

19 Jan 1735 Abraham Bunting

[Note: Deposition]

Abraham Bunting of Hexham in the County of Northumberland Gentleman one of the Bailifs or Agents under the present Receivers of the Estate late Lord Derwentwater's taketh Oath that sometime in the Month of December last past he this Depon[en]t being then acquainted by Thomas Laidler with the matters & things Contained in the affidavit of John Slater and the said Thomas Laidler & hereunto annexed this Depon[en]t Sometime in the beginning of this instant Month of January went to Woodall Mills in the s[ai]d affid[avi]t mentioned as also to Whitley, <Coastley>, and Dilston Mills, & then & there viewed the said Severall Mills and all the <Utensils> Engines and buildings to the said Severall Mills belonging, and upon Such View this Dep[onen]t found that the said Deals mentioned in the annex[e]d affid[avi]t to be <Ledd> by the said Slater & Ladler by the order of the said Redhead from <Whittell> to Corbridge have never been appropriated or applied by the s[ai]d Redhead or any other person to the use of the said Mills or any of them.

Abraham Bunting

Taken & Sworn the Nineteenth Day of January 1735 before us
Shafto Downes a Com<....>

23 Apr 1735 Edward Oxley

[Note: Edward Oxley Affidavit]

<H>ew No. 79 - 23 April 1735

Edward Oxleys Affidavit.

Worked & Sold a Parcell of Wood lately bought in Dilston Park, & seen sev[era]ll Carryages loaded wth other Wood for sev[era]ll Parts of the Country s[ai]d to be sold by Bailiff Redhead. Hath seen a great many Trees lately cut, & the Stoves cover'd up wth Earth. Shewed Mr Watsons Bro[ther] one of them. And further that H. Ridley Cut sev[era]ll Trees now lying there. And further that he hath Daily seen Sev[era]ll Persons cutting Wood in the s[ai]d Park by order of the s[ai]d Redhead wch was sold very Cheap.

No. 5

Confirmed 5th. Sept. 1735 -

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1 May 1735 Thomas Green

[Note: Undated but assumed from context of the bundle in which it was filed to have related to been taken in the spring of 1735. 1 may assumed here.]

Thomas Green &c on

L[or]d Darwentwater Lease

To the Honor[a]ble the Com[mission]ers of Inquiry

The Claim of Thomas Green and Thomas Howden both of Haydon in the County of Northumberland Yeom[an]s

Sheweth

That on or about the twenty ninth day of January one Thousand Six hundred Eighty three Your Claimants Fathers William Green and John Howden with one George Pescodd did agree with Sir Francis Radcliffe Grandfather of James Earl of Darwentwater lately Executed for high Treason that they the said William Green George Pescodd and John Howden should have a Lease of all the Lands then in their possession in Haydon in the said County of Northumberland for the Term of three years and on the Expiration of the s[ai]d three years then they the said William Green George Pescodd and John Howden were to have a Lease for the Term of Ninety nine years under the yearly Rent of Thirty two pounds payable halfe yearly at Martinmas and Penticost by Equal Portions and also twelve rent Hens and Six Fothers of Coales to be brought to Dilston And your Claimants further shew that their s[ai]d Fathers and the said George Pescodd during the time they lived and your Claimants after their Deaths ever since Quietly held and Enjoyed the same lands paying the said rent which Said agreem[ent] is witnessed by Mark Stokoe John Pearson and Richard Hay<...> who was Steward Agent for the said Sr. Francis Radcliffe.

Therefore Your Claimants humbly pray that this their Claim may be duly Registered and they have such Relief herein as by an act of Parliam[en]t already made or hereafter to be made shall be ordered & directed.

Thos. Green [signed]

Tho Howden his mark

Signed in the pr[e]sence of us

Wm. Marshall

Thos. Potts

A true Copy Geo. Turbill Keeper of the Records &c.

