

23 Nov 1744 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Several points in Ainsley's case have been annotated with rebuttals given in the margin]

To Willm. Corbett Esq.

Ravensworth Castle Novem. 23rd 1744

Sir

Mr Anesley of Hexham has sent us a State of some Claims he has upon the Derwentwater Estate, which he has desired us to Transmitt to you & accordingly we send you his case herein. In regards to the Tyths of Dinnetley we have always understood it pays no Tyth & have been Inform'd when Mr Aynsley was the farmer he paid no Tyth to Mr Benjamin Carr altho' he setts forth now that he did pay Tyth. We wrote to the Board on this head the 27th January 1735/6 & in answer thereto they were pleased to take notice of the Observations we then made & that they did not doubt of our Care therein at a proper time and in pursuance of what then appeared to us we thought proper to stop any Payment of Tyths to Mr Anesley when his Term in Dinnettley Farm Expired. We were then of Opinion that Mr Anesley had no right to Tyth of Dinnettley and we are still of the same opinion yett if he can shew a good Title we think the Hospital should give the Dispute up rather than have a Dispute in Law. In regard to his other Claimes we are Strangers to it but believe he held the Courts he mentions and if it appears that he was not paid for that Service it would seem reasonable he should be paid according to the Agreement that was made with him. Upon the Commission for examining Witnesses in regard to the Ovingham Estate we believe he has made an ample discovery, but how far that intitles him to the Boards countenance we beg leave to submit to their consideration & we are

Sir your most hble Servts

N. Walton & H Boag

To the Hon'ble, the Commiss'rs and Governors of the Royall Hospitall at Greenwich

The Case of Mr John Aynsley

1st That the said John Aynesley for thirty-five years together was Concerned for the family at Dilston as their Attorney in the management of all the said Family's Business at Law and continued to be so Concerned till the Death of the late James Earl of Derwentwater and after his decease for his son John Radcliffe Esqr. till his Death.

2nd That the late Sir Wm. Fenwick of Wallington being the owner of the Corne Tyths yearly arising within the Township of Ellington and the Demesne Land there [underlined: '(of wch Township the Tenem't called Dinnettley then belonging to the Dilston Family was Parcell)' -see Marginal note 1 below] he the said Sir Willm. Fenwick

11th Nov. 1661 did Grant and Convey those Tyths to Mr Ben. Carr and his heirs for ever. That the said Ben. Carr under that grant enjoyed the same Tyths to the time of his Death which happened in Octob. 1708 and whenever any Corne was upon Dinnettley Tenem't [underlined: 'The Farmers thereof paid the Tyth thereof to the said Mr Carr.' – see Marginal note 2] Though in some years no Corne was Sown thereupon.

[Marginal note 1:] This is false for Dinnettley is not part of Elrington & this Clause is an invention of J. Aynsley's

[Marginal note 2:] The Farmer never pd. Tyth to Mr Carr. This Modus has been pd. him out of mind

3rd That the said Ben. Carr before his Death made his will & thereby amongst other things devised these Corn Tyths to Mr. Jno. Carr & Mr Jno. Heron and their Heirs in trust to sell the same for the payment of his Debt & Legacys etc.

4 That in August 1709 these Trustees sold those Tyths to Mr John Watson and his Heirs who entred & enjoyed the same

[Marginal note 3:] The Tyth was purchased in the name of Watson in Trust for Jno. Leadbitter a Papist

5 That in September 1715 those Trustees sold those Tyths to the said Aynsley & by Deeds & Fine thereupon Levyed did grant and Convey to him the said Corne Tyths yearly arising in Ellrington & Dinnettley [double underlined: '(by Express names)' – see Marginal note 4] by virtue whereof he Entered and Enjoyed the Same.

[Marginal note 4:] See Copy of Letter of 22nd Feb'ry 1744/45 to Mr Radley.

