

**6 May 1709 Edward Blackett**

[Note: Addressee is unknown, but presumably the grandee controlling patronage of customs appointments in Ireland. Blackett's co-petitioner, H.J., on behalf of Captain Beale is also unknown]

May 6 1709

May it please yr Excellency

The Hours of Great men are Sacred, and not to be disturbed upon every occasion, But, my Lord, we have reason to believe that this high Station, which yr Excellency so worthily fills has made no other alterations in yr Lordship but that it has enlarged yr power of doing good.

My Ld., amongst a Crowd of Petitioners, which apply themselves to yr Excellency, we presume, upon yr Ld ships form'r favours, to appear in behalf of this our neighbour Cap. Bea:, he would willingly, by yr Excellency's favour, have some little business in Ireland, such as a Tyde Surveyor; or whatever other employment yr Excellency shall think him quallify'd for, We assure ourselves he will do his duty with integrity and Care, otherwise yr Excellency will believe we should not recommend him.

Some misfortunes have lately befallen the Pet[it]ioner in his Circumstances vizt. A Chargeable Suit at law the loss of his Wife by whom he had a very considerable maintenance and some other disappointments, which are the reason of our application at present to yr Excellence and we were the more willing to do this Because it gave us an opportunity of assuring yr Excellency that we are with all possible humility and Devotion

My Lord yr Excellency's most obedient & Humble servants

E. B. H. J.

**12 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Silas Blackett**

[Note: The address given of Pitchburne nigh Bishop Auckland was Bitchburn near Howden-le-Wear, home in 1709 to Silas Blackett, who might confidently be identified as Edward Blackett's 'cozen'. Strictly speaking he was his third cousin. Their most recent common ancestor was 2x great grandfather Edward Blackett, d. 1628. See [www.theblacketts.com](http://www.theblacketts.com). The collieries listed were all in this area.]

Coz Blacket

May 12 1709

I desire you'll give yrselfe the trouble to go to my Coz Young at Carlton <Farm> and desire him to Agree with as many <Collier> he pleases to bring me Coales from his Pitt to New[by] and I will give them five & Six pence per Quarter which is six pence per Quarter more than I have given these <two> or three years past, <which> they have bread & beer and <Grass> for their horses, the last Winter was so severe that <I know> most of the poor Colliers has lost their horses, otherwise <I would> not give more than

normally, the most of the Colliers are lazy Knaves for they promise to bring <all> Carter thorn Coales, yet I am told by Some of their partners that they bring the most of them from <Brussleton>, Butterknowle or Sheldon pitts, which are not so good by much as old <Cartherthorn>, pray as soon as you discour's'd my Coz. Young give a line per first Post to

Yr Affect. Kinsman & servt.

Acqt. Me how my Coz. Yr wife has her health and whether She Rec'd any benefit by Doctor Chambers advise and prescriptions

Mr Blakett Att Pitchburne nigh Bishop Auckland by Durham

### **12 May 1709 Edward Blakett to Thomas Brummell**

Sir

May 12

I have yrs of the 9th Really am very willing you should pay Winlinton Rents, three months after they're due, that is to say, a bill to be sent to me in July payable the 1st August in full for the one half Years Rent another Bill to be sent in January payable the first or second of Febry, for the other half year, you deducting Back half year <what's> charged upon the Lordship, as also the Half Years salary, I hope you will not have much trouble In receiving of them by reason there is no acct. to be kept of the Colliery, I doubt not but my Lord's Steward will pay you punctually, and if you speak to him will Employ <sev[e]rall> of the Tenants, for yr troubles Am willing to give you 20£ year and if you think it too little shall give you more so at your leasure pray give a line to

yr assured friend and Humble Servt.

Mr Thomas Brumell att his house In Pilgrim Street Newcastle

### **12 May 1709 Edward Blakett to James Mewburn**

James

May 12th 1709

Am sorry you can find no Rents that particularly names the one halfe of the Tythes of Seaton, there is <without> doubt in the Evidence Closett, provided you p[er]use Every p[ar]ticular paper, Which be sure you do Every day an hour or two till you get through the whole writing. All sorts of Grain here keeps at a very Extravagant price, and rather rises Excepting Barley, tho it is at an unseasonable high price viz. 30 <s> per Quart[er] and Oates 22<s> I hope you have sett all Accts straight in the West water give me a full acct. what you did there by Saturday nights post I believe the man that bought Reays Land would be surprized when you told him I would seize upon the Estate In case he did not pay me what was due upon the Estate, I hope Will Lowes

paid you for the Wood & bark wch he had not Recd. when he made up his Curr. Acct. Go & give my Service to Sr Jno. Delaval & pay him his Tythe Rent, and tell him I hope he'll take no more than what was formerly paid to the D of Somerset, and acqt. Him that I am here & will be his Advantage to receive no more, for he knows I have the Duke s promise of Seat. & Hartley Tythes. I recd a Copy of the assess so be sure you receive them as soon as possibly you can, and never suffer one halfe years Rent to run into another. I wonder you would Suffer John Burn & Jno. Moor and some others of them to be nigh a whole year in arrears, as for Moor he is a whole year in arrear besides May Day Rent, I wonder you would not <mark> his Goods, and the Rest of the Tenants Goods that is so much in arrears, Am sure if they do not pay their Rents well now they'll never pay them, for both beef & Corn give an Extravagant price beef and mutton in our Marketts gives a <groot a pond>, and tis thought will rather be dearer than otherwise. Acqt. me how be <sevrall> Shafts are, whats gott at the <fore>field & at the new Tryalls in Longage field

I am yr assured friend

Mr James Mewburne

### 12 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Robert Byerley

Dear Sir

May 12

I am favoured with a letter by your Servt But the <Quack> forgot to Send his Direction <their> must be <..> I told the patient that his Physician does not in the least question to make a perfect Case. Provided he do not dye in the <...> which has putt him into such a fright that he dare not so much as look at the outside of the bottle, much less make use of whats within it. All this family are humble Servts To Yr Selfe & Lady & Fmy believe me Yr most faithfull humb[le] Ser[van]t

Robt. Byerley Esq / These/ Goldsborough

### 13 May 1709 Edward Blackett to John Holdsworth

Sir

May 13

I have sent to yr warehouse severall times to discharge the Small debt I was owing you, but the Servt. Being busy as you may See by the Inclosed <Letr> was the Reason why this Debt was not discharged long before this so have sent you by the bearr Mr Haughton £5.11s.10d in full for what I am indebted to you, which I pray give him a Rect. for, when have a reason for any thing Shall send to yr Ware House for it. I am yr very Humble Servt.

Mr Jno. Holdsworth/ Yorke

**13 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Charles Oxley**

[Note: Mr Oxley was possibly Charles Oxley, apothecary of Ripon, who was owed money from Sir Edward's estate]

Mr Oxley

May 13

I desire you'll do me the favour to come to Newby tomorrow about 16 a Clock, I have some Writings to Execute and I desire you'll be a Witness to them. I am yr Ass[ured] friend etc

Mr Oxley In Ripon

**14 May 1709 Edward Blackett to John Ord**

Sir

May 14

I Recd. Yrs this morning, I perceive Sir Jno. Delavall is in a very great mistake or at least misunderstood my Servt. when Sir John sent to demand the Tythe Rent he told Sr. John that he would acqt me withal for he never pays money without my order'd him, so he acquainted me with it the next post and I ordered him to offer Sr. John the money but that I thought he would take no more than what I formerly used to Pay to the D. of Somerset. and you'll find in a little time that it would have been more his Advantage to have taken no more for that Tythe than formerly, As for delivering any writings that concern my wife's Joynture no Council in England will advise me to it, being I have twelve thousand Eight hundred pounds, shortly due upon that Estate, besides the Accruing Intrest of £400 per Annum the whole Estate being my wife's Joynture, and my daughter Blacket heir at Law So you or any Council may Judge whether any Court in England will oblige me to deliver up any of these or Writings, I do not Speak without book, for I have very good authority for what I write, and as for what Sr. John pretends to the Tythes am willing to referr it indifferently to the two Gentleman that we Fetched upon, and I believe they'll Satisfy Sr John that tis unreasonable to request any Writings that Concern Seat[on] Lordship however if Sr John will pay whats due to me for my Daughters fortune. I'll willingly deliver up all the Writings that Concern <Seat. Del.> that Excepting my Wife's Settlement wch is all that the Chancery would compell me to in case Sr Jno. Should pay her Fortune pray give my humble Service to Sr Jno. and tell him he shall find nothing by me but what Shall be done with all the Civility imaginable, and I could have wishd he would not have made me pay more for the Tythe than what is paid to the D of Somerset however Shall be at Newcastle this Summer & I hope we shall make a friendly End of what Concerns us, pray show Sr. Jno. This Letr. And oblige me with a Line I am

Yr ass[ure]d Humble Servt.

Mr John Ord Attorney at Law att his House for Newcastle

I have had much adoe these two years past to prevail with my Lord Warrington not to have a Tryall at Barr for part of the Lands at Seat Delavall which is in Contest, I know he has taken advice upon it and I believe there must be a Tryall at last at the Barr upon that Acct. Shall Acqt. you more of it at meeting.

**19 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sr

May 19: 1709

I Recd yrs of the 14. Am willing to give you £25 a year for Receiving the land & Coales Rents of Winlinton Lordship <provided> You send me a bill for one half years Rents the first of July Payable the first of August, and another bill for the Martinmas Rent the first of January payable the 1st of Febr'y Suppose the Land Rents be not so well paid as <you or I> Expect, the Raising of £100 for three months the Intrest is but 30s which <..... is> no great matter yr <Sallary> will Allow, I hope this be to yr Satisfaction Inclosed I Send you a Lettr of Attorney and pray upon the Rent give a line to yr assured friend & Hum. Servt

Mr Thos Brumell

**19 May 1709 Edward Blackett to John Blackett**

[Note: Jack would seem to be the family name for John Blackett. Nancy is Ann Blackett 1685-1753 who married Edward Ridsdale of Ripon. They had 9 children. Edward her father died in 1718. The next 2 children born were called Christopher (1719) and Blackett (1720, died at 7 weeks) which suggest reconciliation.]

D[ea]r Jack

May 1709

I am very sorry to perceive by yrs of the 17th that you have been so very ill of late, and should be very glad to hear of yr full Recovery

All our Great Men at Court are being positive that there will most certainly be a Speedy Peace, and I hope by this come to your hand you'll be fully Satisfyed that it will be So and then we may Expect a Good trade, Little or[e] or Lead is Sold any where by Reason they Expect a Peace and then a good advance will be upon that Comodity , as Lasts of Corn are Extravagantly Dear here. I have not known the like in any time New wheat was sold in our Market last week at 8s 6d pr <bushl> Beans 6 .6 and all other Grain proportionalle Tis thought Rape will be at 3s a last, last winter has destroyed the most of it. Mr Kelly and Mr Pemberton was here 5 or 6 days, what trade they have to or from Rotterdam I'm Sure you'll have <their> Commissions tho' I doubt they do not

deal for very much Mr Wilkinson has promised again that he'll be mindful to send you Some Lead as soon as he thinks he can get anything by it.

In case you Receive any Letr. From yr Sister Nancy be Sure you inclose them to her back again and consider tis my positive Command, for She has quite a great affront upon my Selfe & family by Marrying a Scoundrel fellow an Attorneys Son in Ripon without the knowledge of any Relation she had in the World and for her undutifulness am positively resolved never to give her one farthing to her portion, nor never See her Face more. All here give you their kind Remembrance with my blessing to you I am  
D[ea]r Jack            Yr most Affect Father

Upon Rect. of this Give me a Line

Mr Jno. Blackett Mercr In Rotterdam

### **19 May 1709 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Mr Ward

May 19

I have not seen <Cooper> the <Collier> of Pearsebridge but once since you sent to him. And I did not abate him of his Debt he owd me but gave him sixpence per Quartr more than formerly, which is <9.6> per Quartr. I desire you'll go to Middleton Tyess & offer them 9s <6d> per Quartr & bread & beer for themselves & Grass for their horses, and will be obliged to take a Considerable quantity, I pray finish this Concern as soon as possibly you can for I have very few Coales at Newby Lett me know what you have done by a line per very first post

yr assured friend to serve you

Mr Jno. Ward

### **19 May 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

May 19 1709

I perceive by yours of the 14th that you have been up the West Water but to very little purpose. I ordered you to stay there till you had left all things Streight, both with Barrow and Dodd & the rest of them, I wonder to what purpose you Employed an Attourney, I expected you would have gott the Debt or their Goods long before this, I writ you plainly to order an attourney to go to him that bought Reay's Land and Acqt. him that he had orders to Enter upon the Ground in case he did not give a note under his hand to pay my Debt, and upon Rect. of this Write to an Attourney in Hexham to go to him and Acqt. him with it, as also to give Mr Barrow & Dodd Notice they must Either pay their Moneys or go to gaol . I hope you took Security from them both and had them arrested upon their Security, So the Bailiff is <lyable> to make both these Debts good You write me that none of the Arrears can be gott till the tenants gett their Corn off the Ground and that it is a better way to Seize & Sell their Goods than to mark them, So upon Rect. thereof go to <Burne>, Shotton, Allen, Moor and Smith and if they

do not give you Good Security to pay immediately their Rents & Arrears, distrain all their goods & Sell them, for I had rather have no Tenants than Such as they are. the May day Rents are likewise due, I wonder you would suffer them to Run one Rent into another, I have oftentimes Charged you to the contrary and unless they pay you all but the May day Rents be Sure you observe my Directions, I doubt it is your fault in not Receiving of Them, To my knowledge Mr Slater is able to pay you his Rent tho it were fore times as much so by his Arrears I must Judge that you must be very careless in not demanding the Rents, You must make Example of Some of them, otherwise you will never have the Rents better paid, I wish you could give me a bill for fifty pounds of Mr Featherstone & Reay at 15 or 30 days & inclose one of Saturday night post, you know I <let> Several <hundred pounds> lye in their hands a long time So you may pay <them> as soon as you Receive it of the Tenants, wch I am Sure they will not refuse you, you may dispose of the Oates as soon as conveniently you can but be Sure you keep <the> Wheat, and not thrash any of it till the middle of July, it goes here last Markett day <8s.6d> per bush. new Wheat and tis thought will be much Dearer before Harvest, for we shall have a backwardly one, lett me know per next what Quantity of Oates you may have to dispose of, they give here two & twenty shillings per Quart but tis thought they will be cheaper, be Sure you always remember never let one halfe Years Rent run into another hereafter come what will of the Tenants,

I am your Assured friend

Mr James Mewburne

## **22 May 1709 Edward Blackett to George Mashrother**

Sir

May 22

I have got the Glass very Safe to Newby & very well putt up, & it looks mighty well, you writ me that there was a very fine Case to it but none came with it, so pray inquire what became of it, I doubt not but you have Recd. the moneys for it long before this With my thanks to you for it

From yr assured friend and Srvt.

Mr Geo Maskrother

I made a bargain for a considerable quantity of Coales with one Dan. Jackson, pray will you inquire for him, and ord. him to bring up his least boat load as soon as possibly he can I wish you could inquire where he lives that I might write to him myselfe

## **22 May 1709 Edward Blackett to John Gowland**

[Note: Date not given but previous letter is of 22 May and on same subject. A later letter was addressed to John Gowland]

Mr Gowland

I was in hopes to have heard from you before this that you had spoken to Daniel Jackson, and orderd him to bring up his least boat load of Coales, for there is water enough for that boat, Pray speak to him as soon as possibly you can, and give me his Answer by a line by the post, & you'll oblige yr assured friend to Serve you

**24 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Whitaker**

Honest Mr Whitaker

May 24

Am obliged for yrs of the 21, and shall not fail to give the Bishop of Chester an invitation to Newby when he comes to Burrbridge, and when you see the Bishop of Ely & his Lady I desire you'll give my humble service to them both.

I have occasion for a black stoned horse for the Wheels about 15 hands high, <a leader> about 5 yrs old I would have him to have a good large Starr and a white foot or two, a strong <male> and a quiet horse, pray inquire at such a horse and tell me his very lowest price and then you shall hear from me further

From D[ea]r S[i]r yr assured friend to Serve you

All this family are much yr humble Servts

Revd. Mr Whitaker at Emanuel College In Cambridge, via London

**24 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Robert Fairfax**

[Note: No date given but in sequence between letters dated 24th and 25th May]

Dr Sr

Am obliged to you for yrs of the 23. And was in hope that the honest Admiral would not have been so long in the Country without Seeing Newby, I did near by Sir Wm. Robinson the other day that he was with you at the newbuilding which I heartily wish you long to Enjoy and when you can spare time I pray let me have the satisfaction of yr Company and you'll very much oblige yr fr. Yrs most affect'ly All this family are much yr humble Servts

Admiral Fairfax at his house at Newton to be left at the Falcon in Micklegate York

**25 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

May 25

I have desired the Bear'r Mr Lorraine to make a tryall what can be made of my slaggs, so let him have what materials the mill affords, and yr assistance & Countenance

I am in haste yr assured friend

Shall expect a Letr. of you the first Monday in the Month how all my Mines are

Mr Jacob Peart

**26 May 1709 Edward Blackett to John Robinson**

Jno. Robinson

May 26 1709

I writ you the 9th of <..> to offer you the Rec[eip]t of my Rents but hearing nothing from you Since concerning the Rents <till> the 19 May ; I knew you thought the <Rect> of them not worth yr trouble, so have Employed Mr <Brumel> to receive them for me, the last Acct. you sent me after I had lett the Estate to my Brother You made the Rents in arrear above 50 odd pounds but you never gave me an Acct. of the Moneys Recd; only you writ me that you had as much moneys in yr hands as would discharge my proportion of the repairing the houses at <Br...> but from that day to this I never heard what Moneys you have disbursed nor what moneys you have in yr hands, so You may judge how capable you are of being a Steward. I shall bring the last Acct. with the names of the tenants that you made in Arrear when I come to Newcastle, So I hope they have paid you in their Arrears wch you ought to have given me an acct long before this, Mr Carr will be at Newcastle shortly, So yr Brother Taylor must gett some friend to go with him to him, I writ him two Letrs. upon yr Brothers Acct. but he gave me answer to neither. I am yr assured friend

Mr Jno. Robinson att Bladon \*

\* [added after next letter] Lett me know by the first post what the Tenants are in Arrears and what moneys you have in yr hands wch you Recd of the Tenants

**26 May 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

26 May 1709

Perceive by yrs of the 21st that Mr Featherstone promised to Inclose me a bill for £50 either by Tuesday or Frydays post, but by Tuesdays post I Rec'd none, and hope in case he did not send one per Frydays post, be sure you fail not to Inclose me one yr

selfe per Saturday nights post, Within a post or two send me a particular of the names of all the Tenants and Farmes in Seaton Lordship and what certain sum is paid and allowed yearly out of every Farme, You may shew the Tenants in arrears this Letr. that in case they do not pay you their Arrears within 10 days you must without more adoe distrain & sell their Goods <besides> what they have in their houses and upon the Lands I wonder you would offer to suffer them to be a whole year in Arrears beside another halfe a year Rent now due

I think you have sold the last bargain of Oates very well, I wish all the Remainder were as well sold, tho I believe they will not settle in price they are very much dearer here as also new wheat gives <..s> a bushel, and tis thought will give <10s> before new come of the Ground. Acqt. me what quantity of Wheat you Judge you may have and whether you have any thrashed, for it will not keep after tis thrashed.

I Recd. the 4 papers that Concerns the Pay, and do very much Wondr you Suffer any Arrears to be Standing out att the Pay, considering you paid 1089£ 07s . 4 ½ d I would certainly have taken that Care as to have made the Workmen allow what they were indebted and been once upon a clear bottom with them, In case Mr Featherstone has not sent me a bill for £50 fail not to send me of Saturday nights post 20.

Yr assured friend

Mr James Mewburne

### **26 May 1709 Edward Blckett to Jones**

Honest Mr Jones

26 May 1709

In case you be in the Land of the living, pray give me a line per first post to yr  
Real friend & Servt.

### **27 May 1709 Edward Blckett to William Hall**

Honest Lieut

May 27

Am sorry I am not so well acquainted with my Lord Wharton as to take upon me to Recom[m]end any one to his Excellencys favor, So you must have patience till a better Opportunity offers itselfe. We are now likely to have a Peace. I hope the Earl de Lorrains Regiment is in the Irish Establishment if not I am afraid youll be disbanded, and I think all things considered you had better not have quitted the <Game> however if it be in my power to Serve you, you may be assured of a friend of

For Lieut. Wm Hall In the Earl of Lorrains Regiment to be left at Toms Coffee House  
In Dublin, via London Ireland

**27 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

D[ea]r Nedde

27 May 1709

I received your lettr of the 19th and Mr Aislabie and myselfe has very often considered that tis to no purpose to make an Intrest for you to be a Capt. till you can write true English, So you need not expect it till you be a perfect Mastr of the English Tongue which you should Indeed by all means imaginable, and then our best Endeavrs Shall not be Awanting to get you preferr'd. We shall now shortly most certainly have a Peace and then most of our Ships will be laid up, so my Endeavours now must be to get you continued a Lieut. in a Man of War that will certainly be continued at Sea, I do not know what you mean by writing you desire to know how you should govern yrselfe when you come home in case you're ordered a foreign Voyage . All the advice I can give you is to be obedient to yr Capt. Should go with him wherever he's Comanded, As I writ you before you cannot Expect to have a Ship till you can write true English Always when you write to me write the Inside of the Lettr the Same as you write the Superscription for that's legible, the other is not. All here give you their kind Remembrance, with my Blessing to you,

I am you most Affect. Father

Lieut. Blackett att Mr Sampson Smiths at the Ship & Ball in the Strand at London

**27 May 1709 Edward Blackett to John Field**

Sr

27 May

I Recd yrs of the 19th And what I writ you form'ly about a Peace, I had it from an undeniable hand otherwise should not have been so positive, about a month agoe I bought of Mr Garforth <a .head> of White Lisbon <wine> if I had known you Expected any would have putt of till yrs Arriv'd, As for my Clarett I have it all from Newcastle, I hope when there's a Peace you will provide yrselfe with good Wine from Burdeaux, and then you shall have my Custom, being yr vy obliged Humble Servt.

Mr John Feild Mercht.

In Hull

**27 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Lee**

Mr Lee

May 27

Am sorry to perceive by yrs of the 21 that you are quite out of business, Shall give your Lettr with the Inclosed to Mr Dean of Ripon who is Sr Marmaduke Wyvills uncle, he is Expected from London within a month and then application will be made to him on yr behalf, So I think you had best Stay where you are till you hear from him, if upon yr Removall of yr Collectn. would have been so kind to acquainted Sr Marmaduke

Wyvill with it, you would certainly have been provided for, it would not be amiss if you could prevail with him <yet> to give the Board an Acct of it, I am yr Assured friend

For Mr Tho: Lee att Atherstone

**28 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Christopher Wyvill**

[Note: Wyvill was the Dean of Ripon 1686-1710 and his name is used here on behalf of the Chapter]

Revds. Sirs

May 28 1709

I know you have all heard how basely my Selfe and family has been used by Mr Ayrton one of yr vicars in marrying my Daughter so Surreptiously if not clandestinely, as upon inquiry you'll find he did, for he must needs know that Nedd Ridsdale's Son was not a proper match for my Daughter, and being within twenty yards of Mr Dean's House, durst not venture to acquaint him with it, So for a little sordid Gain has both ruin'd my Child, and his own Reputation (In case he ever had any) So I promise my Selfe from yr Prudence and Integrity, that whereas you have Authority (as in this Case I know you have) you will not suffer such villanous, and Scandalous Practices to go unpunished.

Gentlemen, I have Endeavour'd by Mr Chancellors assistance to find out where, when and by whome the Licence was fill'd up, and obtained & he has inquired of all his Surrogates, and they Deny it, there is no Bond given to the Courts, nor Oath Administered that we can hear of, (both which I Suppose are absolutely necessary att the Granting a Licence) but as Mr Chancellor hints in his Lettr to me and from severall other concurrent circumstances I have good Reason to believe that the pretended Licence is a trick of Ayrton's own contrivance, and that he has upon this Occasion fill'd up one of those which he Reserves blank for such an opportunity, and I am the more confirm'd in this opinion because, as I am credibly inform'd, this Way of getting money is Customary with his father the present Vicar of Nidd, from whom you know he might easily learn it,

Gentlemen, now you are all together, I thought it the most proper time to make my Complaint unto you, and I hope you will so farr consider the Good of mine and Every honest Man's Family, and the Intrest and Creditt of the Church, as to brand this Scandalous offence with such a Publick Mark of Infamy as it deserves, One thing give me leave to tell you, that if you continue this most unworthy fellow in his office I shall have just Reason to conclude that you have no great desire to continue my Selfe and Family in yr Congregation & neighbourhood.

I am Gentlemen yr very Humble Servt.

The Revd. The Dean and Chapter of Ripon

**29 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Baines**

Sr

May 29

Have very well considered the Discussion which you and I had yesterday, So I desire that there may be no more of it, for I must tell you as a friend that I do neither approve of the estate nor the family, With my most Humble Service to Mrs Baines I am yr Faithfull Humble Servt

For Mr Baines at his house In Ripon

**29 May 1709 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

My Dr. Neighbour

May 29 1709

Yr long absence from Studley has occasioned as great a murmuring among the Neighbourhood as the great Scarcity of Provisions has done in France; but I must tell you none has suffered more by your Absence than this family. I hope you'll finish your business in a little time, that we may have yr good company in the Country;

mySelfe and family are infinitely obliged to you for the great care you take for my son Nedd's preferrment am sure twill never be in my power to make a suitable Returne, However I hope you'll accept the good Will for the Deed, and believe me always

D[ea]r fr[iend] yr most obliged and most Faithfull Humble Servt

All this family are much yr Humble Servts.

John Aislabie Esq A membr of Parliam[en]t To be left at his Chambers In Grays Inn

**29 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

D[ea]r Nedde

May 29

This is a Copy of my last, this day I Recd. a very kind Lettr from Mr Aislabie, who has made his Intrest to all of his friends for yr preferrment and I doubt not but in a little time he will succeed So what you <must do now> go fail not and wait of him, you'll find him any morning at his Chambers in Grays Inn, he'll give you best Advice, which will be to continue in the Ship you are in till a Commission can be procur'd for you, in the mean time be sure you Endeav[ou]r to learn to write true English, For there can be no greater Discredit to a gentleman in what Station soever he be than not to write true English, As soon as you have Discoursed Mr Aislabie write me a line. All here give you their kind Remembrance. Yr most Affect[ionate] father

Lieut. Edwd Blacket At Mr Sam. Smiths London

**31 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Adams**

Sir

May 31

Mr Pemberton came to Newby with a design for Yorke, but some business Extraordinary has happen'd at Bedale that obliges him to return, so on Wednesday the 29th of June We design to be in Yorke and stay till all our Concerns be finished and Engross'd, So desire you'll be at home at that time, in case anything should happen to call you abroad pray give timely notice to yr obliged Humble Servt.

Tho: Adams Esqr. <per messenger>

**31 May 1709 Edward Blackett to George Mashrother**

May 31 : 1709

I perceive by yrs that Daniel Jackson <will> Send me to Burrowbridge about 2½ Chald. of Coales wch he need not to have done for am sure the boatmen will Steal one halfe Chald. of them before they deliver them. I am now very well supplye'd with Coales on horseback, but Seeing at this time I have nothing to do with my Draughts the Sooner he can possibly come up with his boat the better and So to continue for a month, after that time we shall be mightily busy with our hay, Pray give him a Charge to bring none but Black Barnesley & Penshaw, for he is oblig'd by his Agreement to furnish me with such

I thought you were mistaken when you writ me that there was a good case to the Glass the 3 little <...> was brought to Newby some time after, it was very carefully sett up & I like it mightily well for which I thank you pray Deliver the Inclosed to Mr Adams, Give a line by the post boy to yr Assured friend & servt.

Mr Geo: Mashrother

**31 May 1709 Edward Blackett to Lisle**

Sr

May 31

I have occasion to pay £20 in London next Week, So desire you'll do me the favour to Send me a bill for that Sum payable 8 or 10 days after Date to me or my ord[e]r. I expect a £50 bill from Newcastle by tomorrows post, if you have occasion for it you may have it, if not the money shall be paid you on Thursday I am yr assured friend & Servt

Mr Alderman Lisle Ripon

**2 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Matthew Featherstone**

Sirs

Jun 2 1709

Am much obliged to you for the £50 bill which yr partner sent me, I hope my Steward has paid you for it by this time. We shall now most certainly have a Glorious Peace, and then I hope we shall have a good trade & Lead will advance in price, you may depend to have the first offer being my Selfe & Compy yr very Humble Servant

Hon Mr Featherstone & Compy Merchants In Newcastle

**2 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to John Burn**

John Burne

June 2. 1709

I Recd yr Lettr and have ordered my Steward to give you a little longer time for the payment of yr Arrears, but be Sure you make it yr utmost Endeavr to make up or procure moneys as soon as possibly you can, for tis much against my mind if my Steward suffer any Tenants whatsoever to run one Rent into another, and be Sure both you and the Rest of the Tenants at Seaton take notice of it, I am yr friend

For John Burne att Seaton Delaval

**2 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

June 2

I Recd. yrs of the 28 as also a bill for £56 per Tuesday nights post from Mr Featherstone & Compy. Inclosed is a Lettr of thanks for it, I hope you have paid him all or most of the money, if not be sure you do it Shortly, you may Acqt. the Tenants that are in Arrears that I will give them a little longer time to pay their Arrears, but they must not make a practice of it to run one Rent into another which I will never suffer hereafter, however be sure you be always Dunning of them.

All Corn in our neighbouring Marketts as York, Leeds, Wakefield etc fell above 12d in a bushell in price last Markett day Excepting Oates, which gives a most intolerable rate for they were sold currantly at Ripon 26. 6d a Quarter, and tis thought will be Dearer, When you do dispose of yr Oates be sure you sell them to be delivered at the Barn Door, I doubt it will be hard for you to dispose of the Wheat upon such terms. I hope you took an acct. when you thrashed out the last Wheat how it yielded per thrace and let me know it in yr next. I hope at Stagshaw Fair you'll set all streight with those

idle people in the West Water be sure you take a particular care of that Writing I gave you for that Concerns Reays land and perhaps you may see him that bought it at Stagshaw Fair, tell him if he part with any moneys to him he'll certainly loose it, Acqt. me what Lead's in Cellar & what at Newburne, & when you chuse give me an Acct how every Shaft is in getting and what Lead at the mill by the Halfe way & Newburne.

I am yr Ass. Friend

Mr Ja. Mewburne

**3 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Edward Ridsdale**

Mr Ridsdale

June 3

I Recd. yr Lettr and tis unknown to me who was concerned in so base and unworthy an Act as so betray my daughter, I take God to Witness I will hear no man whatsoever Speak a Syllable to me on her behalf, So as they have baked lett them brew, for shall never Either inquire or Concern my Selfe what becomes of them and I wish Every Disobedient Child may be so Servd. \* [The paragraph below was written on the next page of the letter book]

In case any Relation, friend or Acquaintance be so imprudent as Either to write or speak to me upon her Acc[oun]t. I protest before the Almighty I will never have any more conversation with them, tho' they be the nighest Relation or Acquaintance that I have, when they are Acquainted with this I know they will neither give themselves nor me any further troubles, for have had too much trouble upon this Acc[oun]t already.

Note, the foregoing Lettr. To Mr Ridsdale was transcribed, and this part inserted before 'twas Sent

As for Barrow's Debt I do not know what it is nor shall I Concern my Selfe in the least with it to receive any of the Moneys, for my Steward in Northumberland is obliged to make it good to me; So twill be the Properest for Barrow to pay the Money to the Attourney in Hexham

I am yr servt

Mr Edward Ridsdale, Senr.

**3 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to John Field**

Sr

June 3

I recd. yrs and shall be very glad to see you at Newby when you come so nigh at Yorke, I designe for Richmond on Monday but shall returne on Thursday, and then if you'll do me the fav[ou]r of yr Compy you'll much oblige yr most Humble Servt.

Mr Field to be left at Dr Johnson's house till called for.

**3 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to George Mashrother**

Sr

June 3 1709

Pray Acqt. the Boatman Jackson that the <Milby> boatman delivered the Coales and that there wanted two <metts> and a halfe of the quantity he should have delivered, so pray tell him not to pay him any thing for the freight unless he allow <..> for the Coales for he is a very knave, pray give the Inclosed to Dr Johnson, & you'll oblige yr Humble Servt.

Mr Geo. Maskrother

**5 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Beaumont**

Sr

June 5 1709

I Recd yrs of the 17th May, but have heard nothing from you since about the Goods which I bespoke, nor the carriers name you sent them by, which I Extreamply Wonder at, lett me know the name of the Carrier, for my order was to send them by the Leeds Carrier, and if I hear nothing from you in a post or two Shall order the same quantity of Goods from Mr Holdsworth of Yorke, In case you Send any goods hereafter to me lett me know the Carriers name, and what Day they sett out of London, and then shall know when to expect them, had much rather have my Goods by the Leeds Carrier than any other

I am yr Humble Servt,

For Mr Beaumont att Mr Kingsleys att the Bell in Newgate Street

**5 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Aletheia Blackett**

D[ea]r Aletheia

June 5

Am sorry to perceive by yours that you have been much out of order of late, but am glad you are Recover'd, I do not in the least question when my nephew comes to Age, but my son John will have the Disposing of all his Lead, for I have his word for it when he was last at Newby.

Am glad to hear Lead rises in price And as soon as we have a Peace which I make not the least question but will be Shortly twill be still dearer, I have not yet gott my Coffee and other things from London which I mightily <Admire>, And have writ to the Druggist by this post that if I have not my Goods very shortly he shall have no more of

my Custome, when the Coffee comes shall certainly send you part of it by the first opportunity, with my blessing to you both am yr most Affect. Father. On Sunday last I had a letter from yr Bro. John he is very well

Mrs Aletheia Blacket at Mr Brumells

**6 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Errington**

Sr

June 6

I Recd. only one Lettr. from you which was this morning and as for the disposing of my Slaggs I would have you first have a Tryall, and then you'll know best what to offer for them per fother tale, whoever takes them must get them dressed & washed against Mich[ael]mas, for tis impossible to get any quantity Smelted this summer by reason of the grest easement of water, if you'll let me know per first post what I shall give you per fother bale and if I agree to it then you may sett on all yr men this Summer to get them ready for Smelting in Winter, my Stewards Lettrs at Fallowfield never miscarry so if you direct for me at Newby nigh by Bbridge Yorkshire they will certainly come to hand, so shall expect to hear from you per first post. I am yr assured friend & servt

Mr Tho. Errington at Errington Nigh Hexham

**6 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Ralph Pemberton**

June 6

I could not possibly believe that Mr Pemberton should be guilty of so base and unworthy an action as to Endeavour to make an Intrigue with my Daughter, I should never have believed it but that my Daughter was so wise as to give me her Lettr which you may imagine Surprized me very much, can you possibly have the vain thoughts as to think yr Selfe a fit match for my Daughter, if you did you went a very Scandalous way to Work to desire her to let you know how yr lettr might come in safety to her, so I would gladly know what you can say for yr Justification If I should Shew yr Father the lettr I believe he would never own you more, You know I had a respect for you upon yr Fathers Acct formerly, but now by your base Intriguing you have forfeited my friendship, which perhaps might have been an Advantage to you.

I am E. B.

For Mr Ralph Pemberton Merct in Newcastle

**6 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to James Clark**

James Clark

June 6

Upon the Rect of this Lettr I desire you'll write to Martin Fenwick to hasten down the Lead with all possible Speed. For I perceive there's above 500 pcs made and little more than 200 in the Cellar, Speak likewise to the Wherryman that they bring it down as fast as it comes to Newburne. Pray Delivr the enclosed to Mr Pemberton with yr own hand, and let me know per Frydays post what Leads in Cellar and what at Newburne & the price Currt.

I am yr assured fr[ien]d

James Clark <Free port[r]>

**10 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacques Parmentier**

Sir

June 10

I am very glad to hear you have finished my Lord Dukes Work, and I hope to his Satisfaction. Pray as soon as you can possibly Spare time do me the fav[ou]r to come to Newby & finish my Stair Case, and Landing & you shall be Gratified to yr own Satisfaction and believe me yr Real friend & Serv. I hope yr next will give me an acct of yr Coming to Newby

For Mr Parmentier at Worksop <Man[sfiel]d per Tuxford bagg>

**10 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Whitaker**

Sr

June 10

I Recd the favr of yr Lettr and I perceive you have given yr Selfe the trouble to find out Sevrall horses, for which I thank you. I am persuaded by my friend not to buy a single horse being I can make a good shift till the Spring, and then to buy a pair, which shall then give you the trouble to do for me I would Crave <black> 14 hands Good, with a Good Starr or blazes, and by all means Smooth leggd, for I do not at all approve of rough leggd horses, All services from hence attends you, and pray believe me S[i]r yr obliged humb. Servt.

The Revd Mr Whitaker att Emanuel College in Cambridge

**16 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to John Robinson**

Jno. Robinson

June 16 1709

I Recd yr Lettr and yr Selfe onley is to blame in not being concerned for me, you write me that upon the Rect of my Letter you writ to me which never came to my hand,

nor do I believe any such Lettr was writ, for when you were last at Newby which was not long before Mayday, you never so much as nam'd [struck out: 'or said a thing'] how I desired to have my business managed at Winlinton which made me write to Mr Brummell and in case he had not agreed to my terms, should have Employed my Lord Widdrington's Steward, for no body could think otherwise but that you Slighted the Concern

Yr Acct of the Repairs & Arrears I have by me and shall Examin them in a little time there was a good Arrear at yr Father's Death and sevrall Arrears since and I cannot find how they are adjusted so let me know the manner of all those Tenants that were in Arrear that are insolvent, and where they're gone to, for I would willingly have all things sett straight that Concern Win[la]ton Lordship, For am sure formerly I us'd but to make a very indifferent Lett of it, Lett me hear from you at your Convenience and give yr Lettr Either to my own Servt or James Clark, and then it cannot miscarry and for that reason I inclose my Lettr to one of them that you may not have the Excuse that they miscarried I am yr assured friend

Mr Jno. Robinson att Bladon

**17 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Lovell Lazenby**

Sir

June 17 1709

I Recd your Lettr which Surprized me very much, I never heard of the name of Mr Edwd. Barnard so could not possibly have any Dealings with him, you should have lett me know what trade he was of, and what Goods I had of him, & when, for I believe yr friend must be a very ill man, that should write you that he found my name in his book, for there is not above <two> men in London that Ever I dealt withall in my time, nor is there any one Gentleman in England of my own Name & Quality but my Selfe, So you may Judge how you are imposed upon, however pray Satisfy me by a line by the post what this Mr Edwd. Barnard was, as also the name of his friend att Scarborough, for I'll Endeavour to find out the Cheat if possible I am yr friend & Servt

For Mr Lovell Lazenby att his House In Scarborough

**18 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Reginald Graham**

Sir

June 18

Am heartily sorry that we could not do you Justice as to the Appeal yesterday, for you putt in a foolish Fellow for an Assessor, you should have taken care to have putt in a sensible fellow for an Ass[es]or and order'd him to charge yr Estate 1/3 Mr Aislabie 1/3 and & Lands belonging to my Lord Castleconner, Mr Brinlow and Mr <Rothen>

another third, which would have been very Equable and none could have found fault, So I hope you'll take care it be done so against the next Assessment, the fellow you sent should have given notice to my Lord Castleconners Steward which I believe is Mr <Tatham>, as also to George <Sterzaker> and in case they had appeared the Fellow was so ignorant that he did not know how to Issue them the Sevrall parts, Att the next Meeting shall acqt them the <formal proof> of yr <hard> usage, and they will most certainly do you Justice

I am Sir yr faithfull humble Servt.

Pray my humbles to honest <dr> Richard. Do not loose the < ordr of .... > you sent wch was under Nedd Hodgson's hand &c

For Reginald Graham Esqr These [presents] Norton Conyers

**20 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

June 20

I Recd. yrs of the 18. Am glad you have paid Mr Reay and Company for the bill they inclos'd me, Inclose me as soon as conveniently you can the heads of Mr Carr's writing which concerns the <Dr> Note wch was Reays that he sold to <Currey> wch is in yr Custody, I perceive you have Recd. £12 of Mr <Barrows> Acqt. me what more he is in Arrears, his son was with me the other day, and told me he was not at Age which I believe is very true, when he signed the Bail Bond for his fathers Debt, he shall be my Ten[an]t no longer for <Farrowshield> Tythe, as you give me a very plain but a very poor Acct. of the Sevrall shafts at Fallowfield upon the Rect. of this letter write a line to Jacob that he charge both Golightly & Little to follow their bargain at the Forefield for that might to be Carried on with all the Expedition imaginable, Am sorry <Gerr> Dobson gets no <Oar> in driving Mines he took his bargain I wish I could make a bargain for dressing all the Slaggs this Summer and in Winter they may well smelt them, when there will be water Enough, All sorts of Grain here rises in Price considerably good new Wheat is sold for 8 <s> per bushell, Oats for five or six and twenty per Quartr and good <Mault> for 40 <s> per quartr. So upon Rect. thereof ordr the thrashing out of the Corn with all Speed, Acqt me whether you can sell the wheat at the Barndoor as you did yr Oates for you know carrying it to the Market will be a charge, and dispose of all the Grain you have as soon as conveniently you can, for I believe it will not be dearer, I hope I need not <put> you <in mind> to gett all the Arrears of Seat[on Delaval] Tenants as soon as possibly you can, give me an Acct. of the names of the Gentlemen that had horses both Tuesday and Thursday that rid Kellingworth Course and what place each of them came in, fail not to give me a line per Saturday night post to yr Assured friend

James Mewburne att Seat. Delavall

**20 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dear Maria

June 20th

My Coffee is now come from London, and the first Opportunity shall send you 2 or 3 lb. As soon as Mewburne has disposed of all his Corn, he will come to Newby, and if I have not an opportunity soon Shall send the Coffee by him; Let me know whether tis known for certain that my Lady Blackett will be down this summer or not and how the report goes whether my nephew be married or not, I wish you could get the Inclosed deliver'd to Mewburne Either on Tuesday or Thursday , for he'll certainly <be...> or Killingworth Moor Acqt me per Frydays the Gent names that had horses that run at both Courses, and what places they came in; with my blessing to you both I am yr most Affect. Father

Mrs Maria Blackett att Mr Brumells

[struck out: 'Give my Service to Mr Kelley & acqt him that Recd. the bottle of Brandy etc']

**20 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to John Kelly**

Sr

June 20

I Recd yr Lettr with a bottle of Brandy, and sevrall that understands Brandy has tasted of them both but they differ in their opinions, for some of them are positive it is not the same, and others are as positive it is the same. Am no competent Judge myself, honestly believe they are both very good Brandy and Shall ordr my Servt to pay you for it, with my humble Service to Mrs Kelley I am yr very obliged Servant

For Mr Kelley, Mercht In Newcastle

**21 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Ho[nest] Will

21 June

Pay to my servt Jacob Peart £40 upon the 25 day of July, and the Remainder of my halfe Years Rents Be sure you take care to have it ready to pay at Newcastle the 1 of August or 8 or 10 days after with all the Tythe Rent, and they that farm the Tythes & do not pay at that time I charge you not to Allow <them one farthing assist for you know formerly they did >

and lett this be yr Standing Rule an you'll oblige yr Assured friend

case they they did not pay their Tythe Rents upon the 1st of August they never had any <Assist.> allowed them, nor will I do it hereafter

Mr Wm. Lowes

**22 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

Sr

June 22

I Recd yr Lettr with my nephew Calverley's Inclosed by the post from London yesterday morning, as you'll see by the Inclosed I thank you for Drawing up the Paper, and I think there's no reason to add anything to it, for tis Exactly well done.

I designe to send the paper book to York this week to have it Engrossed, so I shall not go to York till the Monday after you have preach'd, <should> I desire you'll come this way because twill be too long a Journey for you from Bedale besides we must consider what time to wait of my Nephew Calverley, for my wife will have you by all means to go with us, So you may name your time; Either before or after those you Expect the Bishop of Chester with all Services from here my Selfe & Mrs <Trotter> I am yr obliged Humble Servt

For fear this might miscarry by the post have sent a messenger on purpose with it

For The Rvd Mr Pemberton Att Bedale

**23 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

June 23

Inclosed is a Copy of Mr Errington's Lettr. So be sure you consider it very well and whatsoever bargain you make with him concerning the slaggs I will Confirm it I am altogether a Stranger both as to the Coales & <the leasing> of them per <ten>, You may discourse them that you know understands them before you make an absolute bargain for I believe Mr Errington does understand them mightily well, So upon the Rect. of this peruse the Inclosed, & seal & deliver it to him, but as for the Copy of his Letter do not let him know that I sent you it but after you have perused it you may burn it, what oar you have at the Grove get it washed and sent to the mill & smelted with all possible speed for I believe I shall have an opportunity to dispose of it in a very little time, I am yr assured friend

Mr Jacob Peart

**23 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Errington**

Sir

June 23

I recd yrs of the 18 and for the Waste at my mill I have not disposed of them, I desired one Mr Lorain to get a tryall made of them, and to give me his opinion of them and that the Workpeople should be Gratified for their pain smelting it be a Stranger both as to the value per what they deserve per tun, however I refer it absolutely to my Servt Jacob Peart, and whatsoever bargain he makes with you shall be confirmed by Sir yr very humble servt.

Tis now the time of the year to gett them dressed that they may be Smelted in Winter when there is plenty of water

Mr Tho. Errington

**23 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

Sir

June 23

I Recd yrs by my Servt and I am positively Resolved to go to York on Monday Seven night which is the 4th of July, and if you please to come here on Thursday or Friday, you may Preach yr turn at Yorke, and returne with me, or if you'll preach yr Turn at Ripon we may go to York together on Monday morning so pray let me know by the post what you resolve. Dr Ward being at St <Mungos wells> the other day came to make me a visit on his own Acct so I gave him the Cases and his Fees, he told me he would consider of it and do me the best Service in his power

All here are much yr humble Servts I am sir yr Real friend & Servant

Revd Mr Pemberton

**24 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Harry Tulip**

Ho[nest] Harry

June 21

If Mr Peart have occasion for a small parcell of Ground let him have it and it shall be no disadvantage to you I am yr assured friend

For Harry Tulip

**24 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

[Note: 'Cousin' Harry Bridges was the nephew of Shem Bridges, Edward Blackett's brother-in-law, and eventually inherited his Imber Court property in Surrey when Shem died childless.]

D[ea]r Kitty

June 24

Inclosed is a note of what sugars, fruit etc we have occasion for, so be sure take care they be of the very best, and Shipp them on board of one of the Hull vessells, Directed to me at Newby to be left with Mr Scott Crane Mastr of York

The first time you see Mr <Roper> give my service to him and tell him he must not forget Milly's Baby, When you see my Bro Bridges always give my service to him, Acqt me whether his Coz. Harry Bridges lives with him or not, and whether my Lady Blackett designs for Newcastle this Summer & What Month, fail not to give an Ansr of all this upon the Rect. of my Lettr with my humble service to yr Mastr & blessing to yrSelfe I am yr most Aff. Father

Mr Chr. Blackett etc

### **27 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

June 27

I Recd yrs of the 29th and am very glad you are come to nigh Straight with Mr Barrow, shall ordr Will Lowes in case he owe me anything, if he do not pay it to sue for it and that he shall Farme my Tythes no more

I perceive the Price of Corn with you is not nigh so high as tis here, however I think you have sold yr Oates extremely well, I heartily wish you could dispose of them all at that price, am sorry you cannot sell the wheat at the Barn door as you did the Oates, I would very willingly have all the Wheat thrashed sold & the money Recd for it before you come to Newby so that we may see what <Se..> we have ready <..> Bills of Exchange from Newcastle are as good to me as money besides it saves a great deal of trouble both in the Counting and bringing of it here, Always when you receive my money pay it into anyone in Newcastle, & take their bill for it 14 or 15 days after Date

### **29 Jun 1709 Edward Blackett to Aletheia Blackett**

Dear Aletheia

June 29 1709

I perceive by yrs that my Nephew is gone to see his Sister, he did not call here as he went, So I hope I shall see him in his returne, he did promisse when he was last at Newby, when the Lead Mines came to be his own, what Lead he sent to Holland should all go to my son John for at present he has nothing to do with them, tho' I believe if he spoke positively to Mr Wilkinson that he desired that the Lead wch he shipped to Holland might go to him and no other I know Mr Wilkinson durst not deny

him, Mr Wilkinson promised me that he would send all or most of the Lead to him, and I hope that he does So, if not, shall take it very ill from him, and shall tell him so when I come to Newcastle if my nephew come to Newby I will prevail with him to make his Request to Mr Wilkinson that he shall send his Lead to no other, You may inquire by the by of Mr Wilkinson whether he has sent any Lead to him this Spring, or not, when you see Mewburne ord'r him to go to James Clark the <Freeporter> and know of him what quantity of Lead Mr Wilkinson has Shipt for Rotterdam this summer, and perhaps he can tell him who 'twas consign'd to and ord'r Mewburne to let me know per Saturday nights post, & then shall write a line to Mr Wilkinson mySelfe, I hear my nephew does not go for London till Mich'mas, and then shall be at Newcastle, for I design to be there in August, for my business will not permitt me to come sooner, and then shall bring some Coffee for you, in case none of my own sort comes to Newcastle sooner With my blessing, I am yr most affect. Father

<Mrs> Aletheia Blakett

Being to go abroad this morning I writ this letter last night and Sevrall hours after I writ it my Nephew's Servt. Came here, but as yet he's not come but I believe he'll be here to night. Upon Rect. of this Send for Mewburne to his <.Host> house and deliver him the Inclosed with yr own hand.

### **30 Jun 1709 Edward Blakett to William Lowes**

Honest Will

June 30

I Recd a lettr from Mewburne last post, who writes me that he has gott all that Mr Barrow ow'd him Except 16 or 17 shillings, wch he has promised to pay him in a very short time, but what he's in Arrears to you he did not Concern himselfe with it, so in case he be in arrear with you, you must take care to sue him or you'll never get the money, and tell him plainly he shall Farm the Tythe no longer and do you take care to let it to another for I am sure you cannot have a worse Tenant for a paymaster. I know Corn with you gives such an Extravagant price that I hope the Tenants have paid you most of their Rents ere this and be sure you Remember that in case the Tenants that Farm the Tythes do not pay their Rents Exactly on Lammas day, I shall not allow them one farthing Assessing. In case you do I shall not allow it to you, for you know twas always so formerly and I'm resolved to keep up that Custom; upon the Rect of this give a line to yr assured friend

Mr William Lowes at Willimontswick

**1 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to John Cadday**

Mr Cadday

July 1

I Recd. yr Letter and you may be sure I shall not pay you one farthing more till I know from people of Judgement whether I have overpaid you or not, but you may be assured what shall be due to you shall be paid by yr assd. Friend

Mr John Cadday at his house on Ouse Bridge

**4 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Aletheia Blackett**

D[ea]r Aletheia

July 4 1709

I Recd. yr Letter and you did mighty well in Acquainting me about your Bro. John's concerns, Shall give Mr Reay thanks when I come to Newcastle for his kindness to him.

My nephew came here yesterday above 11 a clock from his Sisters. I spoke to him upon my son Johns account and he told me he had given a positive order to Mr Wilkinson to Send all the Lead to him that he Shipt for Holland, as also that there was an Acct. standing out betwixt the Mercht. that he Employed at Rotterdam and himselfe and that he could not handsomely leave him of[f] till the Acct. was Adjusted but that in a little time he should be the only person that should be Employed.

Tell yr Sister Maria that I did not Receive a letter from Mr Brumell with a bill Inclosed as she writ me in case he sent one it never came to hand so lett her tell him that it was a great disappointment to me having promised to a Tradesman in Ripon to give him a bill at such & such a time According to the Agreement that Mr Brumell & I made, and tho' the Bills be made payable att the same time it does not please the tradesman so well, know of Mr Brumell the price of Lead per fother and give a line per next post to

yr most Affect. Father

Mrs Aletheia Blacket

send for Mewburne and give the Inclosed with yr own hands for tis of Concern . Shall send Mewburns letter per next post

**4 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

July 4

I Recd. yrs with a bill for £100 which I have given you Credit for, I perceive you have sold 21 Bowls of Oates as also a Bowl of Wheat, and I think at a very good price, I wish all you have were sold att the same Rate, Acqt me the price Currt. of Lead & give my Service to Mr Featherstone and Reay & tell them that what Lead I have they may

always depend upon for shall not dispose of it to any other and tell them likewise I have it from a very good hand that we shall most certainly have a Peace in a very little time which makes me desirous not to dispose of my Lead as yett, I wish I had a good <hand> with Mr Fenwick, for he never <Balanced> his Acct. for the Lead had in 1706 so peruse his letter and the Acct. and Seal it & Deliver it him, I hope he'll not insist upon the interest, for you know he had many hundred <pounds> of mine in his hand & never Expected any Consideration for it as you may tell him, Acqt. me what you have done with Mr Fenwick by a line by Sunday nights post to  
yr Assrd. Friend

Mr James Mewburne att Seaton Delaval etc

You need not take any Notice of the Interest, unless he name it to you first, and then you may tell him that he has had great quantity of Lead in his hands many months and I never Expected any Consideration for letting the money lye in his hand.

**4 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Robert Fenwick**

Sir

July 4 1709

Some time ago I Recd yr Cash Acct. wch was very right, but the Acct you sent me for the Lead you had in 1706 you never as yet discharg'd the Ballance [5 lines struck out here: 'you charge me in that Acct for the Intrest of £500 for @ monthly seavean pounds ten shill[ings]. And you know you had many hundred pounds of mine in your hands for a much longer time, and never expected any Consideration so I hope will not insist upon <...> and notwithstanding that sum shall you'll find in case you take it'] so you'll find yourself indebted to me <10 > upon that Acct. and <£116.10> in yr Cash Acct., when I was at Newcastle some time agoe I gave you one of yr own Lettrs that you were willing to give the Same Price as is charg'd in the Inclos'd Acct. and my Servt. Mewburne can satisfy you [struck out: 'of the same'], and has it undr Several Merchants hands that paid the same prices and I know he shew'd it you . So pray Inclose me a bill for the Ballance.

Am very well assured from good hands that we shall most certainly have a Peace shortly, which makes me desire to keep the Small quantity of Lead I have a little longer and upon a Peace no doubt but it will Advance in price. I am yr vert humble Servt

To Robt. Fenwick Esq. Mayor of Newcastle

**5 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Robert Fairfax**

Dr Sr

July 5

This is a copy of my last, I doubt it never came to yr hand by Reason that I have heard nothing from you since.

The Bearer Mr Fish is the Painter that Painted my and I can assure you he is a very honest man & the best House Painter in the North, <as> undoubtedly you designe to paint some Rooms in yr new house, So I recommend him to you as the fittest person you can Employ, and will Answer for the well performance of his work I am dr Sr <.....ly> yrs

For Admiral Fairfax at his house at Newton

**7 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

July 7 1709

I Recd. yrs of the 4th as also one from Mr Errington by the same post, which <... ...>, Mr Lorain I find is the <best chapman> and is now with me, he offers me to make 50 tun of the Slaggs at <.... ....> the fother & give £100 Security which is <half price> and to finish them in two years time, and as Every ten tun are made to pay him as much money as will discharge the work people the remainder to lye in yr hand till the Bargain be finished. Lett him have one hearth to himself; and the other hearth will be sufficient to Smelt the Small oar you have, So immediately Conclude a bargain with him and lett me hear from you I am yr assured friend

Mr Jacob Peart

**7 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sr

July 7th 1709

I Recd. Yrs of the 5th with two inclosed Bills of Exchange For which I think you, have given you Credit in my Book for them.

My nephew Blacket came here on Sunday last, and stay'd with me till Wednesday, he design'd that day to take post at Tadcaster for London, he told me had spoke to Mr Wilkinson to send most of the Lead wch he ships for Rotterdam to my son John, & that as soon as he was at Age what Lead he shipt for Holland he should have the whole quantity, I am Sr yr most assured friend & servt.

Mr Tho: Brumell

**8 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Aletheia Blackett**

Dear Aletheia

July 8

I writ you last post wch I hope came to hand My Nephew came here on Sunday morning & stayed till Wednesday so went that day to Tadcaster & took post for London, he told me when he came to Age my son John should have the Disposal of all the Lead he ships for Rotterdam.

Mr Brumell I thank him sent me two Bills of Exchange by the last post, Give him the Inclosed, and send to Mewburne & deliver his Lettr to his own hand for tis of Concern With my Blessing to you both

I am yr most Affect. Father

**9 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Isabella Wyvill**

Madam

July 9 1709

It was surely my Servts mistake, that would have paid you £4:10s instead of Six, and shall pay Mrs <Laundy> this day Six pounds so pray when you Receive the money send yr Rect. by him and for the future as I desired formerly as always send a Rect. to him and shall Pay the moneys with all service from hence to yr <Folk> & Relations,

I am yr most faithful humb Servt. and Kinsman

For Mrs Isabella Wyvill These [presents] Yorke

**9 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Bewick**

Sir

July 9 1709

I hear that you are at Barrowbridge, and I know that you can have no Company there, and if you'll do me the favr. to make Newby yr home you shall be as wellcome as at yr own house, and Either Mrs Jones or my Selfe will wait of you every morning to the Well, Pray be so kind as to dine with me to morrow, and I hope you'll be persuaded withall to stay here while you are in the County and you'll very much oblige Sr yr most humble servt.

Tho: Bewick Esq. Barrowbridge

**10 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Humphrey Primate**

Sr,

July 10 1709

I had the favr. of yrs of the 28 and I perceive you have Shipt a parcell of goods for me per Jno. Buttry Master, I hope they will come safe to hand, I do not in the least question but they are all of yr very best and charg'd as low as you sell to others, Am much obliged to you for yr kindnesse to my son Christo. As also for the good character you give me of him, which I wish he may deserve.

With my most humble service to yr selfe & Lady, I am sir yr obliged humble servt.

Mr Humphrey Primate

**10 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Dear Kitty

July 10

I perceive by yrs of the 2 that you have Shipt me a parcel of goods per Jno. Buttery, and that they are of the best and charg'd at as cheap a Rate as any, I shall every Year take much greater Quantity of you.

I would send yr Master a present of Ale but the time a year is past for the Brewing of it, I intend a little after Michmas to make my Brew'y brew a head purposely and shall get it double Cask'd and then I hope the Seamen cannot tap it, otherwise it would be in Danger, you should always write me down word when you Receive goods from Mr Baines friend at Yorke that I may take care to pay it immediately again, Always when you see my Bro. Bridges as also Coz. Harry Bridges give my services to them and Acqt. me whether he presents you with any thing when you goe to see him or not, and if there be any Discourse in Town about his Marrying, for tis so Reported in Newcastle as also that my Lady Blacket was about Marrying, which fail not to Acqt. me by a line per next post to yr most affect. Father

Mr Chr Blacket

**11 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: Lysdon Farm is at New Hartley near Seaton Delaval]

James

July 11 1709

I Recd. yrs of the 9th I perceive Some has Acqt'd you that the highs of the price Currt. of Lead is £8.15 and my Lettr gives me an Acct. of £9.05.00 So there must be a great mistake, and cannot tell which Lettr to Trust, but Either Mr Wilkinson or Mr Brumell must certainly inform you which, lett me know, for shall Sell no Lead unless the price amend for we shall certainly have a Peace very shortly.

Mr <Mayor> is much mistaken if He told you that I referred the whole Sum in Arrear to himselfe, I only referr his own Lettr to himselfe, as to the <price>, however I will never have any thing to do with him thereafter, and after I have Recd. his Lettr. will ordr you to Receive the Ballance of his last Acct. which is under 40 <s>

My Servt. paid for new wheat last Market Eight Shill. per Bushell, and would have bought a Quantity of him att the same price, but would not let him have it, Should be glad to hear you had disposed of all yr Oates tho' I believe there is no great Danger of its falling much in price, for we shall most certainly have a very backward Harvest

Am sorry to perceive that a side of a room in Lysdon Great House is fallen in, You must get it repaired with all possible speed, what timber you have Occasion for you must gett it of Mr Rudstone Go <upon the Rector/Qaker> if any Lettr. & give my Service to him and tell him I hope he'll use me as well as he does any other of his Customers So get the houses & Byers that you are obliged to build finish'd with all speed My wife wants a bill for £39.14.0 So send me one as Soon as possibly you can, I know Mr Reay will lett you have one & you may pay him any time when you come to town, you must always write me what Leads in Cellar for there must be above 200 pcs by the Way & at Newburne. Always call at the post house for yr Lettrs and write me Saturday night from Newcastle I wonder you do not give me the heads of that Writing which Concerns Reay's Land, you may write it on the back sides of yr Lettr, for I perceive he makes you pay 2d more than he ought to do for most of the Lettrs you Send. I am yr assured friend

Mr Ja. Mewburne

**11 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Honest Will

July 11

You need not fear my giving Christo. Barrow or his son Discharge for anything which he owes me, but you that are Concerned knows last what he's Indebted to me, His son I hear is married att Wakefield to a woman that has a very good Character and very Rich She keeps the Greatest Publick House In Town which if true as I believe it is she may in a little time Redeem his fathers Estate, I wonder to perceive by yrs that the Tythes that are unlett you think will not give the old Rent, which is a miracle to me, for my Servt the last Markett day gave 8 s a bushell for Wheat, and would have bought a good quantity but he would not lett him have it att that price, Be sure you take care to Raise all the Whitsuntide rents before Lammas and those tenants that does not pay their Tythes at Lammas according to the old Custome be sure you do not allow them one farthing assessment if you do you shall allow it out of yr own pocket, <As you do> mighty well to Encourage Tenants to plow up part of the Common for <...> the great Improvement to the Tythes <...> Receive 50 <£> or more of the Tenants pay it to Messrs Featherstone & Reay Merchant in Newcastle, they are <partners> I do not know whether you know Mr Featherstone tis he that bought Featherstone Haugh in the Neighbourhood, in my last I ordered you to to pay <£60> to Jacob Peart on the 25 July – and Raise the Rents as soon as you can Either the Workmen or my Selfe will have occasion for them I <hope> you have disposed of the Bark long before this, and Recd the money, for the same you sold fail not to write once a month to yr assured friend

For Mr Wm. Lowes

**14 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Robert Fenwick**

Sir

14 July

I Recd yrs per last post and I do very well remember that I did referr the Balance to yr Selfe but at the same time gave you one of yr own Letrs that did Agree to the price of the Lead which you were charg'd with, so I did not in the least question when you had Compar'd it with yr Acct. but you would have been satisfy'd, however the thing is not worth a Dispute so Shall say no more of it, I think the Balance of yr Cash Acct. is £1.6.10 so pray pay it to my Servt Mewburne. I am Sir yr very humble Sevt.

Robt Fenwick Esqr Mayor of Newcastle

I believe some time you trade to Rotterdam, if you do I desire my son John may have part of yr Commissions

**14 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

July 14

The abovesaid is a copy of my last, peruse and Seal the Inclosed and give it to Mr Mayor & receive the Ballance of him I wonder you do not know of Mr Brumell and Mr Wilkinson the price Currt. Of Lead every week & lett me know it As also what Lead is in Cellar, acqt. me likewise what quantity of Wheat & Oates as you guess you may yet to dispose of you may know of my Daughters <where> my <two .ephew> sent <for....> are whether in England or where Abroad I am yr assured friend

Mr Mewburne att [struck out: 'Seat Del']

**14 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Mr Ward

July 14

I am desired by my wife to acqt. you that you must not think of having yr Daughter home so soon and in case you send for them yr Servt will return without them, they are as wellcome here as at home, and no manner of <troable> whatsoever with my Service to Mrs Ward I am yr assured friend

Mr John Ward att Dinsdale

**14 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Adams**

Sir

July 14

I have perused the paper book, and I find it exactly right in Every particular As for the Blank you leave in case my Daughter Blacket should dye & leave a Daughter or Daughters & my Son marry again, and that they & the Trustees have assumed they should live Else, what yearly sum shall be allow'd them, I allow my Daughters at Newcastle 40 <£> a year Each tho' I'm very kind to them besides and <pays> So you may Either putt in that Sum <for sevrall other necessaries> or leave it Blank & so Mr Clark may putt it in at Newby, there is another Blank which I do not understand what it means, So have sent my Servt on purpose to be informed by you, and I believe he can Satisfy you in it, if not I shall do it by the post after he Returnes, pray peruse well the Deed wch Settles my daughter Blacket's portion, which my Lord Warrington, my Son & Daughter are to sign, I gave it with <yours> when last at Newby so Pray fail not to have every thing ready to come to Newby at the time appointed, which is the 28th day of this month, I am yr obliged humble Servt.

For Tho. Adams Esqr.

**14 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Shem Bridges**

[Note: Edward Blackett's brother in law, married to Isabella Blackett]

Sir

July 14 1709

I Recd. The fav[ou]r of yr Lettr and am much obliged to you for imparting to me Mr Primate's Generous offer in <passing> my son Christopher in Co Partnership with his Kinsman next Midsummer, I readily agree to that proposal, and hope my Son will Answer the good Character his Master has of him and if <..> yr Selfe or any friend of yrs will Advance me £1599 at 5 per cent at that time, I will give them my owne son Blackett's bond or Land Security for it which they please, if not I'll procure it in this Country, for as yet there is nothing of my Daughter Blacket's portion paid and there will be due in a very short time <£12000> and there is a Yearly £400 <Acruing> to the Principall as the Intrest of £8000 wch was her portion but not payable till her Mothers death by Reason the Lordship which is security for her portion as her Mothers Jointure which putts one upon borrowing this sum, and I hope by Kitty's Industry and careful Management he will improve his Estate so as to fully answer my Expectation, tho' I must confess it's a great sum to putt into a young mans hand my Wife and all this Family are <assuredly yr.> humble Servts and pray believe me always yr most Affect Bro, & obliged Humble Servt.

For Shem Bridges Esqr, at Ember Court

**14 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Dear Kitty

July 14

I writ you on the 10th wch I hope came to hand The Inclosed is a lettr of Concern which be Sure you take care to send by a Safe messenger Deliver with my Service to <yr Master> with my Blessing to yr Selfe I am yr most Affect. Father

Mr Chr. Blackett

**18 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Adams**

Sir

July 18

I desire you'll ordr yr Clerk to a Engross a Counter part both of the <Deed of> Settlement and the Assignment of my Daughter Blackets portion, and not to fail to have them ready to bring with you on the 28. Pray Send me a line by the Postboy on Wednesday Noon to Satisfy me that this came to hand I am in great haste Sir Yr obliged Humble Sert.

Tho. Adams Esquire

**19 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to John Blackett**

Dear Jacke

July 19

I Recd. yrs of the 16 <a d > And my nephew Blacket happened to be at Newby at the same time who stay'd with me for one day I shew'd part of your letter he promised me Sometime before, that as soon as he was at Age you should have his whole business, and in the meantime he desired Mr Wilkinson what Lead he shipt for Rotterdam Should be to you, he told me there was an Acct. Standing out betwixt Correspondent and him, but as soon as it was adjusted he would solely Employ you and by the first fleet that went with Convoy to Rotterdam he would Consign to you a Considerable Quantity of Lead, always let me know the Quantity As also who Employes you, I had a lettr last post from Mr Fenwick, who the post before I desired when he had any business at Rotterdam that he would make use of you for his Factor, his Answer was that he would not trouble you for any trifling business but whenever he traded there for any thing worth yr while you Should most Certainly to hear from him, About Michaelmas I shall send you over 100 pcs Lead for yr own Use, if my mines were worth any thing Should send you a better Quantity, but they are < > at such an unreasonable cost that I design wholly to<throw> them up, for I must not <hazard> Ruining my Selfe to finance a mine to posterity, As for what news you write I have it by the very same post in Publick print, You may Depend upon it that we Shall most certainly have a Peace in a short time, and after Tournay is taken you'll hear more of it in a very little

time, for tis the opinion of all that the Fr: Dose not fight the Allies, And that both money and Corn are so scarce in the French Nation that will force them to comply with the Allies Demands with my Blessing to you I am Yr most Affect. Father

For Mr Jno. Blacket Merchant In Rotterdam

I design to be in Newcastle the latter end of August & shall See & thank all yr friends and let me know by next post who they are

**21 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to James Morton**

Sir

July 21

I had the favr. of yrs of the 19. there came this Spring great quantities of Florence wine to York both in <Chests> & h[og]heads, So I furnished my Selfe with a small quantity and for tis a sort of wine that I do not much approve of, I do not in the least question but we shall have a Peace in a very short time and if you trade to Bordeaux you shall be sure to have a Customer of Sir, yr very obliged Servt.

For Mr James Morton Merchant In Newcastle

**21 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: Rundlett is a half size barrell]

James

July 21 1709

I Recd. yours of the 16th with a bill inclosed which I have give you Credit for, Inclosed is a Rect. for Mr Mayor in full of all Rects so pray give it him & Receive the Ballance, give my Service to him and tell him I hope he'll be as good as his word in Employing my son John when he has any occasion to trade to Rotterdam Corn trades here at a very Extravagant price, I would have you reserve 12 bushells of Oates in case I should come to Newcastle the latt. End of August, for Mr Wilkinson has given liberty that my horse may Stand in my Lady's Stable, I perceive you cannot gett above 5 shill. a bowl for Oates, I must own I think it a very large price, You need not expect any ordrs. From me about the disposall of yr. Corn for I leave it totally to yr own Judgement. I owe some small matter for a Rundlett of Brandy to Mr Kelley So you may acqt. him that you have ordrs from me to pay him So you may do it at yr Convenience , with my Service to Mr & Mrs Brummell, & blessing to my Daughters, I am yr Aff. friend

For Mr James Mewburne

Acqt me whether Sir Jno Delaval when he sees you inquires after us or not and whether he has not inquired of you when I shall be in the North

**22 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to James Metcalfe**

Sir

July 22

I have here sent you a bill for the money due to you from my 3 daughters, that is from my daughter Blacket, £20.5s.6d, from my daughter Bella £4.0s.6d and from my daughter Christiana £7.8s.8d. which in all is £39.14.8. for which I desire you'll send me a Rect. with my Service to all yr Selfe & Mrs Metcalfe and yr Relations at the Bridge

I am yr assured friend & kinsman

Since this Lettr was writ I recd yrs of the 19, I have heard nothing of Yr Bro Since I visit you, nor do I know where he lodges in Yorke, shall make it my business to inquire and then you shall hear further from me I do not believe he makes any of his Relations Acqtd where he is

For Mr Jas Metcalfe att the Eagle & Child in Ludgate Street, London

**22 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Mr Ward

July 23

My wife returns yr selfe & Mrs Ward Many thanks for the salmon, She is not pleased that you should send for yr Daughters so soon, and desires as soon as you can spare them back here again, where they shall be as welcome as at yr own houses with all my kind Remembrances to yr Selfe & family

I am yr assured friend to Serve you

For Mr Jno Ward att Dinsdale

Let me know by the post whether you Recd the letter I writ to desire they might stay

**23 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Edward Gray**

Mr Gray

July 23

[This first paragraph struck out and rewritten as given below:] I Recd the two bottles wch you sent me to taste wch are both very good, and shall send on Monday morning for two Rundletts let the but Red Wine Rundlett be filled with yr very best Right true Port without any <surpluse> in case you have any <...> the other with yr best White. I like both sorts you sent very well but I think the <L...> is the better wine.

I recd the two bottles wch you sent me to Taste wch are both very good, but at p.sent have much more occasion for Red than white, so pray let the two Rund[lets] be filled with yr Right true port without <Mature> and shall send for them on Monday Morning, and if the wine please me Shall send for a greater quantity.

The Cherries came very well, and I wish you could get the Baskett filled with the same Sort as also Some pounds of the Common for we like that as well or the <..> so you may ordr them to be ready on Monday, and my Sert. that comes for <the wine> shall bring them, and Shall Send the Basket by him, I would not have you by any means to trouble <Mr Haughton> to bring any Basketts back you may send a little basket of Cherries at any time by the Ripon Carrier, but you must charge him to leave them at Burrabridge Shall send the empty Baskett always by the post boy, for if he should bring the Cherries they would be all bruised With our kind remembrances to yr Selve and Wife & thanks for the good company

I am yr assured friend & Servt.

Mr Edwd. Gray

**25 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

Sir

July 25

I thank for yrs of the <20th> pray give my humble service to the Bishop of Chester [about 8 words of illegible interlining here] can do me the favour to eat a Dish of Cold meat at Newby on the Road to Barrowbridge, in case he came by Ripon tis the nighest way he can go, Shall expect to hear from you on Thursday morning As also to have yr Company here on Thursday night where Mr Adams will certainly meet you with the Writing Engross'd , All this family are much yr humble servts and pray believe me always Sir yr most obliged Humble Servt

Revd. Mr. Pemberton at Bedale

**25 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Ridley**

Sir

July 25

I had Answer'd yr Lettr by Saturday nights post but was from home; pray ordr a <foal> draught of a Lease to be drawn & Inclose it to me and after pased shall return it; and then you may gett it Engross'd as also the Counterpart, and shall Execute it at Newby or Newcastle wch you please, for I designe to be there the lattr end of August or the first Week in Septemb. Am very glad to hear that you are come to Some Oar, And heartily wish you a good Continuance of it, being Sir yr most Faithful Servt

Mr Alderman Ridley Merct. In Newcastle

**25 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sir

July 25th 1709

I had Answer'd yr Lettr by Saturday nights post but was from home; the Lease is very plain that I should receive £190 a year clear, the Taxes are never so much as named howev'r I'm unwilling to have any difference with my Lord upon so trifling a business, and shall referr it to my Ld himselfe, so you may Allow it, and Mr Silvertop will Acqt. my Lord with it when he Returnes, with my Blessing to my Daughters I am yr assr'd Humble servt

Mr Tho. Brumell

**25 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

July 25

I presume by yrs tht you have sold all yr Oates and I think at a good price, if you peruse my last letter you'll find yr Selfe in a very great mistake, I only order'd you to Reserve 12 bushells, and you write me that I order'd you to keep 12 Bowls for my uses, So if the p[er]son you sold them to be willing you may keep back 12 bushells which is <yr> six Bowls, As for Atkinson you may give him notice to provide himself Against Martinmas that I [struck out: 'shall'] can make a much better Let of my Gardens than letting of them to him, which I am also to perceive by yr Lettr So make me the best Lett you can of them, if <he have not> a lease of <the> Land from you may likewise give him notice to prove <..> against Lady Day, or I'll not suffer him to be there to abuse the Tenants, fail not to write per Saturday night's post to  
yr assr'd friend

**28 Jul 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

July 28

The abovesaid is a Copy of my last, John Atkinson the Garden'r is now at Newby & makes a very sad Complaint against you wch he says he'll prove every tittle, which if he prove but the <Tenth> part I am sure you have been too long my Servt So when I come to Newcastle will have a full hearing of all things, you did Extraordinary ill in refusing to give him a Rect. when he paid you £5.19. the other five and twenty Shill. you know of Allow him for all looking to the Garden, so that Allowance made his halfe year Acct in full let me know the garden's name that would take the Garden & what Rent he would pay, you writ me in yr last that the Arrears you Inclosed me of last Mart[inmas] Rent that Atkinson was one of those that was in Arrears and perusing the

Rental you sent me he was not in Arrear, for you ownd the Rest of his Halfe years Rent, & besides he has a rent undr yr own hand for it, you have made sevrall blundrs of late both as to this Atkinsons Rent, & 12 Bowls of Oates instead of 12 Bushells, I hope long before this time you have Recd all the Arrears of the Mart. Rents, for if you had been as Strict with them as the Gardenrs wch you have more Reason to bee being they have been very long in Arrears & the Gardenrs not above <two> months, in a post or two send the Arrears of the Tenants that are in Arrear of the Mart. Rents as also a Rentall of the May Day Rents, against every <mans> names & what Rent, & what's in Arrear Know of Mr Ald. Ridley whether he Recd. a lettr lately from me, or not, I am In haste

Ja. Mewburne

**2 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to John Delaval**

Sir John

Aug. 2

I have the Favr. of yr Lettr. and I always told you that you might Command all the Writings I had Except what Concerns Seaton Delavall Lordship nor did I ever pretend to Detain any other Writings whatever

(As for Mr Hall he always informed me that I had not all my Wife's Joynture, the Lordship of Seat. Delavall Extending to & comprehending Sevrall other Lands, which I had not in possession, so putt me upon the Tryal, <again> in Sevrall papers which Confirmed his information, tho' he afterwards (for what Reason I know not ) gave evidence at the Tryall contrary to his former information, tho' Sir Jno. <Wortley> and other Council told my Lord Warrington that Hall's Evidence was not at all <deservable> being Contrary to the words in the Deed for tho' it should be true that he did not (as he <...> at the Tryall ) shew those Lands that were in Dispute to the Gentleman that my Lord Delavall as Hall said Sent to View them yet they being part of the Lordship past by the words of the Deed so the shewing or not the shewing could <not affect the words > of the Settl. no more than if he has shew another Man's lands, they would not have a <profit> thereby, This is sevrall great Councils opinion and for my own part am very unwilling to give Sir John any Disturbance, tho' am much importuned to it.

I percieve my Servt. Mewburne & Jno. Atkinson <are at> some Differences and I think Mewburne did mighty ill in distraining of his Garden, have given him a very Severe Reprimand for it, and if I find truth in what Jno. Atkinson informs me, Mewburne is not fitt to continue my Servt. Shall inquire into the business when I come into the North, which I design about the last of this Month or the beginning of the next & then shall wait of Sir Jno. If that <a Dish of foals>, att the Lodges, All this family gives their very humble service to yrselfe & Daughters and I am Sir yr faithfull humble Servt.

For Sir Jno. Delavall Bart. These [presents]

**4 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to Gerrard Dobson**

Gerrard Dobson

Aug 4

I Recd. yr proposalls, which I do not at all approve of any of them, nor will I lett a bargain upon my own Judgmt. To any of the Workmen, but what bargain Jacob Peart makes with them, I will confirm, I perceive you want £29. Let Jacob Peart write me what more Lead you have deliver'd than comes to that Sum, for after my Lead is Sold to the Merchts. I am without my Money for Six Month before I can Receive it, you may acqt. all the Workmen that when they have any proposalls to make they must not trouble me but make them to Jacob Peart, and what he Agrees on shall be the same as if I did it my Selfe, with my Rembrance to Mr Bentham I am yr assr'd friend

For Gerrard Dobson

**4 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Ho. Jacob

Aug 4

Inclosed I send you Tom <Lees> Lettr. which you may give to his father, I inclose you likewise Gerrard Dobson's Lettr. with my Answer to him, for I will not have the Workmen to make any proposalls to me upon any bargain, but what you do I'll confirm, Mr Loraine was here and the writings was drawn to my Satisfaction which I Signed, and shall bring over the Counterpart paper when I come to Newcastle for Mr Shafto to Sign, if you think convenient shall lett these people have <Pay> in case they have Deliver'd more Lead <considerably> than it comes to by Reason tis to pay the Rents for their Farmes, so lett me know by the first post whether they pay Such a Rent for their Land as they write me, I perceiving by yrs that Ralph Ord got <oar> very well for above < 10 days but that he almost quite gone but which am sorry for

I am yr ass[ure]d friend

Mr Jacob Peart

**4 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Augst. 4

I Reced yrs of the 30th and am very glad to perceive that you have received most of the Arrears of last Mart. Rents, and I hope a good part of Mayday Rents, shall expect per Saturday nights post the Acct. of Seaton May day Rents, what Recd. and what in Arrears, with the Rentall, as also the Rentalls for May day 1708 & Martinmas 1708, in case you have not them in Town on Saturday be sure you fail not to send me them as soon as possibly you can that I may have time to peruse them before I come to

Newcastle, which will be the latter end of this month or the beginning of the next at furthest, Go to my Coz. Wilkinson and know of him if I may quarter my Coach horses in my Lady Blacketts stables for 8 or 10 days, and you'll take care to send in Oates, Hay & Straw, I writ you last night by the Gardener that I would have 12 bushl. of Oates & as much old hay & straw as would serve 8 horses 8 or 10 days, One wain will bring it all, I perceive you design to send me a considerable Bill so lett me have one Bill for £80 , Another for £30 and what more money you have you may send me a Bill for it, at your Conveniency. Am very glad to perceive that you are likely to gett me more than £9 a year for Seat: Gardens, a usefull Gardenr I should think might live pretty well of them at that Rent, Shall expect the two bills per Saturday nights post

I am yr ass'd friend

James Mewburne

**8 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Aug 8 Monday morning

I Recd yrs of the 6th with yr Acct. I am just going to my nephew Calverly so have not time to peruse it, you did mighty ill in writing me last post that you'd send me a considerable bill so I did so farr rely upon it that I promiss'd to give one bill for 4 <score pounds> another for £30, which was a very great disappointment to them both, Do not inclose me any more notes for money att London for no Tradesmen here will take them, they that I promised the bills to are provided So when you gett a Considerable Sum you may Send me two Bills for it, yr Disbursements halfe yearly has formerly been Extravagantly high, I hope when I have yr Accts. shall not find them so again. I perceive you have spoke to Mr Wilkinson, and he told you there was no doubt but I might be Wellcome to the Stables, but acqt'd you that he had no power to meddle with anything about my Lady's house or Stables, I do not know what he means by it, for for I never did design to trouble the house so go to him and know whether I may have the Stables or not that you may know whether to bring Hay thither or not for if I thought they made the least scruple of it my horses should not come there, Am very glad you assure me that you'll get me 5<£> a year at least for the Gardens Fail not to write a line per Saturday night's post to

yr assured friend

James Mewburn

**15 Aug 1709 Diana Blackett to George Booth**

[Note: Diana Booth married Ralph Delaval and then Edward Blackett. George Booth, the Earl of Warrington, was her nephew. Though in his wife's name this letter is in the same hand as others in Sir Edward's letter book.]

My Lord

Augt. 15 1709

Sir Edward Blacket hath lately made Settlements upon my Son and Daughter, In consideration of which he is to have my Daughter's portion convey'd to him, which your Lordship will See they have done, but yr Lordship's father being a Trustee in the Deed of Settlement made upon my Marriage with Sir Ralph Delaval, and that trust Descending to yr Lordship, we desire yr Lordship will be pleased likewise to Execute the same, with all our most humble Services to yr Lordship, my Lady & Lady Betty

I am yr Lordship's affect Aunt & Humble Servt.

For The Right Hon'able The Earl of Warrington

**15 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Ridley**

Sir

Aug. 15

I Recd. yrs with a foul Draught of the Lease, but it is not att all conformable to my Lord Derwentwater's Leases, nor the Leases which my Brother made in Wardale, which I believe you are Concern'd in, for to the best of my Remembrance after the first Year's Tryall the undertakers are oblig'd to work such a Sufficient Number of able Workmen and miners as shall be agreed upon at two Different Shafts, and Sevrall other Clauses which are not inserted in this foul Draught, I continue my Resolution to be in Newcastle the latt. End of this Month or the beginning of the next, and then will procure the Counterpart of Sevrall Leases which my Bro. made, or See the originalls which I believe is in yr hand, and then may have it Engross'd as other Leases of this nature are Drawn, Shall bring with me the foul Draught of the Lease you sent me.

I am sir, yr most Faithfull Servt.

For Alderman Ridley Mercht. In Newcastle

**15 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

August 15

I Recd. yr last letr. and shall not Concern my Selfe hereafter in letting any bargain but refer them wholly to yr Selfe, Inclosed is a Letr. which you may Read and Seal, and give it to Gerr. Dobson, or one of his p[ar]tn[e]rs to carry to Will Lowes, and he will pay them the Moneys, perhaps he may have that sum by him if not he'll get them it in a day or two, Do you send him a Rect. under yr hand by him you Send to Receive the

money for you may see by the Inclosed that I order him to pay the moneys to yr ordr and that yr Rect. shall be his Discharge.

Mr Jones desires you'll acqt. Harry Tulip that if Mr Simon Ingleby does not call in a short time for the horse, that he'll keep him in Fallowfield pasture till Mr Jones comes to Durham,

I am yr Ass. Friend

Mr Jacob Peart

**15 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Honest Will

Aug 15

My Steward Jacob Peart has occasion to pay some Workmen £25 so fail not upon the Rect. of this Lettr or in a day or two after to pay it to the Bearer he giving you Jacob Peart's Rect. which shall be yr Discharge. With my kind Remembrance to yr father, & the rest of my Acquaintance

I am yr assrd. Friend

Mr Will. Lowes

**17 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to Henry Stephenson**

Mr Stephenson

Augst. 17

The 60 Deals you sent me was not According to my ordr for I writ that 40 should be 12 foot & 20 ten foot, and now when we make use of them we find that Severall of them are but 9 foot and very few and none of them 12 foot, so I doubt not but you'll consider it in the price, I shall not have occasion to <Send a Servt> to Yorke this long time, and having so good an opportunity here desired Dr Johnson to receive of me £3 which I think is the full worth of yr Deals seeing they are but very short Deals and besides severall of them has been lately slitt and not much [3 words lost at foot of image] think you charge me and if you will have more than I have sent by Dr Johnson I have desired him to please you and take yr Rect for it.

I am yr Assured friend

Let me know the least. Price of <pr>

For Mr Henry Stephenson

**18 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Aug. 18

I Recd. yours of the 13 with the two Bills of Exchange which I have given you credit for, as also the two Rentalls which I have not had time well to peruse having had Company, but so farr I must say that the Disbursements are very Extravagant, and <there> you have made much more buildings of late than is absolutely necessary, which has cost me a great deal of Moneys which you must be very sensible of Lye in Hay Straw & Oates for eight or ten days for I hope I shall keep my Resolution, which you shall hear by the next post, give my Service to Coz. Wilkinson & Coz. Simpson & tell them I hope to see them shortly Corn settles in price very much in our Marketts, so the sooner you dispose of yr Corn the bettr. Give my kind Remembrance to Harry Green and let him know that I ordered you to do him all the Service in yr power, and that I heartily wish him Success, as for Jno. Atkinson's Accusation you shall have it face to face, fail not to write a line per Saturday nights post to yr assured friend

Know of Mr Ridley if he read my lettr by the last post

For Mr James Mewburne

### 25 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Honest Will

Aug 25

I shall be in Newcastle the beginning of the next week, and shall stay there Monday & Tuesday the next week after So fail not to gett me up all the Tythe Rents and Rents you can & bring them me to Newcastle on Monday or Tuesday being the 5th & 6th of September. I doubt not but you have paid Jacob Peart the 50 <£> which I ordered you as also the £25. I believe yr <tenants> not clear with yr <haved> bring what moneys you possibly can Raise, Be sure you fail not to be there on Monday or Tuesday for I have some business of Concern to discusse with you with my humble service to Mr Bacon, & tell yr father I shall send a horse for him at Martinmas, & be sure stay with me all winter

I am In haste yr. ass. friend

For Mr Wm. Lowes

### 25 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to Matthew Lamb

[Note: Lamb was steward of Darlington Borough Court in 1710: Longstaffe, Darlington, (1854), p.265]

Coz. Lamb

Aug 25

I design God Willing to be in Darlington on Tuesday night next, so pray order Mrs Hall to get two necks of mutton bought and strong barley broth, and a <heart> of good veal if any to be had if not a shouldr of the best Mutton roasted for I shall not eat either

pidgeons or chicken and pray lett me have yr Company & you'll oblige yr assrd friend  
& Kinsman

For Mr Lamb att his home In Darlington

**25 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: No date given so used the date of the letter before]

James

I doubt not but you have laid in both Oates Hay & Straw, I design God willing to be  
in Newcastle on Wednesday night next So you may come & meet me att Gateshead  
head fail not to write a line per Saturday nights post to yr assrd. Friend

For Mr Ja: Mewburne

**28 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Morris**

Sir

Augst. 28

Upon the Rect. of yr Present I gave you a Lettr. of thanks which I hope came to  
hand, and Since I Recd. yrs of the 23, and shall Endeavour to make as good tearms with  
Tom Body for my poor Old Servt. Kitchin as possibly I can, I go for Northumberland  
on Tuesday next, and shall be from Newby at least 14 days but at my Return you shall  
hear the lowest tearmes I can possibly bring Tom Body to, and I hope it may be to yr  
Satisfaction, when you are come into <.pr...se> shall be very glad to see you and  
believe me

yr Assured friend to serve you

For Mr Thomas Morris att his house near the Church att Lambeth in Surrey

**28 Aug 1709 Edward Blackett to Dr Pond**

Sr

Augst. 28

It will now shortly be time for buying of Hops and I had once an Extraordinary  
bagg sent me of honest Mr Marshall's buying, I hope you are Acquainted with his  
friend that he bought them of, So I desire you'd do me the favour to buy me a bagg of  
the very Choice hopps that possibly can be had, and direct them for me at Newby in  
large lettrs. To be left with Mr Scott Cranemastr. Of Yorke, and they'll come Safe to  
hand, Acqt me what you are indisburse for them and a Bill shall be immediately sent  
you from Sir,

yr Obliged humble Servt.