1 May 1735 Abraham Bunting to Joseph Ledgard

Sr/

Since my Last to you I am Creadably Informed that Reedhead has sold upwards of 700 Oake Siplins cut of one place and has Cutt Maney of them a yeard above the ground and has Cutt in other places I se this day at Hexham Sr. Wm. Midelton and he tells me that those that Cutt the Wood is to be brought before him and other two Justices on Monday nixt upon Mr Watsons Account and Not Required by the Goverment he thinks these Examination Will be to Little purpose because they are not Impowered by the Goverment beside the byers of the Wood Will not be Willing to speak anything against Reedhead and they cannot force them to Make oth but if you send me a Warrant or order from the Lords Commissoners I shall make Larger discoverays then Expected besides they have not summoned all that bought Wood I am S[i]r your obedent humble Serv[an]t

Abrm. Bunting

Hexham May 1st. 1735

[on verso:] 1 May 1735. Mr. Ab<..> Bunting's to Joseph Ledgard Esqr. ab[ou]t Redheads Cutting 700 siplings in one Wood, and also others in other Woods. And proposing an Enquiry to be made by the Govern[men]t.

15 May 1735 Abraham Bunting to Joseph Ledgard

S[i]r/

I sent you two Letters before this and has not had a Answer; which makes me think thay have not comed safe to hand, or yours to me have Miscarri[e]d, I have Continued to make Enquiry into that affare, and Still discovers More and More Reedhead has built three houses and Employed two Men to Cutt him oak for to build his houses, in Thornbrough Wood thay Cutt the Wood, in the afternoon, and brought the Wood home in the Night this I can prove and I am told there was Wood Cutt with Candle Light, Likewise there is Severall oak trees Cutt beyond Haydon bridge since May day and it can be Made appear that there is Wood Cutt Lately and brought of the Stoves and hid in the Wood and but this Last Week there has even More Cutt I told you in my Last that Sr Wm. and two More Justices was to have a hearing of that affare but there was but five came that would declare what they know about it I belive there Will be More <fall by> then Redhead When it comes to be Examined into and it will be Made appear that there has been More distruction than can be Immagened the Tanners cryes out that it is a great Loss to the Common Welth that so much Wood should be cutt and the Bark Lost I desire to know if I must Continue to Make Enquire it is a great pitty there should not be a Stop put to there Wast if you empower me in any way you think

fitt I shall take care to execute it faithfully <sev...ly ...ly> on your <friendship> in this
affare your Answer will oblidge your Most humble Serv[an]t

Abrm. Bunting

Hexham May 15 1735

[on verso:] 14. May 1735 Mr. Abram. Buntings to Mr. Jos. Ledgard. That Readhd. had
Wood for building three houses out of Thornbrough Wood

5 Sep 1735 Abraham Bunting

[Note: Depositions of Abraham Bunting, Edward Oxley and John Oxley]

In the Exchequer at Westminster

Abraham Bunting of Hexham in the County of Northumberland Gentleman Edward Oxley of the Birks in the said County of North[umber]land Yeoman and John Oxley of <Howtley> Yeoman make oat[h] and first these Deponents Edward Oxley and John Oxley Severally Make oath that they these Deponents have for these Twenty Years and upwards been concerned in and followed the Business of Viewing and Cutting of woods and are very well Skilled and Experienced in the same Business and these Deponents Abraham Bunting and Edward Oxley further make oath that at the Instance and request of John Airey Joseph Ledgard Robert <Cay> and John Widdrington the acting Commissione<rs> appointed to Enquire into the Abuses committed on the Estates late belonging to James the late Earl of Derwentwater they these Deponents Abraham Bunting and Edward Oxley did go into a place called the High Wood part of the said late Earl's Estates to view and Inspect what Trees, Siplings and other Wood had Since the death of the late John Radcliffe Esquire been Cut down in the same and say they carefully Examined the said Wood and discovered the Stoves of two hundred and twenty two Oak Siplings or young Oak Trees that has been there Cutt since Christmas last and took the Dimensions of the heigth of the said Stoves from the Ground and of the Diameter of the said Stoves and say that the paper Writing hereunto annexed marked with the Letter (L) Contains a Particular Account of the heigth and Dimensions of the said stoves and these Deponents further say that the Grass <Bushes> and Underwood being much grown up since the said Waste was committed in the said Wood they could not discover any more Cut down than the Number already mentioned but verily believe that a very great Number more have been there cutt and might have been discovered from an earlier Inspection for that they found severall Topps of Trees and could not find the Stoves thereof and say that the said Young Oak Trees so cut appeared to have been all sprung from the Acorn and not from any Stoves and many of them had stood single and alone and all these Deponents say that the said Trees having been Cutt so young and high above the Ground it is their Judgement that