6 That the said John Aynsley for Severall years before Ben. Carr's Death farmed the said Tenem't Called Dinnettly under the Dilston Family and also after Carr's Death when John Watson became the owner of those Tyths & till Watson sold the same to the said Jno. Aynsley in the year 1715 [underlined: 'the said Jno. Aynsley of his Farmer paid yearly the Tyth of all Corne growing upon that Tenem't to the then Owner for the time being' – see Marginal note 5]

[Marginal note 5:] This false as Mr Jno. Heron the trustee of B. Carr says as also Mattw. Leadbitter Brother of Jno. Leadbitter for whom Mr Watson was trustee in Elrington Tyth. They declare Anesley wd. not let his Sub Ten'ts of Dinnettley pay any Tyth

7 That after the said Jno. Aynsley had purchased those Tyths his Tenant or Farmer of Dinnettly paid a yearly Rent for that Tyth distinct from the Rent payable for the

Tenem't to him the said Jno. Aynsley to the time of the Death of the sd. Jno. Radcliffe (to wit) 10s yearly at Some times 40s yearly at others.

8 That the said Jno. Aynsley last lease of Dinnetly farm from the late James Earl of Derwentwater was for Twenty one years & Expired at Mayday 1736 when the Persons Employed under the Com'rs of the sd Hospital discharged the Farmer of the Tenem't (as soon as the Tenem't became forfeit by the sd Earls attainder) from paying Tyth for the Same to the said Jno. Aynsley but for what reason he knows not

[Marginal note 6:] He could not be a Farmer so many yrs of Dinnetley but he must know of the Modus paid in lieu of the Corn Tyth there when he or his Ten't at Dinnetley paid it yearly

9 That as the yearly value of that Tyth is now not more than 40s he humbly Conceives it would be a great Hardship upon him to Compell him to go to Law with the King for the Same wch he sho'd be very unwilling to doe.

10 That the sd Jno. Aynsley by virtue of a <Deputa> under the hand & Seal of Sir Robt. Walpole, now Earl of Oxford Wm. Clayton Esqr & Wm. Young Esqr & Dated the thirteenth of Nov 1733 was appointed Steward for holding of the Severall Courts within the Mannors of Whittingstall Newlands Langley and Wark all in the County of Northumberland and late the Estate of the sd James late Earl of Derwentwater which sd several Courts he held for two years & was for that Service promised a yearly Sallary of £40 but never had or rece'd any Satisfaction for holding thereof * (See Margin)

[Marginal note:] * 11th That he likewise held these Courts and the Courts of the manor of Alston Keswick and Castlerigg in the County of Cumberland for the said late Jno. Radcliffe Esqr for 2 years before his Death and never rece'd any Salary or other satisfaction for holding thereof

Therefore the sd Jno. Aynsley humbly prays your Hon'rs to take all the <prem[ises]> into your Consideration And that you will act & do therein what shall Seam Just & Equitable to yr Hon'rs.

Jo: Aynsley

22 Feb 1745 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Radley

Ravensworth Castle February 22nd 1744/45

Sir

In Answer to your Letter relating Mr John Aynsleys Claim of Tyths for Dinnetley as part of Elrington; we have made Enquiry and that Dinnetley is not part of Ellrington & that no Tyths have ever been pay'd or demanded, till Mr Aynsley settt up his Claim. That Dinnetley is part of Langley Quarter, lying on the South Side of Tyne and part of Langley Barony which together pay a Modus in lieu of Corne Tyths to Mr Blackett of Wallington of £4..4..4 per Ann. of which Dinnetleys Share is three Shillings and four pence. Which Modus is now paid & has been time out of mind, as will appear by the Inclosed Affidavit & Schedule annexed to John Parkers, who for many years Collected and paid the same to Mr Blacketts Agents. We hope this will sufficiently shew the Claim Mr Aynsley makes to be without foundation, & we doubt not to prove if occasion be, that Mr Aynsley himself incerted Dinnetley as part of Elrington, in his purchase Deed from Watson, & that Elrington Tyths were never before conveyed, by those Express names, which in his case he Seems to lay the stress upon.

