse yo[u]r answer is desired p[er] next Post and sooner if possible In doeinge of w[hi]ch you will very much oblige

MB:

If you have a mind to take those two Closes pray lett mee know w[ha]t you will give mee for them p[er] <annd> for I think they make <free mine> and that very shortly so pray dispatch yo[u]r answer unto

MB:

2 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eur]s Hum[phrey]: Willett Newcastle Feb[ruary]: the: 2d: 1676/7

Sirs

I have this day Shipped and sent to you In Robert Wigganer his vessell of this place 4 Small Rundletts 2 marked HW: for yo[u]r selfe w[hi]ch pray accept of and the other 2

marked EB: for my Brother who now is in London w[hi]ch I desire when they come to yo[u]r hands you will please to cause to bee delivered when called for I am
MB:

The Ma[ste]r is sayled and very probable may be w[i]th you soe soone as this soe that you may please to send to Billinges Gate to Inquire for him:

MB:

2 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Edward Blackett

Brother Edward Ditto [Newcastle 2 February 1677]

I have this day Shipped aboard the Vessell of Robert Wigganer a Ma[ste]r of this place 2 Small Rundletts for you marked EB: the one of Ale and the other of Salmon; for w[hi]ch you may please to send yo[u]r man to call for (about the time you thinke s[ai]d Vessell may be arrived) to my Corespondent his house Mr Hum[phrey]: Willett by name. And if they bee come to his hands hee will cause them to bee delivered; or otherwise if nott come; yo[u]r man may acquaint him where you lodge; that soe soone as they doe come hee may give you notice where to send for them neither of them can I commend unto you for good either in quantity or quallity; but onely to lett you know; that If I had any thinge that I know of that were a greater Rarity; that I could p[ro]cure itt more att yo[u]r service; soe this serves cheifly to putt you In minde; that you are nott yett destitute of freinds my humble service to my Sister I am

MB:

3 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eur]s Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle Feb[ruary]: the: 3d:
1676/7

Sirs

I have none of yo[u]rs to answer soe the less to Inlarge upon this serveinge Cheifly for Covert To the Inclosed bill of Exchange; of w[hi]ch when dew pray procure the needfull:

MB:

3 Feb 1677 J Rund to Thomas Western

Mr Tho[mas]: Western ditto [Newcastle 3 February 1677]

Sir

I am glad of the oppertunity To returne you my thanks for yo[u]r kindnesses att London am sorrey I have nott occation to give a clearer demonstration ~

this serves to recommend to yo[u]r Correspondence Mr Michael Blackett S[ir] Williams second sonne; who mannageith the Iron Trade here as his Father did formerly hee is sometimes wantinge such sortes as you can furnish him w[i]th and (though the <assurance> I have given him of the good usage) hee is resolved to make a tryall for mee to say ought in refrance to his credit would bee to deminishe [diminish] itt pray when Mr Benson comes to London please to tell him I would willingly heare of his well faire [welfare] from his owne hand; as alsoe that Mr Strother is soe farr Northerly I am affraid hee can nott looke agt the sonne hee is dayly expected here but when hee comes I know nott for itt above 14/d[ays] since he wass heard of my service to yo[u]r Brother Michael and Mr Anthony wishinge you all happienesse I remayne

J: Rund:

the only way to quitt Strother will bee to Signifie the receipt thereof

Mr Tho[mas]: Western ditto [3 February 1677]

Sir

the above doth Imbolden mee to write you these few lines deseiringe yo[u]r answer hereunto; to Advise me the price of all sortes of Iron as narrow and Squal Broad flatt; Sock Mouldes; Coulter Mouldes and Pann Plates and if you can furnish mee w[i]th a quantity of any Sort desired and if yo[u]r Socke and Coulter Mouldes bee Strucke about London pray excuse this trouble of

MB:

3 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

Mes[seu]rs Cha[rles]: and James Bankes ditto [3 February 1677]

