

13 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby the 13 Jannary

James,

This is a copy of my last mr fenwick sent me acct wch I found right, as also 2 bills of Exchange they were of so long date, none would pay mony for thm without 3s in the pound, so I have writ mr fenwick by this post, tht i will Send my servts back wth them, & bring the ballance of my Acct wch I desire may be put into gold for the easy carriage, I wd not have straned mr fenwick for mony, but as I writ you before I bought a piece of some land Joyning upon Newby wch must be pd for on candlemass day, so I would have you return wth my Servts & do not ride but betwixt Sun & Sun, you may quilt the gold in yr britches wast band, assoon as I hear from mr fenwick shall Immediately Send my Servts to Newcastle so do you know of him the day, & besure be you their the night before, give a line by Saturdaynights post to desire mr fenwick not to faile to write by the same, I am

Yr friend

14 Feb 1714 Edward Blackett to Mr Dixon

Newby the 14 Febr 1714/5

I Recd yrs of the by wch I find there is 327 ps lead lying at the Mill & 376 ps wch was Sent to Newctle wch is 703 ps made since the pay I wondr any lead was Sent from the Mill but what was pd for, it is was contrary to my direction, my ordr being never to Send any lead from the Mill but what was first paid for, have mony in mr Fenwicks hand, & well certainly make a pay assoon as he has it ready wch will be the 25th of march, have ordered H: Tulip to the give work men credit for what Ever they have occasion for provided they do not outrun their wages you may do the Same in yr way, know of any other of yr neighbours who deals wth the workmen, besure tell thm from me, to give thm crdt for what they have occasion for, & I wil See it paid, in casse the work men not run out their wages, at the time abive mentioned when will certainly make a clear pay I am

The Same writ to H. Tulip

6 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett

[Note: First letter in new volume, where the previous ended on 1 Aug 1714. The following letter can be dated to 6th Aug, so this is given the same date]

[First 4 -5 lines missing]

<...>ired man, I design [2-3 words missing] plantation so must have one that under<...> drawing of Plat forms, for there are fou[r] Squares in that garden that I must have in different forms, the other five are all set in good order, Pray make inquiry as soon as conveniently you can, & let me know what wages such man expects and you will much oblige

Sr your Faithfull Humble

6 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to Diana Blackett

[Note: a later letter gave the date of this as 6th August]

My Dear Jewel

I perceive by your letter that you are finely divered [possibly diverted] by 2 Rush bearings, I own I ne<ver> see any, , but I have often heard your Dear Grand Mama Speak of them, I have in <.....> you the diversions w[hi]ch has been lately at [missing word – York?] where there was the greatest concurs of <.....> that Ever was Seen at any horse cours<e Yr> Cousin Sr Wm Blackett got one o[f] <.....> with much Ease, & would have g<...> another, but that the rider his Jockey <.....> not guide the horse, all our humb<le> to my L: Ludy and Lady Mary w[i]th <.....> bl[essi]ng f[o]r my Dear Little Mitty

10 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: dated between 6th and 10th August. 10th used here. Recipient not stated, but Lowes was dealing with the to the rent with Alderman William Ramsay]

I Rec'd yours of the 21st and I perceive what you write concerning Ald[er]m[an] Ramsey Tyths, I had a letter from him last Week & says he has payd you the Tyth Rent, I have several things to discourse you about my concerns in the North so would have you come over as soon as [c]onveniently you can, & bring my Rents w[i]th you so that we can set the last half years rents Streight, I thought you would have Inclos[e]d me a bill on Lamas when you was at Newcastle, however it [is?] all one, you may bring the monys w[i]th you wch is as convenient for me as a bill [As?] Soon as this comes to your hand, write me [missing] line what day I may expect you, that I [ma]y not be from home I am

Your assured Friend

10 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to Captain Millington

[Note: a later letter gave the date of this as 10th August. Recipient not stated but context and later letters indicate it was to Captain Millington in Cheshire]

Hon[est Captain?]

I Rec'd [rest of line missing] [missing] the 20th [rest of line missing] £3:7:6 [rest of line missing] Of Mr Step [rest of line missing] cheshire & shall rep [rest of line missing] to Mrs Millington & acq[ua]in[t] her [rest of line missing] the goods in the great box, into two Less<er> boxes [1 word missing] will come with much more ease & she will not find anything awanting that she put up as soon as our harvest is over will send the brewer with the boxes to the Red Bear in Leeds & she shall cast to be their on a Wednesday that he may see the carriers & the goods weighd

with my Service to you both & my blessing to my Dearest Mitty I am
Honest Capt your Reall friend

give my Service to Mr & Servt <Show> & desire him to Inquire me out a good gardiner, I would have him an Extra ordinary man in his profession & not married, [struck out: '& let me know what Wages &'] a working gardiner & not given to drink.

give my Humble Service to my Ld & acq[ua]in[t] him I Rec'd his letter, my Council Mr Driffield is drinking the waters at Scarborough & will be their nigh I rtd but as soon as he returns will get a short deed drawn & send it over to my Ld to peruse with my Humble Service to my whole family & blessing to my Dearest Mitty

10 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett

[Note: Date missing but given here as same as previous 10th, which would also fit with it arriving in London in time for the Saturday return post]

[around 3-4 lines missing from top of letter, though one word is probably 'election'] to send me the weekly packet It always comes out of a Saturday but non came to my hand pray ord[e]r yr servts to inclose it me down every Saturday night & you will oblige.

from yr faithfull Humble Ser[van]t

Queens Square / Westminster

17 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby the 17th Augt 1714

James

I perceive by yours that you are very well assured that the number of pieces of lead will come right, which I wish may prove so, you did very well in going to Mr Wilkinson & give my Service & thanks to him, for the liberty he gives me for weighing the small quantity of lead which I have in [struck out: 'his'] my nephews cellar, when the corn at Seaton is nigh ready go and give my Service to Sr John, or acq[uain]t him I desire to have the Duke of Somersets tyth one year longer & by that time all disputes will be Ended about Seaton Delaval, if he refuse it you may tell him <he> must take onely the ½ tyth belonging to the Duke of Somerset, for the other ½ I shall not [1 word missing] ever did part with it [1 word missing] it always belongd to the Ldship wch D[rest of line missing] lease of [rest of line missing] when you [rest of line missing] that no m[rest of line missing] for you know [rest of line missing] Formerly, shall write you [rest of line missing] next post, but this will be the direct<ion> & if he has let it besure let them have no more than the ½ tyth, & let me know what answer Sr John gives you.

If he lets you tyth for this year you may pay him ten pound which was due for the half year rent.

20 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby the 20th Augt 1714

James

this is a copy of my last which is as full as I can write you, onely I would not have you pay Sr John the Ten pound though he lets you the tyth & if [struck out: 'not he cannot expect'] but put him off with some excuse that you had returned me what mony you had by you there will be nothing due to him, as for the other half of the tyth which he pretends is due, I will try it with him when he pleases. you may acq[uain]t both Sr John & Mr Ed Delaval (by the by) that you can assure them from good hand that Sr Edw has my Lds promise und[e]r his own hand, that as soon as Sir Johns Lease is out which will be about 3 years, that he shall not onely have Seaton tyth but also Hartly Tyth for 21 years, I desired that Mr Couls[on] to send you the above letter which I hope you Recd & since I Recd yours of the 17th, faite not to acq[uain]t me how many p[ound]s of Lead Mr Fenwick has weighed.

[most of next 6 lines missing apart from 'lead ' at the end of one]

[missing, possibly 'Newb']urn Wherry man was brought <down> all the lead, be very angry with them & tell them you will hire others, that shall be more diligent in bringing the lead.

20 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie

Newby the 20th Augt 1714

Dear Mr Aislabie

I thank you for the trouble you gave yourself in writing to Mr Smith of Bromp<ton> Park I cannot think that any of his apprentices can be a fit gardiner for me, I would have an Experienced gardr as any about Town provided he be a working gardr & unmarried & shall like him no worse incase he be 35 or 40 years old, so pray give me your thoughts whether you can meet with such a gardr or not as soon as conveniently you can you man acq[uain]t him he shall have all the help that he can possibly desire, I doubt in a little time I shall be forced to have 2 gardrs my gardens being too large to be managed by one as they ought to be, pray acq[uain]t me how long usually a ship stays ab[roa]d that is in my sons Station I am

Dear Sir Most affect yours

20 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett

[Note: undated but between others dated 20th. Mr Dean might be either Robert Booth, Dean of Bristol, related to Lord Warrington, to whom EB wrote, or the Dean of Ripon. The latter might be more likely in the context of the monument later erected to Blackett and his family, now standing in Ripon Cathedral.]

[first 3-4 lines missing] the Country, have Recd no W[2-3 words missing] as yet so your f[rien]d the book Seller is mighty p[rest of word missing] Full, I perceive by Mr Dean that you are about agreeing for a mon<u>m[en]t for my Ld I design to have one for my family & would bestow 150 pound or there about, I wish you could send me a draught of severall that he can afford for that sum & you will very much oblige

Dear Sir yr faithful Humble Ser[van]t

20 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to Captain Millington

Newby the 20th Augt 1714

Capt Millington

I writ to my Dr Mitty on the 6 and you the 10 which I hope came both safe to hand, your boxes shall be at Leeds without faile on Wednesday the 1st Sept, so you may give the Carrier orders to call for them, pray give my humble Service to my Ld & acq[uain]t him as soon as my Lawyer comes from the Spaws [ie. spas] will get a Deed drawn & enclose it for his Ldships perusal, I believe this sudden change of affairs will oblige my Ld to go to London sooner than he Expected, you know what I dream often times comes true, my late dream was that my Ld was made Ld Lieutent & that he made you

mustermaster so I wish you Joy of your New employment with my most Humble service to all the good family & my blessing to my D[ea]r little Mitty, I am your assured friend

Serv[an]t

[short postscript possibly missing from torn top of next page]

23 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby the 23 Augt 1714

James

I perceive by yours of the 21st that both mine came to hand, I wondr you should deliver Sir John such a message that I sent you to take the tyth of him I ordered you to know of him whether I might have the Tyth as formerly, for I shall not give him one cross of a farthing more for it so let him take it in kind, that is to say the Dukes half, which you may acq[ua]int him in short, am very glad he values it worth forty pound a year, so I shall value hartly tyths in a short time as he does Seaton, I wonder you did not write me what sums W[illia]m Lows has p[ai]d to Mr Featherstone, I Expect their Rents long before this, I would rather have the monys brought over, than take bills at a longer time than 15 /d[ays] after date, so besure you observe it, I mightly wonder you should go so much beyond my positive order, that is to say, to tell Sir that you came to take the tyth in case it was unlet, and that you would give him as much for it as any one wch was Extreamply ill done of you, for as I write before if one farthing more would take it I would not give it for him [rest of line missing] have [rest of line missing] Lady da [rest of line missing] I have [rest of line missing] any mind [rest of line missing] reason he has [rest of line missing] Ldship, and to carry it to Hartly would [1-2 words missing] trouble & coss charge, & coss, besure faile, w[missing] upon Receipt of this letter, to go yourself or send your servt to the Wherry men at Newburn that they faile not to bring down all the old lead, or Else shall Imploy other Wherry men hereafter, as I writ you before, I expect you shall write me twice a Week as long till the 600 p[ie]ces of lead be weighd off, which I sold Mr Fenwick, so write me both Fryday & Saturday

24 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

Newby the 24 Augt 1714

My Lord

I desire your Ldship will please to peruse the inclosed, & pray Correct if anything be amiss & inclose it to me & it shall be Executed by me, my most humble Service To your Ldship & family, with my blessing to my Dearest little Missy I am

Your Ldship Most faithfull & most Obedient Humble Servt

[possibly a postscript missing due to torn top of next page]

26 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: possible short letter missing from top of torn page, or postscript to previous letter to Lord Warrington]

26 Augt 1714

James

On the other side you have a Coppy of my last, your next I hope will give an acco[un]t that the Six Hundred pieces of Lead are weighed off, to Mr Fenwick, but if they are not, besure hasten the bringing them off, for shall not be Easy till they are delivered I am

Your Assured ffriend

26 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to Stephen Coulson

Mr Coulson

26 Augt 1714

Sir

If you have not already sent me a Bill, have now an opportunity of disposing of one, for £50 at -25-or-30-days date which please to send me, & you will oblige

Sir your Humble Servt

26 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Hone<st Will>

I pe<rceive> [rest of line missing] Black Clough <tyth> [4-5 words missing] is mighty well done, as for Ald[er]m[an] Ramsey [1-2 words missing] they are unlet, & as I have writ to you often times that I leave all things to you, so dispose of it to them that will give most for it, not questioning but you will do for me as for yourself, besure allow no Assessments to the Tennants that does not pay their Rents at Lamass, the Tyth Rents, In a little Time all disputes will be ended concerning Seaton Delaval, & then I design that you & some other men of Judgem[en]t shall view all the Lordship, as also every particular Farme, Shall expect you at Newby as soon as your Harvest is over

I am

Your Assured ffriend

29 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to John Van de Wall

[Note: as in other letters 'Van Meel' here might be identified as the John 'Van de Wall' with whom John Blackett corresponded in 1710. Date lost, but between 26th and 31st August. 29th used here.]

[most of first 2-4 lines missing] for me, pray if they have not as yet done it, order then to doe it as soon as possibly they can, I desire you'l doe me the favour, to give them to any Master that belongs either to Hull or Newcastle, desire his Care of them, & let me know his name. I believe the Custom House Officers at either place will be very Civill upon my Acc[oun]t [struck out: 'soe I doe not in the least fear their seizing of them'] however I would desire the Master to get them on shore privately if he can If you think their be the least danger I desire they may be made use of in Holland, & sent fool [full?] into England & then they are not Seizeable, with my

Most Humble Service to yourself & Lady desiring a Line upon receipt of this

[1-2 lines missing, possibly just the sign-off]

To

Myn He<er>

D Hr Jan Van Meel

Vroetschapvot Rotter[da]m

31 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to Robert Fairfax

[Note: Fairfax (1666-1725) was MP for York 1713-15, classed as a Tory]

31 Augt 1714

Dear Sir

I recd yours of the 28, & you may always depend upon what Interest I have, if you have not already, writt to Colonel, Northcliffe, Mr Viccar of Leeds & Mr Lodge, besure fail not to doe it by the very first post, for they were your very good ffriends, in the last Election, & desire the Continueance of their ffriendship & Interest, which I doe not in the least Question but they will all this family gives you their most Humble services & pray believe me always

Dear Sir Your real friend & ffaithfull Humble Serv[an]t

For Robt Fairfax Esq a member of parliam[en]t at his Hous in Sirl Street Lincolns Inne fields

[added faintly below 'Dear Sr':] Mr John C

31 Aug 1714 Edward Blakett

[Note: apparently to the same correspondent who was asked for a weekly packet of papers on around 10th August. Date lost, but between two others of 31st August]

[first 2-3 lines missing] the weekely packet, nor any other news paper from you this long time, which must be your Servts [struck out: 'Carelessness'] neglect pray order him to be more carefull here after & you'll oblige

Sir Your real friend & ffaithfull Humble Servt

31 Aug 1714 Edward Blakett to Captain Millington

Honest Capt Milington

31 Augt

The above sd[said] is a Cobby of my last, Having Heard nothing from you since I doubt it did not come to your Hand this day I sent my Brewer with the goods to Leeds, & desired A Merchant their to see them weighed at Manchester, there is not any thing taken Out of the boxes, only perceive the Cook took-2-stew pans & -2 little sauce pans, the rest of the things which was in the great Box was put into two le[rest of line missing, possibly something like 'little boxes for the'] Carrier [rest of line missing] Safe to [rest of line missing] Conveniently you can [rest of line missing] Good Gardiner from Mr Shaw or not I [word missing] have a very Experienced man I doe not value what age he is provided he be a single man, pray give my Humble Service to my Lord & his family with my Blessing to my Dear little Mitty, I am

Your real ffriend to Serve you

your friend Mr Aislable [?]tis thought will certainly be Speaker the next session of parliam[en]t

I inclosed to my Lord, the 24th past, a Cobby of a Deed which I hope came safe to his Hand, my service to your wife, & Mr Shaw, & let me have a line by the first post,

[in a different and crude hand & as if practicing for a separate letter:]

Your real frend to serve you / E Blakett

your assured frend to serve you / man of words

William Norton

1 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: recipient and date lost, but assumed from context to be to James Mewburn. Next letter is dated 2nd Sept, and previous dated ones were 31st August, so 1st is used here]

[first 2 lines missing but 'Wherry' at end of first] ought to have done, which am sorry for have writ you Severall times to give a Charge that none of the new lead, should be Brought from Newburn, till I had sold it I hope its all brought from the Mill before this which acq[uain]t me, Soe, once more give a particular Charge to the Wherry men, that they doe not medle with any of the remainder, order James Clarke to give me an account of the weight, as soon as he has Bought of me, and Acquaint me what number of pieces are alre dy weighed off to him and when he designs to take the remainder have reced a Bill lately for £50, from Mr Featherstone soe shall have occasion for noe more Bills at p.sent, I believe Mr Tankard will have occasion for a Bill in a little time

Mr Featherstone has £20 in his Hand which is the remainder of the £70 which Will Lows p[ai]d him, the Carrier has neglected to Bring the paper which you bought for me, soe know the reason of it,

Acquaint me wt I may have the very best brandy for p gallon. The weather being soe extreamely good I hope you have got in all your corn before this, writte a Line to Harry Tulip by the first post, that he goe immediately to Durham & get his moneys of Mr Jones, or otherwise he will most certainly loose it & in case he does not pay him, he must tell him plainly he is not in a condition to loose that sume

I am

2 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Matthew Featherstone

Mr Featherstone

2- Sept 1714

Sr

I Recd your letter wth the Inclosed Bill upon Mr Henry Dove for £50 for wch do give you many thanks, shall not have occasion for any more Bills, Shall have an Opportunity Shortly to draw upon James Mewburn, Sometime agoe I gave him orders to send me- 2 reams of paper but as yet has not heard of them – So pray if they are not already sent, loose no opportunity of sending them by the first Conveniency wth my Service to your Self & partners I am

Sr your Humble Servt

7 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to William Shaw

[Note: WS was witness to EB1's third wife's settlement (Lady Diana Delaval) Queen Anne died on 1 August 1714. Her only surviving son William had died in 1700, prompting parliament to pass the Act of Settlement (1701) to ensure a Protestant succession. Anne was therefore succeeded by the German Protestant prince George, Elector of Hanover. The Coronation was held on 20th October 1714. His coronation was accompanied by rioting in over twenty towns in England. During his reign the Jacobite rising in Scotland, in favour of the son of James II, was put down.]

7-Sept-1714

Sr

Am much obliged to you for yours of the 30th past, I perceive you cannot hear of an Experienced Sober Gardiner, Soe I have sent to a Friend at London, to send me one to Newby, am very Glad that my dear little Mitty, is in good Health, as also my Lady, & Lady Mary, I had a Letter this day from my Lord, who writes me he has that he does not designe to come to Dunham till after the Coronation. pray give my Blessing to my dear Child, & desire her to lett me know wheither She rec'd my Letter abt the Yorke Horse Courses, for I expected She would have owned the receipt of it, before this, pray give my Service to the Captain & his spouse, & acqnt him that on the 31 last I gave him an account that the goods was sent to Leeds, & I hope they are come safe to his hand ere this, I perceive by my Servt that they weighed 34 Stone – my Son john gives you his Humble Service, & pray Believe me always

Your Assured Friend & Humble Servt

For Mr Wm Shaw at Dunham in Cheshire
via London

9 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Ripon Recorder

9-Sept-1714

Sr

I desire you will not write nor Speake to Mr Norton, abt what you discoursed wth me Yesterday, till I see you I am

Sr Your Humble Servt

For Mr Recorder of Ripon

9 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

9-Sept-1714

James

I perceive by yours of the 4th that Mr Fenwick expects a Shipe Every day to take the other 300 peices of Lead, let me know abt what time he shipt the other 300 peices & what peices of Lead I may have at prsent in the Cellar, Enquire of James Clarke the Free porter, what merchts there are that has bought Lead of late in Newcastle, & the quantity for would willingly have the small number of peices that I have at Newburn disposed off, you may know off Mr Reay or any of his partners wheither they think they will have occasion for 5 or 600 peices of Lead Shortly or not I believe Mr Barnardoe buys a good quantity of Lead, for Sr John Lambert, a who is a great French Mercht in London, Enquire where he buys it of, shall draw a Bill of you shortly for £20 soe you may receive the money £20 wch is in Mr Featherstones hands, the remainder of the moneys wch Will Lows pd him, I should be Glad to hear that the Ship Mr Fenwick Expects, be arrived, Enquire the price of Lead of the Free porter, he will tell you better then any of the Merchts, & more to be relied on, for would willingly have my Lead at Newburn disposed on, Enquire of Mr Featherstone or any others if they know what end Mr Bromell has made & what costs Aldeman Ramsey got ag[ains]t him for the trial at Yorke fail not to give me a full acct of this Letter I am

Your Assured Friend

10 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to William Robinson

[Note: Sir William Robinson, 1st Baronet (19 November 1655 – 22 December 1736), 1st Baronet of Newby-on-Swale, Yorkshire, was an English Whig politician who sat in the English and British House of Commons between 1689 and 1722. He was MP for York from 1698 until 1722.]

10-Sept-1714

Sr

I shall not fail to Engage those few Freemen of Yorke, that lives in & abt Rippon, they went in the last Election for you & Mr Fairfax, & I doubt not but they'l doe Soe again-

There are Several Freemen of Yorke that lives in, & nigh Leeds, Soe if you wou'd write a Line to Mr Lodge who is a Clergy man in Leeds, I doubt not but he wou'd make you a very good Interest, his Friends went to Yorke the last Election, & voted for you & Mr Fairfax, a Line to him will Certainly Secure them Soe heartily wishing you Success I am

Sr Your most Faithfull Humble Servt

For Sr Wm Robinson Bart Member of Parliament
Yorke

My Daughters gives their most Humble Services to my Lady & would have waited on her long before this But my Coach Horses being all Spoild wth Carrying my little Grandaughter into Cheshire in extreme hot weather one of them died & three more I doubt will never be fit for a coach again

11 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Colonel Lawrence

11-Sept-1714

Sr

Out of the respect I have for Collonel Lawrence Occasions this Letter, I perceive one of your officers at Northalerton named Mr Frank, as the Waggoner Tho: Potter Informs me who carried your own baggage, refused to pay him, & told him, his pay was left wth the post Master of Burrowbridge Soe when he came to demand it, to of the post Master he told him the Officer left only 9s to pay one Carriage wch he pd the Country resents it very Ill, Soe I wou'd advice the post Master of Burrowbridge to discharge it, if not they will make their complaint above the officer will certainly be Broke, Soe heartilywishing you a good Journey I am

Sr Your Humble Servt

For Collonel Lawrence Wth his Regiment at Darlington

I perceive the mans due is 5s

12 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Diana Blackett

12 Sept 1714

My Dearest Dear Jewill

I doe always receive your Letters wth much satisfaction, am well pleased you lately diverted yourself wth a Courseing, & that you can Ride well upon a pillion, I hope in a little time you'l learn to Ride Single, & then shall Endeavour to get you a fine little padd wch I know will please you well

I Inclosed you Sometime agoe, the names, & the owners of all the running Horses at Yorke, wch I am Glad came to your Hand

Inclosed I send you a paper wch will divert you for a little time, all this Family gives their Humble Services to my Lady, Lady Mary, not forgetting their pretty neice, wth amy Blessing to my Dearest Dear little Mitty Iam

Most Affectionately thine

Give my Service to the Captain & his Wife & tell them they are both very leazy in not write to me Gives my Service & thanks to Mr Shaw for his last Letter I hope he reced my last

Besure you never fail to Answer my Lettersas soon as possibly you can

12 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: undated but previous was 12th Sept, so used here]

Newby

Hones[t] Will

Upon Receipt hereof get what moneys possibly you can of the Tenants, my Son Christ[opher] will be at Newcastle on Tuesday Sevenight wch is the 25 of this month, & will have ordered him to Receive what monys you bring wth you, & about the midle of Octobr when you are most at leasure do you come over that we may set all things straight, you use the tenants to an ill custom, not making them pay their Rent when due, the Sockburn tents never faile one Day in pay discharging their whole Rents & I am Sure you may make your neibours the same, if you would rise them to it, I am

Your friend

12 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Peter Bernardeau

[Note: undated but between 12th and 13th Sept; 12th used here]

Sr. I desire you to do me the fav[ou]r to acq[ua]int me what you paid per fother for the last lead you bought at Newcastle, I perceive what lead you have occasion for, you buy it of Mr Clavering & Mr Wilkinson, the quantity wch I am likely to have hereafter is not worth naming is there no hopes of having some good French wine at Newcastle shortly if you send any wch is Extremely good it could help you to several gentlemen wch would be your chapmen <..>

Your Humbl Servt

13 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Colonel Lawrence

13-Sept-1714

Sr

Inclosed I send you a Cobby of Thomas Potters Information upon Oath, he desires you'l Enquire how many Carriages your Officers pd for, their was four Carriages Charged, & at Burrowbridge, & he will make appear only three of them was

pd, Soe pray give me a Line, that the Information may be made noe more use on & shall pay the money myself upon your acct if you desire it. I am

Sr Your Humble servt

For Colonel Lawrence

16 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

16-Sept-1714

Mr Ward

I writ to you Some time agoe & desired you to Buy me Firkins of the very best & Choicest Butter, that your Country Affords, & to send them, at your own Leisure, soe let me Know by the first post, wheither you have bought them or not, need not give your Self any further trouble, shall order a Servt to buy them here wth my Service to your Self & Family I am

Your Assured Friend

16 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: 2nd paragraph of the letter in a different hand]

James

16 Sept – 1714

Am sorry to perceive by yours that Mr Fenwick is in fear of the Shipt he Expected, let me know wheither She be Arrived or not, I have lost a good Sume of Moneys by your not Acquainting me wth the price of Lead, for Mr Fenwick bought of me 600 peices for £8-15-0, Soe you may Judge a Crown in the Fother will come to a good Sume, besure you always write me the price of Lead, till I have gott the Lead wch is at Newburn disposed on, I hope you have taken care before this to have it all brought from if halfe way to Newburn & let me know Certainly how many pieces their is there, wch you cannot exactly doe unless you goe to Newburn your self

Have this day drawn a bill upon you at Sight to the ordr of Mr Walter Tankred for £66 what money you have left, get gold for it & give it my Son Christr next Tuesday at Newcastle as also what money Mr Featherstone & Compy has of mine, I wondr I hear nothing of the paper wch was sent, besure Inquire about it, I am

Your Assured Friend

17 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

17 Sept – 1714

my Lord

I have Order'd the Deed & the Counter part to be Ingrosed, & shall send it to your Lordsp by my Son Chriss who will waite of your Ldsp as soon as he returns to London wch will be in ten or 12 days, Inclosed is a Bill of Exchange for £50 for my dear little Mittys Halfe Years maintenance, wth ten thousand thanks to your LordSp for your kindness to her. I am

Your LordSps most Faithfull & most obedt Humble Servt

17 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge

17- S

I reced the piece of cloth on Wednesday last, & I like the Colour & price very well Soe I sent the moneys to Ripley next morning, & pd it to Mr Kirshaw & I give you many thanks for your trouble

I must now acquaint you that Mr Wyvill makes a great Interest at London for being one of our Prebends, as also Mr Thompson, Soe I would advise you to come to Newby as soon as conveniently you can wth my most Humble Service to Mr Killingbeck I am

Sr Your real Friend & Humble Servt

For Mr Lodge Leeds

18 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Diana Blackett

[Note: 1704 – 1737. Daughter of William, EB1's son and his wife Diana Delaval. Known by her grandfather as Mitty or Missy or Jewell. To be educated by Lord Warrington after her father's death.]

18 Sept 1714

My Dearest Mitty

Having so good an Opportunity, I desir'd the Bearer, to call at Dunham to see you & at his return will acquaint me how you have your Health, & wheither you are grown any taller or not, I hope you reced my last letter dated the 12th & Franckt by your Cozen Sr Wm Blacket, I hope in a little time you'l be a fine Horse woman, for I perceive by the last Letter, that you can Ride double, & in a little time I hope you'l Learn to Ride Single, & then a Journey to Newby will be a pleasure to you, I have not heard from your Uncle the Captain this many Months, I hope he will be in England the latter end of next Summer, & then he shall be sure to goe to Dunham to see little Mitty

your Uncle John, & your Aunt, gives you their kind remembrance, wth all our Humble Services to my Lady, & Lady Mary, wth my Blessing to you I am

Your most Affectionate Granpapa

18 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Captain Millington

[Note: EB1 refers to him as Honest Captain.]

18 Sept 1714

Honest Captain

I am glad to perceive by yours that all the Family at Dunham are in good Health & that my dear little Mitty likes Dunham, Soe well, here are great Drinking in all our neighbouring Burrows <vizt> Rippon the Candidates are, Lord Castle Comer Mr Aislabie & Mr Sharpe – Knaresb[orough] Mr Slingsby Mr Artlington & Mr Hitch, Al[d]brough, Lieutent Genll Stanhope, Mr Wentworth, & Mr Jessop, Burroughbridge Sr Bryan Stapylton & Mr Dunch

Northallerton, Mr Turner, Mr Frankland & Mr Piers[e], Thirsk noe opposition, Yorke Sr Wm Robinson, Admeral Fairfax & Mr Jenkins in all these places where there is opposition & very much money spent their is Extravagant Drinking more than ever has been known in the memory of man, all this Family gives your self & Mrs Millington their kind Services, & believe me always

Your real Friend to Serve you

When you see Sr Samll Daniel give my Service to him

18 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Heneage Dering

[Note: Heneage Dering, LL.D (1665–1750) was an eminent Anglican priest in the first half of the 18th century. He became Dean of Ripon and was known also as a Latin poet. Letter date between 18 & 21 September.]