We are Sir Your most hble Servts
Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

John Parkers affidavitt Relating Dinnettly Tyths

In the Exchequer

Touching the Case & petition of John Aynsley Gentleman relating Dinnettly Tyths

John Parker of the Lees in the County of Northumberland yeoman maketh Oath that this Deponents Father late of the Lees aforesaid about Twenty years agoe Succeeded one John Todd in the collection of a Modus of Four Pounds four Shillings & Four Pence now pay'ble to Walter Blackett Esqr in full Satisfaction of all Corne Tythes yearly arising on the severall Tenaments or Farmholds situate on the Southside or the Barony of Langley in the Schedule hereunto Annexed particularly mentioned and that his said Father continued in the Collection thereof for the Space of Sixteen years or thereabouts To witt to the time of his Death which happened about four years agoe And that after his Father's Death he this Dep't Continued the Receipt of the said Modus through the sd Severall Tenem'ts and receives the same and pays the sd Sum of Four Pounds four Shillings & four Pence yearly to the Steward or Agent of the sd Mr Blackett And this Dep't farther Saith that the Schedule hereunto Annexed is a true Accot. How & in what manner the sd Modus of Four Pounds four Shillings & four Pence is raised and payd forth & out of the severall Tenem'ts And farther saith that the Township of Dinnetley is Charged in the sd Schedule the Sum of three Shillings and four Pence in part of the said Sum of Four Pounds Four Shillings & four Pence wch is in

full Satisfaction of the Corne Tythe there – And this Dep't farther saith he never knew or ever heard of any Corne Tyth Demanded or Claimed of or from Dinnetley afsd. by the owners of Elrington Tithes but saith that the said Modus of three Shillings and Four pence paid for Dinnetley Tithe in & by the sd Schedule is in full Satisfaction thereof and as this Dep't hath heard & verily believes hath been paid time out of mind in lieu of the said Corne Tythe there And saith Dinnetley is no part of the Township of Elrington or the Demesne Lands there

John Parker

Taken and Sworn at Hexham in the County of Northumberland the Twelfth Day of Feb'ry in the year of our Lord 1744 before me [ie. 1744/45] Shafto Downes a Comr. etc.

In the Exchequer

Touching the Case & petition of John Aynsley Gentleman relating to Dinnetley Tyths

John Coates of Woodhall in the County of Northumberland yeoman maketh Oath that he very well knows the Tenem't or Farmhold Called Dinnetley and that the same is a distinct Tenem't from the Township of Elrington neither did the Owners or proprietors of Elrington Tyths Claim any Tyth out of Dinnetley that this Dep't ever heard of there being a Modus of Three Shillings and four Pence paid for the same And farther saith that he never knew or so much as ever heard that the proprietors of Elrington Tyths ever Claimed or Demanded Corne Tyth out of Dinnetley afores'd. for that the Dep't very well knew that the said Modus of Three Shillings & four pence is yearly paid in full Satisfaction for the Corne Tyths there.

John Coates

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In the Exchequer

Touching the Case & Petition of John Aynsley Gentleman relating to Dinnetley Tyth

George Thompson of Langley in the County of Northumberland yeoman maketh Oath that about Fifty Years agoe this Dep'ts Father farmed two Farmes at Elrington in the County of Northumberland and Benony Carr for the space of thirty years or thereabouts and that during all that time the said Ben. Carr was owner and Proprietor of the Corne Tyths of Elrington aforesd. And kept such Tyths in his own possession and did not lett the same and that during the whole time aforesd. The Dep'ts Father by agreement with the said Ben. Carr yearly ledd the sd. Tyth from the Townfeilds of Elrington aforesd. to the Town of Elrington for the use of the sd. Ben. Carr In Consideration whereof this Dep'ts Father had yearly all the Straw thereof And this

Dep't farther saith that the Corne Tyth of Dinnetley never was Claimed or Demanded by the said Ben. Carr During the time of this Dep'ts remembrance because this Dep't would have known the same having all along assisted his sd Father in the Leading of the Tyth Yearly belonging to Elrington aforesd. And this Dep't says he very well knows that there is a Modus of Three Shillings & Four pence payable for Dinnetley Tyth in full Satisfaction thereof to Mr Blackett for that this Dept. has often paid the said Modus upon Acco't of his Sister who is now the Ten't or Farmer thereof And further saith that the Tenem't or freehold called Dinnetley is a Distinct Tenement from the Township of Elrington aforesd. and the Demesne Lands there and never was Reputed any part of Elrington aforesaid.

Geo. Thompson

Taken and Sworn at Hexham in the County of Northumberland the Twelfth Day of Feb'ry in the year of our Lord 1744 before me [ie. 1744/45] Shafto Downes a Comr. etc.

