

[This is a collection of the papers of John Blackett, third son of Sir Edward Blackett of Newby (1649-1718). Many are letters received during his time as a merchant in Rotterdam in 1708-13, and can be read in conjunction with replies to several of them as given in his copy letter book in NRO ZBL 192, also in Dukesfield Documents. It also includes the extraneous bond of 1690 below, and the accounts he drew up in relation to his executorship of his father's will. See also his father copy letters in ZBL 189-191 which are also due for inclusion in Dukesfield Documents.]

6 Mar 1690 Beatrice Reames to William Sanders

[Usual formulaic Latin of the bond between Beatrice and Jonathan Reames of 'The Strand in St Martins in the Fields Westminster', and William Sanders of Staines in Middlesex, basketmaker, 6 March 1690]

The Condiçon of this Obligacon saith that if the above bounden Beatrice Reames her heirs Executors Administrators and assigns and every of them doe and shall well and truly Observe P[er]forme Fullfill accomplish pay and Keepe All Singular the Covenant grannts Articles and agreements whatsoever which on his or their parts and behalves are and ought to be Observed performed and Fullfilled accomplished paid done and kept Specified & comprised in one Indenture of Assignment beareing date herewith made or expressed to be made between the said Beatrice Reames of the one part and And the above named William Sanders on the other part; And That in all things according to the true intent and meaning of the same Indenture Then this Obligation to bee void or else remaine in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the p[re]sence of us;

Ann Goodman Beatrice Reames
Robert Roberts Jonathan Reames
Joseph Heale
[all sign]

[on verso:]

Beatrice Reames & Jonathan Reames their Bond to Wm Sanders to p[er]form Covenants
6 March 1690

11 Mar 1709 Ralph Hall to John Blackett

Mr Blackett

New:C: Mar:11:1708/9

Sr Yors of the 12th Inst yor Stile is Come to hand wch I observe Inclos'd you have a bill of Lading For 527 doz bottles on board Robt Bulman & Send the Neet proceed of them

on board of him all in Tow vizt 5: Matts Bottles Tow and all the rest Reynsbro Tow. Let them be good and mark as in the margent ['RL' shown in adjacent left margin], also ship on board of him 5 matts <blo> Flax about 22 Stiv.rs Pr <Ho> (if yu can draw For it in this Town) draw at 2<ds>: I am Sr

Yor Hum Servt Ra: Hall

I believe the ship sails from here this day the winds being fair

[on verso:]

To Mr Jno Blackett M[er]chant In Rotterdam / Po: Pd 3d

[in a different hand:] Sent <1st> April 1709, answered the 7th

16 Mar 1709 Henry Witton to John Blackett

Wak: March 16 1708

Mr: John Blacket

Sr

I have your favour of the 12 Instant before me, I am Glad you got the Sample &c: Safe Mr Sykes writ me tht the fleat was to Saile last Saturday If Wind served under 2 English Men of Warr, and We have had N.W: Winds ever since makes me hope they'r over Er this (tho has Not heard from Hull) I <Despatched> the Goods when Sent them from hence to bean wth: you In the begining of the year, but Since we Coud not Must submi[t] to <the pieces> your place Know affords, I putt of all thoughts of Ensuring they being in three bottoms, I writ you of the 2 Instant if I had bought 4 Lasts of Rape Seed wch desired to had Gon wth the last fleate, butt hearing of tenn Lasts More wch I have bought Did not Send it for Woud <send> the whole you together I had preferred <hear> for my parcell Since I bought it 23 pr Last, Soe Cannot think of Sending anny at the price you writ for Gave my Selfe Near 20 F Last, this I bought is Very Good Seed, Soe hope may Answer your Markets If you know anny thing else that might answer shou'd be Glad to be Concerned 1/3 on anny part wth you and Mr: Kelly

I Thank you for the token You Sent by Mr Jackson Wee have Apointed When to Meet to Drink your health I am Sr Yr Huml Servnt

Hen: Witton

[on verso:]

To Mr Jno Blackett M[er]chant In Rotterdam

[in a different hand:] Recd the 9th April 1709 answerd

30 Mar 1709 Henry Witton to John Blackett

Wakefield March 30th 1709

John Blacket

Sr

My last to you was of the 16th Instant Since has yours of the 29th, The Fleat did putt to Sea from Hull, but was forced back by Conterry winds and does lie there and I am afraid they will be, for Last past gave an Accnnt that their was an Embargo laid on All Ships In Harbour, Upon advice that a Squaderon was put to sea from Dunkirk, and it was Not Known wch way they Sailed, Soe I am afraid it'l be some time before it be Taken off, but Must have Patience, You'l Make Good money by yours and Mr Kelleys Seed, I am Sending ten Last for Hull wch I desire for your place, pleas to Give Me the price of Sole and uper Leather of <Sole> and of Calfe Shins and You'l Oblige Sr Yr Hum: Servn

Hen: Witton

Rape Seed 24<s> to 26<s> Per Last

[on verso:]

To Mr Jno Blackett Merchant In Rotterdam

[in a different hand:] Recd the 14 April 1709 answr'd ditto

16 Apr 1709 Henry Witton to John Blackett

Mr John Blacket

Wak: Apr 16th 1709

Sr

I am fav:rd wth yours of this date by Mr Job<son> that the Ships is Not yet Arrived but hopes Your Next Will bring Good News of their Arrivell for Sailed oute of the <Reades> the 6 instant, We have Acct: tht the french fleate Sailed Northward and the English Squaderon Under Sr John <Noray> is in persuit of them, I perceive you have Insured in Mr: Kellys Acct: in Wallis 1000gl, Tho had happened a Misfortune he had Got it Repaired and I hope he'l keep wth the fleate for is a Stout Ship, I have Not a farthing Insured in anny of the Ships I am Concerned in, My Seed Con[cerne]d not bean sent Downe to Save the last Fleate, but will be ready to goe wth: the Next Ships, That Grain must <rise> in Course for Doe believe tht their will not be a last in Yorkshire Next year for the people that Sowed has eaten wt the frost had not Killed and plowed it againe, I hope You'l find <Our Measure> Verry Good for is 4 p ct better thn Newcastle, I hope You'l See tht this Rapes will hold their Measure Extrodnery well, all then Graines is above the price allowed by the Statute. Soe Must Not Send anny, I observer Leather will Not Sell till Winter, Soe Next Winter Shall be Concern'd wth: you in apparel, <Our> Farmers will Not Stand to anny bargaine unless you have them Bound by Note I never make a Bargain but I take a Note <Under this> [page damaged here]