Sr

Am very Sorry to hear that you have not been very well of late but in Case, you be perfectly recover'd, & noe otherways Engag'd shou'd desire the favour of you, to give us a Sermon at Skelton tomorrow & you'l very much oblige

Sr Your Obedt Humle Sert

For the Revend Doctor Deering
Dean of Ripon

21 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Philip Laumder

21-Sept-1714

Sr

Am much obliged to you for your letter of the 19th & desires I perceive the price of Hops wth you are very High, I got a small Bagg from London lately, but not nigh the quantity that I shall have occasion for, Soe desire you'l doe me the favour, to buy me one Bagg containing 100 Weight or thereabouts of the very Choicest & Best your Country Affords, & order them to be left wth Mr Scott Crain Master in Yorke. Wt you are the disburse for them shall pay to your Father, Mr Norton, or any other in Yorke you please wth my Service to your Self Blessing to my God Daughter your Wife

I am Sr your Humble Servt

For Mr Phylip Laumder
At his house in Nottingham

Pray satisfy me by a Line, w[he]n this comes to your hand

[struck out: 'since I writ this Letter I hear your Country Hops will not keep over the Year but Looseth both their strength & Colour Soe I desire you'l only buy me 100 Weight.']

21 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Rev Nelson

21 Sept 1714

I reced your Letter this morning, my Servt & Horses shall not fail to be in Yorke, on Fryday evening, So that you may come out in the morning what hour you please. I am

Sr Your Assured Friend & Humble Servt

For Revd Mr Nelson
At his House in Coney Street

21 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to William Smith

[Note: In 1714 Mr Wise sold his interest in Brompton Park to William Smith (& Joseph Carpenter). Through Mr Henry Wise (& George London) Brompton Park nursery had dominated the formal Anglo Dutch style of design for the most important gardens in England (prior to the introduction by Capability Brown of his English landscape garden).]

21 Sept 1714

Mr Smith

I desired Mr Aislabie sometime agoe to write to you at Brompton Park, if you Cou'd help me to an Extraordinary Experienced good Gardiner but he reced noe Answer from you, Soe I desire pray upon the receipt of this Letter acquaint me wheither you can furnish me wth such a man or not. I am Willing to keep a Good Gardiner under him, for I designe to make great Alterations this winter in my plantation Garden, Soe I desire you'l let me know as soon as Conveniently you Can, if you can help me to such a man, & w[ha]t wages he expects, wth my Service to Mr Wise

I am Your Assured Friend to Serve

For Mr Smith at Brompton Parke nigh London

27 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

27 Sept 1714

James

Upon the receipt of this letter go & acqt them that pays halloway quit Rent as also the small Tyths that in case they pay any part of it to Sr John, or his ordr, you have the orders from me immediately to distrain for Sr John has no manner of Right or title to it, & if they the least Scruple it do you give it undr your hand that I shall bear them harmless, & if they will get any Note drawn (I will sign it) to Indemnify themselves you may read this part of my letter to them as soon as it comes to your hand

Perceive you pd £30 to my son Christ[opher] as also £66 to Mr Walter Tankred

As soon as Mr Fenwick has weighed off the other 300 ps lead do you send me the weight of them both, give my Service to Mr Featherstone & if he has occasion for any lead he may have mine for £8:17:6 but not undr, you do very well in going to Newburn so let me know Exactly how many pieces are their, that there be no mistake, & in case there be any laying at the half way ordr the carriage men to go for it immediately, let me know the names of all the gentlemen that stands for Morpeth by the very first post, or who are likely to carry it

27 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Stephen Coulson

The 27 Sept 1714

Mr Coulson

I desire you will send the Inclosed letter by a carefull messenger as soon as this comes to your to James Mewburn at Seaton Delaval, pray give him a charge of the letter, it being of great consequence, I perceive by Mewburn that you have occasion for lead, you may have mine for £8:17:6 but not under, give me a line if you will have it or not, because there are others about it, am advised that lead rises at London. I am

Your obligd Humbe Sert

28 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Robert Booth

28 Sept 1714

Sr

I perceive by the last Evening post that there is a ship the Hanover Galley Capt Hogg Comander Arrived at Bristol the 21 of this month, in five weeks from New England, I desire you'l doe me the favour, to Enquire of the said Capt if he heard anything of the Phoenix or where she was & pray give me a Line & you'l very much oblige

Sr Your Obedt Humble Servt

For The Honoble Doctor Booth
Dean of Bristol

Frank W Blacket via London

28 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to William Smith

28 Sept 1714

Mr Smith

I perceive by yours that you did not receive any Letter from Mr Aislable, wch I wonder at, for he told me he had not reced your Answer to his Letter, I like the Character you give me of the Gardiner, but his Wages is unreasonable he had much better take £12 of me, then go into Ireland for £20, I have only 4 <...> of my plantation to Alter they were formerly sett wth Dwarfe pears & Apples of Severall sorts, they never did thrive well, Soe I let them grow up, they are Soe nigh Sett one to another, that they Bear little or no Fruit, So am resolved to cut them all down & to Sett other fruit trees at a much larger distance I likewise want an under Gardiner for raiseing Mellons Cowcumbers & soon in the Year I believe I may get such a one at the neet Houses, pray Acquaint me what wages is usually given to such a Gardiner & you'l oblige

Your Assured Friend

Mr Wm Smith at Brompton park nigh London

Frank W Blacket

30 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to Stephen Coulson

30 Sept 1714

Sr

I hope mine by the last post came to your Hand Since I Sent my Servt wth your Bill to Mr Dobson, wch he pd very readily only said that the wine was very Indifferent wch you Sent his Master, wth my Service to Mr Featherstone I am

Your Assured Friend & Humble Servt

Mr Coulson

30 Sep 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

30 Sept 1714

James

The other side is a Copsy of my last for fear it might miscarry, fail not to send me an Exact acct, what number of pieces of Lead I have at Newburn, as also what in the Celler, I hope Mr Fenwick has weigh'd off the other 300 pieces before this So let me know the weight of all the Lead Mr Fenwick has had off me of late, I could Heartily wish that, the Lead wch is at Newburn were likewise Sold, but I will not take under £8 17:6 p Fother. Acqt me whether any Merchts offered you any moneys for it, & whether there be any demand for Lead at pr sent, at Newcastle, wch is much dearer for it gives a much better price both at Stockton, Yorke & Hill [sic – 'Hull'], & great demand for it. I perceive a great part of it is Shipt for London, & to the East Country

I am

Your Assured Friend

2 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Fenwick

[Note: Nicholas Fenwick & Company were Merchants in Newcastle. Fenwick was admitted to the Merchant Adventurers Company in 1712. He was Mayor of Newcastle in 1726. At the 1727 British general election he was returned as Tory Member of Parliament for Newcastle-upon-Tyne alongside Sir William Blackett, and is possibly the man after whom Alderman Fenwick's House on Pilgrim St in Newcastle is named.]

2 Oct 1714

Sr

I perceive by my Servt Mewburn that you have not as yet weigh'd off the 300 pieces of Lead, wch I am very sorry for by reason I have order'd the remainder of my Lead wch is at Newburn to be Brought into the Celler, & wou'd not by any means have them mixt Soe I desire you'l doe me the Favour to weigh them off the beginning of the

weeke – otherwise it will be a great disapointmt to me, I perceive Lead riseth both at Yorke & Hull, & [struck out: 'very'] good demand for it, wch makes me wonder, it shou'd not doe the same, at Newcastle, I have only [struck out: 'a small quantity' and 'but + or – 700 pieces'] abt 900 pieces at Newburn, & when that is sold, I believe shall have [struck out: 'very little or'] noe more Lead to dispose of, in my time by reason the mines are so Extraordinary poor & noe likelihood of their mending, unless the undertakers woul'd be at much more Charge then I perceive they are willing to be at pray order your Servt to deliver the Inclosed to James Clark, who I have order'd as soon as your 300 pieces are weighed off – to weigh off the small remainder & soe clear the Cellar, w[ha]t the remainder is, I know is but a very small number of pieces so you may have them if you please weigh'd off if you please wth the 300 pieces I am

Srs Your [struck out: 'very'] Humble Servt

For Mr Nicho: Fenwick & Compy
Merchts In Newcastle

2 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to James Clark

2-Oct-1714

Honest James

I have desired Mr Fenwick to give you orders to weigh off his 300 pieces of Lead the Beginning of the weeke, & if he has a minde to have the remainder wch is in the Cellar, you may weigh them off likewise, I believe there is but a small number of pieces, as soon as the Cellar is clear shall order the remainder of my Lead to be brought from Newburn, for by no means wou'd have any more Lead brought into the Cellar, till whats in be all weighed off, & when that's done pray give me an acct of what number of pieces & weight Mr Fenwick has had of me of late, I am

Your Assured Friend

For James Clarke

3 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie

3-Oct-1714

Dear Sr

This day I reced a Letter, from Mr Jackson who is master of the phoenix, dates from Boston July the 20th 1714, he writes me, that my Son the Captain, has his Health very Ill, but he hopes the words of his Letter is, (that he hopes his Youth & Exercise, will overcome it, but that is at the Disposal of the great Creator of all, whose will is not to be Contradicted) (these Expretions, makes me fear the worst, Soe I desire you'l doe me the favour to Enquire of the Secritary of the Admeralty when they heard from the

phoenix, this Letter Acquaints Informs me, that they Lay then under orders to Carry Genl Nicholson, to Annapolis, & thence to newfound Land, & to return wth him to Boston, at wch place they expect to Winter Shall be very uneasy, till I have the favour of a Line from you, I am

Sr Most Affectionately Yours

For John Aislalie. Esq Member of Parliament

3 Oct 1714 John Blackett to Nicholas Fenwick

3-Oct-1714

Sr

This day my Father reced a Letter from Mr Jackson, my Brother Captains Master who gives an Acct of my Brothers Indisposition my Father is the more concerned, because he uses the following Expression wch makes him think he is dangerously Ill (Boston July the 20 Your Son the Captain has his Health very Ill, I hope his Youth & Exercise will overcome it, but that is at the disposal of the Great Creator of all whose Will is not to be Contradicted

I desire you will lett me know by the first post, if you have reced a Letter lately from the Captain, or any belonging to the Ship, pray make Inquiry of any Masters of Ships that came lately from Boston, if they know anything of the phoenix & how the Captain does pray give a line by the very first post & you will oblige all this Family very much. I am

Sr Your Humble Servt

Jo. Blacket

4 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Matthew Featherstone

4-Oct-1714

Sr

Am sorry to perceive by yours of the 2d that you cannot Afford a better price than £8:15:0 & I am Informed that Mr Wilkinson, & some others does not sell under £9 I have only betwixt 6 & 700 pieces at Newburn, undisposed off, & not likely to be master of any more for sometime by reason you and undertakers, does not venture your moneys as freely I thought you wou'd have done, there is a very great mistake in the drawing of the Lease, for you ought to have been obliged, to have wrought her workemen like, & by so many Hands at fewest, weekly [struck out: 'but wth as many more as you pleas'd'] otherwise the Lease to have been void, I believe there is not a Lease in England made Soe much to the disadvantage of the owner as yours is, [struck out: 'In case you worke but once in 2 months, you may keep your Lease'] If you be

resolved to spend money, send Mr Mowbray to Newby & will see if we can agree upon other Terms, wch may be more for the Advantage & encouragmt of the undertakers

I am Sr your very Humble Servt

For Mr Alderman Featherstone Mercht in Newcastle

4 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to George Mowbray

[Note: Dixon was apparently a grocer in Hexham supplying the Allendale mines and thus able to carry a letter to Mowbray, agent to Sir William Blackett at Allenheads]

4-Oct-1714

Mr Dixon

Inclosed is a Letter to Mr Mowbray wch I desire you'l take care to send it safe to him, it is to desire him to come to Newby that I make you & the rest of the undertakers better terms in working of Fallowfield mines

I am Your Assured Friend

For Mr Dixon in Hexham Northumberland

4-Oct-1714

Mr Mowbray

I had a Letter lately from Mr Featherstone who desires in behalfe of himself & the rest of the undertakers that they may have better Terms for the working of Fallowfield mines, so I desire Mr Featherstone to give you an Acct of it & that I would discourse wth none upon the Affair but yourself, so if you please to come to Newby you may be Assured of a Hearty welcome from

Your Assured Friend

For Mr Geo Mowbray at Allen Heads

4 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to John Lawson

[Note: Letter covered with large cross – so possibly not sent. John Lawson traded in horses from Brompton on Swale]

4 – Oct

Sr

Inclosed I send you a Few verses wch came to me the last post

I am Sr Your most Humble Sert

To John Lawson Esq

5 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Robert Booth

5 Oct - 1714

Sr

The other side is a copy of my last & the post I reced a Letter from the mastr of the phoenix, date the 20 July at Boston in New England, who writes me, the very words that the Captain at prsent has but Indifferent Health, yet I am in hopes his Youth & Exercise will overcome it, but that is at the disposal of the great Creator of all, whose will is not to be Contradicted, these Expresions makes me very uneasy, so pray discourse Captain Hogg & give a Line to

Sr Your most Obt Humble Servt

For the the Dean of Bristoll

5 Oct - 1714

Captain Hogg

Sr

I perceive by the late news papers, that you sail'd from Boston in New England & arrived in 5 or 6 weeks at Bristol [struck out: 'I desire you'l do me the favour, to Acqt me by a post Letter'] my Son. Is Captain of the Phoenix whose Station is at Boston, so I desire you'l Acqt me wheither you heard anything of him as of his Health I had a Letter lately dated the 20 July at Boston in New England from the Maste of the Phoenix who acquts me that my Son the Captain was very much out of order, wch I am mighty sorry to hear, soe I pray doe me the Favour, to give me Line by the post, directing your Letter for Sr Edwd Blacket at Newby in Yorkshire, & I doubt not but it will come safe to hand your kindness in this shall always be own'd by

Your Assured Friend & Servt

For Captain Hogg Commander of the Hanover Galley
at Bristol via London

5 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

5-Oct-1714

Dear Kitt

I am glad to perceive by yours that you gott safe to your own Family & found them all well, besure fail not to make it your sole Business, to finde me out, an Honest painfull good Gardiner & let me know his Age & his wages & wt Masters he has lived

wth all for I want such a person Extremely, he must be one that is very carefull, & will take pains, that he may have Mellons & all other things very early, make it your Business & you'l oblige me much wth my Blessing to you both & service to all Relations, I am

Your Most Affectionate Father

By no means enquire after any Gardiner that has been Bred at the neat Houses, but after one that has serv'd in a Gentlemans Family

6 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Thomas Frankland

[Note: The first was struck through and evidently not sent, to be replaced by the second. Recipient was possibly Thomas Frankland (c.1685-1747), later 3rd baronet Frankland, & MP for Thirsk from 1713]

6-Oct-1714

Sr

I perceiv by Mr Man the Constable of Burrowbridge came the 28 Sept last to desire a warrt to Charge the Town of Kirklington, to send two Carts – for the carriage of the Baggage belonging to the Earl of Forfars Regimt of Foot from Burrowbridge to Northalerton, the s[ai]d Town had not bee charged to send any carriage for many years before, notwithstanding the Constable would not obey the war[ran]t, so [struck out: 'was forc'd to send his own carriage from Burrowbridge'] I desire the Bench, will fine him very Severely, with my most Humble Service to the Bench, I am

Your very Humble Servt

If this Constable be not made an example of, it will be to no purpose to grant war[ran]ts for the charging any Towns to send carriage

For Mr Frankland Clerk of the Peace Thirsk

6-Oct-1714

Sr

Mr Man the Constable of Burrowbridge came the 28th of Sept last to desire a Warr[an]t to Charge the Town of Kirlington, to send two Carts, for the Carriage of the Baggage Belonging to the Earl of Forfars Regim[en]t of Foot, from Burrowbridge to Northalerton, the s[ai]d Town had not been charged, to send my Carriage, for many Years before, notwithstanding the Constable would not obey the Warr[an]t, so I desire the Bench, will Fine him very Severely, for if this Constable, be not made an Example, it will be to no purpose, to grant war[ran]ts, for Charging any Towns, to send Carriages

Wth- my most Humble Service to the Bench

I am Your very Humble Servt

For Mr Frankland Clark of the Peace Thirsk

8 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge

8-Oct-1714

Sr

I have lately had an Account that my Son the Captain is much out of Health I desire you'll waite of Mrs Morris, you will hear of her at Mrs Shaws, She is Mr Jacksons Sister & Enquire if she has heard from her Brother of late, pray give a Line by the first post & you'l very much oblige

Sr Your real Friend & Humble Servt

For Mr Lodge Leeds

9 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Fenwick

9-Oct-1714

Sr

Am very much Oblig'd to you, for the favour of yours of the 8th, & as soon as you have weighed off 300 peices & the remainder wch I know are not many peices, shall order wt I have at Newburn to be brought down with all speed, & as the price Currant is, you shall much sooner have them then any Mercht in Newcastle being I have always had such fair dealing both from your Father & your Selves

Pray Acqut me as soon as conveniently you can If their be any Extraordinary good French Claret in town & wt per Hogsh[ea]d as also right good Brandy & wt p Gallon, & you'l very much Oblige

Sr Your most Faithfull Humble Servt

For Mr Nich. Fenwick & Company Merchts, Newcastle

10 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie

[Note: When the Whigs returned to office in 1714, Aislabie was made Treasurer of the Navy. He became an ally of the Earl of Sunderland who became, in effect, Prime Minister in 1718. Sunderland appointed Aislabie as Chancellor of the Exchequer.]

10-Oct-1714

Dear Sr

I heartily Congratulate you upon your new Employmt, & I wish you wth all my Heart & Soul, both Health & long Life to Enjoy it. *

Am Extreably obligd to you for the Enquiry you have made abt the poor Captain, I desire you'l make your Interest to the Admeralty to recall the Ship home tho I am very much Afraid it will be too late for this morning my son John reced a Letter from Mr Smirk, who writes he had a Letter from Mr Jackson, Master of the Phoenix, dated the 4 Augt from pascataway River New England, & gives a very Melancholly account of the Captains Health & is afraid if he stay any time their, it will Indainger his Life, so I desire by all means that the Ship may be as Soon recalled as possible wch Extraordinary Favour shall always be own'd by

Dear Sr Your most Faithfull & most Humble Servt

For The Honoble John Aislable Esq
Treasurer of the Navy London

* before These you went out of the Country I was Engaged, to the two old members, but seeing you do not Approve of my Lord Downes shall be very easy in making any interest for him nor shall I be at the Election

10 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Mr Smirk

10-Oct-1714

Sr

I reced a Letter abt 10 days agoe from Mr Jackson dated the 20th July from Boston New England, who writ me that my Son was out of Health but he hop'd a little time would sett him right again, I perceive this day by yours to my son John that Mr Jackson gave you an Account [~~struck out: 'of my Sons not Haveing his Health'~~] date the 4 Augt from piscattaway River newengland that the Captain was very much out of Health, & that his stay their might prove fatall, So I have writ to Mr Aislable to desire the Admeralty to recall the ship home, wch I know will be granted upon the least Request he makes to them, upon the receipt of my Letter from Mr Jackson I gave Mr Aislable an Acct of the Captains Illness who writ me that he wou'd Speak to the Admeralty to send for the Ship Home, wch I do not in the least question but will be done wth all possible speed, pray receive your moneys of my son Kitt, for the Cloth you sent my Son John, I desir'd you to when you was in the Country, to receive it as soon as you sent down the Cloth, wch I take Ill you did not pray Acquaint me if you can by know by wch Ship your Letter came from new England & you'l oblige

Your Assured Friend to Serve you

For Mr Smirk

10 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Charles Seymour

[Note: Charles Seymour, (1662-1748) was the 6th Duke of Somerset & had inherited the Northumberland estates of the Percy family following his marriage of heiress Elizaeth Thynne, nee Percy in 1682. Robert Darcy the 3rd Earl of Holderness, was appointed Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of Yorkshire in 1714]

10-Oct-1714

May it please your Grace

Am sorry I should be Engaged before I had the Honour of your Graces, Commands, but being your Graces Interest, goes for Mr Darcy, I shall be very easy in making Interest against him, nor shall I be at the Election to oppose his Interest, desiring your Grace to Believe me always

Your Graces most Faithfull & most Obedt Humble Servt

For his Grace The Duke of Sumerset

12 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Mr Nalson

12-Oct-1714

Sr

Mr Chambers is not to be depended & have prevail'd wth Mr Morris that you shall have his turn next, upon, so shall send you a horse on Thursday morning wishing you a good Journey I am in very great Haste

Sr. Your real Friend & Humble Servt

For Mr Nalson

14 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to James Clark

14-Oct-1714

Sr

The Acct you gave me off my Lead pleas'd me very well, I hope the peices that are wanting will in time be Found, I perceive Mr Fenwick has weighed off the 350 peices & left only one in the Cellar, & is willing to take, wt I have at Newburn, at the price Currant, wch I am willing to, so the Inclosed is to desire Mr Wilkinson to let me know, wt the price Currant is, for I must be ruled by wt he says, besure your order the Whirry men to bring down the Lead from Newburn, wth all possible speed, & let them know that it is sold, wch will make them make more Haist to Bring it down, you may come to Newby as soon as you please, so let me know by Saturday nights post, wn I may expect you, if you have any Business, you ned not Straiten yorSelf but take your

own time, Acquaint Mr Fenwick that I have writ to you, to order the Lead from Newburn wth all Speed, & know abt wt time he thinks it may be before he have occasion to weigh it off, I hope Lead gives now [missing: '£8?'] 17s-6d, & you may tell Mr Fenwick or his partner so by the by, you may likewise tell Mr Featherstone so, & observe well wt Answer he gives you, Enquire before you come over, who are likely to Carry the Election for Morpeth as also who stands for Barwick & the County. I am

Your Friend

14 Oct 1714 Edward Blakett to John Wilkinson

14 Oct 1714

Sr

I have sold all my Lead & deliver'd mos of it, the first parcel was sold at a certain price (vizt) £8-15s-0 the rest that I have to deliver, is at the present price Currant, so I desire you'l do me the Favour to give me a Line wt the Best price is, I Believe I shall never be master of any quantity of Lead hereafter, so wou'd willingly have the best Markett, wth my Humble Service to yorSelf & my Cozen Wilkinson I am

Sr Your Affectionate Kinsman & Humble Servt

For Mr John Wilkinson Mercht Newcastle

Pray acquit me wt Mr Broml [Bromell] does in his Coal Concerns

15 Oct 1714 Edward Blakett to George Booth

15-Oct-1714

My Lord

I Begg your Lordsp's pardon, that I have not sooner own'd the Favour of your Lordsp's Letter, but Indeed, we are in such a Hurry hear, abt our parliamt men, that one has not little time to minde their own Concerns, but I hope it will be over in a short time,

I know my Dear Mitty's Maintenance wou'd be punctuall pd, & ever shall be so, & please God as long as I live,

I perceive by a Letter lately from Captain Milington, that he has reced 4 Boxes two parcells & a Copper Cisteren, if their be any of her dear Mamma & Granmamma's Books in the Boxes or any other thing that may be of use to Mitty pray let her have them, the rest of the things I have given Mrs Milington, [struck out: 'not knowing in the least wt are in the Boxes,']

I Believe your Lordsp will make no long stay at London, so I heartily wish your Lordsp a good Journey down, & pray Believe me always

Your LdSp's Most Faithfull & most Obedt Humble servt

15 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Thomas Frankland

[Note: undated but in sequence between letters of 15th and 14th Oct]

Oct 1714

Sr

I have Been very much out of order of late, wch was the reason of my not being at the Sessions [struck out: 'to have been sworn'] so I desire you'l do me the Favour as to come to Newby, that I may be sworn. Mr Shelton – Clerk of the peace, came & Din'd wth me & was so kinde as stay all night, I wish you wou'd do the same & you shou'd take it as a great favour done to

Sr Your Faithfull Humble Servt

For Mr Frankland Clerk of the peace Thirsk

18 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Stephen Coulson

[Note: A wherry is a type of boat that was traditionally used for carrying cargo or passengers on rivers ... A wherry could be rowed by two men with long oars or by a single waterman using short oars or 'sculls'.]

Newby the 18 October 1714

Mr Coulson

I perceive by yours of the 16 that you have some French wine to dispose off, I give you many thanks for giving me the preference but the ways being so very bad cannot get a hhd [hogshead] to Newby, so will stay till the New wines comes and the ways are better wth my Service to your Self & partners, I am

Pray deliver the Inclosed

Honest James Clark

Pray Speak to the Newburn wherry men to bring down all the lead I have their wth all possible speed, for I have disposed of it, & give me a line by the next post

19 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to George Mashrother

[Note: The illuminations would have been to mark the coronation of George I]

19-Oct-1714

Sr

I desire you'l do me the Favour to order a good number of Candles, to make Illuminations on Wednesday night otherwise I doubt the Mobb may Break the Windows, & will not consider that there are none that lives in the House, wth my Humble Service to all my Neighbours. I am

Your Assured Friend To Serve You

To Mr George Mashrother
At his house in Conny Street York

21 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

21-Oct-1714

Mr Ward

I reced both your Lettere & am very Glad that your Wife & Daughter got well Home, I hope you'l be so kinde as to let your Family come to Newby in Summer, where I am very sure they cannot be anywhere more welcome, pray give my Service to Mrs Place, tell her I can never Agree to the proposalls you send me, for I am sure they are wthout a precident, you understand Business so well yourself that I wonder you wou'd trouble yourself to send them, however pray acquaint her, that I heartily wish her Son good fortune & that the proposalls you sent me shall never go any Further,

Inclosed is Mr Wrights Letter, wch I reced the same post wth yours & by this post Acquainted him, that I left soly the disposall of the Mannor of Bppton [Bishopton?] to yourself, whatever Agreemt you made I wou'd perform, so I do not in the least question but you'l do for me as if it were your own concern, I wish you wou'd Endeavour to meet Mr Wright as if it were by chance, I hear that Mr Place of Richmond has likewise a minde to purchase the Mannor pray Acqnt me whether you & Mr Place had ever discourse abt it I desire you'l make it your Business to sell it at a good price & you'l very much oblige

Your Assured Friend To Serrve you

You have also Inclosed my Answer to Mr Wrights Letter

21 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Mr Wright

21-Oct-1714

Sr

I reced yours of the 19th & I did give Mr Ward order to dispose of the Mannor of Bpp-ton, wth all the reserved Rents & Royaltys & what Agreemt he makes shall be punctually perform'd by me, I know very well that the Yearly value is but £4-1-6., but you never name the right I have to mary Crawforths Lands, & several others who has no manner of Title to shew, If you think it worth your time, you may discourse Mr

Ward abt it, & then I shall be very glad to see you at Newby, there is a Gentleman that lives either in or nigh Richmond, I do not well remember his name, did send formerly severall times to know whether I wou'd sell the Mannor of Bppton & that he wou'd give as much or more than anyone & desired the preference but I always sent him word that I had no thoughts than to dispose of it

I am Sr Your Affect Kinsman & Servt

21 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: Will Lowes' son was Nicholas, studying at Peterhouse, Cambridge, and later the curate of Allendale, which was in Sir William Blackett's gift.]

21-Oct-1714

Honest Will

Your Son & his Fellow traveller was here last weeke, & staid wth me two or three days, I look upon him to be a good sober young Man, & if you keep him three or 4 Years longer at the university I am sure it would be very much for his Advantage, & you need not doubt but Interest may be made to get him a good Living

Fail not to come to Newby as soon as possibly you can, to sett Strait May day rents, you know I have often told you, I wou'd never suffer one Halfe Years Rent to run in to another, but to have always my Halfe Years Rent pd at 30 days after due, I have writ to Harry Tulip likewise, to come to Newby upon the same Account, So if you'l prefix a day & the time to meet either at Hexham or any place upon the Road he will accompany you, so besure you Fail not as soon as this Letter comes to your Hand, let me have a Line from you & Acquint me what day you designe to sett forward

Your Assur'd Friend

21 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip

21 Oct 1714

Honest Henry

Besure you take care to send the Inclosed to Will Lows by a safe Hand I have order'd him to come to Newby as soon as possibly he can, to sett the last May day Rents Streight, & to give you notice, where you meet him, so that you may accompany him & sett your Halfe Years Rent Straight, for I will never suffer one Halfe Years Rent to run into another, but always have them punctually pd 30 days after due, as soon as this Letter comes to your Hand fail not let me have a line from you & Acquint me what day you designe to sett forward

I am Your Assured Friend

For Mr Henry Tulip at his House in Hexham Northumberland

22 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Philip Launder

22-Oct-1714

Sr

I perceive by yours of the 9th that you have put on Board, Henry Lambert, one Bag of Hops for me directed to Mr Scott Grain Master in Yorke, wch I have not as yet reced, I desire you'l let me know by the next post, who you wou'd have the moneys pd to, & the order shall be observ'd by

Sr Your Humble Servt

For Mr Philip Launder

24 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Captain Pym

Newby Oct 24 1714

Capt Pymn

Last week I read in the Newse Paper that Capt Pym Commander of Increase lately arrived at Bristol from Newfoundland, so I desire you'l doe me the favour to let me know by a line from your own hand whither you see or heard any thing of the Phenix man of War and Whither the Capt was in good health or not for I heard about a month ago that he was not very well. Pray oblige me in this directing your lettr for Sr Edward Blackett Bart at Newby In Yorkshire & shall take it as a favour

I am your humble servt

For Captain Pymm Commandr of the Increase at Bristol

26 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to William Norton

26-Oct-1714

Sr

Your son mr Lambert has bought me a bagg of hops & desires the money may be pd to you so I have sent my son to wait on you with this letter & the moneys. I shall give him a Letter of thanks by this Post for the trouble he was pleas'd to give himself wth my Humble service to yourself & family

I am Sr your affectionate kinsman & humbler servt

For Mr Wm Norton Esq these

I am abt altering my will so I desire yowl give the cobby wch you have to my son

29 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to John Blackett

[Note: First version struck through and presumably replaced with the second. This John Blackett was possibly Sir Edward's cousin at Wylam, although since not referred to as cousin or kinsman was possibly entirely unrelated.]