the same can never Spring again to be of any Considerable Value and this Deponent John Oxley saith that before the said Waste was Comitted he was very well acquainted with the Spring in the said high Wood and <See> many of them after they were cut and saith that a great many of them were Six yards in heighth from the Ground and these Deponents Edward Oxley and John Oxley farther say that a Small Time before the Death of the said John Radcliffe these Deponents together with William Thomson William Benson and George Oxley were Employed by Mr. Charles Busby then Steward of the said Mr. Radcliffe to weed and dress the said High Wood and to thin and take away Such of the young Oaks as was necessary where the same stood too thick & spent a Long Time in Weeding a part of the same and received of the same Mr Busby Sixteen pounds and upwards for weeding of the Said Woods and all these Deponents say that the waste so comitted appears mostly to be where the wood was weeded as aforesaid And these Deponents Abraham Bunting and Edward Oxley farther say that the same Twenty seventh of august they these Deponents at the like Instance of the said Commissioners went and Viewed another Wood called Laughope part of the same Late Lord Derwentwaters Estate to see what waste had of Late been Comitted there and then and there food the Stoves of Sixteen oak Trees that had been lately Cut and took the Diameters of the said Trees the Particulars whereof and the Dimensions of the same are set down in the paper hereunto annexed Marked with the Letter (M) and Say the Stoves of Several of them were covered over with Earth and Moss and the Stove of one of the said Trees was four foot high from the Ground and Severally say that such of the said Trees as they found Covered are distinguished in the paper Marked with the Letter (M) by the Letter (C) set over against the Same And all these Deponents Abraham Bunting Edward Oxley and John Oxley Severally say that at the Like Instance of the said Commissioners they these Deponents the Twenty Eighth and Twenty Ninth days of August last Viewed the several Woods of Dilstone and Newlands other parts of the Estates of the late Earl of Derwentwater in Order to discover what waste of late had been Comitted there and say upon their Inspection of the said Dilstone Woods they then and there discovered the Stoves of Eighty three Ash trees Seventy one oak Trees one hundred Alder Trees forty one Birch Trees four Elm Trees and five Lyn or Lime Trees amounting in all to three hundred and four which appeared to them to have been lately Cut down all which Stoves they took the Dimensions of and Say that the three Several Papers marked (N) (O) (P) and which are hereunto annexed contain a particular account of the Numbers and Diameters of the said Trees and Say Severall of the said Stoves were covered over with Earth and Moss and Severally Say that Such of the said Trees as they found so covered over with Earth and Moss are distinguished and marked with the letter (l) Set over against the same and these Deponents further Say that they verily believe that many More Trees have Lately been Cut in the said Woods whose Stoves they could not discover and these Deponents Edward Oxley and John Oxley farther Severally Say that for five or Six years together next before the death of the Late Mr. Radcliffe they with Several others at the proper Times in Each year Employed to dress and Weed the Said Woods called Newlands and Say the same is a hopefull & fine Spring of young Wood and all these Deponents Abraham Bunting