In the Exchequer

Touching the Case & Petition of John Aynsley Gentleman relating Dinnetley Tyths

John Stoko of Dilston in the County of Northumberland yeoman Maketh Oath that about thirty two years ago he this Deponent entered Tenant to a Tenement or Farmhold at Dinnetley aforesaid and Continued Tenant there for the space of Six years or thereabouts and that during all that time aforesd. He this Deponent never paid any Corne Tyth for or in respect of his farm at Dinnetley aforesaid nor was there any Demand ever made of him for such Tyth during this Deponents Tenancy there and farther saith that the Tenement or Farmhold called Dinnetley is a Distict tenement from the Township of Elrington and the Demesne Lands there and never was reputed any part of Elrington aforesaid neither did the Owners or Proprietors of Elrington Tyths Claim any Tyth out of Dinnetley that this Dep't. knows of, there being a Modus of Three Shillings and four Pence paid for the same

John Stoko, his mark

Taken and Sworn at Hexham in the County of Northumberland the Twelfth Day of Feb'ry in the year of our Lord 1744 before me [ie. 1744/45] Shafto Downes a Comr. etc.

October 20th 1730

Rec'd from Edward Parker Four Pounds four Shillings and Four Pence for a years Modus or Composition for the Tyths of Langley Quarter due at Midsummer last past
By me Richd. Heron

October 28th 1734

Rec'd of John Parker the Sum of Four Pounds Four Shillings and Four pence for one years Corne Tythe Rent for Langley on the South side of Tine due at Michaelmas last to thee Trustees of the late Sir William Blackett Barrt. deceased By me Richd. Heron

An Account or Schedule how and in what manner the Modus of £4.4.4 is raised forth and out of the severall Tenem'ts Situate on the South side of the Barony of Langley & paid to Mr Blackett.

Staward	John Bacon Esqr	£.. 1 8
Harsondale	Thomas Robson & Ptnrs	.. 4 10
Sillowreay	Thomas Maughan	.. 2 5
Sillowreay	Nichs. Maughan	.. 2 1
Harlowfeild	Wm. Todd	.. . 6
Lenanfoot	Nichos. Glenwright	.. 1 9
Plankey	Wm . Ramsay	.. 2 1
Vause	Nichos. Glenwright	.. 2 1
Lough	Henry Maughan	.. 4 .
Tedcastle	Roger Maughan	.. 5 2
Deanraw	John Graham	.. 2 7
Middle Deanraw	Matt. Parker and Ptnrs	.. 6 10
Deanraw	Jno. Elliott	.. 2 1
Ditto	Thoms. Carr	.. 2 1
Ditto	Cuth. Robinson & Ptnrs	.. 1 9
Lees	Edwd. Parker & Do	..13 10
Et. Brockenheugh	Jno. Bell	.. 5 .
Floors	Alexr. Dobinson	.. 1 1
Chapplehill	Greens Closes	.. 1 8
Esphill	Jno. Reed	.. 7 7
Lightbirks	Jno. Todd	.. 3 7
Ditto	Robt. Wallas	.. 2 5
Ditto	`Thos. Forster	.. 2 5
Ditto	Jos. Teasdale	.. 2 5
Dinnetley	Mark Cook	.. 3 4
Whittis Hill	Cuthbert Stoko	.. . 8
Greens Close		.. . 4

11 Apr 1746 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: No addressee is given but from the contents and following letter it must be William Corbett]

Sir

Ravensworth Castle April 11 1746

We are informed that upon a search at Cap Heaton in Northumb'd in the House of Sir John Swinburn a Roman Catholic Gentm'n for Arms Etc some large boxes were found with Writings which belong to the Derwentwater Estate. Sir William Middleton was present when this search was made & the Boxes above mentioned were removed by him to his House at Belsay where they now are & will be kept safe. Mr Airey sent his Clerk to Lady Middleton (Sir William being in Scotland with the Duke of Cumberland) who shew'd the Boxes to him. We therefore desire you will lay this before the Board & give us directions what they wou'd have done in this Affair for as there may be many valluable papers as well as Writings they sh'd be looked into & taken proper Care of & it is not unlikely but some useful things may be found in regard to the Ovingham Estate now in dispute. Mr Airey & we think a Schedule shou'd be made of all that is found in the presence of some persons who Sir John Swinburn may appoint, but in that the Board will doe as they judge proper & whatever directions they think fitt to give us shall be punctually observed by

Sir yours etc

Walton & Boag

P.S. Inclosed you have Extracts of what News we have tho' suppose it will have reached you before this comes to your hand. The Transports from London are lying in the Humber.

2 May 1746 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Ravensworth Castle May 2d 1746

Sir

We rec'd yours with the Boards Commands of the 19th Ulto. which we duly observe. We have fix'd with Lady Middleton to Wait upon her at Belsay next monday when Mr Airey will accompany us thither, & we propose that day to make only a generall Inspection into the Boxes in order to see whether any of Sir Jno. Swinburn's Writings be intermix'd with those of the Derwentwater Estate & then we will proceed to take a Schedule and Abstract as the Board has been pleased to direct. But in case it should appear that any writings or papers belonging to Sir John Swinburn are in the above mentioned Boxes we wou'd be glad to have the Board's further Orders whether some person on Sir John's behalfe should not attend the perusal of them, when we

come to take the Schedule and Abstract. We also think that the taking this Schedule at Belsay will make the Expence of doing it run high as it is about 14 miles from Newcastle, & besides it will be giving a good deal of trouble to Sir Wm. Middleton's Family; if therefore the Board approve it we wou'd propose to bring the Boxes to Newcastle to Mr Airey's where they will not only be safe, but where we can give such assistance as will lessen the Expence Considerably. We will Informe ourselves as to the Petition of Thomas Robson, & acquaint you with Such Facts as appears to us very soon. All we can say upon it at present is that we know the Man was usefull in the dispute about Highgreen Colliery

We very heartily congratulate you upon the great Successes we have had in Scotland, by the prudent & Brave Conduct of the Glorious Duke of Cumberland. We have had many Particulars but as the Accots. which by express reach'd you sooner than any thing cou'd do from us we have not troubled you with them. Every Day makes us more sensible of our great Deliverance, as an Insurrection was certainly intended in this part, had the Rebels prevailed over our great Deliverer at Inverness.

Inclosed are the Quarterly Accots. of Lead Mines Ending Ladyday last & we are
Sir, your most obed't Servts
Nicholas Walton, Hugh Boag

16 May 1746 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr. at the Navy Office Ravensworth Castle 16th May 1746

Sir

We wrote you the 2nd Inst. that we had apointed the 5th to wait upon Lady Middleton to make a General Schedule of the Writings at Belsay belonging to the Derwentwater Estate which was accordingly done a Copy whereof you have Inclosed. As we wrote you we think it will be great deal of Trouble to Sir Wm. & Lady Middleton to have the Particulars Schedule and Abstracts made at Belsay. We therefore desired Lady Middleton's Leave to remove 'em to Newcastle but She is unwilling to suffer that to be done 'till Sir Wm. returne from Scotland which she Expects soon. We have therefore postpon'd proceeding in making the particular Schudles etc till we have your further Commands.

The Writings are all Carefully Sowed up in Cloaths were opened in the presence of Sir William Middleton's Steward & Repacked in the Boxes and Trunks in the same order they Lay in & there does not appear to be any papers or writings among them but what belong to the Derwentwater Estate and we are

Sir your most obedt. Servts
N. Walton H. Boag

A Copy of a Generall Schedule of the Writings at Sir Wm. Middleton's belonging to the Derwentwater Estate Viz:

In the Hair Trunk Mail	
Lead Mine Leases	No. 5
Alstonmoore Writings	31
Bills and Answers in Chancery	24
A small Bundle relating to Edwd. Earl of Derwentwater and his Lady	39
Rent Charges & Fee Farme Rents	6
The Leather Trunk	
Whittingstall & Newlands Writings	21
Buteland Writings	35
Keswick Writings	1 & 27
Aydon Shield Writings	17
Bills and Answers in Chancery	28
West Wood, Wooley, Whittle, & Leehouses Writings	20
The Manr. Wark Ellrington & Woodhall Writings	12
Thornbrough & Corbridge Writings	10
Land & Colliery Leases	7
Middleton Hall and Wooler Writings	14
Scremerston Writings	15
Alwick House & Closes Writings	33
White Chapple Writings	36
Meldon and East Thornton Writings	9
Hartburne Rectory Whelpington Rectory Dilston Tythe, Lorbottle Tythe Broxfield Tythe & Spindlestone Tythe	16
Hartburngrainge Writings	34
Dilston Writings Spittle & Newbiggin	8
Newton Hall Writings	2
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Sent the Board 16 May 1746

17 Dec 1746 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Ravensworth Castle Decem. 17th 1746

Sir

Last April the Board were pleased to direct us to make application to Sir William Middleton Barronet (who was then in Scotland) & desire he wou'd be pleased to deliver up to us the Writings belonging the Derwentwater Estate. Accordingly as soon as he came home, we applyed to him, & he gave for answer he wou'd be very ready to deliver them to whom the Directors shou'd order when he had a proper Indemnity for so doing; & as we found an application to himself was necessary, when he was in London, we waited his coming to Town, that a proper opportunity might be taken to wait upon him. We therefore begg leave to acquaint you that we apprehend Sir William will have no objection to the delivery of the writings, if the Board will under their Hands desire it & at the same time acknowledge the Services he has done in this Affair to the Hospital. Sir William Middleton is now in London, but we know not where he is to be found, tho' we suppose a Letter will find him at Sir Henry Liddell's in St James's Square. We are

Sir your most obedt. Servts.

Nich's. Walton Hugh Boag

17 Dec 1746 Nicholas Walton to William Middleton

To Sir Wm Middleton Bt.

Ravensworth Castle December 17th 1746

Sir

Some Months agoe we were order'd to make request to you that you wou'd be pleased to deliver to us the Writings which are in your Custody, belonging the Derwentwater Estate which request you will be pleased to remember we made, soon after your returne from Scotland. At that time you gave for answer you were ready to deliver those Writings to us when you had a proper Indemnity from the Governors of Greenwich Hospital and as we have thought this Affair best transacted while you are in London, we have this Day wrote to our Board and doubt not but they will order a proper Person to wait upon you, of which we take the liberty to acquaint you & hope you will excuse the Trouble from

Sir yours etc

Nichos. Walton, Hugh Boag

17 Dec 1746 Nicholas Walton to John Airey

To John Airey Esqr.

Ravensworth Castle December 17th 1746

Sir

As Sir William Middleton was unwilling to deliver the Derwentwater Writings without some application and Authority from our Board we have wrote to him this post & the Board likewise on that Subject so that we apprehend an Immediate application will be made to him. If therefore you will be pleased to Speak to Sir William it will undoubtedly forward the affaire & in that case it may not be improper for you to advise with the Board what sort of an authority or Indemnity it may be proper for them to give. This you will Judge of & act in it as you See proper.

It wou'd give us verry great pleasure to hear you have got strength in your Arm and that you are free from pain & that you may is the Sincere wish of

Sir yours etc

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

22 Dec 1746 Nicholas Walton to James Todd

To Mr Todd Attorney at Law

Ravensworth Castle Decem. 22d 1746

Sir

Mr Wilkie of Berwick has wrote a Letter to our Board acquainting them that at a Meeting of the Freeholders it was proposed on Accot. Of the badness of the Roads to apply to Parliament for an Act to carry on the Turnpike from Bucktonburn to Berwick Bridge & from thence along the West Road as farr as the County Extends, & desiring the Boards concurrence thereto & that it is hoped in case the Act cannot be obtained, that every Freeholder will Contribute to the Charge of the Application, according to the Vallue of their respective Estates.

We are therefore Order'd to make Enquiry into this matter and to report whether the same be attended with any Inconveniences to the Tenants of the Derwentwater Estate; and as the Gentlemen who have transacted this Affaire have not thought proper to Inform us of any proceedings therein, I must desire you will acquaint me with the intended Scheme & that you will call the Tennants together & know if they have any objection. But in order to give us a right Judgement of the thing we must be Informed particularly where the Toll gates are Intended to be fix'd lest the Tennants be made liable to Toll, (tho' they don't use the Road) equally with those who have the Sole use thereof. As to that of Contributing to the Expence we think it highly unreasonable unless it shall appear to us that the whole intended Scheme is reasonable & therefore 'till we hear from you we cannot give the Gentlemen any hopes of the Derwentwater Estates bearing a Share of the Expence.

You will be so good as to expedite this Affair with the Tennants and as soon as we hear from you it shall meet with no delay. I am for Mr Boag & Selfe

Sir your most h'ble Servt.

Nichos. Walton

[Further letters from this volume will be added as they are transcribed]