hands, (tho I ad a Note) one Man played Me trick he was to Deliver me 11 last of Seed at 18<£> and one bid him 20<£> and Gott the Seed but i desire to Maake and example of the Fellow, Wee have Small hopes of A peace till the French be Soe low tht they of Necessity Must Make one, which as yet we think they'r not, but Wee Wish Mightly for one that trade May Mend for is Extreme Low at this time and Moneys Verry Scarce, I am Sr Yr Humle Servnt:

Hen: Witton

I observe the Exch<ge>: Extreme Low, Mr: Jackson and I Drank Your health last night, he Desired his Servis Might be presented to you

[on verso:]

To Mr Jno Blakett Merchant In Rotterdam / Pd 3d

[in a different hand:] Recd 6th may 1709 Answered 7th d[itt]o

23 Apr 1709 Henry Witton to John Blakett

Wakefield April 23rd 1709

Mr John Blakett

Sr

Since my last of the 16th has before me Yours of this date am Glad the Ships is arrived, Wallis I think is very unfortunate He having happened Soe many Misfortunes in this Voige but I hope this Will not be anny Great one to him on us – for you gave me Good incoridgment tht in two tyids he Woud get off, Soe I hope this will find the Goods in him and the other Ships Safe Delivered, which I wish A Good Market for has laid 4 Months Dead. I am Sorry for the Scotch Fleate it wille be Verry hard wth Merchants In the Country, this Coast is Verry much troubled wth: Privateers tht scarce anny Ships dare Stirr On there is Not anny Care taken tht I hear In Sending Crusers after them, The Sharpnes of the the Nth: Wind that has been 5 days past Does Continue the price of Corne Deare, Rapes as I writ in my former that what is left in the ground its feared this Wind will Destroy I am Sr Yr

Humbl Servnt Hen: Witton

[on verso:]

To Mr Jno Blakett Merchant In Rotterdam

7 May 1709 Henry Witton to John Blakett

Wakefield May the 7th 1709

Mr: John Blakett

Sr

I am favd: wth: yours of the 7th instant. I perceive tht Great quantities of Rapes Came over wth the last fleate and Wass Sold for A good price Wee have lost the Stated Convoy that Was to Saile wth the fleate betwixt Hull and your place Soe Knows not When Cann Gett the Seed Sent, I Observe tht Woud Wallis and Huntington is Safe Arrived, ns I hope the Goods May be Safe in Your Custody, It Was a great Disapointment In Not Getting thm Sooner in the Year Over, but Must be Content, for we are verry Ill served by the Admeralty, ass to Our Convoy – I Doubt little hopes of a peace till the End of this Campaing, and its Not Know If Shall have thn – Tho the Enimie is in Misserable Condition they have the other Brsh, In hopes of better termes – The Duke and Lord Townsden is Gon Over Soe Makes us hope theirs Some proposills on foote – I Wish a happy peace tht Wee May have a better trade and More Moneys <Stirring> for is Verry Much Wanted hear I am Sr Yr: Hume: Servn:

Hen: Witton

[on verso:]

To Mr Jno Blackett Merchant In Rotterdam

25 May 1709 Henry Witton to John Blackett

Wakefield May 25th 1709

Mr: John Blacket

Sr:

Since My last to you of the 18th I have Yours of the 24th instant, I am Glad to hear the Advance of Rape Seed, I wish mine was Over – Mr: Sykes Write Me tht he Woud Shipt it last Weake, I cannot Make the Man Deliver the Tenn last I Bought Soe doe file a bill In Chancery Against him, I Got him Arrested but it Signified Nothing for he is A <perrs> prowed fellow, Soe I hope to Make him Answer the loss tht I have, You have Sold yours and Mr: Kellys for A Good price, I hope the Market Will Keep up till mine be disposed of I am Sr Yr: Hume: Servn:

Hen: Witton

[on verso:]

To Mr Jno Blackett Merchant In Rotterdam / Pd 3d

29 Jun 1709 Henry Witton to John Blacket

[Note: Incomplete letter and unsigned but from Wakefield and clearly in Henry Witton's hand]

Wakefield June 29th 1709

Mr: John Blacket

Sr

Since my last from York I am favoured wth yours of the 18 and 28th June I write You from Yorke that had Bought 300 firkins of Butter at 13<s> p[er] firkin In 3/3 on Yours Mr: Kellys and my Accts Which I hope will turne to Good Money, You Write tht it begins to fall at youre place, If it Depends on the Greenland fishery I Doe think if Cannot fall much for <Sever.l> people Advices that the fishery Will be Nothing this Yeare for they have had Noe Werthere to fish in The Butter is Ready to be Sent to Hull Soe I hope the Ships Will Arrive Soone tht it May Not lye, Mr: Kelly Writ Me You Woud Give Me orders where I should Imburse My Selfe for Youre 1/3 Soe please in Youre Next to Advice, I am Glad the Seed is at Last Arrived Safe I hope Youre Next Will bring me accts of Sailes of it, I woundere it shoud Stinke Must have laid <Dank> In the Shipe, I observe you have Sould Some of the Cloth I wish it was all Dispose tht Wee Might Gett Oure Moneys, I am told the Leathere is <r>ise wth you the prices heare are Straight Bends 9<.> p[er] pound fore Bends 5<.> Calfe Skins 10<s>3/4 Upper Leather 6<.> P[er] pound If these prices Woud Doe anny thing Woud Willingly be Concerned In Apparel to Youre place Against Winter--