Sr

I have a very great request to you & I think it is the first so I hope you'l not deny me, it is to desire that you'l prevail with your Son will to give one of his voats for Mr Sharp this next Election for Rippon will Ingage that Mr Aisleby shall not take it ill being it is my request to you both and if Mr Sharp can be anyway serviceable to your Son in his office by taking of stamps, paper or Parchment & he will oblige him in it and your favours in this shall always be owned by Sr your Faithfull Humble Servt

29 Octobr 1714

Sr

I have a very great request to you, and I think it is the first, so I hope you'l not deny me, it is to desire that you'l prevail with your Son Will, to give one of his voats for Mr Sharp, this next Election for Rippon, will Ingage that Mr Aislaby shall not take it ill, being it is my request to you both, and if Mr Sharp can be anyway serviceable to. Your Son in his office, by taking of Stamp paper or Parchment, he will oblige him in it & I can assure you that the Bishops Lady ordred that nothing should be bought of any marcer in York for his Graces funerall but of your son, so I think. In good manners these sevilities ought not to be forgot, and your favours in this shall allways be own'd by

Sr Your Faithfull Humble Servt

man of words / answer of deeds

To Mr John Blacket

30 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Philip Launder

30 Octobr 1714

Sr

I've recd the favour of your Letter, with an account of the Cost of the hops so immediately sent my Son with the moneys to your father Norton, I return you many thanks for the trouble you were Pleased to give yourself in buying of them with my Service to yourself and family. I am

Sr your obliged Humble Servt

For Mr Lauder At his house in Notingham

31 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

Oct 31 1714

My Lord

I am mighty Glad to hear, of your Lordships safe return to Dunham, and tha[t] you found all your family in good health which pray continue

All this Country is in great hurrey about making Intrest both for the Country and the severall burrows, being their is opposition [to] most of them, wee Expect the parliament wa[s] to be dissolved next week, I hope in a little time the Elections will be over then I designe god willing to goe to York for the remainder of the winter, with my most humble Service to your Lordship & family my Blessing to my Dear little mitte I am

Your Lordships most faithfull and most obedi[ent]
Humble Servt

For The Right Honble the Earl of Warrington At Dunham In Cheshire
via London

31 Oct 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Wandesford

[Note: Wandesford was 2nd Viscount Castlecomer and MP for Ripon 1715-19. His father was a local man and cousin of EB's second wife Mary Yorke]

31 Octobr 1714

My Lord

Am glad to perceive by yr Servt tht you ar in good health, I cannot say so much of my self for I have not been very well for these many months past, not being able to walk twenty yards without a great pain in my back, so tht I am forced to have a chair <carried> if I do but walk in the garden but in case It were otherwise with me I must beg yr pardon, for the little interest I have is ingaged for Mr Sharp, & am sure you wd not have desire I should be worse then my word,

Nor can I go up nor down stairs without help, so I doubt not but you will Excuse me

Yr Lordships most Faithfull Humble Servt

Ld. Castlecomer

1 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Newby the 1 9br 1714

I Recd yr letter wth the Inclosed from Mr Wright I leave the disposal of Bishopton Royalties &c, wholly to your self not questioning but you will do for me as If was yr own,

So what Ever bargain you make will stand too wth my service to you self & family

I am Yr Assured Friend

1 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Fenwick

Mr Fenwick & Compn

Dt

having occasion for two hundred pounds I desire you will send me bills for the same at 20 days after date assoon as conveniently you can, as for the remainder shall not have not present occasn for it. I hope before this the Rest of my lead is in the Cellar, if not pray order J J Mewburn and James Clark, to hasten the bringing of it to Newcastle , wth my service to yr self & partner

1 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

1 9br-17

I have both writ & told you so often tht I would not have my Rents so Ill pd, tht I doubt I shall be forced to Imploy another to receive thm, I will allow only a month or five weeks at most after ye Rent day, and before you can be well hear another rent will be high due, I will never allow of such payments so upon receipt hereof come to Newby tht we may sett the May day Rents straight & will Consider who shall receive the Martin[ma]s Rent for I would as soon have no rents as have thm pd as you have done all long you may Imagine I am not a little Concerned to be dealt wth as I have been all a long, notwithstanding the Tennants hath had the best times payments of their Rents that has been known In the memory of Man I am

Yr Friend

4 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

4 Novbr 1714

Mr Ward

I hope you'l be mindfull to meet Mr Wright at Bppton at the time Appointed wch I think is on Monday next, & whatsoever Agreemt you make <I ll> will perform I am now positively resolved to let 150 a year at Mulwith so I desire you'l endeavour to get me a Tennant you it is as pretty a Farme as any In Yorkeshire, & if any of yor Acquaintance has occasion for such a Farme they cannot <. specd> thm selves better, wv you return from Bppton pray let me know wt you have done I am

Yor Assured Friend

I wondr you did not put Mr Places Rent for the Damm in yr last half years acct herebeneath you have a Copy of the agreemt

4 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

4 Novbr 1714

James

Am glad to perceive by yors if Mr Fenwick has promised to weigh off the Lead in a little Time, besure you fail not to speak to the Newburn Wherryemen, & let thm know at their perrill they do not bring down the Lead wth all possible speed order the case of glass to be ship'd in any Hull vessel directed for Mr Alderman Fenwick mercht in Hull to be sent to Sr Yorke for Sr Edwd Blacket besure you see glass writ on the Top of the Box wch will make the Watermen take more care of it, I have writ this day, to mr Fenwick to desire him to send me two Bills for - 100 each payable to me or my order at 15 or -20- days after date, & besure you acqut him, not to fail to se Inclose thm to me, by the first post

Have bought the Land at Mulwith wch makes me have more then ordinary occasion for moneys at this time, send me 20- or -30 Beadnal Codlins sowed up in any peice of matt or Hopp Bagg by the Rippon Carrier, if you hear any thing more abt Morpeth let me have it by the next post I am

Yr Assured Friend

4 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Fenwick

4-Novbr-1714

Gentlemen

Havin present occasion for 200 I desire you will not fail to send me p[er] first post the said sume in two Bills, payable to me or my order, at -15 or-20-days after date & you'l very much oblige

Srs Yr very Humble Servt

7 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

Newby 7 9br – 1714

Dr Kitt

Am glad to perceive by yrs of the 4th tht you have got judgmt ag[ains]t Horton & in few days time should have execution against him, besure get the mony if possible for have no hopes to get any thing of mr Brumell, last week I sent you a <hhd> of ale, upon Receipt of this letter buy me a bushell of The Old Winter peermain, a bushel of Gden Pippens, & a bushel of glden Rennitts, take care they are well packed up wth straw, tht if any frost should happen, they may receive no damage, send the abovesd apples as also two stone of prumes by the very first ship for hull directed to mr Scott Crane Mastr of York, wth my blessing to you both I am

9 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to Henry Dawnay

[Note: 2nd Viscount Downe, 1664-1741, MP for Yorkshire]

9-9ber-1714

My Lord

I Rec[eiv]ed ye Honr of yo r Lordps Letter I did hear If such a report was spread both at Ripon & in the North Rid, tht yr Ldsp had a pention of -500 p[er] Ann[um], but neither my self nor any other I believe ded give any Credit to it, & this morning have sent yr Letter by my son to Ripon to be perused by the Gentlemen their, so I heartily wish yr Ldsp success I am

Intirely Yr Ldsp Faithfull Humble Servt

For The Lord Downe

9 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to Henry Hodges

9-9ber-1714

Sr

I rec[eiv]ed the favour of yr Letter & can Assure you tht I have no moneys at Newby only wts necessary to pay me own worke people, I own I have a small sume at London as also some moneys at Newcastle wch will bedue to me for rents in a short time, mr Ridsdale never spoke one syllable to me abt what you write & If it were in power to serve you might freely demand –

Sr Yr Faithfull Humble Servt

For Henry Hodges Esqr

11 Nov 1714 Edward Blckett to William Norton

[Note: Norton, related to EB via his wife Mary Yorke, married EB's daughter Isabella in 1715]

11 9br-1714

Sr

I am very sorry to hear that you have been very ill of late I hope this severe Fitt, will make you be more Carefull of yr self, & not Ride to late at nights, but always to go home wth day light, will Engage you will not have such severe Fitts of the Gout, as you formerly have had, if you'l follow my advice, will take care that Chris Almond have the -10- at St Andrew day as you desire wth my most Humble service to yor Lady I am
Most Affectionately Yr

For Wm Norton Esqr These Sawley

11 Nov 1714 Edward Blckett to John Ward

11-9br-1714

Mr Ward

I perceive you have been at Bppton wch I thank you for, if mr Wright come to Newby shall make him welcome, but does soly referr that Affair to yr own managemt
The Agreemt wch mr Place & I made abt his Damm is dated the 3d day of Sept-1703, to pay me -4-Guineas yearly, payable at Martins & May day as long as his sd Damm shall stand & be Continued, so it is - 11-years gone you may soon see wt you have collected of it, for my own part I do not remember tht I ever recd any, however I cannot be positive, but if I did he must have my receats for it so wn you return from Newcastlr discourse him abt it, if he be not satisfied, will give you the original Agreemt for I hear he thinks his Father tooke it only for his own Life wch is a great mistake shall be glad to see you the Weeke after great Monday & pray fail not to bring the Tennt along wth you, I hope we may agree for a term of years, for am sure no man can have a prittyer Farme wth my service to yr self & family I am
Yr Assured Friend

11 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to Ralph Loraine

11-9br-1714

mr Loraine

I perceive by yrs of the -4th that you are Indebted to Harry Tulip £55 wch I believe is more then yor -10-Tun of Lead comes to, I had a Letter last post from Newcastle, who – complains mightily of the w[eigh]t of it, so you will Imagine I will Expect to have it made good, both as the wt of the Carriage & the Lead, get w[ha]t Lead you can made agt Christmas, & order as much of the dead Heaps as possibly they can to be smelted agt that time. shall send up a servt to see it weighed & let thm know it is a great fault in their w[eigh]t as well as yr own, you may Acquaint thm that both you & they shall have a Clear pay at Christmas, but both you & they must make much better weight then you have done, otherwise their will be a great deduction

Fail not upon receipt of this Letter to give a line to acquaint me how many peices of Lead there is – in all at the Mill, how many the dead Heaps has been made since they was pd you [sic; 'how'?] many the undertakers has, & what of yor own, since you were pd I am

For Mr Ralph Loraine
At Eastbote Houses Nigh Hexham

11 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James

I perceive from yrs that the wherryman has brought down -560- peices & will bring down the remainder on Monday or Tuesday next, wch will be glad to hear Confer[m]d, I perceive that mr Fenwick has weighed of 300 peices, & is much concerned at the Ill weight, it is much more my loss, he pays for no more thn what he has, so upon receipt of this Letter write a chideing Letter to mr Loraine abt the weight & order him to acquaint the smelters that smelts the waste to make better weight hereafter or otherwise it will be their loss

I am

I perceive you have Employed a Friend to buy me -40- Beadlin Codlings, you need not to have [struck out: 'countermanded yor order'] Contradicted yor order Fail not to write every Saturday night a Line

To Yr

14 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to Diana Blackett

To My Dearest Dear little Mitty

14-9br-1714

I am very glad to perceive by yr Letter, tht you are in good Health, pray God long continue it to you, I writt to my Lord since he came to Dunham, but I doubt the Letter miscarried because I have not heard from his Ldsp since, all yr Acquaintance here are very well, Crispins Doctor, is here at prsent , & gives his duty to you both, give my Humble service to my Lord & his Family, wth my blessing to my Dearest Dear little Mitty, from

Yor most Affectionate Granpapa
E Blacket

14 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to Robert Fairfax

14 No: 1714

Dear Sr

Am very Glad to perceive by yrs tht you Enjoy yr Health so well Considering you must be in a daly Hurry for my own part, I have not been very well, never since I lost my dear Wife, but I hope my wintering in Yorke, & following my doctors advice, may receive benifitt by thm I cannot walk above 50 yards in the Garden, but must have a Chair sett by mem for walking though it be but little, brings me such pain in my Back, tht I am not able to stand, but as soon as I sitt down in my Chair, am at ease, I have taken care of the few votes that are abt Ripon, & some likewise at Yorke tht will vote for you & Sr Wm Robinson, all this Family gives you their Humble Service, & Heartily wisheth you success & pray believe me always

Most Affectionately Yrs

For Robt Fairfax Esqr at his House in Yorke

I cannot think of a properer House for you in Yorke, thn mr Bolderoes In Case it be not Lett, Am Glad to hear by mr Lodge who was wth me the other day, tht all our Friends in Leeds are Intirely yrs

15 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip

[Note: Honest Harry was the Harry Tulip named as owed £55 by Loraine in the letter from EB of 11 November]

15 9br 1714

Honest Harry

Shall take care of loraines letter wherein he own he is indebted to you £55: there is the greatest complaint at Newcastle of the weight of the lead wch came down last Sumr, both what was made of the slags & waste Oar so both Loraine & thm tht drasses the dead heaps shall make my loss good in the weight [struck out: 'or it shall be deducted out of their pay'] before they have any pay, upon Receipt of this letter let me know how many pieces of lead lays at the mill at present, both of lorains & tht wch was made of the dead heaps, & what they think will be made before Chrmass. Shall send Mewburn up at the pay & shall see all the lead weighd off tht is at the mill, they must begin now to to make Extraordinary great weight, or otherwise there will be a great deduction at the pay & may be the occasion of putting it off, wch they may blame thm selves for, if they do not make extraordinary good weight betwixt [now] & Cmass, faile not to give me a line assoon as possible you can, deliver the inclosed wth all speed, I am –

15 Nov 1714 Edward Blakett to Ralph Loraine

15 9br [1714]

Loraine

I writ you the 11th wch I doubt not came is of hand, since I Recd a letter from Mewburn who writes me tht the lead tht came down last summer is the worst weight tht can be imagined both tht wch was made of the slaggs & waste Oar, & if you & thm tht owns the waste dose not make extraordinary wt betwixt [now] & Christmas you will come much short of what you think will be yr due, besides it is very likely may be the occasion of putting off the pay, wch you may blame yr selves for, let me know wha pieces of lead, both you & thm tht makes of the <Wast> has laying at the mill, & what more you both think will be made before Cmass,

18 Nov 1714 Edward Blakett to George Mowbray

newby 18th 9br 1714

Honest mr Mowbray

I am very much obliged to you for the favour of your letter of the th and I have so great an opinion of your honesty that I am willing to refer the leting of followfields lead mines locly to you self, so what bargain or agreemt you make with the undertakers shall perform, so pray <acq> the partners that you have prevailed wi<th> me to take a 7th in lead at Newcastle

There ought to be a Clause in the lease to oblige them to keep the level in repair, as also to keep such a numbr of men every day at work as you shall thinke conveneient, and what Oar and Slag's is above ground to be made into lead and laid aside before the commencemt of the lease

I belive there is not much of either oar or Slags above ground so when this comes to your hand pray give a line to your obliged friend and Servt

E Blacket

To mr George Mowbray at allenheads to be Left at mr Dixan's in Hexham
Northumberland

18 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

18 9br 1714

Mr Ward

Pray fail not to be here at the time appointed and bring with you that man who you told me would make a good tenant for mulwith [struck out: 'farme'], also bring with you all or most of my Rents

I shall be obliged to buy a great quantity <skay> with any kind remembrance to your self and family

I am your Assured friend

I have heard nothing from mr Wright as yet since I recd your lett

18 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby 9br the 18

James

Am glad to perceive by yor that all my lead is not anoely broug[ht] down but weiged of t'is the word weight by much of any that I ever had brought to Newcastle will make thm that's concernd make not onely the weight good but allow me both in the Carrage and Wherry hire what is thought reasonable when I make a pay at fallowfield which will be at xmas

acqt me by the first post what the wherry men and Carrage hire will come to for we shall have very small matters to do with them here after I need not remind you to get up the rents as soon as possiable you can, and Send the fish by the Carrier as soon as they come to your hand

I am your Assured friend

25 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

25 9br – 1714

James

I perceive by yrs of the 20th as also by mr Fenwick tht the lead was was most shamefull weight, I wondr you should write me so foolishly tht I may depend on four times as much over weight, as wanted in the last if so no man can carry a pigge of lead it will be prodigiously heavy, I do not doubt but none but they will make good wt yt is according to agreemt , but I will make thm allow oer a fother wt is too little for the lead wch was weighd off last to mr fenwick wch was 600 odd peices, hereafter I will have no lead brought down before you see every dividual piece weighd, & then will be yr fault, if you do not see I have good weight, let me know as soon as you can what numbr of pieces lays at the mill both of lorains lead & what is made of the dead heaps & what they judge they may have by Xmas day as for tenants at Seaton you must allow thm so much an acre according to the Custom of the country for all sorts of corne they grew last year yt is <...> say for the one half Tyth, if you do not rightly understand it, shall order Will Lowes to <assist you> for I perceive it is a very common thing, a certain rule over the whole country, tht is to say so much for Wheat, so much for Rye, & so much for each other graine, tht is to say for their one half tyth though I am very well assured their farmes are so good they need not insist upon any thing for the tyth, however please thm according to the custom of the country, am very glad tht you are likely to make a considerable advancemt of Seaton lands, so besure do not faile to do it it is not in my power at present to let a longer lease this for one year because my Ld Chancellor cann[ot] make a decree, by reason the tenants has not as yet pd their martinmass Rents then we must have a commission from Chancery to Swear the Steward what clear monys he has Recd, if they had pd their Rents immediately I might have made an End this term, after martinmas) however besure to hasten thm wth all possible speed, if they do not pay destrain, for it is upon a case of necessaty tht I may have a decree in a very short time acqt my the price curt of lead I am

Yr Friend

25 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to Mr Dixon

[Note: Dixon was probably a Hexham Grocer]

25 9br 1714

Mr Dixon

pray acqt me whether a letter came directed to you for mr George Mowbray at Allen heads & if you send it wth a safe hand, pray order H.,Tulip to send me over such a servt as he sent me last, I wd have him a strong lusty Young fellow, & the sooner he sends him the better, let me know what number of pieces their lays at the mill both lorains, lead & what is made of the waste & you will oblige ordr harry Tulip to pay post due both for this letter & the ;etter you write to me, & pay it to my acct, I am

yr assured fd to Serve You

25 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

[Note: undated but sequenced letters of 25th and 30th Nov. 25th used here.]

My Lord

Am very glad to perceive by yr lordships letter tht mr Rook will be Knight of yr County without any trouble, or much charge I can assure yr Ldship it is not so here for here great opposition & vast Sumes of mony spent in every little bourough more then has been known in the memory of man, all here are very Humble Servts to yr Ldship and family, wth my blessing to my Dr little Missy I am

Yr Ldships most faithfull & Obt Huml Servt

30 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to Deal Postmaster

Newby Nover 30 1714

Sr

this day I perceive by the Evening Post that on the 24 Past a ship Called three sisters Capt. Reakes Comder from new Englan, came into your Port, I desire you'l doe me the favour to acquaint me how I may direct a leter t the Sd Capt, I have a son that Com[m]ands <the> Phenix man of war, and would Gladly hear if they heard any thing of the ship or whither the Capt was in good health &c. He did Carrey Generall Nicolson to Annoplis Royall in novia Scotia and was to return Imediatley to Boston in new England where his Station was, your favour in this in giveing me a line Derecting your Letter for Edw Blacket Bart at newby In Yorkshire will very much oblige Sr

Your assured Friend & humble Servt

To Mr Postmaster Of Deal In Kent

30 Nov 1714 Edward Blackett to Captain Millington

Newby 30 Novr 1714

Honest Capt

I am glad to perceive by yours that mr Booth will be Chosen as one of yr Knights for your County without much charge or opposition tis in this County much otherwise for there are severall of my neighbouring boroughs that will Cost the Candidates 1000 a man at the least So you may Imagine that they sing o bejoy <for> both day & night as for my own part I have not being two miles from newby but once since my horses came out of Cheshire I am in hopes that three of them will prove very servicable again

and shall buy other three against I goe to York which will not be till the latter End of January In case all our Elections be over at that time I thank God I have my health very well but that I cannot walk above 4 length of the Tarraswalk without a Chair to rest me in I pass the long nights very well having Constantly Company to divert me Inclosed I have sent my dear little mitty asong to divert her the she knows the tune very well & I hope it will divert you all with my Blessing to my Dearest mitty and Service to your Self and Mrs Millington I am

Your assured FriendAnd Servt

I sorry to hear that Cocking Sorrel is put to the Cart

2 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

the 2 10br 1714

James

I am well satisfyd by yrs of the 27 tht you do not yet understand what the weight of my lead is, for you saY there are severall pigs wch are 2 or 3 stone over weight, wch I am very sure is not so, & to satisfy you, you shall see the lead weighed at the mill, before the pay, there will be above 300ps & not one of thm I am sure will not come nigh yr weight, my agreemt wth the workmen is tht the weight shall be 12 stone each piece at least, you write me tht some pieces is 3 stone over weight, in casse they were so no man could load thm, or the porters carry thm into the cellar, let me know what advice you make in the alloance to the tenants for the half tyth, & what you offer thm for each grain & what they stand upon, so make as good an end wth thm as possibly you can tht you may adjust all the rents, & soonr tis done the better, then I doubt not but in a short time to have a decree in the mean time I wd have you discourse all the tennts severally & know what advance of rent, they will give, for a term of years, so set me done their names & their Farmes, & what advance of Rent, each of thm wd give so make it yr so onely business to set straight wth the tents, & I will make thm leases against May day, provided they will give me tht advance of Rent, as I am informed, Each Farme is worth

I hope yr acct is nigh as to the leading the lead to Newburn, as also the wherry hire &c, faile not to give me a line upon the receipt of this letter, take yr own time to discourse the tenants severally, I knew nothing of the inclosed letter you had sent had rather given a Sum of mony then it shd have been inclosed in my leter I am

yr friend

I will have no bills at any time but what are either drawn or indorsed, by mr fenwick, mr Ridley or mr Featherston & Comp for I have been too great a loosr already by bills of Exchange

2 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip

2 december 1714

Honest Harry

I Recd yrs of 26th wth the acct of lead laying at the mill, there will be a great deduction for want of weight at of pay wch will not please Loraine, nor them tht I blame tht dresses the dead heaps, I blame the Smelters most, who are a pack of very great knaves for makeing such abominable wt wch besure tell thm, I doubt not but you have seen R. Waugh before this time, I wish you could send me a lusty young fellow in his roome, & send him away immediately, for I have very great occasion

I am

7 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett

[Note: presumably addressed to one of son Edward's naval acquaintances]

Newby the 7 xbr 1714

Dr – Sr

I am infinitely obliged to you for all yr favrs, I hope to God my son Ned may be indiferently well, though I have I have too much reason to fear the contrary but we must submit to God almightys will wch must be obeyd

I shall be mighty glad to see you at Newby where none shall be more welcome the longr you take up yr quarters here the greater obligation I have to you So I heartily wish you a good, & a speedy journey wth my most Humbl Service to yr Lady & family
I am

Dr Sr Most faithfully Yrs

7 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to Edward Boldero

[Note: Recipient not stated but inferred from reference to Mrs Boldero. Edward Boldero (1679-1761) was a York lawyer]

Newby the 7 xbr 1714

Sr

I Recd yrs this morning, & also as mr Sharp comes to Ripon will heartily recomened you to his favr wth my service to yr self & Mrs <boldera> I am

Yr assured friend To serve you

7 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: Date implied by previous letter of the same page.]

James

Newby

your inclosed letter from the <Tenth> surprized me very much I shall not be willing to allow yr £20 which is the sum you know I paid Sr Jo for the tyth, I believe the tents may never live to see so plentiful a year for Corn at Seaton Deval as the last year was so they either shall take the sum or take ther own course I shall allow no more, so besure that who Ever refuses to pay the rent in full distreant for the Law will allow thm no more tyth thn wt I paid Sr John which is 10th more thn he pays for it to the D of Somerset I wonder very much that the tenant of Lysdon should think much to pay £16.0 p[er] ann for that farme which was formerley old and young Sr Ralph's time lett at £200 p[er] ann to old Tho hyndmarsh and he would never suffer his Cattle to leed Coals but employ thm wholly in managing his Ground, & it's very well know when he dy'd amongst his Children a very Considerable Estate I think most of the Tenants are Senceless and dos not know when they may have good farmes and are well used I am well informed you may advance Every farme in the lordship, so it is a great shame that it should be so under lett I hope you'll take care in a little time to manage that Lordship much beter to my advantage thn formerly it has been I wonder you should be so long in receiveing Seaton rents for I do not know how soon I shall have an order to send for you to swear to wt you have received their Dividend of These Tenants that are refractory in take<ing> £20 in lue of their tyth let me know there names and they shall the first tenants that shall be turn's of the<ir> farmes

I am yo friend

the bills you sent me are of too long a'date had much rather have the mony sent over

14 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to Edward Boldero

[Note: Recipient not stated but inferred from reference to Mrs Boldero.]

Sr

Newby xbr 1714

I Recd your Letter but I have no[t] as yet seen mr Sharpe when I do I shall no[t] be unmindfull of your Concern, I would advice you by all meanes that your wife should write a Letter by the first post to her aunt <hosier> and desire her to make it her reqt to mr Sharp which I believe cannot possibly be deny'd with my humble service to your self and Mrs Baldero

I am your friend To Serve you

17 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie

[Note:

Hon. John Aislabie (4 December 1670 – 18 June 1742) was a British politician who sat in the House of Commons from 1695 to 1721. He was Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time of the South Sea Bubble and his involvement with the Company led to his resignation and disgrace. - Wikipedia]

Dr Sr

Newby xber 1714

here is a great report in our neighbourhood tht honest mr Gowland is like to loose his office of being Postmaster there are severall lyes and Stories told to Sr Tho Frankland against him which are all false to my knowledge (as god almighty is true) so I desire you'll doe me the favour to acqt him with it and that there is no Ground in the word for the last Compt. Against him I p[er]ceive it is soely mr Wilkinson doing [to] get that Implymt one of his Tenan<ts> and he has p[re]vaild with my Ld Clare to seviral of his acquaintences goe with h<im> to Sr Tho about it i desiire you'll befriend mr Gowland in the affair & infinitely oblige Sr

Sr yours most Faithfully

To The Honble John Aislabie
Esqr Treasurer of his Majestys navy

17 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby Dec 21 1714

James

I Recd your Letter with a bill from m<r> Coulson for sixty five Pounds, what you write me me Concerning the Tennants Pleases m<e> very well, so I leave it soley to your managemt so acquaint the Tennants that them that are <...> to me upon the tythe account, may Expect at least as great favours from my hands, and am very shure when the lease is out the Duke of Somerset will let that tythe to none other but my self, so make as good and as Easy an End with the Tennants as Possibly can, and abait what as you agree for out of y<r> Rents for I shall have a Comision out of Chancery, to swear both you, & my self, for what Clear moneys you have recd, for the three last half years rents, as also what I have rec[eive]d In clear moneys from you for the three last years Rents, since my wife Died, I expect the Com[m]ission to be at newby, about the 10th or 12 of January, In a post or two shall Certainly give you an account of the time, so if any of the Tennants want moneys to Clear in full their last half years Rent, which I hope they will not, you may lend them as much, and when this Com[m]ission is Executed, I doubt not in the least but to have a finall End of this business, which will be a great satisfaction to me, and as also a great ease to you Self, you need not trouble the

Tennants in telling them of advanceing of their rents, till after this Com[m]ission is past, and then you & I shall have time anoufe [enough] to discouse this matter,

I am Your assured Friend

Sr

I desire youl hire a messenger to Carrey this Letter, for it is of some Concern, with my most humble Service to Your Self & partners

I am Sr your Obliged Servt

19 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to Edward Boldero

Newby xber 19th 1714

Sr

I hope you recd my last of the 14th past pray let me know by the very first post how my Lady Wandesford made her will & wt she has Left to the poor major & who Execer I have heard her[e] tht Grandson owed her a good Sum of money and she never had any security by him as the major told me I hope She has taken care of him in her will if not he'll be a very miserable person with my Service to your self & Mrs Boldera I am

Yr assured friend & Sevt

21 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett

Newby xbr 21 1714

My Lord

I allways thought if my Lord Chalmley could make any oposition, with any hopes of sucksess he would be very redey to do it I have often heard his carracter <that> he was allways a whigg at London & a tory in the cuntrey Just as it would serve his turn

as for our neighbouring Burrows one would think that they were all distracted, great summes of money are dayly spent by those that have very little of their own, so it must Certainly come from the Treaserey for <Secret> Service, most are of oppinion that we shall have no Parliament till the first of febuarey by reason's most of the mayors of corporation are chose as that day and are Judges of the Pole & haith the return of the writ for the Corporations for <such> [smudged out] with all our most humble service to yr Lordship & family heartiley wishing a merry Xmas & a happy new year & many I am

Yr Lordships most faithfull &
most obedient humble Servt

21 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to Diana Blackett

Newby xbr 21 1714

My Dearest Dear Mitty

I wonder I have not heard from you since I sent you the fine song, as also the tune, inclosed in the Capt's letter, I desire to know by the first post, whether you have read it or not, I have heard you sing the Tune very often, it is to all you Ladyes now at land,

all this Family and severall of our neighbours will be very merrey this day at newby being St Thomases Day & my dear little mitty's birth day, I doubt you have forgot it at dunham but I beleive mrs Millington would put you in minde of it with my Service to the Capt & his Spouse & blessing to my Dearest mitty I am

your most affectioned Granpapa

You must allways give my most humble Service to my Lard his Lady Y lady marry

23 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: previous and following letters are dated December 1714.]