Sirs

I have Rec[eive]d yo[u]rs of the 16th past w[i]th two p[ri]mo billes of Exchange; from Mr Strother w[hi]ch are not they billes In difference; Soe (that I may noe more in wayne trouble you about this) doe here under send that the Credit side of his account Currant vizt

<Imp[re]is>

one Bill p[ri]mo March upon Peter Wattson for	RD 0300:
one more 22 ditto [March] upon yo[u]r selves for	RD 0300:
two more 31 ditto [March] w[hi]ch Billes I have In my hands	RD 1200:=

tow [two] more 22 Aprill for	RD 1200:=-
one more 31 May for	RD 0178:=-
two more June the 14th: and 17th for	RD 1650:=-
And his last Draught for	RD:0400:=-

[RD: Rijksdaalder - Dutch, 'national dollar'] which will easily discover the mistake – If on his side you are both to blame; hee for drawinge above Comission and you for acceptinge but if on yo[u]rs I imagine t'is misplaced in account soe lett them that have had the benefitt thereof give satisfaction principally Intrest; for I can make use of my money as well as others pray give mee yo[u]r speedy answer and lett mee know to whome you delivered my Inclosed for Mr Na: Wattson; itt was for my freind and hee hath Rec[eive]d noe answer thereto I am
MB:

6 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to James Burkin

Mr James Burkin Newcastle feb[ruary] the 6th 1676/7

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]r last; must begg yo[u]r excuse nott mentioninge the date thereof; for a Reason I imagine; you will soone find out; In persuance to yo[u]r Order Therein I went and spoke w[i]th a greate many of our Ma[ste]rs who I found for the most part all freighted; had yo[u]r order come 14/d[ays] sooner I would nott have questioned but to have gott itt effected upon much more reasonable Tearmes then you propound; but now freights beginns to Sturr; makes those Ma[ste]rs unfreighted stand a little more upon their pay[me]nts; yett I have mett w[i]th an honest Ma[ste]r; such a vessell as you desire about 120 Tonn a little more or lesse and in case I had; had full Instructions the businesse would have beene concluded upon wee differ onely upon the lyinge dayes att each place and his loadinge att Charante that itt is how much Wine; how much Brande and how much pap[er] you Intend aboard of him; I am affrayd hee will bee gone to Sea upon his owners accou[n]t before yo[u]r answer unto this can come to hadd [hand] yett I will endea[vou]r to prevayle w[i]th him; a Angle or a peece for soe doinge itt will affoord itt; if procured att £25: Wine Brande and pap[er] p[er]hapes under; soe In case you hold yo[u]r resolution pray advise mee att large the followinge perticulers w[i]th w[ha]t wine you thinke needfull that I shall <p mit..> [permit] for if this M[aste]r will nott stay; another oppertunity may happen In short time; you desire 200 p[ie]ces greate Leed; if 200 p[ie]ces small Leed would nott <serve> for noe greate Leed to bee hadd in this place <To where .> In Rochell I shall consigne her; whether my goodes to take In att Rochell or nott for Charante; how billes of Loadinge should bee ordered; how many lyinge dayes you desire att each place; I shall not meddle w[i]th the consigneringe her to any att Charante nor Amst[er]dam; for whose order hee followes att Rochell may doe the one; and who loades him at

Charante may doe the Other; I suppose you will order that better that I can Informe you I shall nott enlarge further; beinge affrayd you thinke mee too tedious allready; but takeinge into serious consideration; my beinge desiroues to ask nothinge that might displease my principall In the least; I hope you will excuse mee; soe desireinge yo[u]r answer w[i]thout delay I remayne

MB:

6 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

[Note: The abbreviation 'pm.' is puzzling. The likeliest meaning, in the context of the letter is promissory note, although promise or payment is possible. It has only been seen in this letter, and in the one on 10 February to the same recipients.]