6 Jul 1709 Henry Witton to John Blackett

Wakefield July 6th 1709

Mr: John Blacket

Sr:

My Last to You Was the 29th last past Since have before Youre favr of the 5th Inst: I Write You in My last aboute the 300 fir[kins] of Buttere Which I haave bought and Sent downe to Hull to Saile wth: the first fleate and I have Given Mr: Sykes orders tht as soone as it's shipt to advice You that You May Insure for Mr: Kelley & Me, I Observe by Yours that the Seed is in Verry bad Condition, which I woundere at for was Very Clean Seed when it went to Hull and I had <profered> for it there 24 <.> p[er] Last Which I wish I had taken You Must Certainly Gett More than <f>40 or Shall be a looser my it But pray Sell it that I May have Noe More Charge Upon it, I am Sorry Mixt Kerseys shoud be Shuch a Drag I Wish Oure's was Sold, pray w<hat> Doe You w<th> the White Kersey Shoud hope they Might Sell, Bills either Upon Hull Leeds or London will Serve w<ch> Comes easyest I leave to you, I Still Waite Your Decctions about Butere I am Sr Yr Humle Servnt

Hen: Witton

We are all Still In Hopes of a peace this Year

[on verso:]

To Mr Jno Blackett Merchant In Rotterdam

23 Jul 1709 Henry Witton to John Blackett

Wakefeild July 23rd 1709

Mr John Blacket

Sr

Since my last of the <6th> Instant I am faverd wth yours of the first & 23rd Currant — By the former My looseing Acct:: of Rapes wth a bill on Mr Christ: Blacket for £20 wch I have sent to get presented, I <Observe> tht the Seed was in Very mean Condition but I fancy tht if you had Drest it Turned it pretty after it woud have Given More but Since its gon I must rest Content, I Observe the price of Butter Advances Ours is at Hull I wish you had Writ Sooner for then I woud have let Mr John Feild had the Shipping of Some of it But it was at Hull wch Mr Sykes Before your letter Came to hand, Mr Sykes Writ had promised part of the Butter to A Vessel and that had since Got Your order to put the adventure in one Bottom wch he Sayes Cannot be Done for Great part of the Fleate is laden, Soe Must be In two Ships.

Coud Not You Agree to With Some of your Burgers to run the Hazard of the High Duty for 12 st per firkin I have Known it Done, If coud woud <Save> A Great Deal of Charging By your Last I have a Bill for thirty pounds Upon Hull wch I have Sent for Acceptance

I am Sr Yr Humble Servn

Hen: Witton

please to Forwed the Inclosed for was Left by the Shipe I hope you Sent the Former and Charge it to HW

[on verso:] To Mr John Blackett/ Merchant in Rotterdam

23 Sep 1709 Ralph Hall to John Blackett

Mr Blackett

New:C: Seper 23: 1709

Sr,

Yors I reed, the Three Matts BB @ 21½ I do not Like at all Snuit wo[ul]d give more Content tho it was Shipt @ 16: & 17:, the remainder of my former Order if yu cannot get <Reynsbro> Send Snuit, I hope ere this my Cottons are disposed off, Butter is at 13: to 15s pr Firk[in] but its thought will be Cheaper Ship me pr first 5: Matts <blo:> Flax, hast,

Sr, Yor Hum<ble> Serv[ant]

Ra: Hall

I shall write again to yu of Tuesdays Post

[on verso:] To:/ Mr John Blackett/ Merchant/ In/ Rotterdam

po: pd 3d

23 Sep 1709 John Bouman to John Blackett

Amst<dm> the 23 Sep 1709

Mr John Blacket

Sr

Yours of the 19 inst have recei[ve]d in time and would have been answered before now, iff had not been outt of Town till this morning, thn <loddiris> I will dispose <to> heighest prices and as Soon Possible butt for the a <latchudnt we> can not Pass the <Custrim> being 5 pCt for the black even Silk I do not Sell it my Self butt buy Severall time for my frends in Engeland and <Rott..> itt is a <Soart> off a <mo..ye..s> which I can buy a <.> the qualitee off thn sample from 37 till 40 <Fl> per ell being a dutch ell broad—and there is some att 7 broad which tht can have from 33 till 36 Fl iff the Plase to send me the order—

nothing will spared to observe yr: int[eres]t, and to buy as cheap as anny man, for reason I have great orders some time for that Commoditee—

Concerning the larger wales on <Ribbetis> the feind petterns which is with the Prices I can procure the the same, So I will <Exspt> the order to buy what yo want, and in all I shall Endouver for yr most advantage as iff itt was for my self my Commission for being 1½ pC butt to plase to I shall do for 1 pCt in Expecting off yr commands I remain Sr

<Your> Humble Servant John Bouman

Donot fail to tell me yr answer att winsday morning being I go owt of Town again within 3 or 4 days

[Written down the left-hand margin is:]

ye bottles 3 to a Stope are Sold here for £11 5 the hundert

ye <pints> 4 to a Stope 10 5

if you have any to Sell if you had 2: or 3 doz: I will let you know what they will give <me> if you want to buy the price is as above Mentiond



[2 dark ribbed fabric samples labelled:] from 32 till 34 <F> p[er] dutch ell
[2 slightly diamond weave narrower pieces of dark fabric labelled:] 31 till 33, 30 att 32
[2 beige patterned samples labelled:] this you can have in black likewise at 30 till 32 Fl
[1 broad thin beige sample labelled:] 30 a 32

[on verso:]