Edward Oxley and John Oxley Severally Say that upon their Said Inspection by the order of the said Commissioners they found Such a Number of Stoves of young oak and other Wood that they Coud not without Many Days Time take a particular Account of them and farther Say that Severall of the said Stoves were two foot in heigth and Many of the said Stoves were Eight or nine Inches Diameter and that many of the Largest of the said Stoves were Cut so Close to the Ground that these Deponents had great Difficulty to find the same and these Deponents farther say that in their Judgement the said Trees so Cut were not Cut with design to weed and dress the Wood because they found that the <.....> Shoots and those Standing thick together are Left Standing and that the Streight and Single Trees have been Cut down and these Deponents further Say that a great part of the Ground whereon the said Spring Stands is meadow Ground and the Grass so grown up that it is hardly possible to discover the Stoves of all the Trees that have been Cut down in the said Newlands Wood and these Deponents Edward Oxley and John Oxley farther Severally Say that they have for Several years last also been concerned in the buying and Selling of Wood and that the prices of Oak Wood Lying on the place where Cut of the Sizes hereafter mentioned are generally Sold for the Prices following that is to say from one foot Six Inches to three foot diameter at one shilling and Sixpence a Solid foot and the same sort of Timber from three foot to four foot Diameter or upwards at two shillings a solid foot and the Smaller Sort wch are under the Sizes afore Men[t]ioned from one Shilling to one Shilling and fourpence a Solid foot Ash Wood at about one Shilling a foot Alder and Birch Wood at about fourpence a foot Elm Wood from twelve pence to sixteen pence a foot and Lyn or Lime at Sixpence a foot and these Deponents Edwd. Oxley and John Oxley farther say that the Generall price of Oak Siplings proper for Sizable Corfe Bowes is from three Shillings to three Shillings and Sixpence a Dozen

Abraham Bunting [signed]

John Oxley [signed]

Edwd. Oxley his Mark

Taken and Sworn at Hexham in the County of Northumberland this fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and thirty five - Before us.

Jno. Airey John Widdrington
Commissioners of the said Court

1 Oct 1735 William Middleton

[Note: Notes of observations on Affidavits and Informations given on matters relating to business transactions connected with the former Derwentwater Estates. Undated but various dates mentioned from May onwards and latest of which is dated Sept 9th, and

suggested elsewhere that statements were taken by Sir William Middleton. 1 Oct 1735 used here.]

Observations on the Affid[avi]ts & Informations. Abstract No. 1

Wm. Elliots Affid[avi]t No. 3 - That he bid Dalton the Bayliff £35 for cut wood at Capon Clough, & told Mr Watson that he was willing to stand to it at that prise. But soon after Mr W_ sold it to Bayliff Atkinson for £27. And a little time After Elliot bid Atkinson £9 profit for his Bargain wch tho he would not take he complain[e]d to Mr W_ of the badness of his Bargain who allow[e]d him to take <8> more Oak Trees out of the s[ai]d Wood.

L<orkin> Affid[avi]t No 6 - That Wm. Pearson Enjoy[e]d Woolly Mill & House & 15 Acres of Pasture grass for 4 years , & never pd., nor had any rent demanded of him.

That Edwd. Stephenson would have given considerably more Rent for Aydon Sheils than Wm. Sheldon pays for it wch. is <about> £35 pr. ann., tho had let it for sev[era]l years past at £59.15. -

That Ab[ou]t May day last he took Woolly Mill Pasture before Mention[e]d wch. had laid Untennanted for 3 or 4 years & was threatened by Redhead for so doing tho he had Apply'd to take it of Redhead 12 months before.

Ra. Redhead Affid[avi]t No.22 - That he sold Corfe rods to Field for £17. 7. - & to Geo. Burnett of Ovington what grew in Newlands wood & Whittle Dean, but does not say for what prise.

Qn. What is to be done wth. the 2 Large Coppers & Leads & the Great Clock & Bell which were removed from Dilston to Newbiggin.

NB. Redhead says sev[era]l other Good were remov[e]d wth. them, but does not say what Also in his Inform[atio]n of the 22 Augt. that £20 Goods had been taken away from Dilston in the Night time but does not say what.

Geo. Thompson Inf[ormatio]n No. 33 - That after Xmas last he was Inform[e]d that 3 Wain load of Goods were remov[e]d from Dilston Abt. 11 o' clock at Night, but knows not by whom or whether.