Newby 23 1714

James

The other side is a Coppay of my last & the Inclosed come from my Soliciter aboue [above?] so you may Perceive Sr John <put> me to all the Charge he Posably can Expect a <Coming> Down out of Chancery about 10 or 12 of january, to Examin both you, & my Self, for what clear moneys you have recd, & what paid me for the three Last half years <Rent > viz since my wife died, so shall Expect every post to have a line from you, tht you have made absolute end with the tennants, you must bring with you the three last half years Rentales, with the Disbursments you Know have Copy of the two first at Newby also the third with you & a Copy of it being they are to be sent to London after you & I have sworn to the Recpt & payment besure fail not to write to me every post & be ready in a days notice to Come to Newby with the Remanider of the Rents, you had better bring a bill for it by reaason there is robing on the road Mr Wilkinson mr Wray or mr Fenwick will furnish you with one what you have occation for

23 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton

[Note: no date but as it is sequenced between letters of 23 & 24 December, 23rd is used here]

Sr

I have a small request to you on the behalf of my Chaplain mr hooper, your vicar mr Thompson, being very much out of order, & not able to officiate in his Duty as he ought to do so is very desirous, to quit his Employment in the Church, by reason of his indisposition, youll doe me the favour, to give your voat for mr Hoopeer, I have made my request to mr Dean, & the Rest of the Prebends, who I beleive are very willing to oblige me, he is a very honest sober honest man, & I am sure will give you great Content otherwise he should not be recom[m]ended by

Sr Your obliged humble Servt

To the Revnd mr Pemberton Rector of Beedal
These P[er] Beedal bagg

24 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to Edward Boldero

[Note: No recipient given, but context suggest it follwos from earlier letters to Boldero]

Newby xbr 24th

Sr

I thank you for the acct you gave me of my Lady Wandesford will as soon as your wife receives a lettr from her aunt <hosier > Inclose it to me and shall take care to deliver it my self when I see a convenient time after the Elect n but be sure you send it before mr maud be Dead, and you may depend on the Best Service that can be done by yr assure friend & Servt

25 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby the 25 xbr 1714

James

I perceive by yrs of the 24 tht you Recd my lettr by a messengr from mr Coulson, I writ you a very full letter the last post wch wd not be at the post office till friday, might besure you every post night send to the post house of Newcastle for yr letters, shall not faile to write you by every post, & in the mean time besure set straight wth all the tenants, & you need not come to newby till I fix the time, wch may in 10 or 15 days or less, I shall make no pay at fallowfd till after Candlemass I believe it is but a very small Sum wch you receive at candlemass & lady day, tht You May lay down for the tents,

wch you may place down in the Rentall not due till Candlemass & lady day, you may acqt all the tennts tht i will not hereafter tye thm to the £20 yearly, but allow thm what their tyths may be judge to be worth, for they cannot yearly have the same quantity of corne, but some more & some less, you have done mighty well to discourse tents as you have done & do not doubt but in a very little time but to have an End made of tht business to my own Satisfaction, faile not to write constantly every post to

Yr assured friend

I hope you Have recd my last Letter long before this, wch Was directed as usuall

25 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to William St Quintin

[Note: Date by inference from previous letter.]

Sr

I perceive by my friend & neighbr Mr Metcalf, tht his son at London is in hopes of being preferred to some impoymt by yr recommendation, his father is a very honest substantiall man, & has given his son very good Education he is come of a very good & honest parentage, & in case it lays in yr way Eighter [Either] to give or get him an imploymt shall tak it an Extraordinary favour done to

Sr Yr Mt Faithfull H Sert

To Sr Wm St Quintine Barrt London

25 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett

[Note: Dated by sequence between 25 Dec and 1st Jan. 25 Dec used here.]

Sr

Newby

the perpetuall advousance [advowson] of the Living of Hurwort did belonging to Colonel buyerley and one mr Jenesson and allwayes p[re]sented it by turn's the last turn was the Colonel, bt a long time before mr Chambr dyed mr Jenesson not only Sold the next turn but his part of the p[er]petuall advouance to mr Chambr's Curate which troubled the old Sr very much & I believe was more Concern'd for his Son, if I could have served you in this or in any thing Else pray believe me allways Sr would do it Efectually

Sr yr Real fr To Serve you

30 Dec 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: Undated but between 25th December and 1st January. 30 Dec used here.]

Newby Dec

James

This is the 4th Lettr that I have write without receiving any answer, I Charge you one to Send to the post house every Post day for my Lettrs for I Shall not omit to write I Expect in a post or two at furthest to receive a Commission out of Chancery to Examine both you and my self wt Cleare moneys you have received of the Tenants, and wt Cleare moneys you's paid me, as Soon as I have received it you Shall have immediate notice to Come to newby & thn a little time after will make an absolute End of the Chancery Sute, fail not to write a line every Post to Yr

Friend EB

for mr James mewburn at Seaton Delavall
to beLeft

1 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

1 Janu 1714/5

James

I Recd Yrs this morning, & shall give you notice enough before you need come to Newby, & you may make what Stay you will by the way for we can adjourn the commission, as there may be occasion, but the Soonr it is perfected, the better, these holydays was the reason of the delay, otherwise the commission would have been here before this, upon the receipt this got to mr fenwick & desire him to send me my acct as also the bills for ballance, as soon as possibly he can for have bought a piece of land, wch must be paid for very Shortly, ordr James clark to give you the numbr of ps & weight of the lead & inclose it me, remembr tht me Reay & partnrs owes me 3 or 4 ps of lead, put thm in mind of it tht they may not forget it let me know how mrs Rogrs has her health & if she be wth child& if there be good correspondence betwixt Sr Jno & thm, inquire ho my Cousin Clavering children does , for we have a report they are all dead, wch I hope is not true, read, seal, & deliver, the inclosed [letter of 1 Jan to Fenwick]

1 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Fenwick

[Note: Enclosed with letter to James Mewburn of 1st Jan.]

Mr Fenwick

I desire you will Send me my Acct & bills for the ballance as at Short sight as you can, for have hought a piece of land wch joynes upon Newby wch must be paid for very shortly orth otherwise wd not call all the monys out of yr hand at once I am
Sr Yr Very humble Servt

4 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

Newby Jan 4 1714

Dear Kitty

Upon receipt of this letter write a line by Post & give my most humble Service to my Brother Bridges <that> he'l order his gardener to goe to London, & assist you in the hireing of an Experient Kitchen Gerdener, from the neat houses or from some such place-, for raising of mellons & Cowcumbeers & all other Early plants be times, for such a gardener I want Extreamly, I hired my self formerly one from the neat houses, & gave him Eight pounds a year, he proved a very honest fellow & he married one of our maides which was the reason I parted with him, I know those men Understands nothing of Pruning of trees Cliping of Greens into Shape, & mannaging of a flower Garden, I have one that understands those things very well, so let me know by the very first post what you can hire, such a man for, I would not stick for a small matter, Provide he be a sober man, with my Service to all your Relatives & Blessing to yr Self & family I am

Your most affectionate Father

fail not to dispatch this Business as soon a possibly you can he may Either come down by ye Carrier or by Sea

6 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Newby the 6 Jann: 1714/15

Honest Will

I perceive by yr letter wch you Writ to my servt tht you design'd to have been at Newby beforre this, but was disappoint by Pattisons not paying his mony, but has promised to pay it about the 12th of January so besure do not begin yr Journey till you have the mony if he be not as good as his word I wd have you arrest both him & his bondsmen so tht we may set all thing streight when you come to Newby, we have a

rept there is great robing so take great [care] how you bring the gold wth you & besure to travell betwixt Sun & Sun, though you make it half a day longr upon yr journey

Yr assured f[rien]d

6 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Fenwick

Newby the 6 Jan

Mr Fenwick

I writ you the 1st instant wch I hope came to hand & was in hopes to have heard from you before this, if you have mot already sent me my acct & the ballance, pray do it wth assoon as possibly you can, & you will oblige I would not be so urgent for the mony but I have made a purchase lately, wch requires speedy paymt,

6 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: undated but in sequence between others of 6th and 7th Jan]

James

this is a copy my last was in hopes of hearing from you, and Mr Fenwick before this, so upon the receipt of this letter, go to Mr fenwick & know of him if he has sent me my acct & bills for the ballance if not desire him to do it wth all possible speed, & tht the bills may be of short date as he can, by reason I have bought a piece of land wch must be pd for very shortly, I expect the commission will be down to morrow or Sunday, & then shall give you notice to come over faile not to let me know what answer Mr fenwick gave you by Saturday nights post, by a line to , if bills cannot be had at Newcastle, must be obliged to send for the monys I am ,

I recd yr letter Yesterday, & do much admire you give me no acct of the receipt of mine & mr fenwicks letter of the 1 instant,

7 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

Newby the 7 January 1714/5

Dr Kitty

the above is a copy of my last, I hope you have hired me a good gardiner before this, but if you cannot get one for eight pound, I would not stick to give something more, provided you are satisfied he understands his business well, & is a sober fellow, if you can meet wth such a one would give him ten pound, but you must endeavour to hire him for as much less as you can, besure faile not to let me know be the very first post, whether you have, or is likely to hire me a gardiner, if not must get one in the

country, advise me likewise what you have done concerning C Hortons affair, it is a Kitchen Gardiner tht I want, & Ten pound a Year is great wages

7 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to John Beaumont

dt

Mr Beaumont,

The goods wch you Shipt for me In Tho Bell have not as yet heard any thing of thm I desire you will Send me, by the first Carrier Two pound Bohea Tea, two pound Green Tea & six pound Coffee, pray let thm be very good, & well packed up, & you will oblige

Sr yr Humb Servt

9 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Diana Blackett

Newby Jan 9th 1714/5

My Dr Little mitty

I Recd thy Lettr this morning & would not neglect one post to send you the remainder of the Sond which I last sent you, Im glad to hear you hold your head much bettr thn you used to doe, let me know whether it will be with, or without the help of a Colar and when you have any Spare time besure to lett me hear from you often for thy Lettrs can never be troublesome to me give my humble service to my Ld and the two Lady's & my blessing to yr self

I am Dr mittys most Affectionate Grandpapa

10 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby the 10 Jannary 1714/5

James

I Recd yrs of the 6th by the last post I writ Mr Fenwick tht if he could nof send me bills, I would Send Sevcts Over for the mony, so upon the receipt of this letter do you acqt him wth the same,

I cannot fix the day when you are to come over for cannot get a commission, till there is a Seal day, & there has not been one these Holydays, but now they are over do expect a commission every post day, assoon as I have it will will give you notice to come to Newby

besure go to Mr Ridley & give him my Service & thanks to him for his present, & when he come on this Side of the Country shall be mighty glad to see him I am

10 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Dt

Mr Ward

I Recd yrs of yesterday, What ever there is occasion for at the mill, I leave it, & all other matters to yr management as have writ you many times, as for the Royalties of Bipton if you can get 200 Guinys or 200 pound for it, otherwise will not dispose of it,

13 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Fenwick

Newby the 13 January 1714/5

Mr Fenwick

I Recd My Acct wch I find right all but the A1<96s> wch you know I would not take tht price for, so you told my servt you would Refer the price to my self however tht is no great matter as for yr bills I must return you them by my Servt by reason none here will give mony for bills without 3s in the pound at least so by the first post let me know when you will be in cash, & shall send servts over to Receive the whole ballance, for I writ you before I have a great Sum of mony to pay the 2 of Feb, & I desire it may all be in gold for the Easy bringing it to Newby, upon receipt of yr answer shall ordr my Servt immediately for Newcastle I am

Sr Yr Humbe Servt

Tomorrow I Send a Servt on purpose to York to get yr bill off if I can, though wth some loss

13 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Mrs Cuthbertson

Newby 13 January

Good Mrs Cuthbertson

I writ you a letter the begining of January tht the first time my Servt came to York he should pay you yr interest, but I perceive mr Stephenson who has mony of mine in his hand, was from home so he did not receive it, & also acquainted you tht I would pay you the Principall within 3 months, I desire you will take care to dispose of it as you shall think convenient & if you have occasion for the whole Sum or any part of it shall pay you in a day or notice having bills by me, & though I pay you the monys upon demand shall be willing to allow you 3/m interest, & in case you cannot dispose the whole Sum, there is a Neighbour of mine who has occasion for £200 & will give you good Security for it wth my most Humb: Service to yr Self, daughter, & mr Thompsons family I am

Yr assured fd & Faithfull Servt

15 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Fenwick

[Note: recipient not stated but from context is Fenwick in Newcastle]

Sr

Newby Jan 15th 1714/5

I sent my Servt to Yorke as I writ you in my last of the 13th and he was recommended to a gentleman there who had occation for a Considerable Sum of money at London and told him that if he would bring him bills within ten or twelf days time or less tho they were for a 1000 or more, he would take them So I desire that you will send me the ballance of my acct in bills, and prey order my Servt Mewburn to bring no money with him but may bring bills [struck out: 'by the first post for wt money he has I expect every Post day to have a Commition out of Chancery or bring them with him'] for he must be here on the 25th to be Examined upon oath by a Commision out of Chancery Concerning Seaton Delavalls Estate, so you may send your bills by the Post or give them him which you please play give me a line upon the Receipt of this Lettr and you will very much oblige

Sr Your most Humb Servt <Dr>

15 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby Jan 15th 1714/5

Jame

I hope you received mine of the 13th I sent my Servt to Yorke on friday las to see if he Could dispose of the Bills, that mr fenwick sent me, and he was recommended to an honest gentleman he tooke his bills and told him that incase he brought him bills in ten or 12 day tho they were to the value of a great Sum he would pay them money for them, I have write mr fenwick to the Same purpose however you have enclosed here a copy of my letter to him

the Commition out of chancery is at last Come down so you must not faile to be here on tuesday the 25th for the Commisiner has ordered the Commision o be Executed on wednesday and wt bills you can get of mr fenwick bring them with you as allso those you get of mr Reay upon receipt hereof fail not to write me a lin to Satisfie me that this Letter Came to your hand as also wt answer mr fenwick gave you

I am your friend

bring the last 3 rentalls wth you, tht is the Rentalls since my wife's death

15 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

Newby the 15 Jannary 1714/5

Mr Silvertop

I Recd yrs wth an Exch Bill for	£101 2 6
& a bill drawn by mr Rudson & Recd	50
For wch I credit your acct	£151 2 6

& give you thanks for the same, as for the Note you Sent me, I know nothing of it, nor of any agreemt tht was made by mr Brumell and mr Robinson, it is the first time I heard any thing of it, but to be Satisfy'd, pray ask mr Wilkinson if he known the agreemt to be so, as they give under their hands, pray when you write me let me know his answer & you will oblige

Yr assured friend To Serve you

Certainly I should have remembered of such an agreemt if it had been made by my order

16 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Dr Cousins

Newby 16 Jann: 1714/5

Dr Cousins

this morning I had the favr of yr letter & you depend upon my best assistance in the disposing of yr monys. I shall have no manner of occasion myself, having a Good Summ by me at present, but shall make it my business to inquire for a safe man tht can give you good Security, you can never Expect more then 5% being you know there is an act of parliamt against takeing more as soon as the Election for the county is Over my self and family disigns for York & perhaps by tht may have occasion wth my most Humbl Service to yr Self & all yr good family I am

Madm yr Friend & Kinsman to Serve you

16 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Edward Boldero

Mr Boldero

I have Sent both yr inclosed to Ripon this morning, as for mr Mands place it has been promised ever since he begun I perceive mr Shaw has ½ & mr Chambers the other pray give my service to my Ld Elect, & tell him I wish him Increase of honour all this family give their service to yr Self & Mrs Boldero I am

yr assured f & Servt

17 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to George Mowbray

the 17 Jann: 1715/5

Honest Mr Moubray

I refered the owing of the receipt of yr kind letter all this time, Expecting to have seen mr featherstone in his journey to London, [struck out: 'but seeing he disappointed me'] if he had come to Newby woulde have made him an offer of a Seaventh, but will have the lead always delivered at Newcastle, or no manner of bargain, so I desire you will acqt the refer it solely to yr it, as for wording the new lease I refer it solely to yr Self, pray satisfy me by a line when this comes to yr hand & you will oblige

Yr assured Friend to Serve you

Mr Dixon

pray Send this letter to Mr Moubray by safe hand & you will oblige
yr assured Friend to serve you

25 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Mrs Cuthbertson

Newby Jan 25 1714/5

Mrs Cuthbertson

Madam, I do not in the Least Question but you'l be willing to take your moneys, which will be due, the begining of April next, tho you seam to think it hard, that you had not longer notice then three months, but if you will Consider, that I have paid you more interest by a Considerable sume, then the whole Principal, so that I think it should Ballance the short notice as you call it, I do assure you that no longer time is given then three months in this part of Yorkshire, but if I had thought it would have been a Convenienc[e] to you would have acquainted you much Sooner with my humble Service to all yr good Family

I am Your faithfull humble Servt

26 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip

[Note: undated but in sequence between others dated 25th and 30th Jan. 26th used here]

Honest Harry

I perceive by your last that there is two hundred and seaventy peices of Lead laying at the mill, which was made of the waste, & about two tun & a half of Mr Loraine's Lead you know he is not paid but for Every ten tun that he makes, so I beleive that you

mean that two tun & a half is above that ten tun which he has allready made & laying at the mill, he cannot Expect any money until he hath made it ten tun the last years lead was Extremely bad weight so that I lost Considerably by it, for the Whole Quantity wanted some fothers of weight, which they may be sure shall make allowance for

Mewburn is at newby with me at present & both ordred him at his return to goe Imediatly to fallow field & make a pay so you must be sure to have your whole years rent ready, which will be about 105 Pound, I hope a small sum more which mewburn will bring with him will clear the pay, you must take Care to have your rent in moneys, & as mewburn pays the money you may receive back for your corn tell mr Bentham I take it Extremely ill he hath not paid for the deals which he bought of my late Steward mr Peart which he should have paid ready money for, you may assure him if he do not pay mr mewburn the moneys at the pay, have ordered him to speak to an attorney to send for a writ which shall put him to three times as much charge I have been put of with his faire words too long, so may Depend upon it shall not give him a days longer Credit fail not upon Receipt of this Letter to give aline by the very first post & let me know what you think the pay will come to I shall not pay mr Loraine any money for till the Quantity Come to ten tun I am

Yr assured friend

For mr Henry Tulip Nigh Hexam Northumberland

26 Jan 1715 Edward Blakett to Thomas Forster

[Note: undated but in sequence between others dated 25th and 30th Jan. 26th used here. Forster was a high church Tory MP, and expelled from the Common for his part in the 1715 Jacobite Rising.]

Sr

I Recd the favr of yr letter & my interest in Northumberland is at yr service pray Service to yr father & acqt that I onely bring up one bull Calf Yearly the rest are bought at Extravagant prices at 3 or 4 days old, wishing you a good journey to London I am

Sr Yr most faithfull Humble Sevt

Tho Foster Esqr at Etherstone near Belford

26 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Jack Scott

[Note: undated but in sequence between others dated 25th and 30th Jan. 26th used here. Evidently written on EB's behalf by an unknown son or daughter then at Newby]

Mr Scot

My Father desires you will send all the chesses dby the Ripon carrier , & not leave any at York I wish you could get 2 of <Eliza> Abbots thickest cheeses and send thm likewise by the carrier, I ordered to keep a [sic] I ordered her to keep a great quantity of her thickest chesses against I came to York, wch I hope she well remember to do all our thanks to you for yr good company I am

yr huml Servt

30 Jan 1715 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

Sr

Newby Jan 30th 1714/5

Kitt I had a Lettr from mr Brummell from Burrowbridge as he was going past to London to make an End of his Concerns with aldrman Ramsay, as allso to pay to yr friend Mr <hutton> wt was indebted to him so I hope by this time he has Paid you wt he was indebted to me as also all cost and Charges

upon receipt of this Lettr desire my Brother Bridges gardener to give you some of the very Best mellon Seed which he knows to be right good and inclose them in a post Lettr Directed for the honourable John Aislable Esqr a member of Parliamt at newbynigh Burrowbridge, never Send more than one lettr at a time to the Post So Directed, If I bound two young Lads that was brought up in my family to to gardeners that lived in London and now they are in very great places in noble mens familys as gardeners and they Promised to send to you Severall sorts of seeds for me so be sure you take great care in inclose them in a post Lettr but send onely one on a post day as Soon as our Election for the County is over I design for York and a month or two after I'm for the Bath and so let me know when you design to be in Yorkeshire my Blessing your self and little godson and Service to all relations I am

Yr most affe

Hereafter I shall frand [frank] all my Lettrs fail not to write me a lind upon the receipt of this Letter

1 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to Thomas Wilkinson

[Note: undated but in sequence between others dated 30th Jan and 1st Feb. 1st used here. Recipients un-named but the tenor of the letter suggests it might have been Thomas Wilkinson, one of the MPs for Boroughbridge in the feb 1715 election. The

Wilkinsons and the Stapleton's had an agreement to carve up the small borough's two seats between them.]

Sr

The great respect I have for the memory of your grand father and father obliges me to remind you of an agreement that was made betwixt them and Sr Bryon Stapylton, and by all their request I was desired to be guarantee for their true performance of the agreement, that is to say, that when Mr Willkinson had a mind to bring in any Gentleman upon an Election for a parliament man, Sr Bryon would agree to and give no disturbance in the least & Mr Wellkinson would do the same to Sr Bryon or to any friends of his who he would recommend in his room, so that now is a time not only to performe the agreement but to unite both families in true friendship as they were formerly I know you are very indifferant of being a parliament man your self so if you think it convenient will come to burrowbridge to morrow in the afternoon & shall desire Sr bryons Company, & will Engage it shall not fail on Sr bryons side, to have a right understanding betwixt your families which will oblige a great many gentelm[en] in your neighbourhood & perticularly

Sr Your most faithfull Humble Servt

Sr Bryan knows nothing of this letter it is my own doing, in hopes of making you friends

1 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to Mrs Robinson

Mrs Robinson 1 Feb 1714/5

these Severall Election in the neighbourhd prevented my coming to York so Soon as I desired, they will be all be over this week, so assoon as you can send me ten or 12 chaldren of the best Morley coals & if they prove as I expect, shall have occasion of for a considerable quantity to Send to Newby in the Sumer, so so upon the receipt of this letter let me have a line from you to Satisfy me tht this came to hand, mr Mashrother who lives over against my house, will see the coals carefully taken Inn, my daughters gives you their service I am

Yr assured friend to Serve you

Mrs Robinson At her house In Wakefield

3 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Newby 3 feb 1714/5

Honest will

I am Glad you've got well home, I'm sorry for the masfortune the poor men had in being Drown'd I don't remember any water at west Aukland that would take a horse much above the feet lock, I had discourse with men that has the most understanding for defending ground from the water they have try'd severall ways and also has been at a great Charge in making Credils as you do in Northumberland but <and> to no purpose, the only way they find now is to sett willows about the middle of march and pritty Close together make them Trench about ½ yd behind the Credles but the nigher the water they are set the bettr and as a straight down as Conveniently you can I hope you have great plenty of willow by you within our own or tenents grounds if not you must buy a Considerable quantity, you have time Enough to Speak to worke people and Enquire out willows before it be time to set them upon receipt of this let me know who you sent with the Lettr I gave you to mr Mowbray and whether hyou have willows enuf nigh you

I am yr assured friend

5 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

5 Febr 1714/5

James

Assoon as convenient you can Receive as much monys of mr Fenwick, and go and discharge the carriage for the lead tht was brought down the latter End of last Summer as for the pay I shall not discharge it, 'till they have smelted up what Oar & Slags they have, or shal get ready, till lady day, or Sum time after for lead is at present at so low a price if I get so little or nothing by their workings, & I must sell & dispose of the lead before it be possible for me to make a pay however you may ordr H Tulip to give thm credit, for what the the poor work men has occasion for, & after some time they shall all be paid to a farthing , I perceive from a letter from H Tulip & by his calculation the pay will come to as much money, as if all the lead was sold for £9 a fother, if so they must have patience till I can dispose of the lead, have desired mr coulson to send a messenger on purpose wth this letter, wch I hope will find you at Seaton soonr discharge the carriage the better, for would willingly have that first done so besure faile not & assoon as it is done give an acct of the charge by a line to

6 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to George Booth

[Note: Recipient un-named but content and reference of Mr Booth indicate it was to his late wife's relation the Earl of Warrington]

My Lord

The reason I have not troubled yr L.ship wth a letter of late was in hopes of giving you an acct in my Chan[cer]y suit wth Sr John, he makes all the shifts & delayshe possibly can, tho I doubt not to foreclose him in a short time all our Parliamentering are almost at an End & the low church men carries it for most places, I heartily wish mr Booth success wth all Services from hence to yr Ldship & family I am

Yr Ldships mt obt Humble Sert

6 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to Captain Millington

[Note: Undated but sequenced between others of Feb 6th. Refernece ot Mrs Millington dhows the receipt was Capt Millington]

Honest Capt

I Recd yr letter & the other day yr noble present, for wch I heartily thank you it rejoyces me much to hear tht my Dr little Missys carries herself so prittyly, the low church party carries it almos> at all places in this country, I believe there will be no opposition for the county, That Election will not be till wednesday Sevensnight I &some time after I design to take up my Quarters in York for 1 month or 2 & then for bath, I thank God I have my health very well but am not able to walk, I hope bathing in the bath for some time, will recovr me, wth all our Services to yr self & mrs MillingtonI am yr assured Friend & Servt

6 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to Diana Blackett

6 Feb

My dearest dr Mitty,

I perceive by yr letter tht you Recd the remaining part of the Song, as also tht yr dancing mastr thinks you hold up yr head much better without a Chollar than wth it let me know if you had a storm of wind 4 or 5 days ago, & whether it did not unroof the Capts barne & Stable, it has done very great damage all this country over many barns & houses blown down to the grd I thank god Newby recd little or non I believe if you had as much wind at dunham as we had here, it would fright you much, give my Service to my Lord & lady mary wth my blessing to my Dr missy

I am Yr Grand Papa

6 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Stephenson

[Note: Undated but sequenced between others of Feb 6th and 7th.]

mr Stephenson

upon receipt of this letter Send me A dossin of yr largest & best matts, if you have not of yr own tht are extraordinary good, I desire you will procure thm else where, I hear there is a boat at York, so I desire you will not faile to put ye matts aboard of her for we have great occasion for ym I am

yr very humble Servt

7 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Dixon

[Note: Undated but sequenced between others of Feb 6th and 7th. Presumably the Hexham grocer]

Mr Dixon

I perceive by yr letter tht Some of my work men are indebted to you about £15 or £16 pound, below you have an ordr to Ja: Mewburn when he makes a pay to deduct it for you, I had a letter lately from H. Tulip, who gives me an acct of what lead is laying at the Mill, he is so far mistaken in his acct tht I dare say there are not one half of the tuns he gives me an acct off so I desire you upon receipt of this letter you will ordr H. Tulip to go up wth you to the Mill wth you, & take an acct how many pieces of lead there is made of the waste Oar, & how many pieces Mr Loraine has made of the Slaggs, & Send me the Number of pieces by the very first post, & you will oblige

yr assured Friend to Serve you

Ia: Mewburn I perceive by Mr Dixon tht there is half a dosin work men at followfield tht owes him about £15 when you make a pay besure faile not to deduct it for him I am yr Friend

7 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip

7 Febr 1714/5

H Tulip

I Recd yrs of the 3d wherein you mention tht there is 15 tun of lead smelted of the dead heaps, I dare say there is ? the quantity, so besure you be more careful & go up wth mr Dixon to the Mill, & count all the pieces Exactly & let me have the number of thm, & then guess how much the pay, you know there are always 16 ps to the Tun, I never heard of tht fallowfd house wanted repairing till yr last letter, so let me know

what time of the year the houses was Slated & from whence the slaits came from, formerly the tenants always led the slaits wth their own carriages, when the houses or stables wanted repairing, faile not to give me an answer of this letter, by a line by the first post to

yr assured friend

7 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to Stephen Coulson

[Note: Undated but sequenced between others of Feb 7th.]

Mr Coulson

by the last post I Sent you a letter with one inclosed to James Mewburn & desired yr care, of it, inclosed you have likewise for him wch I desire you send upon the Riceipt of this, by a carefull messenger, if you will write a full discharge for all the mony you have Recd for my use & give it to Mewburn to Inclose to me, I will sign it, & return it you againe wth thanks

7 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: The letterbook draft originally contained a section entirely struck out and replaced with very similar text as given in the transcript below, relating to EB's desire for a strict account of the lead made from waste ore]

Newby the 7 Febr 1714/5

James

I writ you the last post, & ordered you up to pay the carriage men for what lead was brought down the latter end of the last Summer, but this letter is to contradict my last order, so besure do not pay any thing of the carriage till you give me an acct of what it comes to you need not to go to Fallowfield till further order

I have desired mr Dixon of hexham to goe to the mill, and give me an axact account how many pieces of Lead is made of the Waste Oar, & how many mr Loraine has made from the Slaggs I had a foolish acct from Henry Tulip that their was five & forty tun made of the waste & to my certain knowledge there is not above twenty. within Eight or ten days shall have a perfect account & then shall acquaint you desire mr Ray & Company to write a discharge for what moneys they have up at <recds> & send it me & I shall sine it and returne it againe & do you set all things straight with them, you must agree with all the tennents as reasonably as you can for the had tith, for you must understand it better upon the spot then I can here, you may get some understanding man to assist you, I have 9 large fat oxen which has been 2 years fed I wish you could <send> me an able butcher from shields, for I know fat oxen are very scarce in yor Partes, Let me know whether Ritchinson of Sheilds the Butcher be a substanchal man

or not do not recv any moneys our of mr Fenwicks hand till you have my order, I am glad that you have made an End with whitridge Tennants, I wish you coud make a good End with them all, you may acquaint them that I ahall let them leases for three years I doubt not but you may make a good advancement of the rent faile not to writ to me often & let me know the price Current of Lead

I am Yr assured Friend

9 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: Undated but sequenced between others of Feb 7th and 12th. Assume later than the one of 7th to Mewburn so 9th used here.]