M[essequ]rs Cha[rles] and Ja[mes] bankes Ditto [Newcastle 6 February 1677]

Sirs

My last to you was of the 3 p[re]sent To w[hi]ch referres you Since none from you Soe the less to Inlarge upon this beinge cheifely to second w[ha]t is above Written for fear of miscarriage; and to desire yo[u]r speedy answer; after haveinge compared the above account w[i]th the Debit side of that account you sent mee; the mistake will bee apparent; Soe that if you have 2 Billes RD1200: RD600: [RD: Rijksdaalder - Dutch, 'national dollar'] each more then w[ha]t is above mentioned; pray send mee the pm. [see Notes] w[i]th his lett[er] or lett[er]s of advice; I question nott butt yo[u]r answer here unto will satisfie mee; Soe Remaynes

6 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[seu]rs Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Ditto [Newcastle 6 February 1677]

Sirs

I have none of yo[u]rs to answer soe the less to Inlarge upon this serveinge cheifly to lett you know that I have Rec[eive]d the £200 Bill as also to advise you that I have this day vallew'd upon you a bill for £100 payable 26/d[ays] Sight To Mr Nicholas Hardinge or Order vallew of Mr John Duglas w[hi]ch pray lett bee complied w[i]thall; I will God willing remitt itt you againe shortly; my service to yo[u]r Lady I remayne; pray first enquier and advise me p[er] next w[ha]t Generally yo[u]r Londoners have allowed them for freightinge of Vesselles; if stand bound for the <freight> I am in hast

MB:

6 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Michael Halle

Mr Mich[ael]: Halle Ditto [Newcastle 6 February 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 4th present; whereby takes notice how that Mr Wilkinson is unwilling to trouble either S[i]r Rob[er]t Eden or S[i]r Rob[er]t Shafto as nott beinge very Intimate w[i]th them I am nott one of those that standes soe much upon that pay[me]nt I will onely desire that kindnesse that hee will nott ptich upon a Townes Man and lett him choose whome hee pleases I shall leave itt to yo[u]r selfe the bond usuall given is £500 you may bee certaine I will take noe less and more Desire nott; Soe upon the least notice from him or you p[er] bond shall bee sent my service to yo[u]r Lady I am

MB:

9 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Matthew Lamb

Mr Matth[ew]: Lamb: Newcastle feb[ruary] the 9th: 1676/7

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 5th present; am sorrey that my Cockerton Farme cannott bee <po..en> lett; I thinke I shall bee forced to come over soone; and then shall lett itt my selfe to some or other; I am sure Kitt Place will bee the man very willingly; In the meane time lett him have the first offer of itt att £22 p[er] Ann w[hi]ch if hee refuse; then lett itt to any other att that Rate; but of that I will nott abate one farthinge as much above as you can

I have nothinge to doe w[i]th Edward Fisher for as yett I have nott bought the Land soe all that part of yo[u]r letter is answered; wee are all well God be thanked hopeinge this will find you In the same condition I remayne

MB:

9 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

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

Sirs

My last unto you was of the 6th present w[hi]ch I advised you of £100 drawne upon you and the same day to pleasure S[i]r Ralph Carr did give him another bill upon you for £100 payable 12/d[ays] Sight To Mr John Sherwood or Order vallew of s[ai]d S[i]r Ral[ph] the Mayor of this Towne w[hi]ch pray lett bee hon[oure]d I am Indeavoureinge

to reimbursse you but as yett cann meete w[i]th noe billes to content; hopes to doe itt within 2 or 3 dayes ~

In answer to yo[u]rs of the 3d may take notice that I shall endeavour to procure acceptance to yo[u]r bill and within a Post or two shall advise you fully about the same my service to yo[u]r Lady I am

MB:

9 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Mr Rob[er]t Jackson Ditto [Newcastle 9 February 1677]

Sir

If on Monday next you can send mee by Cuth[bert]: Fowler any Billes of yo[u]r owne; or procure mee from any other In yo[u]r place to the vallew of £1 £2 or £300 you will very much oblige

MB:

9 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to John Blackett

Cosen Blackett Ditto [9 February 1677]

Last Poast I Rec[eive]d a bill upon you for £100 a coppie whereof is as followeth

London the 3d of Feb[ruary]: [16]76/7

Att eight dayes Sight of this my onely bill of Exchange pay unto Mr Humphrey Willett or Order one hundred pounds St[erlin]g vallew here Rece[ive]d and place to account as p[er] advice from

S[i]r Yo[u]r humble Servant and kinsman Edward Blackett

To Mr John Blackett att fallowfield near Newcastle

I desire to know if you will accept the same and where I can call for the money w[he]n dew my service to my good Cousin I am

MB:

10 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mes[seu]rs Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[n]y Newcastle feb[ruary]: the: 10th: 1676/7

Sirs

I have yo[u]rs of the 6th present before me; Takes notice of w[ha]t you say concerning the bill for £100 upon Mr John Blackett of Fallowfield drawne by my Brother; s[ai]d Mr Blackett lives allmost twenty miles distant from this place for that I have spoake to a freind that lives within 6 miles of his house to aske and see if hee will accept s[ai]d Bill w[hi]ch I doe not question but hee will and by my next shall answer you more fully to that perticular

they 4 Small Rundlettes I sent are two of Salmon and two of Ale for my Brother and yo[u]r selfe when comes to hand pray cause f[r]esh pickell to bee putt to yo[u]r Salmon and accepted they are.

Inclosed is three billes for £250 of w[hi]ch when dew pray procure the needfull my service to yo[u]r Lady I am
MB

Pray peruse Seale and cause to bedd the Inclosed MB:

10 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Charles & James Banks

M[essee]rs Cha[rles]: and Ja[mes]: Bankes: Ditto [Newcastle 10 February 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 23d past w[i]th an Inclosed to Mr John Strother w[hi]ch I have delivered they contentes whereof In my oppinion t'is a little too harsh and more Hector like then Merchant like; for noe Merch[an]t Infallible itt may bee his mistake and it may prove yo[u]rs I shall censure neither of you untill I know the certaynty; nor is there any neede that I should require satisfaction from him before hee goe from hence; In respect that I cann lay nothing to his chardge if I had not taken him to bee an honest and credible Man (as I doe still) I would nott have given him that creditt I gave him you have a Coppie of the Creditt side of my Account Currant from him w[hi]ch if you please to compayre w[i]th the Debit sid[e] of my account Currant you sent mee noe question but you will soone finde the mistake you debitt mee for his draughtes upon you for thrise RD1200 [RD: Rijksdaalder - Dutch, 'national dollar'] and hee gives mee Creditt but for twice RD:1200 his bills for w[hi]ch are dated 31 March 76 and the 22d Aprill 76; of all w[hi]ch I doe allow; now if you have any other of his billes of another date for RD:1200 either In one bill or two bills pray send mee they pm.s [promissory note?] w[i]th his letters of advice thereof and you will very much pleasure
MB:

10 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Henry Maister

[Note: Although the word has been written as 'studdyes', 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] Maisters Ditto [Newcastle 10 February 1677]

Sir

I have before mee yo[u]rs of the 17th past; w[hi]ch by my abcence and other concernes I could nott possible answer sooner I doe dayly expect to heare of the Shippinge of the Goodes desired I vallew nott much whether you send mee one Tonn or 2 Tonn of Coulter Mouldes doe w[ha]t you thinke will bee for my advantage I leave <befit> soly to you t'is onely for a tryall as they prove; shall make bold to trouble you for more hereafter am very much Intreated to make use again of one Daniell Oare – but will rather choose to corespond w[i]th whome I formerly have had a little corispondencey then w[i]th one I never any