Robt. Surtis Inf[ormatio]n No. 37 & 38 - That he bo[ugh]t 40 Doz. Corfe Bows of Redhead at 12d pr. Doz.

That Mr. Robt. Marley bo[ugh]t 200 Wain Load of young Birch Alder & Hedge Wood of Redhead wch. he carry[e]d away for his the s[ai]d Marley own Use & that Most of the s[ai]d Alder & Birch were from 9 to 12 Inches in Circumference.

Affidavit bef[ore] the <Justices May 4th> And before the Com[issione]rs 2 Sept <After> - In that he says that he believes there are not above 10 Acres of Meadow Ploughed up in Newlands Lands And there are 5 Acres lay'd down in lieu of them.

He says that there is this Year Ploughed out in the same abt. 60 Acres of Meadow & Pasture Ground more than has been laid to Grass.

Qn. How does he Reconcile these two last Affid[avi]ts as to Ground ploughed out.

Thos. Parker Infor[matio]n 15 Augt. No. 11 - He says in his Infor[matio]n before the Justices the 5th. May that he bo[ugh]t of Redhead 11 very small Oak Trees for £1.10.-. And in this Infor[matio]n before the Com[missioner]s he agrees he pd. the same Price & that he sold 5 of them to Geo. Ridley £2. 5. - And had 16 Wain Load (wch. may be Computed at 8 Tun) remaining.

Abstract No. 2

Mr. Busby Inf[ormatio]n Augt. 22 No. 39 - That the 2 Large Coppers, & great Clock were removed to Newbiggin wth. his privity, & except those sold by Mt. Elstob in 1717 does not believe any other goods were removed.

Jno. Ridley Aff[idavi]t Sept. 3 No. 42 - That Abt. 18 Months ago he bo[ugh]t wood of Mr. Watson for £750, & to have 6 years to take it away, & the Receiv[er] in the Mean time to Sell no Timber, least it should prejudice the Sale of this. And if he did not get £50 by the Bargain, he to have Liberty to cut 24 Tun in any pt. of the Park he thought fit, leaving the Back. That by their selling cheaper than he could afford believes he shall loose £50.

Jno. Fairlam Inf[ormatio]n Sept. 8 No. 44 - That on May 1734 he bo[ugh]t of Redhead two parcells of Birch Alder & Limes for £1. 4. 6, out of which he has led 14 Wain loads, has abt. 4 lying there unled, & 5 Trees un cut.

That he was call[e]d before Sr. Wm. Middleton & 2 other Justices in may last & gave this Inform[tio]n but it was not reduced into writing, some there saying the Contract was before the time they were to inquire into.

Wm. Elliot & Jno. Armstrong Inf[ormatio]n Sept. 9 No. 45 - Complain of being Abused & threatened by Paul Atkinson & others for haveing made Informations before yo[u]r Comiss[ione]rs.

Wm. Watson Inf[ormatio]n Sept. 8 No 45 - That he & his Part[ne]rs farm'd the East half of Allerwash under the Leadbeaters, that soon after Mr Watson was made Receiv[er] they apply'd to him to take the said East half at £81. 11. 6. for wch the Leadbeaters only pd. £55. That Mr. Watson Agreed to lett it them, but 2 or 3 days after he told them they must continue Tenn[an]ts under the Leadbeaters who soon after gave them warning to quit at May following. Upon wch they apply'd to Mr. Aynesley to Interceed for them, who Assur'd they they should not be turn'd off. For wch favour they gave him a Gratuity.

Jno. Ord Infor[matio]n Sept. 4 No. 66 - That before Xmas last he bo[ugh]t 6 Small Ash Trees of Redhead for wch he was to give him a Spining Wheel worth 3£ a <Krach Reell> worth abt. 5£., and 5£ in Money, that he hath delivered the goods but not pd. the Money.

<.....> <Sept.> 4 No. 65 - <.....> 35 Tun of Oak Wood wch. abt. 12 Months ago was sold to Mr. Thos. Slater at 50£ pr. Tun & abt. 6 Months ago Slater said he had only take away 4 Tun, & the rest was lying there.