To Mr Jno Blackett Merchant In Rotterdam

4 Nov 1709 Henry Witton to John Blackett

Mr: Blacket

Newcastle <9>br 4 1709

Sr

Yours of the 5th instant Came <I ...se> I observe the reason Why You Did Not Send the Acct: of the <Butter>, But I hope it May be Deliverd er this, I am Sorry Woolin Goods Goes of soe Slowly, pray Dispose of ours If it be possible, Shoud think that the Wintere Advanceing Woud Make them be in Demand, I fancy Mress Booth And Barnardistan Wil have Noe occasion being the Ships is all Commed Downe, to Drawe on You. I Shall Write You More att large next Weake from Wakefeild being for that place Soe pray Direct to Me their And please to Give Me the prices of Corne And Leathere I am in haste Sr Yr Hume Servt

Hen: Witton

[on verso:]

To Mr Jno Blackett Merchant In Rotterdam / Pd 3d

23 Dec 1709 Ralph Hall to John Blackett

Mr Blackett

New: Cle: Decer. 23: 1709

Sr

My Last was the 25 ultimo , with a bill of Lading for 400: Doz: of bottles on board Philip Harrison, since wch. have not heard from Yu., I desire yu. advise me what you have done with my Cotton's Likewise to send me my Former ordrs

I am Sr. Yor Hum: Servt:

Ra: Hall

Advise how the pint bottles made out

[on verso:]

To Mr Jno Blackett Merchant In Rotterdam / Po Pd 3d

9 May 1710 John Chambers to John Blackett

John Blackett

Amsterdam the 9/21 May 1710

Sr:

The menifold favours you were pleased to conferr upon me obliges me for Duty to returne you my hearty thanks for. also assure you of my readyness to serve you wherein shall ever be capable. our ships from Hull arrived here on sunday night last & a Convoy for the sounde is ordrd to be reedy to saile at 22 NS [new style?] soe tht unless the winde <range> out of the wes not any of the ships bounde for <yo .ent>: &c can safe [save] thm tht Low I shall now proceed I know not but believe no further by Lande. I must once more make bold to <picht> you In minde of Wm Procter if you rendre him any kindness pray doe & you will very much oblige Yr Humle Servt

John Chambers

Pray my service to all fr[ein]ds

[on verso:]

To Mr Jno Blackett Merchant In Rotterdam

16 May 1710 to John Blackett

[Note: Trading account related to a ship given in Dutch. Date taken from the credit column description, but the account might have been drawn up at a later date]

Debtt [on left side of the leaf]

1710 D Heerens Reeders Vant Schip d Tuslw: maria voor den incoop van t Schip & Equipage tot in Tee daer Commandeur op was Pieter Tenisz Gedestinaert na Groen dog door Calloope Leck Vederom tot Niewen Dam gekeert f 11071:10:11

Credtt [on right side]

1710

D Heerens Reeders Vant Schip d Tuslw: maria voor den vercoop van do Schip met Zÿn toe behoren etgadens alles eselss Equipage Gedaen tot Buÿksloot den 16 meij 1710 door den schou't Secretares aldaer f 5329: 1: 8
Verlies f 5832: 9: --
f 11071:10: 8

[shares shown under creditor column]

D

Hr: William Spencer	1/32	183	5	8
John Firth	1/32	183	5	8
Richard Hey	3/64	273	7	14
Thomas Holt	3/64	273	7	14
John Gascoÿne	3/64	273	7	14
Petersan okhijsen	1/8	729	1	4
Petrus veth	1/16	369	10	8
Frans Robide	1/8	729	1	4
Dirk van spa	31/64	2825	1	6
		f 5832	9	

24 Sep 1710 George Heron to Mathew Jarrold

Rotterdam 24 7ber 1710

Sir

Be pleased to pay unto Mr John Blackitt or order The Summ of Two Hundred and Twenty Guillders fifteen stivers and place it to accompt of Srr

Yr Humble Servant

George Heron

To Mr Mathew Jarrold

In Rotterdam

6 Nov 1710 John Dobson to John Blackett

Mr John Blackett

Amst the 6 9ber 1710

I give your hereby my most hearty thanks for your great civilitys when with you; & wishes it may be my good fortune to have Opportunity to make you a suitable return – I see Mr Fenwick att <Forgon> where I also very luckily met with his Bro with whom I spent 3 hours with great satisfaction & got (thank God) very well here this morning, but missed the <Roo.> -- I shall presume to give you a line on my arrivall at Stockhm where shall be proud of rendering you my acceptable Service, & you may be assured if it ever falls in my way to recommend you any business at Rotterdm . Gratitude will oblige me readily to embrace the Opportunity in your favour. – pray remember to send the pss <Holld> for Cousn Ridley the first opportunity which please note must not exceed 2s 8d pr Eng Yd with you & for the Value must Dr [debit] Messrs Ridley's Acct, desire the Ma[ster] to put it out of the way – I left with Mr Johnson a pamphlet (Faults on both sides) wch you may please to call for, do beleive you'll think it worth reading, tis thought to be wrote by Mr Harley,
I am with due Respects, & repeated thanks
Sir Your most humble & obliged Servant
Jno Dobson

[on verso:] To Mr John Blackett/ Merchant in Rotterdam

17 Feb 1711 John Bouman to John Blackett

Vercoop Reek oover 23 Ps Coddens van de Heer John Blackett <ontH> en voor desselfs reekening Vercogt in Publique Vercooping als:

den <18 7b 1710>

2pes @ 5f f10:-

Den 29 Jann see 1711

2pes @ 5 10:

2: @ 4:15<pr> 9:10:

2: @ 4:10 9:

4: @ 4: 5 17:

11: @ 4: 44:

f99:10

Oncosten ass 10pc 9:19

89:11

Sleeploon & oparbeyden f1:
Pakhuys huur 2:
myne Provisie @ 1pc :18 3:18
f85:13

<Sarvum Enneunt>
John Boumane

Amstdm 17 Fed 1711

Mr John Blacket

Sr

Since my Last off 29 past, Since not reced anny off you so this ownly to gi[ve] yo acct Sale off the Coddens, above men[tioned] the nead proceed is 85:13:- off which the Ca[ddens] dispose after abating post off Letters last and this year - : - :- and iff I can Serve in this or anny other buisnes from insanens [instance] buying or selling off goods, on <Batwau-ted> anny hollands & recommend me, iff ye would have the <Pees> on two hollands for this & noceed, or more I shall serve ye as <...> as no boddy shall do ye on which ye may depend — as likewise <..> at I am with due <Respect> Sr Your most Humble Servt

John Bouman

Nr I find but very few letter so itt is not worth to change anny for itt ad

[on verso:] Mr John Blackett/ Merchant in Rotterdam

9 Jun 1711 Booth to John Blackett

Konigsberg 9 June 1711

Mr John Blackett

Sr:

we are favoured with yours acceptable other 9 passd with one from Mr John Kelly, for whose accot we have taken 5 Last freight in the Hester of Newcastle Henry Newton Master for London with convoy from the Sound; his Concerns in him will amount to upwards of 100£ stirling <a you verso>

We have this day given our bill up on you for 170£ paya at 41 ds Date to Paul Lafargue or order value off himselfe with which request your favourable Compliance on Mr Kellys accot and as soon as we send him Invoice and bill of Loading I shall draw in the remainder interim may follow his orders in insureing the sum above; we are with kind respects

Sr yr most humble Servants

Booth & Barnardiston

Amsterd: 264 ½ <H>

Hamb: 115 ½ <H>

[on verso:] To Mr John Blackett/ Merchant in Rotterdam

14 Sep 1711 Henry Wilton to John Blackett

Wakefeild 9ber 14 1711

Mr John Blacket

I write you some time Agoe and I then desired you to Send me an Accompt of the Sailes the Cloth and alsoe and Acct: Current but I have not since heard from you; I Send this to Desire you Once more to Send it that the Balance May be Settled And to whome due paid for the Acct has stoud too long unsettled and I hope we may begin Upon a fresh Trade please to give advice of the price of <Rapes> and the Sortes of cloth and you'l oblige <Sre>

Your Hum Servn

Hen Wilton

[on verso:] To Mr John Blackett/ Merchant in Rotterdam

20 Jun 1713 Nicholas Burdon to John Blackett

Mr: Jo: Blackett

so: Sheilds the 20th June 1713

I was the: other day discoursing wth: Jon: Dagnia and amongst other things there was 20 Tuns of Kilp sent <you> & his father <one> half of wch: was mine and upon wch: he produced me your accot: confirming the same but such an accot: I never see nor heard of for the charge in yr Custom and fees gild 68 2 stiv and the <weigh> money 99 19 more than either <zach Cluagh or Pelsant> and <Sister> charges for the same quanty wch: is 168 gillders more then ths ought to <have been> charged and it hath not be know that Kilp hath be sold at Rotterdam this 20 years Last past for Less then 28 gillders <per the same> now th<ese> are short of that price in the whole <259> gilder soe I hope yol give me Creditt for 427 gillders more: or allow me w: my first cost was 60: gilders <pr sight> after living 2 years net of my money: I beg your answer wether you agree to one or other of these proposals before I be any further exposed:-- for I doe assure you I have a friend who will Lay my Case before Sr Edward Blackett for I will not suffer my self to be soe abused I know had a <better> I am not concerned wth Mr:

Dadgnia in any other matters <ansernig ths> but desire <only> I <may> have my 30<g
disburst> for on half of the Kilp besides sight I am your <.> and servt

Nicho: Burdon

Desire your answer to myself and direct p[er] Via Durham

1 Jun 1723 John Blackett

[Note: Undated and unsigned, but appear to be the accounts of John Blackett acting as executor of his father Sir Edward's will. The third schedule suggests that proceedings had been brought against John by some of his siblings over the distribution of Sir Edward's assets. The latest date given within the accounts is 11th May 1723. The accounts could have been several months later, though presumably before March 1724, otherwise the rental income accounts are likely to have been updated to that date instead. For convenience 1st June 1723 is used here.]

The First Schedule in my report annexed [mentioned] an acct of personal Estate of the said testator Sr Edwd Blacket dec[eas]ed (except what he Specifically devised by his will) & of the said £6000 and also of the Rents and profitts of his Estate Recall rec[eiv]ed by the said John Blacket from the time of the death of the said testator Sr Edwd Blacket

Rec ^d of this Defts Brother Xtop ^r [Christopher] Blacket	232	1	8
Rec ^d of M ^r Beaumont	97		
due from this Deft John Blacket	16	10	2½
The Testators Stock of cattle &c	527	3	-
due from Winlaton	7		
Sockburn & Gersby	9	16	10
due from M ^r Ward for Wood	30		
due from Fallowfield	42		
Rec ^d of M ^r Bateman Cash in his hands	3000		
Rec ^d & borrowed on a mortgage on Newby	6000		
Recd of Thwaits for one year Rent for part of Newby ending Lady Day 1720	116		
Rec ^d 3y ^{rs} Rent to 25 Mar 1723 @£191	573		
Rec ^d of I Brown for part of Newby for 3 years to 25 Mar 1723 @200 made of th ^e land before it was let	600		
	420		
Rec ^d of Thwaits for th ^e remand ^r of Newby for 2 years ending 25 March 172	80		
Rec ^d 5 year Rent for land in Northumberland to the 1 st May 1723	144		
	11884	11	8½

The second Schedule to which my report refers containing an acct of severall summs paid by the Deft John Blacket for the funerall charges debts legacys of this testar Sr Edwd Blacket dec[ease]ed & for the debts of the Defts late Brother Wm Blacket Esq dec[ease]ed Charged and payable out of the sd Wm Blackets Reall and personall Estate before menconed & other disbursemts for and on acct of the sd Defts Executorship

Paid for sending a Servant into Yorkshire	7	7	-
P ^d M ^r Bateman w ^{ch} he pd for servants wages & mourning	135	10	-
church dues at S ^t Marg ^{ts} Westminst ^r	2	10	-
For watching & attending th ^e Corpse	3	15	-
House expences For 2 Weeks	14	14	11
P ^d the Defts Sisters w ^{ch} was due to them	11	12	-
Five rings For th ^e trustees & L ^d Warring	5	5	-
P ^d Paxton For Salmon	1	11	3
Given M ^r Pigot For drawing marriage articles & makeing th ^e testa ^{rs} Will	31	10	-
Providing th ^e testa ^{rs} Will at Doc: Comm	55	5	6
P ^d Martin th ^e butcher	9	19	-
P ^d For th ^e testa ^{rs} Coach house & Staf	6	6	8
P ^d th ^e farrier	2	8	10
Pd For brawn	1	14	11
P ^d Anthony Jones a debt due to him	9	8	6
P ^d Law: Smith For house Rent	10	10	-
P ^d Bonchier M ^r Pigots Clerk	13	19	-
P ^d For improving the Will at York	3	8	-
P ^d Collins the Apothecary	25	10	-
P ^d the Undertakers For th ^e Funerall	230	-	-
P ^d Etherington th ^e Coachmaker	5	-	-
P ^d Bedingfield the woollen drap	12	18	-
P ^d Metcalfe th ^e Vintner	38	-	-
P ^d Brown th ^e mercer	5	-	-
P ^d Tayler th ^e vintner	32	-	-
P ^d Eliza: Haye For Ale	14	15	-
P ^d Baker For Coals	5	17	-
P ^d M ^r Piggots clerk as <q> bill	8	11	-
P ^d Green the Surgeon	21	-	-
P ^d Guest the tayler	5	13	-
P ^d John Dagget	2	11	-
P ^d John Shafe	2	14	-
P ^d Malt Duty	4	10	-
P ^d John Charnock	11	-	-
P ^d Th ^o Whitling	6	10	9
P ^d Sarah Wood	6	15	-

P ^d Nicholson th ^e Barber	1	10	-
P ^d Sr J Delavall For Tyths	11	12	-
P ^d Sr J Delavall cost of Suiting th ^e Court of Excheq ^r decreed to be p ^d	143	-	-
P ^d Mr Foster	5	13	-
P ^d Belarby	1	11	-
P ^d Feather	1	15	-
P ^d Mr Piggots clerk as <q> bill	5	3	4
P ^d Loop the Surgeon	6	10	-
P ^d Hendon the attorney	10	10	-
P ^d Mr Calvert a debt due	5	5	10
P ^d Rich ^d Popplewell	4	18	-
P ^d Christop ^r Pembrook	3	6	6
P ^d Oxley the Apothecary	1	13	10
P ^d Jarak For Morning rings	11	13	6
P ^d D ^t For setting Diamonds	19	6	-
For Registring Newby mortgage	1	15	6
P ^d Jackson a debt due	6	17	-
P ^d Ridley	1	14	-
P ^d Gallon the Tayler	-	6	6
P ^d Mrs Nelmes	3	4	-
P ^d Mr Adams of York	7	7	-
P ^d Barwick the Farrier	1	3	-
P ^d Rich ^d Hey	9	13	-
P ^d J Delaway	1	1	-
P ^d two Quarterly paym ^{ts} for land tax	9	-	-
P ^d Mr Piggot For drawing Several things	15	15	-
P ^d Mr Spight	10	-	-
P ^d Councill on Several hearings	42	-	-
P ^d the Clerk in Court of Excheq ^r	31	18	-
P ^d the attorney in th ^e Countrey	18	-	-
P ^d Councill upon a dispute w th Sr E Blacket	5	5	-
P ^d Skepsey &c ten ^{ts} of Seaton Delaval costs of Suit as tax	128	19	11
P ^d Mr Horton Clerk in Chancery	66	-	-
P ^d Mr Baldwin Soll ^r	210	-	-
P ^d Hon ^{ble} Mrs Graham & Mrs Churchill Iner ^t on £6000 From 24 June 1718 to 24 th June 1723 being 5 years	1500	-	-
P ^d Defts Sister Curtis her Annunity of £40 From 22 April 1718 to 22 April 1723 : 5 y ^{rs}	200	-	-
P ^d 5 y ^{rs} land tax	90	-	-
P ^d Church dues &c For Newby For 5 years	30	-	-
P ^d For repairs of Newby house Gard ^{nr} &c	500	-	-
P ^d Mrs Ridsdale	1000	-	-
P ^d Mrs Horton	1000	-	-

P ^d M ^r Wise the testat ^{rs} Son in law	1060	-	-
P ^d Henr: Maria her Legasy	100	-	-
P ^d M ^r Wise on bond	645	-	-
P ^d C: Blacket	1000	-	-
P ^d S: Savil and He: Ma: his wife £1500 in part of her legacy of £2000 and			
£173-15 For inte st of th ^e S ^d £1500 From 1 st Nov ^{br} 1717 to 5 March 1719	1673	15	-
P ^d D ^t & Aletheir by decree £500 Each & inte ^t	1087	10	-
P ^d Al: Blacket Inte ^t on £2000 for 5½ years ending 1 May 1723	550	-	-
P ^d S Savill Int st £500 th ^e remaining part £2000 from 11 th 9 ^{br} 1717 to 11 May 1723 being 5½ y ^{rs}	137	10	-
P ^d S ^r E Blacket his costs	58	13	6
P ^d the Plts costs	189	11	10
P ^d by th ^e s ^d Deft: J Blacket for debts due and owing by the Defts late Brother W ^m Esq ^r dece ^d	1025	13	11
	12340	5	9

The third schedule to wch my report doth refer containing an acct of Several Summs of money due to the Plts & payable out of the sd Testatrs Estate

Due a mortgage on Newby	6000	-	-
Due to A Blacket	1000	-	-
Due to S: Savill th ^e remaind ^r of th ^e £2000	500	-	-
Due to Dianna Blacket	100	-	-
due to the Deft J Blacket he having p ^d more than he hath Rec ^d	1480	17	11½
due to Skipsey & other Ten ^{ts} of Seaton Delaval for Tyths w ^{ch} th ^e Court hath decr ^d	385	4	10
due to them For costs	100	-	-
	£1056	2	9½
	6		

12 Aug 1736 Aletheia Blackett to John Blackett

[Note: Jacky was John Erasmus Blackett (1728-1814). Mention of Lady Tancred dates the letter to after September 1734, when Aletheia was married to Waldegrave Tancred of Brampton Hall, Boroughbridge, Yorks, and after which time Jacky was perhaps old enough to take on the dragons in the wood. The Tancred's already had several daughters by the time Frances was baptised in about 1736, so the letter is assigned a date that summer. The hay harvest was often as late as August, so 12th August is used here]

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Dear Brother,

I must own I did expect a letter from you according to your promise long ere I got one but that is over and I am glad you had a good journey and that my Sister you and the family are all well twas a great pity your two Sons was oblig'd to move so soon after you got to warwick but am exceeding glad Mr wise was able to goe the journey. the family at Brampton was I believe somewhat disapointed but the next is to be a Son my little godson dined at Branton last Sunday and Is very well their Child went to Rokely that day and Lady Tanckred sends me word She never has her own Comes over but ou<rs> Comes likewise everything goes well at Newby and I have desir'd the overman to write every perticular affair I wod have done It for him but he thinks the gardiner Can doe It better that Is he Can give his account of Matters with more freedom So has given a direction to you your hay Is finished and got very well I'me told twill be a drugg to great planty and a very good time to get It In hithertoe my Brother wise receives your Compliments in the name of the Skelton Clubb and returns them heartily and will doe It In a a full body and <bumser> next monday which day I desire to give him the key of the seller to look at the hogshead of wine as he goes by he tels me I choose a proper day to save your Liquor for as he is goeing to quench his thirst at Skelton he won't do It at Newby I have not seen the face of Mr Sharp since I came to Ripon and but once at Newby after you went away Mr Guest Is Just come after a long expectation for It's been said next week ever since I came to ripon Ile take care to carry my sister Blacketts debt to her very soon yours to Mr Savill is discharg'd and likewise the Interest due to him but all I Could Say and write an assignment was to be which and the bond I shod be glad to have down I've had writings down again I have assig'd masters mortgage to I know not who the 500 pounds I got In my Corporation affair made up my sum bravely So that's over I Shall surprise you with an account of anthony that wod have bought Mulworth was found drown'd two days agoe In a water a quarter deep he went to take a walk from his own house and was grown feeble and his foot slipt of a bank and tis suppos'd pitched on his head and was found In the water his stick was on the bank and they see where his foot had slipt I know you don't love long Letters but I Could not give over talking but I Can't yet give over till I assure my Sister I shall have satisfaction In a Letter from her without a frank and likewise of every opportunity of assuring her and your self I'me allwais affectionately to both Aletheia Blackett

[on verso:]

Dear Brother I had forget to tell you Sr Edward lost his main by two battles I beg my most humble service to all the family at warwick and pray give Jacky his little Letter adue. witt is this moment Come here and tells me Mr Sharp writ you a fortnight agoe and the over man will after he has bought In some Cattle, your hay Is not all got In a shower of rain beat them of we had none here but Monday I guess will Compleat If your thousands of bricks Is led Into the place you orderd Mrs aisliby always desires her service to you and Sister Blackett Mr aisliby Is goeing to build a town as some Say

My Dear Jackey I thank you for your kind remembrance of me and the wild man tells me of two dragons that Is In the wood near our house So I desire that you provide your self with long swords and very sharp the wild man has got three speers and a long gun so tis now time to ask your brother Harry to whom my blessing attends whether he'll come to this sharp engagement the bird still complains of her leg you broke but the sweet butterfly Is wishing you a full victory over the dragons and So does Your Affectionate aunt Aletheia my Service to Mrs mason

To John Blackett Esq/ at the Priory near Warwick
in Warwickshire/ by Coventry

4 Jun 1737 Aletheia Blackett to John Blackett

[Note: No year given but must date from after July 1725 when John Blackett's eldest son Henry/ Harry was born. The 4th June was on a Saturday in 1726 and 1737 so this must date from the latter year, when Alatheia's nephews were old enough to be reading.]

James Street June Saterdag the 4

I am exceedingly Concern'd Dear Brother at the account my sister gives me of your Complaint In your eys and I beg leave to joyn with my sister In Insisting upon using this plaister which is onely Burgamy pitch spread thick on leather and laid as you wo'd a blister on your back you must have your back rubb'd with a Cours towel even till It smart and then Lay your plaister on and when your plaister has lain some time twill begin to Itch then take it of and wipe It with a towel and likewise your back and lay It on again this must be continu'd for some time the person that recommends this plaister had the experience of It her self and many others she has told It too. Mrs Durham had a fit fell down at Mrs greens and had a dimness In her eys after which this plaister perfectly Cure'd her of I beg you won't be an hour ere you get a plaister tho' It be spread thick on the lether It must not be spread to the edge by an inch quite round to prevent It daubing your linning I hope you will be very Causious In using any sort of eye water and let no soul persuade you to a blister I am In myself perfectly perswaded the pitch plaister will perfectly Cure you which has many prayers and wishes for that Success Mr mahoun post not yet disposed of So we are still In the state of expectation I hope my Dear godson Is well and learns his book bravely but If I had been worthy of adviseing It sho'd have been Bille that had been sent Into Yorkshire [or]der to have been put to scool I have no opinion of haddam Scool [I/We] have lost our best neighbour Mrs girdler Is dead you'l think [I] have no concideration for your eys that detains you all this while but I hope you'll ever believe me attending you with my best wishes and am yours affectionately