James

I hope you Recd bothe my letters, Yesterday I Recd a letter from mr Mowbray who writes me the workmen complain mightly for want of pay, so I have writ to mr Dixon of Hexham, & desired him upon the receipt of the letter to go to fallowfield, & acqt me exactly how many pieces of lead are made of the waste Oar & how many mr Loraine has made of the Slaggs, I the pay will come to much more than I Expected, so faile not to acqt. mr. Fenwick tht I shall have occasion very shortly, for all of the mony to make a pay at fallowfield, assoon as I know how many ps of lead are made, I can guess how much the pay will come to or nigh it, tell mr. Reay to write a Receipt for what monys they have Recd for my Use, & do you inclose it me, & Shall sign it & Send it back, write me the price Currt of lead

12 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to Christian Mitford

Newby 12th Feb 1714/5

Dear Sister

I recd the inclosed by the last post with much Satisfaction its from yr son my Nephew Blacket midford from the factory of Bombay in the East Indies it pleases my very much that he minds his business so well and if please god he lives he will be a great man and a Credit to his family and all his relation I did perswaide him to goe there & got him a lettr of recommendation from my friend mr Aislabie to his brother who is chief Governor there for the East India Compay I can write you no more only refer you to his letter which I know will please you mighty well with my kind love and Service to your self and family

I am Dr Sister your most Affectionate Brother and Humble Servt

12 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to John Wilkinson

Cozon Wilkinson

Newby Feb 12th 1714/5

I recd a leter last post from my nephew Blacket midford from Bombay in the East Indies wch is inclosed to my Sister midford I desire you will give it her with yr own hands twill please her very much to read it for I perceive if peas god he leve he will a Considerable man and a Credit to his family with my humble

Service to yr self and Cosons

I am yr affectionate Kinsman and humble Servant

pray acqt me if mr Brummell have made any End of his business fof I prceive he is abt it

13 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby 3 febr

James

I would have you goe and discharge the pay also the Carrage of what lead is comd down but be sure you pay mr Loraine no more but by agreement which is for every ten Tun tht is lying by at the mill and which is already not payd for and be sure you order an attorney to serve Bentham with a County warrant for wt he is in debted to me, Harry Tulip Can tell you what it it I know it is not much however I would put the knave to Charge being as he never as yet took any notice of it, nor would he ever do it if he was let alone give me an acct by the first post who the Candadates for Newcastle and morpeth, and who Carryed the Election

I am yr assured

13 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to Marie Selby

[Note: Undated but sequenced between others of Feb 12th and 14th. 13th used here.]

Mrs Selby

I Recd yr letter & am much concerned tht yr Father's Annuity is so much behind hand, do assure you it has been without my knowledge, my Steward has Every half year changed, it is in his accts shall take care it is shortly discharged, as also th+ it shall be better paid hereafter I am

Yr Humble Servt EB

Mrs Marie Selby Mantow maker in Lise Street nigh Lester Fields London

17 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby Feb 17th 17

upon the receipt of this Lettr give to mr Wilkinson and give him inclosed lettr from mrs Selby and tell him tht you'll pay any proportion of her fathers annuity When mr Errington comes to receive it, so receive as much money of mr fenwick as will discharge it, Mr Brummell must make it good to me hereafter all but for one year

inclosed I have Sent a receipt for mr Reay and Comy as desired, I am glad you've let mr Atkinson his farme at 30ll p[er] ann as allso has relet allon's farme at 23ll for one year, the acct you give me of the carrage gives me Satisfaction inclosed I have sent you Mr Cuthbertson the Serveors patern of his son's doing which I like very well, I think he axes too much, how ever I will concenter it and will send my proposal wt I will give

If mr Wilkinson be not in the house leve the mr Selbys lettr with his wife I order'd Mr Dixon and harry Tulip to gieve the work people Credit for I could not conveniently make a pay as yet send by the first post a Cobby of the last pay at fallowfield for I cannot find it here acct me how many year mr Brumel was is arear in not paying mr Selbys annuity for in all his accts he charges it payd half yearly you must mind to take a receipt of mr Errington for my one ½ of the annuity, and mr Wilkinson will take a receipt for the other half you must never demand the price of Lead of mr fenwick for they will never tell you Exactly for you be sure all ways with the powest James Clarke will inform you best, know of him who brought the last lead and where it was Shipt

I am yr Friend

fail not to answer this in every perticular

20 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett

Newby Feb 20th 1714/5

Dr Sr

I am so very much out of order and so great a cold is on me, prevents me waiting on you today as I design'd so I hope you'll pardon me I believe your stay in the country will not be long so I heartily wish you a good journey and all health and Happyness to yr self and family

yr most obedient and most faithfull Humble Servt

22 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: James Mewburn (c.1680-1731) was the steward at Seaton Delaval Hall. Date of next letter in book is 25th, so date of this letter must be between 20th and 25th. 22nd is used here, ie giving 3 days since the date of Mewburn's letter]

James

I perceive by yrs of the 19th that Mr wise is out of pocket £30 upon Brumells acct for Mr Selbys annuity, I wish Mr Wise would let that £30 alone till Mr Brumells comes to Town, & I will see it p[ai]d, in case Mr Brumell dose not immediately pay it, Mr Brumell should have discharged all the annuity onely for one Year last past wch was the time that I took my business out of his hand, so acq[ain]t Mr Wise wth it, wth my Service to him, what Mr Wilkinson is in arrear I cannot well tell, he can informe you best, acqt Mr Cuthbertson that I have found a Survey of Seaton Delaval L[or]dship wch you may remember you got done, by an old Survey wch you found amongst some old writings in the old Tour, so shall have no occasion for another Survey, I perceive you have let Lyesdon for me for £160 p Ann[um] as also wlkin and Shepseys for me for one Year, at the old rent, I wond[e]r you got no advance of rent for these 2 farmes, as also that the ten[nan]ts should be so unreasonable In their demand for their ½ tyth, go upon the receipt of this letter & give my Service to my Sister Mitford & know whether Mr Wilkinson delivered her a let[e]r wth his own hands wch I Recd from her Son my Nephew B Mitford from the East Indies who I hear is an Extraordinaru Surcomestances, faile not to Send me a copy of the last pay, am af[rai]d shall be forced to ord[e]r will Lowe to take up as much at interest mony of Mr Bacon for 6/m[onths] as I shall want to clear the pay wch I hope will not be much, considering H Tulip is a whole Year in arrear, wth the moneys in Mr Fenwicks hand, I can make no judgemt of the pay till you go to fallowf[iel]d & see all the Lead counted & weighed, for there is no relying of H Tulip being he is illettered poor fellow, let me know by the first post when you can Best go to fallowf[iel]d for you must make a journey their before I make a pay perhaps H Tulip may have moneys in his hand, over & above his rent, & then there will be no occasion to trouble Mr Bacon, know of the free porter James Clark who shipt the last lead & the price currt should be glad to hear you had made a good end wth Mr Errington & Mr Wise concerning Mr Selbys annuity I am Yr Friend

Acqt me what the work people was to have per foth[e]r for working & smelting the dead heaps

Inquire what end Mr Brumell has made in his business & whether he is come home or not

25 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to William Screen

[Note: named as William in a later letter]

Sr

I design for the bath the latter end of March or the beginning of April, & hearing so good a character of your house that I design to be wth you ab[ou]t that time, & in the interim I desire you will find me out a very good Stable, I shall have six Stoned coach horses, or 2 or Sadle horses, so pray let me know by a line the first post what I must pay a week for Each horse for hay & what I must allow the landlord for Each qt of Oats market measure I shall buy in the markt the coachman & postillion must lay at the house where the horses stands, the other Sevts will lodge & eat where I do, direct your letter for Sr Edward Blacket at Newby nigh Burrowbridge In Yorkshire you will oblige

Sr your Servt

For Mr Screen at his house at the bath via London

27 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

Dr Kitty

I shall draw on you shortly for £27:10 and also another bill for £50 payable to my Ld warrington or order, the £50 bill will not be payable till the latter End of March you will not be in town at the time so ordr your Servt to take care to pay the bills when due myself & my family design for York next week, so I hope shall see you their at the time you appointed wth my blessing to your Self Wife & godson & Service to all relations I am

27 Feb 1715 Edward Blackett to George Booth

[Note: Mitty was EB's name for his grand-daughter Diana Blackett who is being educated by Lord Warrington (George Booth) following her father William's death]

My Lord

I heartily congratulate your L[or]dship upon your brothers Election, do very Sincerely wish him the continuance of his good health myself & familys goes to York in a day or two & shall continue their for some time I believe your L'ship will be for London shortly, so I wish you a good Journey, when I hear you are their, shall send your Lordship a bill for my Dr Little Mittys allowance, wth my most humble Service to your Lship & family

I am

Yr Ldships most faithful & most obednt Humbl Serv t

My Dr Little Mitty

I have not had a letter from you this long time, wch I wond[e]r at, I must now acq[ua]in[t] you that you was a godmother lately to Mrs Stapyltons child, your Aunt Maria represented you, so we have another little Diana in our Neighbourhoud so upon receipt of this, write me a pretty letter, & take time to do it, & give your Service to Mrs Stapylton, & your blessings to your little god daughter who you hope to see one of these days wth my blessing to you, & my humble Service to the whole family I am
Mittys. D[ea]r Grand Papa

28 Feb 1715 Edward Blakett to James Mewburn

28 Febr 1715

James

I Recd yours wth the last pay inclosed, cash up this pay as nigh as possibly you can to the 25th of March, but do not pay any thing for Slates or work done at the houses, but onely what is done at the Mines shall be paid out of H tulips ½ Years rent due at May day next, that is for the lead that Loraine has made, as also for the waste Oar lead, but pay no more for a fother than what was usually paid, both for the waste Oar & Slaggs, the waste Oar was £6:12-6, & pay Mr Loraine what you formerly paid him, for lead is so cheap I get nothing by neither of them, that is worth the trouble, you must reckon what is due from H Tulip his whole Years Rent, as also what monys I have at Newcastle, & what comes short, you must desire Wm Lows to borrow so much of Mr Bacon for 6/m upon interest, & he shall discharge it at the Six months End, out of my Rents, & in case Mr Bacon Screple it [sic – scruple], I will send him my bond for the mony, peruse and seal the inclosed & Send it by a carefull messengr I have sent a copy of this letter to Mr Dixon afraid this should miscarry, I go to York very shortly so direct my letters for me at my house in York,

28 Feb 1715 Edward Blakett to William Lowes

[Note: Date is not given, but lies between 28th Feb & 1st March. 28th Feb is assumed here. William Lowes dealt with Westwater estate business for Edward Blakett.]

Honest Will

I have ordered Mewburn to go to fallowfield, & compute what the pay will come to, as nigh as possibly he can, & then to consider H Tulips whole Years Rent, & what monys I have at Newcastle, & what these two Sums will come to short in making a clean pay to the 25th March, if Mr Bacon has monys by him, I desire he will lend me as much for 6/m & will pay him in interest for it, if this letter is not Sufficent shall send him my

bond for it, so my ordr to you is that in case he lends me the mony, that you pay him out of the next half Years Rent, & consideration for it, & shall take it as a favr wth my Service to him I am

Yr Friend

I have inclosed a copy of this letter to JM to send to you by a carefull messngr afraid this should miscarry

Mr Dixon

Inclosed is a letter for my Servt Mewburn who will be at fallowf[iel]d on Wednesday next wch I desire you will give him wth your own hands, or send a carefull messngr wth it, I am

Yr assured f[rien]d

1 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett to John Crawley

Newby march the 1st 1715

Upon the receipt of your's have used the Lease made to your father, wch Expired above two years agoe, & the rent for the Large house and close at willing <too> being so inconsiderable that you may very well pay the window money and look into the window ac[coun]t where it Expresly lays the Tax upon Tenants, and you being only from year to year doe Expect you'l order your Servant doe discharge the same, Since the Expiration of the lease being three year next may day

I am sr Your most Humble Servt

Pray send a line of the receipt of this

To Mr John Crawley Mercht in London

8 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Saville

York 8 March 1715

Mr Savill D[ea]r Sr

I am mightily Surprised to hear the report wch has been in this country for some time, wch I would not give any credit to, but now my Son Chris being in the countrey & inquiring of him about it tells me the same report is at London, that is of an intreague betwixt my Son the Capt & their daughter Malle, wch concerns me very much, I know

you have so good a Character that I cannot believe you even had the least knowledge of it, & I do protest before God Almighty that if any such thing should happen, I never will give him one farthing of the Estate, nor never see his face more, pray read this letter to your daughter, & tell her, that I wish her much better than to see her miserable wch she may depend upon will be if she marry the Capt, & besides that, it will break all friendships betwixt our familys, wch would likewise be a great trouble to me, I hope your good advice to your daughter, though she have any such thoughts will [struck out: 'satisfy her'] convince her that it is by no manner of means to be thought off, & not to refuse a conven[ien]t [struck out: '& proper'] match, wch you think proper for her to accept off, wth my most humble Service to yourself, Sister Savill, & the rest of your family, & pray believe me always

Sr your Most Affect Brother & faithfull humbl Servt

8 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

The 8 March 1715

James

I Recd your letter [struck out: 'from Mewburn'] & finds the work people was unwilling you shoud weigh of the lead that was at the Mill, before they were satisfy'd what they was to have for Every 16 p[ie]ce[s], they may depend upon it, that they shall not have one farthing more than what they had [struck out: 'formerly'] the last pay & shall order it to be of whether they will or no & let me know by the first post, what quantity of lorains lead, lyes at the Mill that was formerly paid for, if you do not know desire Dixon to give you an acct, if I should give them that washes the dead heapes, as also lorain tgeir demands, I should be no gainer by their workings, so if they do not like the price, at the pay they need work no longer, faile not act Mr brumell what a trouble it is to me, that so great an arrear should be due to Mr selby, wch I knew nothing off, so I hope he will take care to pay you it & as always charged yearly in his acct, I hear he has made an absolute End of all his troubles wch let me know if it be true, you may very easily informe yourself in towne, acqt me likewise when my Nephew Blacket sets forw[ar]d for London,

12 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett to William Screen

York 12 March

Sr

Since my last one of my coach horses happened a misfortune, so shall be obliged to hire a hackney, we shall be onely myself, Son & 2 Servts I hope to up the 1st or 2nd week in April

I am Your Friend & servt

To Mr Wm Skrine At his house at the Bath

12 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

Mr Silvertop

Inclosed I have sent you Mr Crowleys letter, his lease I perseve has been Expired 3 Years next May day, so you must receive the window money for these 3 years, I hope you may make good Improvement of that farme, for I cannot well tell how he can be without it, [struck out: 'pray inform me if you can, whether Mr'] & at your leasure pray give a line to Your Assured f[rien]d to Serve you

12 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Melmerby

12 March 1715

Mr Melmerby

Upon the receipt of this letter, I desire you will write to your friend in the admiralty, & known of him the Capt & ships name that went to Boston to relieve my son, or how long it is since he sailed, & when you think my Son may be in England, & acqt me by a line to Your Assured Fr[ien]d to Serve You

E.B.

15 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: no date, but sequence within letterbook suggests 15th March]

James

I perceive by yours that Mr Mowbray & Jacob peart made a bargain wth Loraine wth the workmen, if so, they must be paid according to the agreemt, let me know by the first post what lead is laying at the Mill, both of lorains, & the waste Oar, I wondr you give me no acct what you have done in Mr Selbys business, concerning the arrears of his annuity, I cannot believe that any of the tenants of winlaton owes brumell anything, or ever gave him any security, wch you may soon inform yourself, from Mr Silvertop, you may acqt Mr Hembden who I know nothing off, that I design to sell Seaton Delavall as soon as I can find a good purchaser, & that he may view it when he pleases, Endeavoir if it be possible, to know who it is, that would purchase it, I be not mistaken hembden is an attourney in town, I do not believe there is any in Northumberland that is able to buy it Excepting Mr Bacon, deliver the inclosed to Mr Atkinson who I perceive has sent me a present of fish

15 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett to John Atkinson

[Note: Mr Atkinson was a tenant, gardener possibly renting gardens somewhere, then gardener at Newby.]

York the 15 March 1715

Mr Atkinson

I perceive by yours of the 11th that you have sent me a present of Fish, wch I am very much obliged to you for, & I do not in the least doubt but it will come safe to hand, I came to York some time ago & designs to stay till after May day, wth my humble Service to Mr Rogers & his family I am

Your oblig'd Friend To Serve you

16 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett to George Booth

16 March

My Lord

Am obliged to your lordship for yours of the 7th, I perceive you do not go to London so soon as I thought you would, have inclos'd your lordship a bill of £50 for my dear mittys allowance, upon my Son Christopher wch will be punctually paid, though he be at present in the North, I Recd a letter the last post from my d[ea]r Mitty, as also one inclosed wch I will take care to deliver, wth my most humbl Service to your lordship & family & my blessing to my dear Mitty I am

Your Lordships most faithfull & most Obedt Humbl Servt

16 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett to George Mowbray

[Note: date of letter between 16 & 25th March. 16th used here. George Mowbray was also William Blackett's agent at Allenheads]

Mr Mowbray

I perceive by a letter from Jacob Peart that the workmen was to have £7:5

I perceive by your letter of the 19th that you bargaind wth Loraine for £5.50 pr tun as also wth [~~struck out: 'the workmen'~~] those that works the dead heaps for £7:5 pr fother wch shall be punctually paid, it is a mistake betwixt my Clerk & James Mewburn, you may be assured, what ever bargains you make for me shall always be duley observed so pray acqt Loraine, & the workmen, that they shall be paid to a farthing

Was in hopes you had made an agreemt wth the undertakers before this time, I writ you before because you thought it reasonable was willing to take a Seaventh, but then will have the Lead delivered at Newcastle, [~~struck out: '<so pleasant> to acqt the~~

partners wth it, & as soon as possible at your leisure pray let me know by a line what their answer resolution'] are I am / but rather than break wth them will take every Seaven & a half, so what conclution you make in this shall be punctually observed by
Your assured Friend to Serve you

25 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Loftus

[Note: Mr Loftus of Bedale]

The 25 March

H[ones]t Mr Loftus

I am very much obliged to you for the most kind letter, & do assure you if it were in my power to be any way Serviceable to you none should be more ready than myself on Monday next God willing I design for the bath & I hope to God if Journey & the waters will prove for my healths sake so farewell honest Mr loftus & believe me always the real friend to Serve

EB

I shall be glad to receive a lettr from you at the bath, may direct for me at the bath via London

25 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Sedgewick

[Note: undated, but 25th March based on letter book sequence]

Mr Sedgewick

Your letter Surprised me very much, I am sure I do not owe you one farthing & never shall I hope, & why you should desire Mr Ridsdale to pay my dbts, that has no moneys of mine in his hands, it is strange to me, so you need not give me nor yourself, any further trouble upon this acct I am Your Friend

EB

26 Mar 1715 Edward Blackett

York 26 March

Dr Sr

Am very much obliged to you for your of the 19th as also for the 2 inclosed Draughts you sent me, I am now in a hurry going to the bath & have not time to take advice abt them at their own leisure I desire a line from each of you to the bath & what price he sets on them wth my most humble Service to yourself & Lady I am

Sr your Most Faithfull & Most Obedt Humb. Servt

26 Mar 1715 Edward Blckett to James Mewburn

James

You will find I was mistaken, by the inclosed from Mr Mewbray & Jacob Peart, so let the workmen & Loraine be paid according to their agreemt, I would have a pay made at May day next, & what is due to me from Mr Fenwick, ordr Will Lows to furnish you wth it, & shall pay him consideration for it, have writ to him some time ago about it, this day I desig[n] for the bath in Somersetshire via London I am

9 Jun 1715 Edward Blckett to James Mewburn

June the 9

James

I returned from the bath last Sunday very much out of order, I hope a little time will set me right againe, am glad you set the carriages on before you left fallowf[iel]d, & besure you agree wth one to pile the lead as it comes down to Newburn, I wish you could send me a bill by Saturday nights post, if not you had best bring the money you have wth you to Newby, for this is a time that you may be best spared (& also bring the pay wth you, for I long to know what was done at fallowfield,) & faile not to give a line by Saturday nights post to

9 Jun 1715 Edward Blckett to John Ward

[Note: undated but assumed here to be the same as previous letter. Appears to have been a steward]

Mr Ward

I returned from the bath last Sunday, very much out of ordn, I hope a little time will set me right againe give my Service to Mr Spereman & acqt him if he will give 200 guineys, he shall have the manner of Bishopton, I w[oul]d have writ you long since to the same purpos, but have been out of order, I believe you may see Mr Spierman at Darlington, (am sorry to hear you have been likewise out of ordr should be glad to hear you are perfectly recovered againe) I hope you will get me good advance for Thompson Farme, let me know who it is that w[oul]d take it, & how much advance they offer for it, wth my Service to yourself & family I am

10 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett to George Mowbray

[Note: undated, but after 4th June. 10th June used here.]

June

H[ones]t Mr Mowbray

I perceive by your of the 4th June, that the undertakers are unwilling to allow me more than 1/8, so I soley refer it to yourself they shall be obliged [struck out: 'by the lease in case they do not'] constantly to work her, [struck out: 'that the lease shall be forfeit'd'] if not, the lease to be forfeited, & my Part of lead delivered at Newcastle Formerly I spoke to my Nephew Blacket about Wall Fell, who promised me a lease of it, for what term I pleased, so did likewise my Bro: Blacket in his life time, & if there be any likelihood of fallowfield vein striking into that liberty will get a lease of him when he returns from London, I have had no reckoning wth partners these Severall Years, so I desire that they would adjust their account betwixt [struck out: 'set all straight amongst'] us, before the commencmt of the new lease, so as soon as you have discoursed the partners pray give me a line to your assured friend to Serve you—

14 Jun 1715 to William Lowes

[Note: Date out of sequence – added later? Evidently from an unnamed Newby agent,]

Newby June 14

Mr Lowes

I recd yours & am to acquaint that my master is come from the bath & likewise in pretty good health and as for the bargain that you made wth wood my master will confirme

15 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett to George Booth

June 15 1715

My Lord

I am infinitely obliged to your Lordship for your kind inquire after my health, I fell ill upon the road of a Pluresie within forty miles of Newby I stayed there ten or twelve days & had five & thirty ounces of blood taken from me I wish I had continued there ten or fifeten days longer for my journey home did me a very great prejudice tho I made three days of it, I am forced to have two or three people to sit up with me every night since I took my Distemper, for I cannot move, nor got in or out of bed without their assistance, tho they put me to a very great deal of paine, when they move me so I doubt shall be forced to be let blood again which my Doctor thinks will ease me of my paine which I am very unwilling to doe being I have lost so much blood before, but if the

Paine do not goe away in two or three days shall be forced to it, all the family gives their most Humble Services to your Lordship & pray believe me Intierly
your L[or]d[shi]ps most faith[ful] & most obedient Humble Servt

June 15 1715

My Dearest Mitty

I returning from the Bath I fell very ill upon the road about forty miles from Newby where I was forced to stay ten or twelve days, I thank God I got to Newby at last but cannot say well in health, for I cannot move in bed, so is forced to have two or three to sit up with me Every night, I hope a little time will set me to rights againe, my most Humble Service to both the Ladys & Blessing to my Dearest Mitty I am Your Most Affectionate

Granpapa

Give my Service to the Capt & his Wife & tell them that I'll trouble Them with a letter as soon as I am perfectly well Recover'd

16 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

16 June 1715

Mr Silvertop

Sr, I have been in the South at the bath these 3/m & am but just return'd, cannot say I am so well in health as I could wish, but I hope a little time will perfectly recover me, the time of the year is now past for cutting of timber, & please God next year shall follow the advice, inclosed I send you your acct signd, & had done it much soonr if had been at home, my Brother I believe did buy a small piece of ground at Bladon wch I have nothing to do withall, when I am a little better in health wch I hope will be shortly you shall further hear from

Your assured friend to Serve

21 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett to George Booth

Newby 21 June 1715

My Lord

I am Still Every day more and more obligd to your L[or]dship for the kind wishes for my recovery, my the pain on my side continuing wch obligd me to be let blood & had 12 ounces [struck out: 'of blood'] taken [struck out: 'from me last Sunday'] on Sunday last, I thank god I find myself better Since, tho, I cannot turn myself in bed, as yet, without help, I hope I shall get strength shortly, for I find myself much better

Shall send my Lady Warringtons Picture to York & so shipt for London, directing it for my Son, at his hous at the White hart on bread street hill, wth my most humble Service and thanks to my Lady Mary Robarts I am

Your Ldships most F[aithful] & mo[st] Ob[edient] H[umble] Serv[an]t

21 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Stephenson

Mr Stephenson

Sr – I must desire your particular care in conveying by some careful master, in whom you can depend upon, a Picture of very great value, wch is directed for my Son Chr[istopher] he will likewise return by the same master another picture of great value, wch you must desire him to take the same care off, the particular care in this, will ever oblige

your assur'd F[rien]d & H[umble] Ser[vant]

I hope you have not forgot to write for the 2 canary birds you may Expect to receive the box in a very short time, so let me know when you have a Mastr that gose for London that you can depend upon, wch I look upon to be much safer than to be sent by the carrier

21 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

Dr Kitty

My Ld Warrington will send to your house a picture of value and had done it before this but had forgot where you lived, if you can depend upon a mastr that will take a particular care of it, ship it by him, & direct it for Mr Scott Crane Mastr in York to be sent to Newby, I likewise shall send you a picture of great value for my Ld warrington, wch you must send by a careful porter, my Ld w[oul]d take it kindly if you waited on him at the same time yourself may with my humble Service, maria had a letter this day from my Lady Blacket who writes that my Br Bridges is in town & very ill, let me know how he is at pres[en]t & what his distemper is, I have been very much out of ordr my Self, in my return from the bath was oblig'd to stay 12 days at a place 40 miles from Newby, not being able to get any further, I am not perfectly recovered yet, but hope shall be well shortly, wth my blessing to you all I am

Stephenson

the above said is a copy of my last wch I hope came to your hand, pray take all the care imaginable of the picture, & pray ordr my Son Christopher, to ship the other picture wch is in his custody, in a Mastr that you an Interest In, that will take the like particular care of it, pray send your Servt wth the inclosed shall want 2 o[r] 3000 old flat tyles, so

pray acqt me what quantity may be had in York. & the price by a line by the first post to

21 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett to Dr Prescott

[Note: undated but sequenced between 21 & 30 June. 21st used here.]

Dr Prescott

The paine on my side made me very uneasy since you was here, so last Sunday I had 12 ounces of blood taken from me, & since I have taken the same purch wch you orderd wch wrought mighty well wth me, notwithstanding my paine continues though not so violent, but more in the night wch hinders my rest, so pray acqt me what you advise me to rub my side, & my Apoth. shall make it up

21 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Langwith

[Note: undated but sequenced between 21 & 30 June. 21st used here.]

Mr Langwith

I desire you will get me a deal box made wch will hold my two silver dicanters & put them carefully up, that they may not bruse, & give the box wth a great charge to the Ripon Carrier, who comes into your Town on Tuesday night & comes out on Wednesday morning, so I desire you will give it the carrier your self on wednesday in the morning, & also when I come to York shall pay what I am indebted to you I am

21 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Stephenson

[Note: undated but sequenced between 21 & 30 June. 21st used here.]

Mr Stephenson

The bearer is my honest work who I always imploy, I desire you will go wth him, where any old Tyles are to be sold, I have sent him purposely to chase them out, tho, I give a better price, & if none to be had, shall be oblig'd to buy some new Tyles, must desire you to see them carefully put in the boat, for small matter breaks them, 2000 or thereabouts I believe will do my business, I am

We shall be very glad to see Mrs Stephenson at Newby where you may be assured she shall be very welcome

21 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett

[Note: undated but sequenced between 21 & 30 June. 21st used here.]

Mr Aldr

I desire you will send me 12 Gallons of the very best port white wine, & order to be sent by the Ripon Carrier on Wednesday morning, I hope you will take care to let me have the best in. the cellar I am

Sr your Humble Servt

21 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett to George Mowbray

[Note: undated but sequenced between 21 & 30 June. 21st used here.]

Mr Mowbray

I desire you will let Mr loraine the dead heaps and the Waste about the Mill, wch he has already gone through at what price you think convenient, I would not have him to be a looser, but must oblige him to keep such a Number of work people at work or otherwise shall be in my power to let it to whom I shall think fit, & what ever bargain you make wth him, shall be punctually performed by

30 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

30 June 1715

Honest Will

I have been from Newby above these 3 months, & in coming from the bath I fell sick upon the road & was oblig'd to stay their 10 or 12 days thank God since I got home am indifferent well & am since much better

Upon the receipt of this letter give me an acct of all my concerns in your country, as soon as you have got In your harvest shall be glad to see you at Newby, but if you think your harvest will be backwardly must see you before for am not certain whether shall winter in Lond[o]n or York, wth my humbl Service to Mr Bacon I am

Your Assured friend

30 Jun 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

June 30 1715

James

Am very glad parceval dispatched his business so well, if Sr John does not pay me nigh £15000 pound by the 17 Xbr next, he will be foreclosed & Seaton lordship will be my

own, & faile not to know of J Clark the freeporter the price of lead, for I know neither Mr Fenwick nor Mr Ridley will tell you the price court but always says its cheapr than it is, give my Service to Mr Fenwick & his partner, & acqt them I have 6 or 700 p[ieces] of lead , & if they have occasion, they are at there Service at the price court, you may likewise inquire if Mr Reay & ptners have occasion for any, let me know by the first post what qt & pt bottles are a dousin provided [struck out: 'they take a 100 dosin'] of one take a good quantity viz Eighty dousin of qts & 20 dousin of pints, if J robinson will not pay to clear to Mr Selbys annuity, [struck out: 'let him be arrested, & tell him it is my order'], desire Mr Wilkinson that he will ordr him to be arrested & acqt him that it is my reqts & acqt me likewise what sr John says, since he was Served wth ordr for now I hope shall have a short End wth him I am Your assurd friend

3 Jul 1715 Edward Blackett to George Booth

July 3 1715

My Lord

Recd the favr of yours of the 30th the other day, My Lady Warringtons Picture was put aboard a vessel that was just sailing for London, & a great charge given the Master to take particular care of it, & deliver it to my Son, who will send it to your lordships house, I do not in the least question but it will come well safe to hand, wch should be glad to hear, Capt Millington is now at Newby who acqts me that all at dunham are in good health, my familys gives their most humble services to your lords[hip] & pray believe me

Your Ldships mt af & mt obd Huml Servt

3 Jul 1715 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: EB1's son (1687-1764) Kitty is EB's nickname for Christopher. Married Jane Saville 1712 in Walthamstow. Buried at St Martin's in the Field, London.]