Jno. Jobling Affid[avi]t & Jno. Atkinsons Inf[ormatio]n both of Newton Hall. Sept. 4 No. 57 & 69. And Jno. Argass Inf[ormatio]n No. 70 - All Confirm Joblings haveing taken Newton Hall Farm of Mr. Hutchinson for one year from May day 1735.

Edwd. Oxley Affid[avi]t April 23 No. 79 - Saith that Redhead sold Wood so cheap that Mr Pattison & Ridley have been great sufferers in the Sale of the Wood they bo[ugh]t of the Receiv[er]s.

Thos. <Sesthat> Affid[avi]t Sept. 5 No. 82 - Gives the particulars of a great deal of Ash Wood he bo[ugh]t of Redhead & carry'd to a little house near Dilston where he & his Men were abt. 12 Months working it up into <.....> &c NB. In all this time neither the Receiv[ers] nor Bayliffs could discover the same.

16 Oct 1735 William Leighton to Abraham Bunting

Copy of Mr. Wm. Leighton's Letter to Mr Abraham Bunting

My friend

I was wth. Mr Boutflower Yesterday at Whittonstall, & he tells me Mr. Watson has writ to him, that he has tried the advantage of having a Limekiln abo[u]t Farnley before the Lds, & desires him to make as near an Estimate as Possible of the Charge every way Compared, wth. the Price of the Lime they now get. I understand Mr Boutflower Doubts not but to furnish Whittonstall Chappellry wth. Lime 12s per fother Cheaper than they can get it elsewhere the Journey Coming within the Compass of an Easy Dayswork, wch. <...>ing if carryed on is thought may advance the Chappellry to a Double Rent within 20 Years.

I am Yo[u]rs to Command
Signed Will. Leighton

Rideing 16 Oct. 1735

18 Oct 1735 Abraham Bunting to Joseph Ledgard

Copy of Mr Abraham Buntings Letter to Mr. Jos. Ledgard

Mr Ledgard

I have sent you this Acc[oun]t & what Remarks I make from this is Mr Boutflower has an Estate at the Rideing & would get all the fallen Lime to Improve his own Estate wth. & also they Propose to break up a Coll[ie]ry at Whittonstall to Burn this Lime, wch will be a Prejudice to the Gray Mare Coll[ie]ry, to have them both open'd together, & Whittonstall is further of then the Gray Mare; if this Kiln was to go on they might have the Coal at the Gray Mare, for abt. 10s per fother wch is as Cheap as they could work them at Whittonstall; the Gray Mare is abt. 2 Mile of from Farnley, & Whittonstall abt. 4 Mile.

I am Sr. Yo[u]rs to Command
Signed. Abra. Bunting

Oct. 18th 1735

24 Oct 1735 Abraham Bunting to Joseph Ledgard

[Note: Date mostly obscured but given last letter was abbreviated to 't' and that there were others from him in October of 1735 it is given that date here.]

The following parsons desires your Recomendation to Mr. Boagg to be Employed at the Work in Dilston Water which if you obtains will oblidge them to be usefull in this Enquire there Names is Thos. Nickerson of Corbridge Wm Ellwood Haydon bridge and two Men Edwd. Oxley Nigh Hexham and Wm Thompson of hexham. If Mr Boagg When he comes to Dilston Send me Word I Shall Send them to him I shall Make Larger

discoverys then Expected I think you [wi]ll have good part of a Weeks Worke in this Nighbourhood the two Oxleys is to go With me to count the Stoves and I hope I shall be able to give you a perfect Account if it Could be ordered so as to come sooner then you thought of it would do well because you [wi]ll have More to do then you think of I Cannot but tell you of one of Mr Watsons <ar>es at a house in Hexham a Night before he went to London he Said the Commission was sent to Cornal Lidell but he had no Mind to bee seen in it but appointed you fower Gentelmen and if the Enquire do not succed the Cornal will say he had no hand in it but if it does succed the Cornal will come in his Coach and six with all his attendances but he would go to London and would be admitted to Sr Robert as soon as the Cornal and a great Many More fine <Abr>es he Made before his departure my best Respects to your frinds accept the same to your self I am S[i]r your Most obedient humble Serv[an]t to Command.