Aletheia Blackett

my service to sister ridsdale and family and blessing to harry my dear godson Mrs Cox has hire'd Mrs mary Remington they went last wednesday morning at 4 a Clock

I am obligd to open my Letter to tell you this moment Mr Savill brings an account Is given to one ennet Ime sorry for Mr Robarts twa's his right adue Dear

[on verso:] To Mr Blackett at his house at Newby in Yorkshire

28 Dec 1738 Edward Stanley to James Vernon

1738 Dec 28 Recd of James Vernon Esq fifty Two Shillg in full for fees due

Edw Stanley

fileing Warners Sued	6	8	
fileing <Leg> of Attorney	6	8	
Fee on Admin <Sesion>	6	8	
Entrd on the Role	6	8	
<parl...> and duty	6	8	<Stamps>
<Healty>	2	6	
Fee on Sued to the <Urs> to the <Wrh>	6	9	
Entry on the Role	6	9	
Duty	3	3	

18 Sep 1747 John Blackett to Eleanor Bowes

Know All men by these presents That we John Blackett of Newby in the County of York Esquire and Edward Blackett of the same place Gentlemen are held and firmly bound to Elleanor Bowes of the City of York Spinster in the sum of Four hundred pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain to be paid to the said Elleanor Bowes or her Certain Attorney Executor Adm[inistrato]rs or Assigns For which payment well and faithfully to be made We bind Ourselves and Each of us by himself to the whole Our severall Heirs Executors Adm.rs and Every of them firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and Dated the Eighteenth day of September in the Twenty First Year of the Reign of Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland Knight Defender of the Faith And so forth and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundrend and Forty Seven

The Condition of the above obligation is Such that if the above bound John Blackett and Edward Blackett or either of them their or either of their Heirs Executors or Adm.rs or any of them Shall and do well and truly pay or Cause to be paid to the above named Elleanor Bowes the Sum of Two Hundred pounds in lawful Money of Great Britain Interest for the Same after the rate of Four pounds and ten Shilling by the hundred by the year att or upon the Eighteenth day of March now next ensuing the date of these presents with our fraud or further delay then this obligation to be void or Else to be and remain in full force and virtue.

[Se]aled and Delivered (by the said
[Jo]hn Blackett) being first duly stampt John Blacket [his signature & seal]
[In]the presence of
Sam Lunn X
Thomas Walker [their signatures]

[S]ealed and delivered by the said Edwd Blacket [his signature & seal]
[Ed]ward Blackett in the presence of us
Mr Wm Hathaway
William Willey [their signatures]

1 Jun 1749 Edward Blackett to John Wise

[Note: printed template bond form used]

Know All Men by these Presents
That I Edward Blackett of Rippon in the County of York Esquire am hereto and firmly bond to John Wise of the Borough of Warwick in the County of Warwick Esquire In One Thousand pounds of Good an lawfull Money of Great Britain To be paid to the said John Wise or to his certain Attorney Executors Administrators of Assigns For which Payment to be well and Faithfully made I bind myself my Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these Presents Sealed with my Seal Dated this First day of June in the Twenty Second Year of the Reign of our Soverign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Forty nine

The Condition of this Obligation is such That if the above bounden Edward Blackett his Heirs Executors or Administrators shall and doe well and truly pay or Cause to be paid to the above named John Wise his Executors Administrators or Assigns the Full Summ of Five Hundred pounds of lawfull Money of Great Britain with lawfull Interest for the same on the First day of December next ensuing the Date of these Presents then this Obligation to be void and of no Effect or else to be and remain in full Force and virtue

Sealed and Delivered the paper Edwd Blacket [His seal and signature]
being first duly stamp in the presence of us
Matt: Wise
Hen: Wise
[all sign]

Sr Edwd Blacket Dr to Elizth Wise E[xecu]trix of John Wise Esq

1749 June 1st then due on the within Bond	500
Interest thereof to 17th Dec 1750 being upon 6 Months and 16 Days	38 11 11
	538 11 11
1750 Dec 17 Then paid	150
	388 11 11
[receipt given on opposite leaf:]	
Recd Decr 17 1750 in part of this Bond by the Hands of Mr Thos Harrison the Sum of One Hundred and fifty Pounds P[er] me John Wise	
Interest thereof to the 20th Dec being 3 days	3
	388 14 11
Dec 20th Then paid	168
[receipt given on opposite leaf:]	
Recd Decr 20 1750 in part of this Bond by the Hands of Mr Thos Harrison the Sum of One Hundred and Sixty Eight pounds P[er] me John Wise	
	220 14 11
Interest thereof to 20th Dec 1756 being 6 years	66 4 6
	286 19 5
Recd in part of Interest in Two Payments	32
[receipts given on opposite leaf:]	
Recd Jany 10 1752 the Sum of Sixteen pounds by the Hand of Edwd Blackett Esq for Interest on this Bond Dew the first Day of June 1751 P[er] me John Wise	
Recd August 19 1753 the Sum of Sixteen pounds by the Hand of Edwd Blackett Esq for Interest on this Bond dew the first day of June 1753 P[er] me John Wise	
	254 19 5
1753 Augst 19th to Cash advanced Sr Edward	8 8
	£263 7 5

Recd 17th Dec 1756 of Sr Edward Blakett Baronet Two Hundred and Sixty Three pounds Seven Shillings and Five pence being in full of the Principal and Interest due of the within Bond at demand and due to the Estate of the within named John Wise I say recd the same for the use of the abovenamed Elizabeth Wise his executrix by me

£263-7-5 <C M> Welbank

[on verso:]

1 June 1749 Bond from Edward Blakett Esqr to John Wise Esqr For £500