Dr Kitty

The Picture for my Ld Warrington is shipt in John Cock who sailed yesterday directly from York to London, it had been much better if you had not shipt the Picture in Caleb Rich because he unloads at hull, but Stay'd till you had an opportunity of shipping it in a Vessel directly for York, however I hope it will come safe to hand, when you Receive the Picture Send it to my Ld Warrington but must take nothing for freight or porteridge

My Ld would be very glad to see you at his house in the hay Market, & if you went & gave my Service to him when the Picture was delivered it wd do mighty well,

I had a letter the last post in 5 weeks from the Capt at Boston, who had Recd his ordrs to come to Engld wth all possible speed so I doubt not but in 14 or 20 days but he

will arrive in Engld, acqt me whether your Sister Recd any letters lately from him, I believe it is Mr Smirk who delivers the letter to her, let me know when your brother Savill is Expected or whether he returns wth Capt wth my blessing to your Self Wife & God Son I am Your affet Father

EB

Should be glad to hear your Br. had my Debt wch was ow'd me by Sr Nall Johnson

faile not to answer this letter by the very first post as also the price currt of lead from a good hand for has thoughts of sending 6 or 700 p[ie]ce[s]

6 Jul 1715 Edward Blackett to Diana Blackett

Newby July 6 1715

My Dearest little Mitty

As I returned from the bath, I fell very dangerously ill upon the road, & was obliged to stay there ten or twelve days, before I was able to begin my Journey, Did continue much out of order for some time, I thank God I am at present pretty well tho not so well as I could desire, I hope a little time will set me to rights again

I have given the Capt forty sixpences for you, wch will last you playing at Cards for along time, we never dervert ourselves at Cards in this Country till winter for in Somer there are other devercions proper & for young Ladyes, with my best Service to my Lady & Lady Mary & Blessing to my Dear little mitty I am Your most affectond

Granpapa

6 Jul 1715 Edward Blackett

[Note: Date is between 6 & 12 July. 6th used here. Apparently to a servant of Lord Gower]

Sr

I Recd your letter, & give you many thanks for your kind Inquiry after me, my two year old Heifers are bulled by a very fine Hollands bull wch I got lately from Holland I value the Heifers very much & would not part wth them to any one but my Ld Gower, so if you will please to send any one over of judgemt to Newby, they shall have their choice, shall be very glad to see you at Newby, wth my most humbl Service to my Ld I am Sr your

12 Jul 1715 Edward Blackett

Newby 12 July 1715

Sr

I am very much oblig'd to you for the care you have taken in my concerns, Especially in discoursing Mr Cole about hartly & Seaton syths, & I hope you will find an opportunity to drink a bottle or two wth him before you leave the Town, you may acqt him likewise that I do not doubt in the least doubt his Graces friendship, in admitting me one of his tenants as soon as any other, pray faile not to bring down the decree, as also the writings I gave you when you went last for London some time since, I heartily thank you for the news you sent me, & desire the continuance of it as long as whilst you stay in Town, & you will very much oblige Sr your faithfull humbl Sert

acqt me whether if you have seen Mr aislabie & if he inquired after me or not

14 Jul 1715 Edward Blackett

[Note: Written by one of Edward Blackett children on his behalf?]

Newby the 14 July 1715

Sr

Inclosed is a lease wch my fathers servt Mr Lows will call waite on you for he desires your particular off it till it be calld . my father heard last post that lead was £9:10 a Fother, he desires your favr of a line from you if it be so, & the curr[en]t price wth ypu D<S>

14 Jul 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James

Am glad to perceive by your that you have made an absolute End about Mr Selbys annuity as far as concerns Mr Wise, Brumell & Robinson, w[oul]d gladly hear what End Mr Brumell has made in his concerns & make it business to inquire & acqt me w[oul]d gladly have my acct set streith wth him, I doubt the 20 pieces of Lead will not come to Newcastle unless you go to Newburn & see them put in the wherry, wd gladly know. The price of lead at Newcastle, I had a letter last post from Londn wch acqt me that the price currt was £9:10 wch if so will ship all the lead I have for London I am

Your friend EB

faile not to write me By the first post

14 Jul 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

14 July 1715

Honst Will

I Recd your of the 9th, wch is the first I Recd since I returnd from the bath, I perceive you paid £150 to Mr Mewburn, One hundred of wch you borrowed for 6/m wch besure you faile not to repay wth interest when due, you may acquaint all my Ten[nen]ts that I will give them 20 days time after their Rents are due, but no longer & set streight wth them Every ½ year, & them that dose not pay at that time I ordr you to distraine, so read this letter to all the Tents that they may see that I is my absolute command to you, I have sent the counterpart of Mr Aldm Ramsey lease as also his bond for. The paym[en]t of the Rent, to Mr Reay so when you go to Newcastle, you may waite on him he has orders to deliver it to you,

21 Jul 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Honest Will

I perceive by yours of the 11th, the great concern my tents shew'd when they heard of my Illness wch I am very much beholden to them for, I perceive you are at great charge every year wth the Damms, I have inquired of Severall, & they all say , there is nothing like willows for the best fence against the water for Securing the ground, this I have told you for Severall years, but whether you ever made tryall I know not, as for the damages done the tents ground where the wood was Sold off, can be but a very small matter, I may judge that your self , however I design to prevaile wth Mr Ward after he has got in his harvest, so go to Willimonswyck & view the water course & what is best to be done for it is a continual charge yearly,

My Ld Chancellor has given Sir John delavall to the 17 decembr next to pay me my costs principall & Interest if not to be foreclosed, this I have his decree for so at the time there must be an absolute end, you did mighty well not to agree wth aldm Ridley for we will have 3 Commissioners or there shall be none, I am wth my humbl Service to Mr Bacon,

Let me know the name of the tents that has Recd any damage by the leading of the wood & what Rents they pay & the name of the grounds

21 Jul 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

21 July 1715

James

Your acct you gave me of Mr Brumell is quite different from what I have from other hands, am informed he has made an absolute End wth aldm Ramsy, but upon what

accts or what part of the colliery he has reserved to himself I know not as for Mr Spierman he lent a sum of money & had a part of the Colliery in lieu of it, as I am informed, however besure you make further inquiry, I wondr you do not give me an acct what End Robinson has made about Mr Selbys annuity, & wondr Mr Wilkinson will continue such a knave in my Nephews business

I perceive I have 772 pieces of lead lying at Newburn, shall not bring down any till I have first sold it, so should be glad to hear there was any dem[an]d for it, inclosed I send you a copy of Sir Johns bill against me in the Excheqr my councill tells me they doubt not to get his bill dismiss'd wth costs, I have till next term given me to give in my answer, I have the decree sign'd, my Ld chancellor has given Sr John time to the 17 decembr next to pay the principall costs & charges, or to be foreclosed, & then there is an absolute end of all

21 Jul 1715 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

[Note: undated but sequenced between 21st July and 1 August. 21st July used here]

July

Mr Albt Silvertop

I perceive you could not get bills that you thought would be punctually paid, you did mighty well not to send any, for had much rather be at the trouble & charge in Sending a Servt for the money, than have bills that would not certainly be punctually paid, I have no occasion at present for moneys, but when I have you shall hear from me, I wd not have you by no means use the tents to be in arrear, for it wd bring them to an ill custom, so a little after the rent day I wd have you press them always for their rents, I am Your assur'd fr[ien]d to Serve You

pray let me know how the Colliery goes forwd that belongs to Sr H Lawson I think they call it Byker Collery

2 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Boldero

2 Augt 1715

Sr – Boldero

I Recd your proposal about my house wch I cannot by any means agree too had much rather part wth my house during my lease for £30 a Year than let it £60 wth the furniture, I do not design to let any of the Rooms for the Assises or horse races, tho I believe some of my friends may be in my house at the horse races wth all our Services to your Self & Mrs Boldero I am

Your Assud Frd & Servt

2 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to George Booth

My Lord

I have this day Recd the Picture it came very safe to my hand, tho I must own I do not think it in the least like my Wife, it is much altered for the worse, since I saw it at my Lady Mary house, when I was last in Town, have at last got a decree against Sr John, as your lordship will see by the inclosed, the debt is much more than the estate is worth, so am sure Sr John nor any of his relations will ever Redeem it, wth all our most humbl Services to your lordship & family, and my blessing to my dear little Missy, I am
Your lordship most faithfull & most obed humbl S[ervan]t

2 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to Matthew Crawford

[Note: undated but between 2 & 8 August. 2nd used here.]

Mr Crawford

I perceive by yours of the 25th that Mr Marriet has so much business that he cannot undertake any more at present, I hear he is a very drinking man & dare not very well go abroad for debt, I have no manner of occasion for a groom having one that has lived wth me 8 or ten years, if you could light of a tall lusty good like man for a Coach man, & has been used to drive 6 horses, & a very sober man that will not be drunk at any time will be much obligd to you if you could inquire me out such a Servt

As for them Commissioners whose names you have sent me, I have not the good fortune to be acquainted wth any one of them if I had should do you all the Service in my power, pray make let me have a line some times at your leisure from you, & you will oblige

Sr your assured Fd to Serve you

When you see Mr or Mrs Barnes give my Service to them

To Mr Mathew Crawford one of the officers of leather at Worksop in Nottinghamshire

7 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Boldero

7 Augt 1715

Mr Boldero

Sr –

I can now acqt you that I have now as good as disposed of my house, so you need not give your Self any further trouble

Am very glad to hear that you are likely to get a place, & I heartily wish your friend success in it, as for the news you write me about the Pretender, I do not believe one word of it, or I hope the Nation will never be troubled wth him wth all Services from hence to your Self & Mrs Boldero I am

Sr your Assured Friend to Serve you

7 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to William Ramsay

Mr Ramsay

Inclosed your Counter part of the lease as also your bond for the performance to my Steward Wm Lows the 14 July last, & inclosed his letter to Mr Coulson to be given him when he came to Newcastle wth all our most humbl Services to your Self & Mrs Ramsay

I am Sr your Fr: H: Servt EB

Your care is desired to deliver the inclosed. Pray do me the favr to let me know what End you have made wth Mr Brumell for I doubt shall loose moneys by him, by a line

8 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Herve

Mr Herve

8 Augt 1715

I perceive by your letter that you met Mr Dean at borrowbridge, & shewd him the dissigne wch he approved off, you may begin ordr the getting of the stone as soon as you think fit, and shall refer the price to Mr Dean of Ripon who is a very honest & a Man of judgement, I wd have black marble a foot broad to go quite round the Monument,

11 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James

I Recd both your letters, but did not require any answer we have a report here that some hundred of Arms was Sensed nigh yon, let me know if there was any such thing

Mr Ridsdale will be at Newcastle in the Assizes week to take in the Tenants Answer –

You may pay the Carriage men & send me the bill

15 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to George Mowbray

Honest Mr Mowbray

the 15 Augt 1715

I perceive by yours wch I Recd last night by your kinsman, that you have made a bargain wth the rest of the partners, wch I return you my hearty thanks for, I desire you will send me a foul draught of the lease to peruse, & pray let there be a clause incerted in it, that in case the undertakers do not work her constantly every day wth such a number of men, as you shall think convenient, that then the lease shall be given up & void, otherwise they may defer working as they have done, & so endeavour to bring me to worse terms, I believe my Nephew Blacket will not refuse to make me a lease of Wall Fell for 21 Years for a small matter acknowledgement, my brother often times told me he would order a lease to be made for me, he thought it might at some time be an advantage to me in case fallowfield vein should strike into the Fell, as for Mr Loraine in case he will not pay me one in Seaven, or one in Eight as you shall think fit, & be ty'd to such a number of men as you shall think proper will not concern myself further wth him, must always own my obligations to you, for the dayly trouble given you by

15 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett

[Note: undated but between other letters of 15th August.]

Dr Nedde

Am mighty glad to perceive by yours of the safe arrival I hope your friend Mr Aislabie will procure an order for the paying of your ship in a short time, I doubt not but you have waited on him before this, if not besure you faile not to do it, upon the receipt of this letter, If you call'd at the Madera's I hope you remembred to buy me a h[ogs]h[ea]d or two of that wine, if you did then brother Christr will ship it for York, or shall pay you for it, after you have waited on Mr Aislabie acqt me whether you had any discourse about the last Election at Ripon, & what it was, I wonder you do not name Mr Lampton, your lieutenant, Mr Jackson, & <piles> brother whether they be living or dead, as also if there has been any sickness amongst your ships Crew since you left England, when you waite on Mr Aislabie besure give my Service to him wth my blessing to you I am

faile not to write to me constantly

15 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Newby August the 15 1715

Honest Will

Judge Montague who is my Peticuler friend, dined with me this day in his way to Durham Assizes, So I toold him that my Steward & all my Tennants should wate of their Lordships out of my Liberty to the Baulders of Cumberland, so besure do not fail to make as great an appearance as probably you can with all my Tennants, wth my humbl Service to both the Judges & Peticuler to Judge Montague who has been acquainted for several Years by past fail not to make the Greatest appearance you can & you'l much oblige

Your Assured Friend E.B

15 Aug 1715 John Blackett to William Norton

[Note: recipient unnamed, but likely to have been the William Norton who married Blackett's daughter Isabella in October 1715]

Newby August 15 1715

Sr

My Father ordered me to Inclose you your Letter & to acquaint you, that what proposals he made to Mr Dean of Ripon, he would never consent to the Least alteration whats'Ever & Desires you'l have no further thought of it, for he's resolved never to here no more from you nor any other Person whatsoever upon this acct & will lay his <Commands> upon his Daughter, never to receive any Letter or Mes[s]ag[e]s from you or any other that is Employed by you hereafter they I hope will give you full satisfaction I am Sr Your humble Servt

John Blackt

Newby 15 August 1715

Sr

If the above said do not give you full satisfaction I doe declare before God Almighty that in case my Daughter Isabella should be soe unfortunate as to marry you I never will give her one farthing to her Portion, I am

Your Servt EB

18 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: Sir John Delaval 3rd Bt (1654-1729). Took over the Baronety in 1696 on the unexpected death of his elder brother. He did not inherit Seaton Delaval Hall as it was left to his brother's wife in the will. He had to live in the Lodge. After he stood down as

an MP in 1710, he suffered from mounting financial problems. The death of his sister-in-law in October 1713 led him to attempt to repossess Seaton Delaval and Hartley, but his attempts were resisted by the servants of her second husband, Sir Edward Blackett, 2nd Bt. Blackett's resistance of Delaval's claims stemmed from the failure of Delaval to pay the marriage portion of £8,000 which, by the terms of his deceased brother's marriage settlement, was due to Delaval's niece upon her marriage to Blackett's son. The dispute led to a Chancery case in which Blackett was successful and was awarded £14,624 12s. 7d. (the original £8,000 plus interest.)

18 Augt 1715

Honest Will

I perceive by yours of the 12th that you have not as yet heard anything from Mr Ridley about the division, here are very great Improvemts made here Yearly by divideing the commons my Neighbour Sr Tho Tankred [struck out: 'told me'] has made a hundred pound a Year clear rent by the dividing of two commons, & I doubt not but a great advantage may be made to every tenant if they could agree about the division, give my most humbl Service & thank to Mr Bacon for his late kindness, am every well satisfy'd that Sr J[oh]n Delavall is not able to rase the money wch is due to me, so as soon as the 17 Xbr is past Mr Bacon shall have the first offer of it & may keep most of the moneys in his hand as long as he pleases I doubt not but to prevaile wth Mr Ward to go to Willimonswyke but it will be after he has got In his Corn, & shall not faile to give you notice what time he will be wth you, what moneys you have you may pay it to Mr Coulson, for I have desired him to receive it, faile not to write me the tents names, & what rents they pay, that has Recd any damage in their ground by cutting & leeding away the wood, it must certainly be but a tryfall they can desire, for so small damages so I soley refer it to your self knowing you can deal wth them much better than any other, my old acquaintance Mr Baron Montague goes their Northern Circuit, he dined wth me on Munday last in his way to Durham, I told him that all my ten.ts should waite on him, & conduct him to the boarders of Cumberland, he seemed to be mighty well pleased wth it, so besure you faile not to ordr all the ten.ts to attend you, & give my most hum[ble] Servi[c]e to both the judges & acqt them I sent my ten.ts to attend & waite on them to the boarders of Cumberland upon the receipt of this letter & also after you have waited on the judges give a line to Your assured Fr[iend]

18 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

18 Augt

James

Am sorry to perceive by yours of the 13th that you had go a severe Stich in your side, & could not walk without trouble, if it continue wth you be sure ordr a good quantity of blood to be taken from you, since I came from the bath I had a evere Stich in my side, & was advised by the Doctors to have a great deal of blood taken from me, & was much

better afterwds, I will have no lead brought from Newburn till it be first sold, I wish you could hear that Mr Fenwick, Mr Ridley or Mr Reay had occasion, Mr Ridsdale will be at Newcastle on Tuesday, he has an ordr to Serve upon Sr J[oh]n as also to take all the ten.ts answers concerning the ½ tyth wch Sr J[oh]n sues for, I will ordr him to come to the Inn so besure faile not to waite on him & he will appoint a day when you & all the tents must meet him, & give In their answers, faile not to give a line by Saturday nights post to know of the free porter clark when the last lead was Shipt & by whom

18 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to Stephen Coulson

the 18 Augt

Mr Coulson

The Inclosed is for my Stewd Wm Lows who will waite on you at the assises to pay you some money , wch I desire you will receive, I believe it will be but a small sum, I beg your Pardon for giving you this trouble wth my Service to your Partners I am

20 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

20 Augt 1715

James

I could not advise you by my last the day you should meet Mr Ridsdale at Newcastle, he was wth me yesterday & set forward for Newcastle this day, he desires you will not faile to meet him on Monday next, about ten a clock in the morning, he lodges at Mr Rapers who keeps a great Tavern on the key side, his business is to Serve Sr John wth the final decree, as also to take in writing what you, & the rest of the tents can say about the tyths, acqt me whether my Nephew be at Newcastle as also who is the foreman of the Grand jury & whether Mr Heatherstone be at Newcastle or London for Mr Ridsdale has business wth him, I am

Your Friend

20 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to Stephen Coulson

20 Augt 1715

Mr Coulson

I am much concerned I should you this dayly trouble, pray upon receipt of this send a Messenger wth all speed wth the inclosed & you will very much oblige

Your assured frd & Servt

21 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to John Beaumont

[Note: A John Beaumont was an apothecary in London in 1718. Today, Balsam of Peru is used in food and drink for flavouring, in perfumes and toiletries for fragrance, and in medicine and pharmaceutical items for healing properties. It has a sweet scent. Oil of Nutmeg is presently used as an essential oil used as a massage to relieve muscle pain, swelling & inflammation & to promote circulation.]

21 Augt 1715

Mr Beaumont
Sr

I was in hopes of seeing you at Newby long before this, I have some thoughts of wintering in London, so shall have occasion but for a small quantity of Then, Viz

2 pound of green
1 pound of Bohea 4 pound Coffee
as also best bulsoin [Balsam] of Peru one ounce
Oyl of Nutmegs four Drams,
Chymicull oyl of Nutmeggs Eighty drops
Spirit of Lavender Eighty drops, liquid Amber 40 drops,

Pray let each of these be put up severally in little [struck out: 'muggs'] gally pots or bottles wch are properest, & set the name upon a ps of paper of Each sort, send them down by the very first Richmond Carrier, & direct them for Mr Rich'd Gowland at Burrowbridge, let me know the Carriers name by whom you send them & as when you design to be at Newby, for perhaps may furnish you wth some bills, upon the receipt of this letter pray give a line to

Your assured F[rien]d & Servt

21 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to Charles Kendel

Mr Charles Kendel

I Recd yours of the 14th, wch am obligd to you for, I am provided wth a Coachman so you need not give your self any further trouble, wth my thanks to you I am

Your assured f[rien]d to Serve You

The family at Brampton are all very well

To Mr Ch Kendell at his home in Wigan, Lancashire
The Ferrybridge by Roachdale bagg

22 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

22 Augt 1715

James

I Recd your Acct of the lead, so pay off the carriage immediately, for I shall not in my time have a sum worth naming to pay them againe, when any Pepper comes to be run in the parts, I wish you could secure me a good quantity, am glad Sr J[ohn] is the foreman of the grand jury, for then Mr Ridsdale will have a fit opportunity to Serve him wth my decree, wch I do not question but he has done before this, it will be Mr Ridsdale [~~struck out: 'best way to return by Seaton'~~] designs to take in all the ten.ts answer In at Seaton wch will be a much cheapr way than for them to come to Newcastle, so you may get a piece of beef & a piece of mutton wth a cup of alle for Mr Ridsdale & as for the Ten.ts [~~struck out: 'must dine at their own home'~~] they will be soon dispatche'd one after another

23 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett

Newby August the 23d 1715

Dr Neddy

I perceive by yours of no date that Mr Aislabie is not in town which I'm sorry for, I know he'll do his endeavour to have your Ship paid of as soon as possiable can be tho I doubt it will not be as soon as I could willingly wish as for your going to Sea at this time I know it will not be for your advantage so if you be wise have no further thoughts of it for as soon as your accts are past and the phenix paid off I would have you come into the Country, it's soely in Mr Aislabie power to pay of the ship when he pleases provided your accts be past and I know he'll be very willing to oblige me in it, am sorry your self, L[i]eu[tenant], Mr Lambton and Mr Jackson, should not be in perfect health give my Service to them & tell them should be glad to see them at Newby, all this family gives you their kind Love and Service with my blessing to you I am

your most affectionate father

besure you fail not to answer my Letters as soon as they come to hand

26 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett

Augt 26th 1715

Dr Neddy

I perceive by yours this morning that you did not call at either of the Island, as for your duddled [double] distell'd Rum & Snake Rout, you may give a small quantity of it to your brother Christ[opher] to send me into the Countrey by the first Ship, directing

it for Mr Jack Scott Crane Master at York, as for the black gelding you may have him, he got lame at grass this Summer in his Shouldr so the farrier says drawing him in the draught will make him sound againe, but it will take sometime

Acqt me when you think Mr Lampton & Jackson will come into Yorkshire, all this family give you their kind love & Service, wth my blessing to you I am

I hope you have seen Mr Aislabie long before this, let me know what discourse you had,

27 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Note: Mr Spierman was interested in buying the manor of Bishopton]

27 Augt 1715

Mr Ward

I thank you for the draught oxen, I like them very well, & sent £14 by Luke Crawford for them, wch I doubt not but he has paid you, as for Mr Spierman he once offered £200 or 200 guineys, wch I was willing to accept off, but now I perceive he will onely give £150 or £160 wch am unwilling to take, I wondr the ten.ts should be so much over seen as not to buy it among themselves

I have now a great reqt to you that after you have got in the harvest, & most at leasure, that you will [struck out: 'make two or three days in'] go to Willimonswyke & View what Wm Lows has done in diffending the ground from the Water, let me know the day of the month you design to go, & my Stewd shall meet you at Hexham, I am every year at a very great charge, so after you have view'd it, you will tell acqt me what you would advise me to do for at present it is a dayly charge, wth my Service to your self & family, I am

27 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett

[Note: Undated, but between 27 & 30 Aug. 27th used here. Recipient unknown]

Sr

I had the favr of your leter, & perceive that See coals cannot be had till latter end of the next week so shall deffer sending till Monday seven night, my Cart must come twice wth lead, & return with coals, I believe 2 ½ quarters will be as much as it can bring at once, so if you buy <2u:> shall be oblig'd to you, I am

Sr your oblig'd H. Servt

30 Aug 1715 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett

Newby Augst 30 1715

Dr Neddy

I Recd yours of the 27th which pleases me very much, shall be very glad to hear that you have past your accts and the phenix was paid off, will endeavour to get you a good Gelding against you come into the Country for I doubt the horse I have will not be sound in so short a time, have made Newby house and the Gardens so fine that I believe you'll not know it when you come home,

I perceive you have seen Mr Aislalie but you do not write me what discourse you had nor, whether he said anything to you about the last Election at Ripon which acqt one all the family gives you their kind Love and Service and believe me always your most affectionate father

E Blackett

2 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to George Booth

2 Sepr 1715

My Lord

Since I Recd the favr of your last letter Sr John Delaval has filed a bill in the Exchequer against my self & 40 of my ten[an]ts for the ½ of Seaton Tyth for 16 Years past, neither my self nor ten.ts remembers that [struck out: 'the tyth was neither p[ai]d nor demand'] that even any of this ½ tyth was either demanded before this or paid, there was a ½ tyth yearly pd to the Earl of Northumberland & none to the Earl Duke of Somerson in his ladys right wch the delavals always farmed, your brother Mr Booth did me the favr to dine wth me, & designs to be at Dunham on Sunday Seven nights, all this family gives their most humbl Services to your Ldship & family & pray believe always

Your Lordships Obedt Humbl Servt

2 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to Diana Blackett

[Note: Diana (1704 – 1737) daughter of William (1681-1713), EB1's son and his wife Diana Delaval (1686-1711).]

2 Sept 1715

I doubt my d[ea]r little Mitty has forgot her Grand Papa, for I have not had one line from you this long time, all the News I can write you is that your Uncle the Capt is come to London, & as soon as his Ship is paid off will come to Newby, for some time, I do not design he shall go to Sea any more so I hope he will have time to go & pay you & my Lord a Visit, then Cousin Mr Booth did me the favr to dine with me, & will see

you at Dunham in a very short time, all here gives you their kind remembrance, with my blessing to you I am

Your m[os]t affe[ctiona]te G[ran]d Papa

3 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

3 Sept

James

I perceive by yours that Mr Ridsdale was at Seaton, & Examined the ten.ts, I perceive he designs to be there again the latter End of this Month or the beginning of the next, you need not provide any thing extraordinary for him, for he was very well pleased with the Entertainment you gave him last, when you can spare the time faile not to go up & pay the East & West Carriage Men, & when you can light of any pep[p]er besure buy me a quantity buy buy what they have, I think the price very reasonable at 7 groats or half a crown pr pound, let me know by the first post what money Wm Lows pd Mr Coulson, & whether Wm Lows Recd my letter to waite on the judges out of my liberty, I am

4 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett

4 Sept 1715

Dr Nedde

Am glad to perceive by yours that the Ship is paid off, let me know what Mr Lampton, & Mr Jacksons wages might come too, I would not have you by any means leave London till your Accts are past, & Recd what is due to you, I know Mr Aislabie will forwd your Accts passing as much as possibly he can, acqt Mr Lampton & Mr Jackson that I shall be very glad to See them at Newby, & as they have no business to detain them at London, I hope they may be here in 8 or 10 days time, all here gives you their kind Services wth my blessing to you I am

Your Affe[ctionate] Father

4 Sep 1715 John Blackett to Rev Mr Hodgson

[Note: Possibly written by John Blackett on his father's behalf]

Sr

My father hearing you designe very shortly to come into Countrey, he desides, you will make Newby your home, where you may be assured of a most hearty welcome I am this family gives you ther Services I am

for the Revd Mr hodgson At University Colledge in Oxford

4 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett

[Note: Undated but between 4 & 8 September. 4th used here. Addressee unknown.]