Leed £10 p[er] fodder of 21Cwt Coales 6s 6d p[er] chalder, Rye 2s 7d p[er] Bus[hell]; Oats 12d p[er] Bus[hell]; Malt if Good 22d p[er] Bus[hell]; Wheat 2s 10d p[er] Bus[hell] Barley and Bigg 2s p[er] Bus[hell] white Pease 2s 8d Beanes and Pease 1s 10d Salt 34s p[er] wey

pray Remember half a Duzen of Studdyes besides they other goodes desired by MB:

10 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to William Blackett

[Note: To Sir William Blackett, MB's father]

Hon[oure]d Sir Ditto [Newcastle 10 February 1677]

I am Entread by my Cousen Edward Greene to desire the followinge kindnesse of you w[hi]ch is that whereas his Brother Joseph Greene hath bought W[illia]m Leacke his fly Boate hee doth begg that you would bee pleased to venture yo[u]r eight part w[i]th him if incase you thinke itt Inconvenient In respect of any former Ingagem[en]t yett if you would say the Word for a 1/16 hee would bee very thankefull and this beinge the first kindnesse of ever Soe requested of you hee hopes you will nott deny him – twi'll bee more newes to advise you of Mr Blaney beinge dead and buried for I question nott but you know itt p[er] yesterdayes Post; whereon one might have found the old proverb to be true old freinds for sakeinge him pray S[ir] bee pleased; to Speake to Mr Rushworth in the behalfe of the Goaler who hath beene att a Great charge w[i]th him and w[ha]t you doe I am sure will bee very satisfactory whether you procure him any thinge or nothinge though some what would bee very welcome

my humble service to my Lady w[i]th my love and Respects to all other freinds and duty to yo[u]r selfe wishinge you all health and happinesse and most humbly craveinge yo[u]r Blessinge I remayne as In duty bound
MB:

10 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Bartholomew Harle

Mr Bar[tholomew]: Harle Ditto [Newcastle 10 February 1677]

I hope you are well gott to London should bee glad to heare the newes thereof from yo[u]r owne hands I this day speake to Cosen Kirkehouse who desired mee Write you that whereas hee formerly Ordered one Locksmith to call upon you for a £100 money that was dew unto him s[ai]d Locksmith nott haveinge occation here now desires you to pay s[ai]d sume to my Order w[hi]ch w[i]th w[ha]t more you have a minde to bee payd unto yo[u]r Wife or unto my other In this place upon yo[u]r owne Account pray pay unto M[esseu]rs Humphrey Wil[l]ett and Company or Order upon sight of whose Receipt shall repay itt here againe I shall bee Glad to heare you would resolve to beginn the Amsterdam Trade you know w[ha]t I sayd unto you I desire yo[u]r well faire soe remaynes yo[u]r well wisher
M:B:

13 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Humphrey Willett

Mess[eu]rs Hum[phrey]: Willett and Compa[ny] Newcastle feb: the 13th: 1676/7

Sirs

My last to you was by Saturdayes Post and then did promise to give you advice whether the £100:= bill charged upon Mr John Blackett; would bee accepted or nott but my freind fayleinge to advise mee cannot p[er]forme my promise but the next Post may come to doe itt

To add to the former troubles I have putt upon you (once more) must desire you to Try and send mee by the very first conveniency of Shippinge a Strong Silver Salt w[i]th 3 knobbes on the topp thereof; for settinge a dish or Sallett upon about £6 price a Silver Mustard box and a Sugar box each twenty shillinges price; they are for my very good freind Soe pray lett them bee good and as cheape as you can procure them; And itt shall bee taken as done unto him that is

MB:

13 Feb 1677 Michael Blackett to Robert Jackson

Mr Rob[er]t Jackson Ditto [Newcastle 13 February 1677]

Sir

Postes of the 12th this morning I have Rec[eive]d by Cuth[bert] Fowler and cannott but heartily thanke you for the good p[er]formance of all yo[u]r p[re]tended kindneses; but now findes that nothings can bee done without money; Soe that I am oblided to Endeavour; to retorne you gertitude [gratitude] accordingly w[i]th my kinde respectes to yo[u]r selfe and good Wife I remayne

MB: