

7 May 1663 George Vane

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At a general meeting of the Partners interested in the grand land lease of Ryton Collyerie this day, wee whose names are heere underwritten are agreed that two of the numeber shall have instructions forthwith to endeavour to make an agreement with the now now present Bishop of Durham for a new Lease for three lives of the same Colyerie upon such convenient tearmes as the deputyd partys shall thinke fitt to consent to, and have cam[m]ission from the partners under their handes and seales to that purpose, and to the better effecting and securing our future interest, wee are resolved to surrender our interests as wee shall be best advised by Counsell

G Vane

Ralph Davison

Thomas Bewicke

Ra: Jen[n]ison: for himselfe & Ptnrs

<J> fenwick

Petere Maddison

Ralph Grey for himself & mr <Davyes>

Richard Wright for self & ptners

2 Apr 1666 Thomas Tempest to George Vane

Aprill Le 2d 1666

Memor:dm That the day, & the yeare above menconed Sr Thomas Tempest of Stelloe in the Countye of Durrham Barronett, doth demise, and to farme lett unto Sr Geo: Vane, his Execut[or]s, Administers, and Assignes, the stonestayth containing fower [4] keelroomes boundering Eastward upon the keelroomes of Ralp Jennyson Esq, on the West on Stelloe Landing place, and also fower other keelroomes lyinge in the Western Waggon Waye boundringe Eastward on Sr John Marleys Keelrooms, westward on a Keelroome of Mr Petr Madyson, and also one House now belonging to the sd keelrooms now in the possession of one John Pearson, & to have, and to holde, the same keelrooms, and house, to the sd Sr George Vane his Executors, Administers, and Assignes, from first day of Maye, wich was one thousand sixe hundred sixty, and thencefor, and during, the terme of one & twenty yeares from thenc next coming fully to be compleat, and ended, The sd Sr Geo: Vane payeing to the sd Sr Thos Tempest his heys, and Assignes yearly and every year during the sd terme for every keelroom in the sd Stonesteeth the summe of five pounds at Lammas, and also yelding and payeing, for every of the sd other Keelrooms, above demised, into the sd Sr Thomas Tempest the Summe of 4 pounds, at the 25: March, and nine and twentie[th] of Septer

even, & equal portions yearly during the sd terme and also further payeing to the sd Sr Thomas Tempest yearly during the sd terme, at Martinmas in lieu of an hodghead, and a half of wine the summe of eight pounds, and also further payeing yearly for the sd house the Summe of twenty shillings. And the sd Sr Georg Vane is yearly during the sd term to vend from the Colliery of Sr Thos Tempest called Bogglehole Collierie forty tenn of Coles, <acompting> forty foothe[r] to a tenn, at 3 L 10s a tenn, at the first day of June, the first day of Septer,, the first day of December, and the first day of March to be payde by even and equall portions In Witness whereof the sd Sr Thos Tempest hath hereunto sett his hand, & Seale, the day, and year first above written

Thomas Tempest

Signed, Sealed, & delivered in the persone of
Robert Adde
Will Ward

1 Jun 1679 William Iley to Lionel Vane

[Note: This description of a management process has neither sender nor recipient's name, and is not dated any more closely than the year 1679. This set of papers all relate to the Vane family of County Durham. The head of the family, Sir George, died on 1 May 1679, to be succeeded by his 33 year old son Lionel (to whom later letters in this series are addressed). This document reads as a guide for a new owner, and was presumably drawn up by Sir George Vane's coal agent William Iley. A date of 1st June is suggested here and that the recipient was Lionel Vane.]

Things to be Considered of in order to the well management of the affaires in the Colliery as followeth

Imp[rimis] 1 That your Worship would be pleased to come over to Newcastle one day or two before the first wednesday of Every month; to informe your selfe what is most fitt to be done; us[uall]ly the day appointed by the owners to meet on to order the Concernes of Stella Colliery

2 Att your meeting together to cause your veiwer Humphrey Gill to read over the book what was done at meeting before; and what you are pleased to ask at the said time; to cause your viewer to record it in the said booke; & that nothing be done by any owner either in suffring on; or laying in pitts; but at your monthly general meeting

3 That your worsp would order all the Overmen to p[r]sent their bills once every month; the month to end in your meeting week; that your selfe may se their Reckonings; & their moneys paid them where most nead is; by your owne particular order.

4 That you would cause your fitter to reserve your money against the aforesaid time for Reckoning with; & paying of Stellae Overmen.

5 Your staith mens Bills being Constantly made every week; wch alwaies is; & hath been done; That your worsp would give order to your fitter to pay to them in your absensense; what is most needfull; and as moneys comes to hand.

6 That you will cause your fitter once every month make up his account to you of all Coales he hath vended of every staith or <farthest> at the ending of every fleet of ships.

7 When any of your staiths is grounded to call your staithman to give an accompt; what Coales the said staith hath made out.

[On verso:] Consideration to be had in the Management of the Colliery 1679

20 Mar 1702 Henry Peareth to Lionel Vane

Newca March 20th 1701/2

Sr

Since my last I see yours <to> Mr Metcalfe, tht you intended to be downe here a weeke after Easter, & ordring to forward Charter haugh Colliery wch has been done wth all due Care Dilligence, tht the South Pitt is now 1 yard below the feeder & they have not above a single horse tubs in one hour, & it will be Framed back in tht Pitt to morrow night, & att the North Pitt they are now att the top of the Feeder, & they cannot well meet wth more Water, thn was at the South Pitt, & then I doe not question but before the 1st of July next the 5 quarter Coale at both Pitts will be laid above ground, there is another New Pitt sincking near 6 score yards to the Westwards, & is about 7 fathom downe, & a double stable building wch will contain 16 horses & will be finished in 5 Weeks time, Mr Thos Allon sometime agoe discoursed me for my liberty to build 5 Keelroomes below below the Crossings in Charters haugh, & to build a Trunck, & lay a Waggon Way, for wch did offer to pay yearly 20 L I gave answer I found such a thing may be granted him without any prejudices to Charter haugh Colliery, for their is ground for 8 Keelroomes more below the Crossings, half of wch is suffitiend to carry of all the Coales wrought in my Lands; & tht I should be ready to doe him & p[ar]tners all the Service I could, but would not act, nor agree on any terms without yor consent, & joining wth me; & withall I told hem they might give 30 p[er] Annum & for 8 years to come I was willing tht Esqr: Vane should have 15 & my selfe the other 15 p[er] annum yor answer to this is at yor Leasure is the needfull from

Sr yor Most Humble Serv

Hen Peareth,

Sr James: Clavering Died last wednesday night

[On verso:] to: Lyonell : Vane Esqr
Member of Parliament
att Westminster
London

29 May 1702 George Iley to Lionel Vane

Sr

Newca. May 29th : 1702

Rob: Gill and I Waited on Sr. William Blackett who Saies he shall not be from home till Wednesday come a Sennet the 10th of June wch day he take journey for the Mines and Rob: Gill has an order for the Meteing to be on tuesday the 9 of June

Mr Metcalfe has Inclosed in youres. Mr hunnewood bonds and he has writ to his Brothr Richard to pay the 45 pound att london. I have paide for the Stable I touke for ms hunnewood maire – 11:0<s/d> it being kept for her. wch the man Saies he might have let to Sr Wm Ramsdens man. I am

yor Worship humb Servant
George Iley

[On verso:] to: Lyonell : Vane Esqr
att Longnewton

18 Feb 1712 George Vane to William Widdrington

[Note: Although neither sender not recipient is named, mention of 'a chief branch of this family's fortune' suggests that 'George' was Sir George Vane, the son of Sir Lionel Vane (d.1711), and inheritor of his Stella Grand Lease interest. It could follow that 'my Lord' was Lord William Widdrington, 4th Baron, who had inherited the Tempest estate at Stella through marriage.]

Feb 18 1711/2 G

George

I have been in great hopes for several posts of receiving a foul draught of the terms wch yr Ldships proposes for a new lease, therefore did (upon that expectation) make a

strict examination (when last at New Castle) of the true state of that concern, to be better able to make a true judgment of them and indeed find it much different from that what your Lordship & I calculated when I had the honour to wait upon you for in one there is upwards of 60L less in which we set down profit, vizt the 60 T[enns] of coals which if ab: <us> to take 6 of your coals, for which Mr Carr tells me he offered Mr Sylvertopp twenty shillings per ten to be excused the taking of them & yet was refused and then your Lordship asks 100 T[enns] of our Coal, but I hope when you consider the <former> article you will <abate> this latter, or at least the greatest part, indeed I should not scruple the other advancements (which are very considerable) if this were omitted, may I <shod> even be willing to agree to bear this proportion a quarter part & I do not question but when your Lordship thoroughly considers the offers I make you cannot but think them very reasonable and <in part> fully enough advanced, for out of which can the rent & other payments be raised if your Lordship have a 100t of the Coals almost <quit the> working charges, there will but be three Hundred left, and 400 is more than allowed by the contracts in proportion for Stella and out of these 300 is to be paid all the working & leading & all other accidental charges, the rents of the Copyholders & the Steath room rents &c to your Lordship 60 L for the loss, (I only set them down as was offered Mr Sylvertop) by your Coals, & 400 L per annum rent to the Landlords I have set down as near as I can compute the whole though there are some articles I am not ignorant of vizt the Copyholders * & other out rents * therefore hope your Lordship will & not take any advantage of the neglect in <response> seriously, <&> afford me such terms, as may, not oblige Mr M to throw <all> up, for if he should I assure you it would be an unspeakable loss to me it being a chief branch of the families fortune & I am sure your Lordships character is one far from desiring any <thing> either unreasoned or exacting upon <necessity> therefore hope for a favourable answer will be

Rents:

To Ld Widd for Steath rooms & that advanced 4L	40- 0- 0
To Wine Money	8- 0- 0
To 60 Tensns of Coals in that advanced 20<L> & further leading considerably	60- 0- 0
To Copsy holders &c rents	400- 0- 0
To sd Lds Rents	
The working charge	2-02- 0
Leading	0-13- 0
Waggon ways and Waggons	0-09- 0
Contingencies	0-10- 0
	3-14- 0
300 at that rate	1410-00- 0
	1410-00- 0