Maddam

I Recd your Letter, & I do assure you that Newby Estate was not Charg'd with the paym[en]t of one farthing to Mr Cros Brothers but soley in his own power to dispose of as he thought Convenient, I heard that the Estate wch Sr Gordon farmed of the Duke of Buckingham was charged, for paying some small sums, but whether it be so or not I am not Certaine – this is all the Satisfaction can be given you By

Your very Humble Servt

8 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Whitten

8 Sept

Mr Whitten

Sr – I have sent you by the Bearer 6 Shilling which I am endebt to you pray do me the favour to ordr my plumber Tho Whitling to cast my Lead with all Expedition and let it to be brought to your warehouse and weigh it and let me have the weight of it pray Sr hire two Carts to bring it to Newby and what you agree with them shall be paid by Sr your assure

8 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: Undated but between the 8th and 9th]

James

I perceive by your Last, that my Cozen Mr Carr has a mind to have a room or two in Seaton house, goe & give my Service to my Sister Mitford & acquaint her that her Daughter has a desire to have a room or two in Seaton house, which if it be with her approbation shall agree to it but not otherwise, I shall give you notice when Mr Ridsdale will be at Seaton, I believe it will not be till the Latter End of this Month or the beginning of octor you need not make any more provision for him onley a peice of Beef & a peice of mutton, if you have not discharged the Carriage Men besure do it with all speed, not knowing very certainly when Mr Ridsdale will come over if Mr Coulson have not given my Son Chris Bills upon my acct for a hundred Pound desire him to send me one , I wonder their should be no Demand for Lead desire the free porter to

acqt you of whome the last lead was bought of & when & the Price Currnt give my Service to Mr Ridley & know of him if he have any mountain white wine and what per h[ogs] h[ead] I wonder that neither he nor Mr Fenwick hath occasion for Lead fail not to give answer of this Letter by the first post to Your friend

8 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: Undated but between the 8th and 9th]

Honest Will

I perceive by yours of the 3d that you attended the Judges with four score horse, wch was mighty well don, as also that you pd Mr Coulson a hundred Pounds, by the Last post I acquainted you that my Stwerd Mr Ward would not fail to be at hexham on tu[e]sday next at night, being the 13 day of this Instant in order to vew what you have done in defending the Ground from the water in this Cuntrey we look upon Great Quantities of willows to be the very best thing, for preserving the Ground, besure you defray Mr Wards Charges & do not let him pay any thing I would have you to give the Custemerey Tennants as little as posably you can & desire Mr Ward to tell them that they ought not to Expect anything from there Lord for it is always in his power to put them to more trouble & charges a hundred times then their pretended damage comes to which I hope that will satisfy them with my Service to Mr Ward who I believe will be with you when this Comes to hand I am

Your Assured Friend

9 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to Captain Millington

9 Sept

Honest Capt

I have not had a line but one letter from you but one Since you left Newby, wch I own'd the receipt off, by the next post, after Michalmass Design for York God willing for a month or 6 weeks & so for London, & will return by the bath & stay the Spring Season, I give you this timely notice that you may have Co: Sorrell in good ordr & your Self prepared to make Mr Dean a Visit at Bristol, & so return to the Bath , p'haps drinking the water & bathing will make an absolute cure of your lead, I hope both your Self & Mrs Millington keeps your healths well, also all at dunham, wth my most humbl Service to them & my blessing to my Dr Mitty I am

Your Assured F[rien]d to Ser[ve] You

9 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Stephenson

9 Sept

Mr Stephenson

I perceive you design for Cheshire on tuesday next, so I heartily wish you a good journey & pray give my humbl Service to my Ld & his family & your care of the inclosed is desined by

Your ass[ure]d Fr[ien]d & Servt

15 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to George Mowbray

15 Sept 1715

Hont Mr Mowbray

I perceive by yours of the 8th that you have been at Fallowfield & agreed wth Mr Loraine for the Wastes at the Mill & Groves , paying ½ in lead delivered Newcastle, & to keep 20 Men at work, wch am very well pleased wth, & returns you only thanks for the trouble you are pleased to give your self In this affair, when your own lease is finish'd pray let me have a foul draught of it, & you will much oblige

Your assur'd Friend & Servt

15 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

[Note: Sr H Lawson owns Byker Colliery]

15 It

Mr Silvertop

I perceive by your of the 12th, that. You have £180 in your hands, so have this day drawn a bill on you at sight for the said sum payable to Mr Featherstone & Comp on us for what I writ you concerning Sr H Lawsons Colliery was onely my friendships that I have for family, to hear it wrought to advantage am very Sorry it does not, Nich[olas] Haswell never used to pay petty sums for his farme I wondr the Parson of Ryton church should bring a citation against him, if that farme call'd Gares field ought to pay I would not dispute it wth him, for he may soon satisfy you by his book, I believe we have nothing to shew, that the farme is Exempt from paying petty Tyths, pray acqt me if there are any farmes in the lordship that does not pay petty tyths, & what the names of them are, your answer to this will much oblige

Your assur'd f[rien]d to Serve you

15 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

15 Sept 1715

James

I perceive you have got me 12 lb of peper at a very low price wch am glad off, you need no trouble your self to get any more till you hear from me, as for brandy it will be very troublesome to get here, besides the hazard, so you need not Endeavour to get any, I perceive the roof of the old wash house is fallen down so you may make use of any other place to wash in, give my Service to my Sister [struck out: 'Mitford & know'] I hope you have asked her whether it is her desire that her daughter should come to Seaton I am

Your Friend

Do not go to fallowfd till Mr Ridsdale & you have made an absolute End wth Ten.ts besure faile not to write me constantly once a week, you writ me formerly that there was one Mr Anderson inquired of you whether I would dispose of Seaton delaval or not, the same man came to me about 10 d[ays] agoe wth the same question, inquire what he is, would gladly know upon whos acct he comes, or whether he be an acquaintance of <Rawlins>, or not,

15 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to Stephen Coulson

[Note: Undated, but either 15 or 16th.]

Inclosed is a bill for £180 wch I desire you will receive, I desire you will send a bill for £100 of as short date as you can & you & you will oblige

Your m[os]t Humbl Servt

16 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett

16 7br [September]

Dr Nedde

I perceive by yours of the 13th that that accts are in good forwardness, & that in 3 w[EEKS] time you may without any neglect to your business come into the countrey where I shall be very glad to see you, I perceive you dined wth Aislabie but you do not write me whether you had any discourse about the Ripon Election or not, acqt me whether I may not Expect Mr Lampton & Mr Jackson at Newby before you come down, all here gives you their kind love & Service wth my blessing to you I am

Your m[os]t affe[ctionate] Father

18 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to George Booth

18 Sept 1715

My Lord

I am very glad to perceive by yours of the 9th that your Lordship & family are all well at dunham, I hope to have the happiness of waiting on you at London this Winter, I design God willing to return by the bath, I hope to stay there for some time, where I Recd so much benefit tha last Spring, Inclosed I send your lordship a bill for my dr Mittys one half Years allowance, my & my son Chrisr most humbl Service to your lordship & family and my blessing to my little Missy I am

Your Lordships most Obedt Humb Servt

18 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to Diana Blackett

18 7br

My dr Mitty

Am very glad to perceive by yours of the 9th of your good health, wch pray God continue besure you tell the Capt that I take it very ill from him, that I have not had a line from him, but one, since he went last into Cheshire, tell Mrs Millington should be glad to have a line from her, I hope she keeps her health well, wth my most humbl Service to all the good family at dunham, wth my blessing to my dr Mitty I am

Your m[os]t aff[ectionate] G[ran]d Papa

22 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to John Laidman

[Note: Laidman was the son-in-law of EB's sister Christian Mitford, and constantly searching for church livings]

22 Sept 1715

Cousin Laidman

I perceive by your letter, that long horsley living is vacant by the death of Mr Ward & that the presentation is in my Ld Chancellour, am very sorry that I have no manner of acquaintance wth him, these good livings are no sooner vacant, but are immediately disposed off, the onely way is to get a promise of a living in an old mans life, from the patroon, otherwise I doubt you will find it very hard to come by, wth my Service to your self & Mr Coulson I am

Your affe[ctionate] Uncle

At River Green nigh Morpeth Northumberland

22 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

22 Sept 1715

James

I Recd a letter lately from Mr Laidman & not knowing what post house he lives nigh, makes me inclosed it to you, I very much wonder that I have Recd no bills from Mr Reay & Comp & last post I sent them a bill for £100 & have not heard nothing of the receipt of it, if they have not already sent bills, acqt me whether they can draw, or not, if not shall send Servts for the moneys, we have herer a great noise of the high landers are up, & some Scotch L[or]ds at the head of them, let me know in your next the truth of it, always when you see my Sister Mitford give my Service to her I am

Your Friend

23 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: Date between 22 & 26. 23rd used here]

Hon.t Will

Yours of the 19th I Recd as also the inclosed from Mr Ward, so I would have you do as he advises, there will a good action lay against Mr Ridley in case he turns the water out of its old course, you must by all means take care to make the best defence possibly you can, & by reason he is so very troublesome it would do mighty well if you could turn the water upon him, wch I doubt am afraid is not to be done, we have a great report here that the highlanders are up & in great numbrs so besure you let me hear by the first post whether there be any such thing or not, I am

Your assured Friend

26 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to George Mowbray

[Note: Dixon was possibly a Hexham grocer, and used as a means of post reaching Allenheads, where Mowbray lived]

Mr Mowbray,

I Recd yours of the 23rd I desire you will order a new lease to be drawn & shall Sign it, & my Servt Mewburn will see your Counterp[ar]t – Sign'd at Newcastle and bring it to Newby wth him, for he must be here in a short time, & shall return the lease by him, Soonr your ordr it be done the better, for I believe shall go to Londn this winter wth my family, wth many thanks to you for the trouble given you by Sr-

your assu[re]d f[rien]d to Serve You

Mr Dixon

Pray take a particular care to send the inclosed by a safe Messenger, & you will oblige
Your assured Friend

26 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Note: undated but between two others dated 26th]

Mr Ward

I Recd your letter & give you many thanks for the trouble you have had in going and viewing the water course in Northumberland, I have inclosed your letter to Mr Lows & ordr to follow your directions wth my Service to your Self & family I am
Your assured Fr[ien]d

My thanks to Mrs Ward for the dry'd Salmon she send me

26 Sep 1715 John Blackett

[Note: Possibly written by John Blackett on his father's behalf]

26 Sept

Sr

My Father is going to alter his Will, so he desires you will give that wch in your Custody to the bearer I am Sr your Humbl Servt

26 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett

Am very glad to hear you had a good journey & found all your family well I hope you have Shipt me a bagg of hops long before this, let me know the Mastr & Ships name, as also the price of lead, & whether you can sell 7 or 800 p[iece]s if I send them to londn as soon as I have disposed of my lead can let you have bills but not soonr acqt me if the bill of Exch. become to your hand that I send to my Ld Warrington

I wish you could do a poor fellow a kindness that is now in goal [jail] & likely to remain their, for he is not worth a farthing, his case you have on the other side of your letter, if you could hear of any one that is well acquainted wth the man, & would prevail wth him to take his proposals, two of his honest neighbours would lay down the money for him, so make it your business, for it would be a very g[rea]t act of charity, wth my blessing to your self & family I am

It is Mills of Ripon my poor Clock maker---

26 Sep 1715 Edward Blackett

[Note: Undated but between 26 & 29. 26th used here. Probably concerns daughter Isabella, who married William Norton 23 October 1715 in Ripon Minster.]

Sr

I am very much obliged to you for the favr of your Letter, & as for what my very Duty full Daughter has done, shall not concern my self neither now, nor hereafter with her, so as She would never take my advice, she will have time enough to repent her unfortunate match [struck out: 'I have not Seen Mr Dean this three or four days'] Mr Dean was at my house about three or four days agoe but knowing my unwillingness to this affair never named it to me so I believe he will not suffer the bands to be published thus however the Civility of your Letter shall always be own'd by Sr

Your Most obliged humble Servt

29 Sep 1715 John Blackett

[Note: undated but between 26 & 29. 29th used here. Possibly by John Blackett, who at other times wrote on his father's behalf.]

Sr

Am much obligd to you for your kind inquiry after our healths, my father has not been abroad this long time, is very uneasy if he walks but once or twice the long of the gravel walk, we have £100 bill by us its payable in less than 20 days, you may have it if you, please we also expect bills every post, good bills are very scarce at Newcastle, but you may always depend upon the bills wch you have from my father to be Extraordinary good wth all our most humbl Services to your self, & family, my father has no thoughts in going for Londn till the latter End of the Year having Great business wch will detain him till the 17 of December be past I do not know what Yates design to do, but when I see him will, Incourage him to set up at Burrowbridge

29 Sep 1715 John Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: Possibly by John Blackett on his father's behalf]

29 Sept

James

I Recd yours as also a bill for £100 from Mr Coulson wch acqt him, & desire him to send bills as soon as possibly he can for the Remainder of the money, for I can at this time dispose of them here, though they be at 25 days, I shall in my next when Mr Ridsdale will be wth you, you need make no Entertain of him only a pieces of beef &

Mutto, by the first post write to some of your acquaintance either at Acom or Hexham to acqt you how many work people are dayly working at the groves as also how many Mr Loraine constantly Emnploys, for I believe there are but very few employed at Either place of late, I have agreed with Mr Mowbray to a new lease & has made them much better terms, so they have promised to set up a good number of workpeople constantly at work, I would willingly know the number that has been employed their of late, besure you press Mr Coulson to send me bills, having so good an opportunity of disposing of them at present, let me know if Sr John & you has never any discourse about Seaton D & whether Capt Del[aval] will be done shortly

2 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Note: Raising the Militia to counter the forthcoming Jacobite Rebellion. Richard Lumley, 2nd Earl of Scarbrough & also Viscount Lumley, was called to the House of Lords in 1715. Later that year fought against the Jacobites at Preston.]

2 October

Mr Ward

I perceive by yours that Militia for the B[ishop] of Durh[am] as also that for the N Riding will be up in a short time, you know Sockburn by Act of Parliamt is not lyable to send a whole horse, so I think this will be a very propper time to acqct my Lord Scarborough wth it, wth my humbi Service to his lordship, & I doubt not but he will immediately ordr you a bearer, I desire you likewise that you will take care for the North Riding, for our Militia for the W Riding, we Expect will be up very shortly wch I must send a horse too, I have sent you case of pistols in case you should send out a horse for Sockburn, as for the other accounters you Either must hierer or borrow them, I hope there will be no occation for them to be up longr than a day or two, should be mighty glad if you s[en]d me a good bearer, I believe now is the time or never to have the Militia compleat wth my Service to your self & family I am

Mr Lumpst is now wth me & shall drink all their neighb[ours] healths of his Acquaintance

6 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

6 Octobr

Hon.t Will

I hope you Recd mine of the 22th as also one inclosd from Mr Ward, I have discoursed Severall in this contrey that the River does their ground a prejudice & they can find nothing so proper for the saving of their ground as setting of Willows in great plenty, so I wd have you by all means to follow their directions, I have Several times writ you

to the same purpose, the best time of setting of them will be the latter End of march, I design God willing this winter for londn, & to return by the bath, where I Recd very much benefit last year, now the weather is good I wd very gladly see you at Newby that we may set all things straight, I doubt not but you have got all your harv[es]t Inn long Eer this, so the sooner you come the better, wth my humbl Service to Mr Bacon when you see him I am

15 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

15 Octobr 1715

Mr Ward

Sr – I thank you for the care you have taken of my concerns, inclosd I send you a copy of an ordr from the deputy Lietents wch made Mr Bellinghams lands at Worsel bearer to me towards the sending out a light horse so what Mr Bellingham or his Nephew Mr Maliverer can do in prevailing wth the deputy lieutents to be a principle will certainly be to no purpose, my Servt Parceval will be at Thirsk on Monday next wth the originall ordr, I wish your business wd allow you to be their & shew it to the lieutenancy wth my Service to your Self & family

17 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Frankland

[Note: This letter was twice drafted on 16th Oct and then completely scratched out, and these copies were followed by the fair copy of the 17th. The first draft is given here. The second draft was identical to the first.]

Newby the 16 Octobr 1715

Sr

I perceive that Mr Mauliverer does design to move the deputy lieutenants that he may be principale & his Uncle Bellingham his bearer for his lands at Worsel & my Estate at <Girsby>, Mr Bell has been bearer to me for ½ a horse for that Estate for above there 27 Years, I much wondr how he or his kinsman can pretent to be principale my Servt the bearer will give you the ordr wch I desire you will do me the favour to shew to the deputy Lieutenants I wd have waited on them my self but I have not been well & very much out of order since I came from the bath the last Spring and not going any way from home, wth my most humble Service to them, I hope [struck out: 'not in the least but you'] they will confirm [struck out: 'the order & me principall'] my order wth the same bearer, I had a later order wch I doubt not but may be found in the book & shall take it as a favour from them I am

Sr- your faithful huml

October 17 1715

Sr

I perceive that Mr Maliverer designs to move the Deputy Lieutenants that he may be principall & his Uncle Bellingham bearer for his lands at Worsal he & his relations has been bearers to me for half a horse for the Estate above these Seaven & thirty years, & never recd any thing from them but one old horse & twelve Guines, so I am sure he has little reason to desire to Change his Principall pray do me the favour to acqt the Deputy Lieutents with my most humble service to them would have waited on them my Self, but have not been well, & very much out of Order, since I came from the Bath pray Pardon this trouble given you by Sr

Your most faithfull Humble Servt
E Blacket

To Henry Frankland Esq at Thirsk

you need not tell Mr Silvertop that I design he shall Receive no more of my Rents

17 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to Edward Ridsdale

[Note: Recipient un-named, but from context and the subsequent letter to James Mewburn, possibly the lawyers Edward Risdale]

Newby Oct 17th 1715

Sr

I hope this will find you well at home after the journey, pray acqt me by a line, whither their be any truth of the several Gentlemen being up in Northumberland or not & the names that is reported, as also whither you see Sr John Delavall & w[ha]t Discourse you had with him I wish my Servt Newburn had returnd with you for I have Business with him before I go to York I am Sr your assured Friend & Servt

17 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: Undated but between 17 & 21. 17th used here]

James

I Recd your letter by T Thompson as also yours by Ridsdale, & am sorry with all my heart to hear of the disorders in Northumberland, I hope there will be a Speedy End of them, acqt Mr Coulson I Recd his bill for £100 I wondr the Yarmouth bill is not paid for he writ it was a ery good bill & wd be pd when due, let me know whether Mr Silvertop does business every week at Newcastle, as he used to do, if not whether you think you can get to Speak with him, in case you went to his house at Stella, for I am unwilling he

should Receive any more of my Rents till peaceable times, wch pray. God send soon
faile not to let me have a line from you every Week

21 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to Anthony Kingsley

Newby the 21 october 1715

Sr

your Brother Mr Beaumond left in my hand Seaventy Three pounds as also twenty
Seaven pound wch I was indebted to you was in hopes of Sending you a bill for the
whole Summ but the disturbance in the north makes good bills mighty Scarce inclosed
I send you a bill drawn the 10 Octobr by Mr Stephen Coulson of Newcastle for Eighty
pounds at thirty days after date, up[on] Mr Math. Featherstone at Mr James Brownes in
Crooked lane, wch will be duly paid when d[o]ne, I hope in a post or two to Send you a
bill for twenty pounds wch is Still in my hands, pray own the receipt of this letter &
you will oblige

your Humbl Servt

Mr Anth. Kingsley

22 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Note: girsbly is probably Girsby in the district of Hambleton, N Yorkshire]

dt 22 Octobr 1715

Mr Ward

I hope mine by the last post came to your hand I acquainted you I had four very very
large oxen two years fed, & am told too large for these markets, I wish you could send
over Thompson or any other butcher this next Week that would buy them, for would
sell them worth the money, being am going to York for some time, & then I design for
London, I sent my Servt to Thirsk as the Warrant you sent ordered but when the troop
was called over I was not named so I believe I must be In one of the other two troops
for <girsbly> lands so pray acqt me what Capt it was that you used to send the light
horse too, my Servt came home on Friday & told me the Capt desired him to be
mustered in his troupe, wch the fellow was so foolish to consent too, I perceive the Capt
ordered him to meet the troupe at beadle on Saturday, & to bring so many more days
pay, for he did not know but they might be out 6 or 7 days longer wth my Service to
you & yours I am

Your assured f[rien]d to Serve You

25 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Scott

[Note: Scott was the cranemaster at the quay in York]

25 Octobr 1715

Mr Scott

Sr

I perceive that by yours this morning that John Stones will have his co[a]ls measured at York, am willing he shall bring his York measure to Milby & they shall be measured their wch is the same thing, as if they were measured at York, for I am of opinion that the watermen are not so honest as they ought to be, pray give me his answer that I may know whether I may rely on him or not, for shall have occasion for a good quantity of coals at Newby this winter tho I shall not be at Newby my Self much longer than Martinmass shall be very glad to see you at Newby I am

Your obligd Humbl Servt

A bag of hopps in the Brotherhood John Buttery Mastr

25 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Messenger

25 Octobr 1715

Mr Messenger

I desire you will speak to that boatman that furnishes you wth coals to send me up a boat load or 2 as soon as possibly he can for now the ways are much better then they will be for several months, pray by the first post let me know what you have done & when I may Expt the Coals & the price you have bargained for I hope to see you at York a little after Martinmass wth my Service to the Neighbourhood I am,

Your obligd f[rien]d & S[ervan]t

If your friend cannot Serve me acqt me that I may furnish myself Else where

25 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Stephenson

25 Octobr 1715

Mr Stephenson

The ways being indiffert passable as yet, wd willingly have a boat load or two of coals so if you can furnish me send them away with all possible speed, & pray let me know by a line by the very first post, & you will oblige

26 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Note: Worsall & Girsby (Gersby) are adjacent estates. Winlington = Winlaton]

Newby October 26 1715

Mr Ward

Sr. I Recd yours by Luke, am Consern'd should give you so much trouble, but at this time it cannot be helped, I could hartely have wished that you had not sent out a horse for Sockburn, for I am very positive that by act of parliament that the Estate is not liable, being under the value of five hundred pound p ann, am sure the leiuenance durst not trie it with me at law, I desire youl take care to get me bearor, or Bearors, & that they shall be obliged to Contribute to this last great charge, if you had not sent out a horse I could have compeld them with less trouble, being the Estate was not liable to set out a whole horse as for what concerns Gersby I hertely wish you health, & would give you leave, to wate of the Deputy Leiuenants at Northalerton, Enclosed I send you the two last orders I had, I do not well know the value of Bellinghams Estate at Worsall, but I believe it may be about two hundred & fifty pound p ann or thereabouts, so I would have you to give in my Estate at Gersby three hundred pound p ann for I am very sure that no less then five hundred pound a year can be charged or liable to sett out a whole hor[s]e, to my own knowledge I know several Gentlemen of 1000 pound p ann and much more sett out but one horse I am myself is a fourth part Consern'd in the Lordship of Winlington is in the bishoprick of Durham which is 16 hundred pound a year good rents, & was never more charged than for one horse, this I hope will give you full satisfaction, with my Service to you & yours I am

Your assured Friend To Serve you

I have another order wch Mr Goullon got me at thirsk about three years agoe but have mislaid it but you may find it in the book I hope Mr Goullon will be at thirsk and will make all things very plain & be good assistant

26 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to Hugh Smithson

[Note: Undated, but between 26 Oct and 4th Nov. 26th used here. Hugh Smithson was 3rd Baronet of Stanwick (1657-1729).]

Sr

the deputy lieutents met this Week at Knaesbrough to regulate the Militia & Settle the principals & bearers, & are to meet againe next very shortly upon the same acct, I am very unwilling to be principall any longer, [struck out: 'I am promised an order the next meeting to receive what is due from my bearers'] so if you have a mind to be principall let me know it, you will have the two Mr Wilkinsons & myself for the bearers, & you will f[in]d that I shall be a better paymaster than have been to me, if you have not a horse & arms ready for the first Muster I will send my own Servt to appear for you, your answer by a line will oblige

Sr yr mt Fr & H Servt

Sr Hugh Smithson

I hope you have not forgot the agreemt me [we] made, to have that your self or Stewd should pay me 30 s a Year punctually at Newby

26 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to Captain Millington

[Note: Undated, but between 26 Oct and 4th Nov. 26th used here.]

H[ones]t Capt

Am very sorry to perceive by yours that you have had your grand head ake twice in one week I do believe the bath might do you good, & am sure your purse will not be less whilst you stay their, for I do not remember that the Capt pd a farthing in my Company or that shall do whilst I live, I have been my Self very much out of order, wth a great pain all over my body, wch the Drs call a plurecick pain, & they say nothing but the bath will set me to rights, I use no manner of Exercise, not so much as to walk down to the stables, & very rarely in the travel walk, have partly lost my stomach again, but I hope my going to , wch will be a little after Martinmass, will recover it again,

My nephew Blacet is not amongst the Rebels there are only 3 protestants wth them wch are Mr Forster, Mr Car of Escheld & Mr Fenwick of bywell, I hope they will all receive their deserts in a little time, pray give my Service to mt Ld all the good family at dunham wth blessing to my dr little Mitty.

All this family gives their Servioce to the Capt & good Mrs Millington & will be glad to see you both at Newby next Summer,

Desire your Wife to let me know whether there was any owing to Lady for a glass, when we left York

26 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Undated, but between 26 Oct and 4th Nov. 26th used here.]

Dear Kitt

I recd the hops this day have not as yet weighd them, shall send you next week two h[ogs]h[ea]ds of ale the one for you & the other for my self & keep them in your celler till I come to London,

Poor unfortunate Mills pray for you both day & night for the good End you have made for him pay the £13 & take in his bond & give a note under your hand that the Clocke shall be deliverd Either today or to morrow as allso take a recpt in full for that Debt which I believe he cannot refuse to give you

I was in hopes to have sold my Lead before this, if I had you should have had bills returnd you before this, I hear the rebels in Northumberland are disparted & peace and quietness in that Countrey, so the trade will flourish in Newcastle as formerly, all this family gives their loving service to you & yours with my Blessing to yourself I am

Your most affectionate Father

26 Oct 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge

[Note: Undated, but between 26 Oct and 4th Nov. 26th used here.]

Sr

I perceive by Mr Wakefield that Mr Duncome is at his own house, & he did not hear him say any thing of his going to make a Visit into the West Riding, I could wish my Son had an opportunity to see the young lady & the sooner the better, by reason he Recd a letter lately to go up to London as soon as conveniently he could, yet his ship accounts might be passed

Am informed they go through several offices before the Admiralty pass them, as soon as I have the favour of a letter from you, he shall immediately wait on you, could heartily wish he could see both the ladies & the sooner the better, he writ you a line 3 posts ago, which I hope came to hand all here are much your humble servants pray believe me always

Your most faithful friend & humble servant

Mr Lodge

3 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

3 Nov 1715

Mr Ward

About a Week after Martinmas I design for York & after some little stay there so for London, & so return by the bath, acquaint me whether you will have any moneys at York a little after Martinmas, I must desire you to clear your Martinmas Rents as soon as possibly you can because I cannot expect any moneys out of Northumberland, Especially from Wm Lows, know of Mr Allan if he can let you have any bills without giving any advance for them, & I shall let him have bills at another time – without taking any thing, as soon as you can give an answer to

your assured friend

4 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

The 4 9br 1715

James

I perceive by yours you design'd to go to fallowf[iel]d on Tuesday last, so I hope you will give me a full acct by Saturday night post or when you come to Newby, wch I hope you will be the next Week without faile, onely to Set your Whitsontyde Rent Streight, besure you take no bills from any but from Mr Fenwick, Mr Reay & Comp or Mr Ridleys, all this country & the bishopbrick of Durham are very quiet, when you do come I wd have you come the nighest way, that is over at Shiels & so through Sunderland, & if you think necessary you may get a certificate from the Mayor, there is no manner of danger of your coming Southwards, I design for York & so for London, in a short time, & shall return by the bath, so it will be June before I can Expect to be at Newby againe if you wd have company into Yorkshire you may ordr any of the Ten.ts to come wth you, I had a letter from Mr Silvertop when he gave me the Yarmouth bill, & assur'd me it wd be punctually paid, & do not in the least question but it is pd long before this, if you cannot conveniently come next week you may let it alone till the Week after, I have ordered Wm Lows to come likewise, for wd have both your & his Whitsontyde Rents stated before I go Southwatds faile not to give me a line by Saturday nights post when I may expect you, I am

Your assur'd friend

4 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Stephenson

4 9br 1715

Mr Stephenson

Sr

I perceive by yours that you have sent me 3¼ Chaldn Coals, as also that you will spare me 4 Chaldn of Right Barnsley Coals wch I thank you for, you need not give your self any further trouble to buy or send me any more Coals this Winter, for have bargaind wth a man for 2 or 3 boat load of Coals wch will be more than shall have occasion for this Winter, shall be very glad to see you at Newby at Martinmass I am

Your obligd f[rien]d & Servt

4 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Scott

4 9br 1715

Mr Scott

Sr I perceive by your that Jno Stones is unwilling to bring a boat load of Coals to burrowbridge, so have agreed with another that deals in Coals to send me 2 boat load

from the Far end, for the throwing in some the Coals Spoils them, the Chaldn you sent by Walls boat, have got them to Newby, & if you have agreed wth Stones for any more Coals you may put them in Walls boat, if not you need not give your self any further trouble, shall be mighty glad to see you at Newby, for have long Expected you, I design for York my Self about fourteen days after Martinmass, with my Service to you I am
Your obligd Humbl Servt

4 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to George Masrother

4 9br 1715

Mr Masrother

Sr – I desire you will do me the fav[ou]r to Inquire me out a small quantity of Hay, & acqt me what they will deliver it me for a load, the hay that comes by water or grows nigh the water is not for my purpose, for most of the low grounds was flooded, I bought a little stack of hay some time ago without <bondenbar>, & usually there are several stacks to be sold their, had rather buy by the load, than a whole stack together however I desire you will let me know when you have heard of a stack, what fathom it is & what they demand for it, & you will oblige Your assured f[rien]d to Serve You

7 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

7 9br 1715

H[ones]t Will

I have writ you Severall letters to come to Newby to set last W'sontide Rent straight, & shall acqt you who you shall pay your Martinmass Rent too at Newcastle, as also the Fines when they shall become due, I design for londn this Winter & shall return by the Bath, so if it please god if I live & have my health, it will be June before I return, there is no manner of danger of your coming to Newby for we are very Easy here, & am very glad to hear that the Rebels has left Northumbr & gone for Scotland, I am

Your assured Friend

I wondr that I have not heard from you of late, I expected to have had a letter from you when you design'd to begin your journey

8 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

8 9br 1715

Mr Ward

I Recd both your letters, & wish you c[oul]d find bearers of Sockburn, for without them will not send out a horse, & in case they distraine will replevy & try it wth them, as for

troubling your self to my Ld Scarborough it will be to no purpose, for I cannot have a worse bearer than Mr Belingham & doubt not but to get a bearer that will be more punctuall, & pay what is due to his principal till then wch I hope will not be long shall not trouble my self to send out a horse for have advice about that concerne, I am absolutely resolved to make a concurrent lease on T Thompson farme, before my journey, so I desire you to acqt me what advance of Rent you think it deserves, & whether you think you can get me a ten[an]t, if not will rather keep it in my own hand, than continue him my ten[an]t for so small a Rent, am very sorry to hear that you have been so lame of late, wth my Service to all your good family I am Your assured Friend to Serve

10 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

10 9br [November] 1715

James

I perceive by yours that you have been at fallowf[iel]d & paid the lead Carriers wch is very well done, faile not to begin your journey at the time appointed wch is Wednesday next, had much rather have Gold than bills, so you may quilt your gold in your britches Wastband and, if you think fit you may bring a man or two wth you, besure you ride betwixt Sun & Sun, in case any one should be Robbed betwixt Sun & Sun, go to the next Justice of the peace and swear to the Summ that is taken from you, & your country is oblig'd to make it good, but if you can get bills from Mr Coulson & Compy MR Ridleys or Mr Fenwick & Compy take from them but none Else, however what gold you bring wth you, let it be quilted in your Cloaths, only 10 or 15 Shillings in your pocket

I am your Friend

shall expect to hear from you by Saturday nights post

10 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

H[ones]t Will

I perceive by yours of the 3d that as soon as Martinmass day is over you will Endeavour of to get all the Martinmass Rent as soon as possibly you can, however upon the receipt of this letter, or a day or two after I wd have you come to Newby to set & cast ½ Year Rent Streight, & what moneys you shall Receive hereafter will have it paid to Mr Coulson at Newcastle. I am in haste -

10 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

10 9br 1715

Mr Ward

I Recd yours of 7th I perceive sending out a horse is very chargeable however at present it cannot help'd, When the Bishoprick Militia is up againe I can send you a horse & a buff coat, when you acqt me the Militia will be up, but you should by all means get me two bearers before my Ld Scarborough go out of the country, & get his hand to the ordr if possible, I wd rather have Roman catholic than any others for my bearers for they pay the best, so I should think wth a little trouble you might Inquire out two, should be glad to hear if you were perfectly recovered of the lameness, wth my service to you & yours I am

I wish you cd get me a good substantiall ten[an]t for the Thompson farme, wth a good advance of Rent wch I have formerly heard you say might easily be done

13 Nov 1715 John Blackett to Stephen Coulson

[Note: Possibly written by John Blackett for his father between 10 & 13 November. 13th used here.]