Abra. Bunting

<.>t. 24

17 Nov 1736 William Corbett

[Note: Corbett was the name given at foot as taking this copy of the minutes]

At a Meeting of the Directors for Greenwich Hospital at Salters Hall the 17th November. 1736.

Mr. Walton one of the Receivers Letter of the 7th Instant was laid before the Board, as also his Cash Account for the Month of Octobr. last, by which there appears to be in his hands, a Ballance of £858 15s. 2d. in favour of the Hospital

Ordered, that the said Account be delivered to Mr. Maude the Book-keeper of the said Estate.

Mr. Radley having laid before the Board a Bill prepared by the Attorney General, to be laid before the Parliament, for preventing Disputes and Differences touching the Payment of Fines, by the Tenants of the Estates forfeited by the Attainder of James late Earl of Derwentwater and Chas. Radcliffe; and touching the Sales of Timber on the said Estate; and touching the Sale of Inheritance of some of the said Estates. The Board being of Opinion, it might be proper to have the said Bill perused by some eminent Council in the Country, where the Derwentwater Estates lye, who is conversant with the Customs observed and practised by the Tenants, in the several Manours in the said Estate; Ordered, that it be sent to the Receiver in the Country, who is to lay the same before Counsellor Gray, or whom else he shall think most proper, for his Advice and Opinion thereon; and that it be done with all convenient speed.

Mr. Watson one of the late Receivers to the Derwentwater Estate, delivered to the Board an account of the Arrears of Rents, due from several Tenants of the said Estate, at Martinmas 1734, the time his Collection ceased.

Ordered, that the said Account be delivered to the present Receivers, and that they do take all proper Methods for recovering the said Arrears to the Hospital.

It being represented to the Board that Mr. Shafto Downes was very useful in the late Enquiry into the Abuses committed on the Derwentwater Estate; and that the Ten Guineas already allowed him, was not adequate to the trouble he had; The Board agreed to give him Ten Guineas more; Ordered that the Receivers do pay him the same.

Ordered, that Mr. Thompson who is employed in Surveying the Derwentwater Estate, do make large Velum Mapps of the Surveys in the best manner, such as he thinks will be most useful, instead of Velum Books, as was first ordered.

Ordered, that the Receivers do make Publication in the NewCastle Papers, and by other Methods, that such Persons as will make discoverys of any Incroachments, or other Abuses committed in the Derwentwater Estate, shall be well rewarded for the same.

Ordered, that the Receivers do sell the Coppers In Dilston House, for the most they can get for them.

Ordered, that the Receivers do buy at proper times, sufficient quantities of Norway Raff when cheap, as shall be necessary for repairing the Tenaments on the Derwentwater Estate.

Ordered, that the Receivers do take particular care in letting the Collierys, to insert Clauses for reserving clean wrought Coales, for all the Tenants of the Derwentwater Estate, at fixed Prices; and that they grant the Lessees of the Collierys, Way Leave for leading with Carts, Wains, Waggon, or other Carriages; and to lay Waggon-Ways where the Coales are likely to be Water-borne, paying the Tenants sufficient Damages with other usual Covenants; as leave to build Houses, Fire Engines &c, and to have Coales for the Engines and Workmen Gratis; and that the Tenants have the refusal of Waggon for leading, and that in letting the Farms they reserve the liberty of building Salt and other Works paying the Tenants full & sufficient Damages.

Ordered, that the Receivers do consult Counsellor Gray in making a Draught of the Leases for letting the Collierys, Tythes, Farmes, Lead Mines &c, belonging to the Derwentwater Estate.

Ordered, that the Receivers do receive from Mr. Aynesley, the Rent for Hartburn Tythes, for the Year 1735.

Adj[ourne]d to Saturday next at Greenwich.

A Copy

Will Corbett