Dt 9br

Mr Coulson

My Father Recd yours wth the bill for one hundred pounds upon Mr Featherstone, he gives returns you many thanks for the dayly trouble he gives you, at this time my father has betwixt 7 & 8 hundred pieces lead at Newburn & would willingly dispose of them (having occasion for money) at this time) he gives you the first offer of them, & will take of you & Compy 8s pr Fother less than the market price, so pray by the next post give a line to

Sr yrs

My father will onely have occasion for £200 p[oun]ds at present

13 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett

Novr 13th 1715

Sr

I am mightily Concerned to perceive in two of your Letter that my Dear Kitt is very much out of order since he returned to London, shall be mighty uneasy till I hear of his recovery so I desire you by the very first post to acqt me what his distemper was I hope it is nothing but Cold, a little time will bring him to Rights again & with my Blessing to him & his family I am

Sr your obliged Servt E Blackett

I have sent two h[ogs]h[ea]d of ale, one for him & the other for myself which I desire he'll keep till I come to London which I design in January

14 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Note: Recipient not named, but the contents suggest a continuation of earlier correspondence with EB's agent John Ward. The Battle of Preston (known also as the Preston Fight) took place 9-14 November 1715 where an Anglo-Scottish Jacobite army was engaged by Government forces.]

Newby Novr 14th

Sr

I perceive by yours of the 11th that you doe not d[o]ubt but to find out bearers for Sockburn, which am very glad of, I remember very well that my late Ld Rivers when he was Ld Colchester was bearer to Sockburn for his Lands at Winslow, which is about four or five miles above pearcebridge he never would pay me any thing nor could I persuade the Deputy Leivetenants to grant me a war[an]t of Distress, my Ld Rivers is now dead, wholly owns that township, I desire you'l make him bearer to me, pray got it done while my Ld Scarbrough is in the County, & when you doe wait on him besure give my humble to his Ldship for I know him perticuler well & do not in the least Question but he will grant you an order for such to be bearors for Sockburn as you shall name to him,

there is two years next Lady day before robsons lease be Expired, it is a very common thing in this Contrey to let Concurrant Leases & I do not doubt but you may find one or other that will be willing to take it, & give a good advance if Rent, am sure the mill must be worth a good Sum yearly, for I have heard that he grinds in a manner Day & Night all year round, if so she must be worth a Considerable rent, we have corn mills in this Contrey that gives [struck out: 'much'] above a hundred pounds a year Rent & they grind but little or nothing in the nigh[t], when you see Ralph Lademan you may acqt him that I cannot let mulwith ground this year here is news comd this morning that Genll Willes has routed the Rebels at priston in Lancashire & that my Ld Darwentwater & his <men> is slain & with a great number of the Rebels and all the rest surrounded which is very good news, we expect every moment an Expres with a further an acct of it action just now since I writ part of this Letter another Express came which Confirms all on a total victory which I hope will make you have a good fair

I am Your assured Friend to Serve you

the tiths of <Hirby> Hill which is about Seaven Score pound a year or upwards, belongs to my neighbour Mr Willkinson of burrowbridge, it is in the north Riding of Yorkshire & does not Contribute to a horse as I am Creditable Inform'd so he would

make a very good bearer for Gersby so pray manage this business well & youl much oblidge yrs

Sr

I thank you for the trouble you will pleased to give yourself in Inquireing without a stack of hay, I hav sent the bearer my Servt with moneys in case you agree to pay for it, I hope they let it stand over the year in case I do no make use of it all for too much in the hay Chamber at a time would but Dry & Spoil I wish you let me know wher it stands & what I can have it brought to my hay Chamber per waggon load, if it should prove to dear one had better buyit by load as they bring it to town, I am informed by a York man that keeps an Inn that the Common price is <.> per load I know youl do for me as yr Self, & pray blieve me

Your Real Friend to Serve you

16 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Mr Ward

Newby 16 Novembr

I hope you Recd my Last & desire you to take care of what I writ about have made a bargain with the man you sent over, so Pray draw a note & let him Sign it, you must Pay him five pounds & he is to go either for the Bishoprick or the north Riding so Let the note be fully drawn he is to go with the Light horse when ever is calld for you must also pay him what you bargaind wth him for what is past In case the two countys are not up at one time he may Serve for either Place

I am your Assured friend to Serve You E Blacket

17 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett

[Note: runlet – a wine measure equal to 18 gallons. Hogshead is approx. 53 gallons of wine.]

17 9br 1715

Sr

The two Runlets of Wine wch your Servt Sent me last was but very Indifferent, & the worst that I ever had from you, especially the Red Wine, I have Sent two Runlets by the boat wch I desire you will ordr to be fill'd, the one Lisbon White, & the other Red port, pray taste the Wine yr Self before it be sent away by the boat, I am

Sr Your Humbl Servt

17 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett

[Note: Undated but either 17th or 18th Nov. 17th assumed.]

Mr Scott

I have sent you 3 h[ogs]h[ead]d of Ale, two directed to my Son Christopher wch I desire your care in forwarding them, & the other must beg of you to see carefully put into my cellar at York, you may get the keys of Mr Mashrother & after the Ale is in pray return them to him againe, I hope to see you in York now in a short time, I am

Sr your oblig'd Humbl Servt

18 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Stephenson

18 November 1715

Sr –

I paid your note of £17:1:2 to Mr Calvert, pray send me an Acct of the measure of the coals you Sent as also the price per chald[ro]n, likewise the measure of the planck & what you charge it per foot, the boat man does not charge the same quantity of coals as you do in your Note, you will f[in]d by the inclosed that bills are not to be had wth my Service to your Self & Mrs Stephenson

I am

24 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

24 November 1715

Dr Kitty

I was very glad to perceive by a letter wch I Recd this post from Mr Willson that you are perfectly recovered & in good health wch pray God continue to you, am much concern'd to hear that my poor brother Bridges is so dangerously Ill, I was in hopes to have see him this winter, but if he was so ill as Mr Wilson writ me am afraid he will not over it,

I should have sent Mr Kingsley a bill for one hundred pound, but bills being Scarce could onely get one for £80, so am indebted to him £20, so do you pay it him in full for the £100 left in my hand, wch Mr Beaumondt, Inclosed I send you a bill £100 wch will be punctually paid, when due, wth my blessings to you & yours. I am

24 Nov 1715 John Blackett to Henry Lodge

[Note: Undated but between others of 24th Nov. Possibly written by John Blackett]

Dr Sr

I had the satisfaction yesterday to receive a Letter from you, & am much obliged to you for your kind wishes, which shall always be own'd by me, pray let me know by the Bearer what day next week I shall come to Leeds & shall not fail to waite on you, I hope your friend Mr Lowther will Contrive matters so as we may dine at Methley, which my father thinks will be much better, all this family joyn's with me their Humble Services to your Self & Mrs Lodge & pray believe me; Sr

Your most obliged & most faithful humble Servt

24 Nov 1715 John Blackett to John Hey

[Note: Undated but between others of 24th Nov. Possibly written by John Blackett]

Mr Hey

When I was at your house you shewed me two bills Each for One hundred pounds if you will bring them to Newby my father will give you moneys for them & in case you have disposed of them I desire you will get my father two good bills & order them to bring them here & shall pay them the moneys

24 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby 24 9br [November] 1715

James

I hope this will find you well after your journey, last post I Recd a letter from Mr Silvertopp, he offers to give undeniable Security both as to my Ld Witheringtons lease & for the receipt of winlinton rents, so I cannot imploy a more proper man provided he has liberty to go abroad & mind his business, so you need not say any thing to the tenants, but in case you have spoke to them ordr them to pay their rents to Mr Silvertop as formerly, I wd have you carry the inclos'd letter to Stella & leave it at his own house in case you do not see him, if you send in your name I know he will be seen by you

24 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

[Note: Sent under cover with letter to James Mewburn dated 24th]

Mr Silvertop

Sr – I Recd your letter & am very sorry for my Lords misfortune, am very willing to continue my lease as also you to receive my rents I doubt not but you will give me

Security, as you write me, so pray let me know who he is, I have not the least acquaintance wth neither Capt Lidle nor Mr Coatsworth, & I do believe they will not as yet take baile, for they refuse it all over this county but you may be assured in a little time there will orders come down to take baile, so you will have their liberty as much as ever, I shall be glad to have a letter from you sometimes

I am your assured f[rien]d to Serve You

24 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Undated but is between 24th & 27th. 25th used here. Shem Bridges was EB1's brother-in-law, a London lawyer married to Isabella Blackett.]

Dear Kitty

The Death of my Brother Bridges did not surprise me, but leaving neither your Self, nor Son, anything I wonder very much, am still of an oppinion that he being so scenceable a man, would not die without a will, & am in hopes in a little time it will be produced, you give me no acct of the funeral nor the day [struck out: 'which'] that he died, which doe in the next

I sent you a h[ogs]h[ead] of Ale as alsoe one for my Self, but what ship Mr Scott has put them in I know not, I designe god willing to be in London the beginning of January, so shall send up this week a Chest of Lining & another HHd of Ale, which will be directed for you & when arrived be sure take care of them, as alsoe some small boxes with Servants Cloase, with my Blessing to your Self & family & Service to all your Relations

I am Your Most Affectioned Father

I hope to send you some Bills of Exchange in a post or two

27 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett

Newby 29 9br 1715

My Dearst Missy

I am glad to perceive by yours this day that the Rebels hath left your neighbourhood, and that my d[ea]r Mitty is not likely to be frightened by them any more as for your Cousin Sr Wm he was not amongst the Rebels nor does any one know where he is, for he hath not appear'd publickly since their first Rising, all this family are very well & give you their best Services as also to my Ld & the Ladys, wth my blessing to my dr Mitty I am

Your m[os]t affct GrandPapa EB

Tell the Capt that I take it very ill from him that he did not give me an Acct of all the transactions at Preston, he being so nigh them, with my Service to him & good good Mrs Millington

30 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

30 9br 1715

Mr Silvertop

I writ you the 24th, but I believe it is not as yet come to your hand, I perceive by your of the 28 that you have not as yet your liberty to go abroad wch am sorry for as for my writing to my Ld Scarborough I know it would be to no purpose for no Ld lieutenant when he is out of the country will concern himself wth any thing that happens their, but refers it to his deputy lieutents & the Justices of the Peace, inclos'd I send you a letter wch read, seal, & send by a carefull hand to be delivered & tho I have no acquaintance wth the Capt, yet I believe he will not deny me such a request, being so well acquainted wth his father, write me wether I must direct my letts as formerly or inclose them to Mr Wilkinson, my last lettr I ordered my Servt Mewburn to deliver wth his own hand at your house at Stella, I hope the inclosed will do you Service wch I heartily wish being I am

Your assured f[rien]d to Serve you EB

30 Nov 1715 Edward Blackett to George Liddell

[Note: 'Capt Liddle' was almost certainly George Liddell of the Ravensworth family, active in the militia during the Jacobite Rising]

30 9br 1715

Sr

I perceive by my Stewd Mr Silvertop who Receives my Rents for Winlinton L'ship that he dare not go about his business for fear being taken up being a Roman catholic, wch is a great disappointment to myself & a very great loss to the poor man, being he cannot manage he concerns wch he is imployed in any place, am willing to be bound for his appearance when ever the Lieutenants or Justices of the Peace shall please to command him, I desire your favr in this concern & you will much oblige

Sr your faithfull humbl Servt EB

Capt Liddle

These presents

[possibly written as a cover letter to John Wilkinson:]

Sr the other side you have a Copy of Mr Silvertops letter, so pray as soon as conveniently you can give me your advice what you would advise me to do in it to be safe, you will very much oblige

Sr your assured fd & Kinsman

2 Dec 1715 John Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Neither correaspondent is named, but the context suggests itw as for Kitty, and possibly written on EB's behalf by son John]

Newby 2 December 1715

Dr Brother

there are shipt on board the John & Ann - Tho Molton Mast[er] from Hull – Two hhd[s] [hogsheads] of ale one for your Self the other for my father as you will see by the directions you must besure to see his hhd carefully put in to his Cellar assoon as the ale arrives

Inclosed you have two bills Each for one hundred pounds one drawn the 3d December at one month after date by Wm Kenton of Leeds on John Jeshmaker Mercht in London, the other drawn the 18 November by Charles Bo[u]cher of Rotterdm upon George Chabot at two months, you must mind this last bill is due the 4 January next, for their 15 9br is our 4th so mind there is no mistake, pray own the receipt of these bills, there are several boxes and trunks directed for you wch take care of, pr next shall write you in whom are shipt —

Rotterdm 15 9br 1715 for £100 St[er]l[ing]

Mons[eu]r a deux usances il vous plaira payer par cette premiere de change a L'ordre de Mn Cornelis Van Son Cent livres Sterling valeur du dit lieux, que passers a conte de EB Suivant L'advis de monsieur V[ot]re humbl Serviteur Charles Boucher a Monsr George Chabot a Londres.

Indorsed Cornelis Van Son to Richd Hey

Leeds xbr 3d 1715 £100

One month after date please pay to Mr John Hey or order One hundred pounds value Recd as per advice from Sr your humbl Servt Wm Kenton

To Mr John Jeshmaker Mercht in London

Indorsed in blank by John Hey

2 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Seth

The 2 december 1715

Mr Seth

Sr

I Recd your letter of yesterday, I hope my Goods wch I sent the other day by the Milby boat are all got safe, I desire you will send them by the first opportunity to hull, & desire your friend to ship them in the very first ship for london, he must take care to get a cocket or whatever is necessary out of the custom house, there are nothing in any of the boxes but wearing cloaths & linen, I think to begin my journey for London the first week in Christmass, so should be glad to see you here before that time, & pray bring your note wth you, that I may pay it, & give you thanks for all your trouble, pray desire your friend to loose no opportunity of shiping my goods the first ship & let me know the ship & mastrs name, the goods wch have sent are all wearing cloaths & linen, excepting two casks, the one is wth Tea Kettles & other small things, the other <next> flower. I write you this because your friend perhaps at hull must know what is in them, that he may know how to Enter them at the custom house

5 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

5 December 1715

Mr Ward

I Perceive by yours that you do not think there will be a meeting of the lieutenancy till Christmass Sessions you must have three deputy lieutenants hands to the order two is not sufficient, Mr George <C/Loup> has much above One hundred pounds a Year and lays in the township of langthorp, & desires he may be a bearer to me, Mr Tho Wilkinsons yearly valueation of his Tyths in the parish of Kirby ravensworth is above Seavenscore pound a Year to my knowledge, & as for your Estate I shall Expect anything from you, onely to keep your horse, & at anytime when you are not provided you know you may command a horse at Newby at anytime for if you hear that my horse did not appear at Richmond tell Mr Hatton the reason wth my Service to him, you may remembr the chief constables warr.t was to meet at Thirsk, wch my Servt did

5 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge

5 Decr

Sr

I am ashamed that myself & Son has given you so much trouble, but I hope if please god I live to Come out of the Debt, have sent you a Coppy of the Lettr which I sent to Mr Lowther, & have desired him to inclose the answer to you, which pray send by a carefull messinger, with a basket along with him for an Excelant Roll of Brawn, which I shall send you, & as soon as I receive the answer you shall certainly hear from me with all our most Humble Service & thanks to your Self & Mrs Lodge, I am

Sr your Real Friend & obliged humble Servant

6 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to Captain Millington

6 Xbr

Hon[es]t Capt

Am oblig'd to you for the names of the Rebels sent me wch was taken at present but I find the 10 men wch you writ me as Shot are by this post yet living,

I design god willing to go for londn in Christmas week, & should be glad to find my Ld & his family their this winter, pray let me hear from you and direct your letter for me at Mr Chr. Blackets on bread street hill londn wth my most humbl Service to my lord & his family, & my blessing to my Dr little MiTTY wth my kind remembrance to your Self & good Mrs Millington

I am Your Reall friend & Servt

8 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

8 december

James

Am very sorry to perceive by yours of my Dr Sister Mitfords weakness, I hope to god she may recover this illness & that we may see one another once more wch pray god grant,

give my service to my Cousin Wilkinson & know of him if he did not receive a letter from me, & that I desire an answer of it,

deliver the inclosed & let me know what this Mr John Anderson is, when you receive any moneys tho be it but £50 you may get a bill of Mr Reay Mr Fenwick of Mr Ridly for it, we have a report here that Frank [struck out: 'Etherington Ellington'] Elrington was kill'd in Scotland, let me know if you have the same rept wth you or not. I am –

My service to Mr Coulson & desire him to receive what moneys Wm Lows my Servt brings to him inclose a bill for it, & inclosed it for me Mr C Blacket on bread street hill

Mr John Anderson

I Rec'd your letter, but the time that Sr John has to rase the monys by the decree is not expired, they usuall give upon a motion 2 or 3 months time longer, so when he is absolutely foreclosed shall you shall hear from me, for fear this letter should miscarry by the post have inclosed a copy of it to my Servt Mewburn who will give you on Saturday

Your assur'd f[rien]d to Serve you

11 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Cuthbertson

Newby 11 Xbr 1715

Sr

I have no thoughts of parting wth my house at York, for when I return from londn I design please god to live much their, I hope neither the house, nor the Furniture can take much harme, give my Service to Mrs Cuthbertson & acqt her she may let who she will live in the house, for 3 or 4 months, so that they be carefull of my furniture, & shall expect no rent from them, I am Sr your humbl Servt

EB

11 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to Captain Millington

Dr Kitty

dt

Hon.t Capt

I shall not go to londn as soon as I expected so pray give me a line to Newby, for I desired you in my last to direct for me at Mr Son Christ[opher] I hope my Ld & the family are all in good health, if my Ld be not gone to London, desire his lordship to bring the deed wch my Self & Son Signd for Mittys present maintenance, it must be Ingrossd over againe & my Self, & Son, will Sign it, wch was according to my promise to my Lord. faile not to write me by the same post you receive this letter, otherwise it will not come to my hand wth my most humbl Service to my Ld & his family & my blessing to my Dr little Missy, wth my Service to good Mrs Millington, I am

Your Reall friend & Servt

11 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett

11 Xbr 1715

Sr

I hope desire you will take care to prevt Sr John delaval for having any long[e]r time given him for the paymts of the moneys, for I know it is impossible for him to raise it, & besides the debt is more than the Estate is worth, so I hope he will be foreclosed wch shall be glad to hear by a line from you by the first post I am

Your obligd humb Servt

12 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

12 decr

Mr Silvertop

This day I received answer of my letter which I writ to Capt Liddle upon the acct, the very words of his Letter is that on Wednesday I read the Letter to my Brethren who as well as my Self, would have been very ready to have serv'd you but in the case of Mr Alb[er]t Silvertop we cannot for Ld Scarbrough granted warrants upon Information he received when in this Country & the high Constable took him upon one of those Warrants & he brakeaway from him, I believe it will appear that he has been at least aiding & assisting to the Rebels in furnishing Horses & Arms this is all that he writes concerning you, so I doubt there is no remedy but patience I should be glad to hear from you as often as you can conveniently write I design for London the last week in Decr, I hope to hear from you several times before I begin my Journey I am

Your assured Friend

12 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to John Douglas

[Note: Douglas was a self-made Scot who prospered as an attorney, and bought land in Northumberland between 1680 and 1702. His Matden and Halton estates passed to Sir Edward's grandson through marriage to Douglas's grand-daughter Anne.]

12 Xbr

Sr

I would have answerd your Letter soner but I expected a Letter from my Ld Duke of Summerset who I gave my Intrest many years agoe you know I could do no less being I had his graces Intrest Intirely when I stood Knight of the Shire for the County of Northumberland, besides he ordred his Steward to entertain me at his own Castle at Alnwick when I have a line from his Grace you shall hear further from

Your Assured Friend

To John Duglass Esq at his house in Newcastle

13 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to George Booth

13Xbr

My Lord

I Recd the honr of your lordships letter of the 6th & am very glad that your lordship & famly are in good health & that you design to be for London shortly where I hope to have the honr to waiting on your lordship & family, as for my dr Mittys Jewels and gold watch by all means let her wear them for they were given her to no other End, wth all our most humbl Services to your lordship & the Ladys, wth my blessing to my Dr little Mitty I am

Your Lordships mt Obedt & mt Faithfull Humbl Servt

I have taken no notice of a londn journey in mitty letter

13 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to Diana Blackett

13 Xbr

My Drst Mitty

I am very glad to hear that you have learn'd the Church Catechism in French & that you improve in that language, & I doubt not in the least in every thing Else that is becoming a Young Lady if you will but take pains & make it your business, your two Uncles & aunts gives you their kind love & Services wth my blessing to you I am

Your mt affect & Grand Papa

13 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to George Booth

My Lord I writ your ldship by the last post but for fear it should not come in time to your lordships hand have sent this by Roachdale bagg wth a Copy of my last, I am to your lordship & family

Yr most faithfull humbl Servt

13 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge

[Note: Undated/ between 13th and 15th Dec]

Mr Lodge

Sr inclosed is a Copy of my letter to my good friend Mr Crowther, I desire you will write him to send you an answer of it as soon as possibly he can for I design for London, the beginning of the last week in this month, for have taken both a house, & a coach to commence for the 1st of January & a coach for the last week in this month, so I heartily wish it would suit Mrs Savill conveniency to be in londn this winter, I despair of seeing you before I begin my journey, but be assured whatever Newby affords you may command as my Self being I am

Your Reall frd & obligd Servt humbl

have Send by your Servt the wheat & brawn wch I hope my Service to good Mrs Lodge

13 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Note: Undated/ between 13th and 15th Dec]

Mr Ward

I desire you will send me by Crawford £30 you need not send me a bill till you hear from me from londn, for believe my Servts will have occasion for the mony to buy barley – wth my Service to your Self & family. I am

15 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

15 Xbr 1715

Honest Will

Am Sorry to perceive by your that you have not been well since you left Newby, I hope it will onely prove a Cold, the acct you Send me for the Fines are onely part of them, inclosed I send you a Copy of them all as they have been Recd, I wondr Corn should be so cheap wth you, for all sorts of grane gives an extraordinary price here, I have a letter from my Servt Mewburn this day who writes me that Mr Reay & his partners are unwilling to receive any moneys from you, by reason you demand a receipt for it, for they send me a bill at the same time for the said sume, they are a long time before they can get In their Receipt, hereafter pay all your moneys to James Mewburn, & he will give you a receipt for it, & shall own it, as paid to my Self, upon the receipt of this letter let me hear from. You, wch I hope may Receive before I begin my journey, wch I design to do the day after Christmas day, I am

Your assured Friend EB

be sure faile not to write

15 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

15 Xbr 1715

James

Though your letter be dated of Saturday yet I Recd but this day Yesterday, am very much concernd for my Dr Sisters Illness, Pray God almighty send her better, besure when you go to town, know how she does and my concern for her wth my Service to her, I perceive Mr Reay is unwilling to give a receipt to Will Lows, so I have ordered him by this post to pay all his money to you, & your Receipt shall be his discharge, I do not know what is fit to allow the ten[an]ts for the ½ Tyth, you must get them off as cheap as possibly you can, I hope next Week to hear that Sr John is foreclosed & than I wd have you to let all the ten.ts leases, for 5 or 7 Years as at high a rent as possible you can, Mr Ridsdale will order Mr Raper who keeps a tavern upon the Key to pay Mr Hartgraves his bill, being he has pd all, or most the charge of this chancery Suit, besure faile not to write me every Saterdag, I cannot Receive many letters from you while I stay at Newby, for I design to begin my journey one day or two, after Christmas day when I come to London shall let you know how to direct to

Your Assured Friend EB

20 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge

Mr Lodge

Newby 20 Xbr 1715

Sr

I gave you the trouble of a letter as also one inclosed for Mr Lowther wch I doubt did not come to hand by reason I have heard nothing from you since –

About 8 months ago I got a decree in Chancery against Sr John delaval for £15000 pound and in case that Summ was not pd me the latter End of this month or the beginning of the next, he was to be foreclosed, & the Estate of Seaton Delaval absolutely my own, so was lately advised by my Sollicitor not to faile to be in Town at that time, my Son likewise has not as yet got his Accts past by the Commissioners for the charges of his ship for 2 Y[ears] in the W Indies, so his presence is highly necessary their, for the quick dispatch of the concern but as soon as that is over we shall immediately come into the country. I hope Mrs Savill will not take it Ill when she hears of our Sudden journey, wch I design to begin on Monday next, pray desire Mrs Lowther to acqt Mrs Savill the reason of our going, wch I hope she will excuse, being it was absolutely necessary, wth all our Services to your Self and Mrs lodge I am Sr Your Oblig'd Humbl Servt

EB

At all times when you send to Newby, order your Servt to bring a Sack wth him for Corn

If you answer this letter by the first post shall Receive it on Sunday

20 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to Henry Dawnay

[Note: Henry Dawnay, 2nd Viscount Downe (7 June 1664 – 21 May 1741), an English Tory MP 1690-1727]

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My Lord

I give your Lordship many thanks for the weekly Packet your Lordship was pleased to ordr to be sent me, am now going out of the country, so your lordship need not give your Self further trouble that it be sent me longer, I am

Your Lordships m.t Humbl Servt

To the Right Honbl Ld Viscount Downe at Cowick

22 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to Mr Lowther

Mr lowther

22 Xbr

Sr

I gave you the trouble of a letter as also one inclosed to Mr Lodge wch I doubt did not come to hand by reason I have heard nothing from you Since I believe my Sudden journey to london surprises you & Mr Lodge both, as well as my Self but it is unavoidable, About 8 m[onths] ago I got a decree in Chancery against Sr John Delaval for nigh £15000 & in case that Summ was not pd me the latter End of this month or the begining of the next he was to be foreclosed & the Estate of Seaton delaval absolutely my own, so the post before I writ my last I had a letter from the agent in chancery not to faile to be in town, the latter End of this month or the begining of the next, for he was told by Sr Johns Solliciter that the monys would be ready, & paid according th the order of the Court

I believe my Son told you that he must of necessaty be at London soon after he was at your house, for he had not got his Accts passd by the Commissioners for the charge of his ship for 2 years in the W Indies, wch comes to a good great Summ of monys, so his presence there is highly necessary for the quick displ of that concern, I hope Mrs Savill will not take it ill when she hears the reasons of our sudden journey wch is absolutely necessary, & as soon as we return I do not question but to give Mrs Savill all the Satisfaction she can reasonable desire both to the jointure & settlement wth my Sons Service & mine to your Self & Mrs Lowther I am

Sr your mt obligd Humbl Serrvt

Pray make our mt humbl Services acceptable to Mrs Saville & her daughter

Mr Lodge

The inclosed I desire you will read, seal, & send by a carefull hand

I continue my resolution to begin my journey on mondy, & pray favr me wth a line directing to be left at Mr C[hristopher] Bl[acket] at the White hart on bread street hill, as soon as I come to Londn you shall know where I lodge, if you want anything that Newby affords it is your own fault, for I am

Your Reall friend & servt

22 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

22 Xbr 1715

James

Am very pleased to perceive by yours that my Sister Mitford is much better pray god continue her health besure you always waite on her when you come to town & let me know how she does, faile not to write to me on Saturday night & shall receive it on Monday morning before I begin my journey, wch I design God willing without faile, write me constantly every week and direct your letters to be left at Mr C. B. at the White hart on bread street hill till you hear from me from londn I am

Your assured friend

22 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett

Sr

I cannot express the great obligations I lay under for your Civilitys to my Son, I hope I shall satisfy Mrs Savill both as to your prest settlemt jointure, & reversion, I have layd out a very great sum of money In Newby house & gardens, & think it is as fine a Seat aa any in the county, I design if he please me wch I do not question in the least but he will to give him all the furniture, plate, linen as also what jewels I gave his mother etc that belongs to the house wch cost a [struck out: 'great'] good sum of money,

I have given my Son a Copy of the rule of court that Mrs Savil may be satisfyd that our journey is absolutely necessary, I have no more to say but that I wish a happy conclusion of this affair, wth my most humbl Service to both the ladys I am

Sr your mt obligd & mt humbl Servt

26 Dec 1715 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

Newby 26 Xbr 1715

Mr Wilkinson

Sr – I know no way how to get a letter to Mr Silvertop but undr your cover so I hope you will Excuse the trouble given you by

Sr your assur'd friend & Kinsman EB

Mr Silvertop

Sr I Recd your letter & doubt not but Mr Reay will give you a bill when he can draw, & if Mr Featherstone have any occasion for money in Newcastle shall know of him shortly, for this morning I set forwd for London, & shall not faile to speak to my Ld Scarbrough upon your Acct pray God send us a hapy meeting I am

Your assured Friend To Serve You

You may direct for me to be left at Mr Christr Blackets on bread street hill Lon[don] till I can write you how to dir[ec]t me at my house in London