Yr Bro. Metcalfe is very well & stayd with me the other night and has promised to stay two or three days with me before he Returns to London

For Dr Pond at his house on London Bridge London

**11 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Humphrey Primate**

Sir

Newby Sept 11

I had returned you my Acknowledgements long before this for yr [struck out: 'great'] Extraordinary kindness you design my Son, but have been from home Ever since I recd. my Bro. Bridges Lettr. Shall take care that £1500 be Reinvested att Midsummer next, I hope my Son will have the Grace always to own his Rise from you for tis a particular favr. to come into a Shop so well <Customer'd>

Inclos'd you have a bill for what I am indebted to you for the last parcell of goods I had from you, so pray give me Credit for it in as I am

Yr much obliged humble Servt.

For Mr Hump Primate

**12 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Sept 12

Since I seen you at Newcastle Gerry Dobson was with me at <Close House>, who offer'd to take a bargain for 2 or 300 yards at the Forfield, but would not let any bargain upon my Own Judgement but what shall be Approv'd of by you, Nich. Errington came to me at Newcastle and I had some discourse with him about the Forefield, would very willingly lett a bargain of it to 3 or 4 Companys tho' <he> gave an unreasonable price for the Oar, Make it your business as soon as possibly you can to lett that bargain if you cannot lett me know, for there are four Merchts. in Newcastle that would take the whole , so let me know what Terms I shall stand upon that is to say what share of the Oar I shall have clear or what shares of the <lead smelted> allowing them the benefit of the Mills, consid'r very well of this and take time to give me yr Answer or what you'd advise me as to the Disposal of the Works, I hope the Low Level does not cost you much in keeping it in repair, would not willingly have it go down till some bargain or other be made with the Newcastle Merchts. For when I have yr Advice shall give them my proposalls which I promised them to do

Acqt. Harry Tulip that I would have him buy 20 ordinary Stock beasts or thereabouts but let them be about 5, 6 or 7 years old but not under for the beasts he bought me last year would not feed being so young, and I would have them brought

here about the beginning of the next month, let me have a line from you by the first post to satisfy me that this comes to yr hand and you may take what time you please to consider of it.

I am yr Assr'd friend

For Mr Jacob Peart

**12 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Ralph Evans**

Mr Evans

Sept. 12

Since my return am informed that your Wind Jacks will do mighty well, but no pott nor pann can be Sett upon the fire while they are agoing, by Reason they bring down great quantity of Soot, which pray inform me by the first post whether this be true or not, for my <Range> is so large that we have sevrall potts and pannels upon the fire while the Jack is going. Pray direct for me at Newby that it will come safe to hand.

I am yr Assured friend

For Mr Evans Clockmaker upon Elvitt Bridge In Durham

**12 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dear Maria

Sept 12

I thank God I got very well home on Saturday night, never knew the way so bad att this time of the Year, and the horses in a manner swim over Tees, but my Selfe, <male> & other things went over in the boat.

Give my most humble service to Dr. Davison and his lady, and tell him that am Resolved to follow his Advice, for I find that drinking much Small beer in a morning has done me a prejudice which I am Resolved to give over, and this morning began to drink Bohea Tea which I hope will Agree well with me, with my Blessing to you

I am yr most Affect. Father

For Mrs Henr[jett]a. Maria Blacket att Dr Davisons house in Durham

**12 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sir

Sept 12

I give you many thanks for yr kind Entertainment as also for yrs with the Inclosed this Morning. We begin to doubt here that our Victory in <Flanders> was not so great as was talked of, however all here believe that we shall most certainly have a Peace this winter, which pray God grant be Sure the 140 p[ie]ce[s] Lead you shipp for my Son John

lett it go with Convoy, Give my Blessing to Aletheia and tell her I shall keep the Ring and send it to her by the first Safe hand that comes to Newcastle. With my Humble Service and Thanks to Mrs Brummell

I am yr obliged friend and servt.

For Mr Thos. Brummell

**12 Sep 1709 Edward Blakett to Francis Pemberton**

Sir

Sept 12

Am much obliged to you for yr kind Enquiry after my Journey, I thank God I had a very good one to Newcastle, but the worst home imaginable, for the Coach horses in a <manner> Swim Tease, but I order'd the male and other things into a boat and ferry'd over.

I perceive you have not heard from Mr Thornton they make the same Objection at Newcastle that you think he will but but they offer me what money I please so I would be <positive> to take it in a short time, which you know I cannot do, though I do not in the least question but to have it att the time appointed, tho' I doubt it will be five & a halfe

What you name about my Son Christopher & his <pln'd taking> his Mastrs. Goods is a business of consideration, but my Bro. Bridges has discoursed him upon that point, & they have Agreed that two honest able men in that Trade are to set down the <opinion> 20 days before Midsummer day next, however I am mightily obliged to you for yr kind Advice in that Affair, the ways & weather are now very good, & hope will continue So, & should be [struck out: 'mighty'] very glad to see you at Newby, all here desire yr Company, & pray believe me

yr Obliged Humble Servt

For The Revd. Mr Pemberton

**13 Sep 1709 Edward Blakett to William Norton**

Dear Coz.

Sept 13

I am very sorry that my Letr. Should be the Messengr of ill news. For this morning had a lettr from Capt. Burton who writes that yr Bro. <honest> poor son is Slain and just as he went to inquire after him they had Buried him, It was the bloodiest Battle that ever was fought, we own above 13000 men slain on the Allies Side, and many of the first Quality, I perceive we gott an intire Victory but it cost us Very Dear, for such another Victory would Ruine our Army

With all Service from here to yr Selfe & Lady I am dear Will Affectly yrs

For Wm Norton Esq att Sawley

**13 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to William Blackett**

Dear Nephew

Sept 13

The other day I returned from Newcastle where I stay'd 10 days, So I had time to discourse all our friends upon yr Acct & all the Magistrates desired me to give their Services to you, and to assure you that all their Intrest shall be for you at the next Election, and that you need not make the least question but to Carry it for I find the whole Town unanimously for you, Mr Ald. Ridley as soon as I spoke to him was mightly Free and declared his willingness to Serve you, he, as well as the rest of the Aldermen, desires you'll keep it private, and they will make the whole Freeman &c for you when tis Convenient. I hope this will come to yr hand, so shall Expect a lettr from you per first post to

yr most affect. Uncle

For Sir Wm Blackett Bart. Att the two blew posts in the Haymarket, London

**13 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to John Blackett**

Dear Jack

Sept 13

I recd. yr <Sevrall> Letrs. and I perceive we have got the Victory, but it cost us Very dear, for Such another would near Ruine our whole Army

I am just returned from Newcastle where I was for 10 days, so had time to speak to all the Mercts in Town that Trades to Rotterdam. There was above 20 I invited to drink yr health att the Tavern, and they all promised me what business they had you should be employ'd by them which I gave them all thanks for, Mr Ald. Ridley told me he had already Empl'y'd you, Be sure you take very great care to give them all content, and buy the best & cheapest Goods that possibly you can when you have Occasion, and that will please them

My Lead mines are good for nought, and I'm doubt will never mend, however I desired Mr Brummell to Ship you 140 pcs. And as long as I am able you may Expect that numbr. or the value every year for will much rather Straighten myselfe than you should want anything that's in my power to give you, I order'd Mr Brummell that the Lead should not go without Convoy, & I hope it will arrive safe wch should be glad to hear, the Remaind'r of what lead I had I let yr friend Mr Fetherstone have, he told me he Design'd to Send part of it to you, I doubt it will come but to an indifferent markt, for my Coz Wilkinson told me it is but low in Holland, Farewell Dear Jack and believe me always most Affectly. Yrs All here give you their kind remembrance with my Blessing to you

yr most Affect. Father

Mr Jno. Blackett Merchant Rotterdam

**13 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Dear Kitty

Sept 13 1709

Recd yrs of the 6th and by the last Post I own'd my Acknowledgement to Mr Primate for his Design'd Kindness to you, I inclosed him a Bill for what I was indebted to him for the last parcell of Goods I had from him, they all prov'd very good in their kinds, lett me know by the first post if the Letr. came to his hand and when you see my Bro. Bridges, give my humble service and thanks for his kindness to you. All here give you their kind Remembrance with my Blessing to you I am yr most Affect Father

Mr Chris. Blackett

**13 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to George Mashrother**

Sr

Sept 13 1709

I Recd. yr Letr. and pray Acqt Daniel Jackson that we are in the throws of our Harvest, and that he do not bring up any Coales till you order him and when we have a vacant time shall acqt. you which will not be till after Michmas, I have a small Reckoning Standing out with one Caddy of yr Town concerning Glasses I bought of him, the price was to be Referr'd to any one of Judgement , so if you could prevail with any one of Judgement to come to Newby, Should be very much obliged to you for it, I believe I have very nigh paid him the value, I think you never dealt with glass yrselfe but I know you must be acqted with those that does, pray give me a line Concerning this matter by the first post & you'll oblige yr assr'd frd. & Servt

Pray give my Humble Service to Mrs Cuthbertson, Mr & Mrs <Rawson> and their Son, and to honest <Mr> Adams when you see him

Mr Geo Mashrothr.

**16 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Sept 16 1709

This is a Copy of my Last which I long to have yr Answer to, when Harry Tulip designes to go to buy Scotch Beasts shall ord'r Will Lowes to pay him pray ord'r him to buy none but what are five six or seven years old and when you write me give me an acct of Every <practical> Shaft and what's Leads made I am yr assr'd friend

**16 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to John Wilkinson**

Coz. Wilkinson

Sept 16 1709

Am Extreemly oblig'd to you for yr last Letr. and I doubt not but Mr Gould will make a good inquiry into Mr Primate's Kinsman's Character and when you have his Letr pray impart it to me. Shall inclose you Mr Ald. Ridley's Lease in a post or two, pray see him sign the Counterpart & give it my Servt. Mewburne. With my Most Humble Service to yr Selfe Lady and my honest Coz Simpson

I am yr obliged Humb Sert.

Mr & Mrs Wilkinson - Newcastle

**16 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Sept 16 1709

I told Mr <Ord> he was welcome into the Evidence Closet and take what writings he pleased Except those that Concern Seat Delavall, I likewise charg'd you at parting to peruse all the Writings there that made the least mention of Seaton and lay them in another place carefully by, which if you have not already done be sure you do it by the very first for I do not know how soon he may be there. Give me an Acct. per Sunday nights post whether he has been there or not and I do not question but you are <provided> for him

I am yr assr'd friend

**16 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Morris**

Sir

Sept 16

Since my Return out of the North have Discoursed Tom Body about the Debt which is Owing him by my old Servt. Kitchin he told me that he gave you a note undr his hand that he would not trouble him provided you paid him forty Shill a year till the Debt was run out, and that he has Recd. of you four pounds for two years, and that there will be another Year due shortly – so a very little time will run out the whole Debt. I offered him £5 to quit the Debt, he said he would be too great a loss in case he should take any such Sum, when you come into the Country again will Discourse <him> with you and shall do my Endeavr to bring him as low as possible not to be too great a loosr. With my thanks to you for yr <present>

I am yr Humble Servt

For Mr Tho. Morris

**16 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to John Dawks**

Sir

Sept 16

The last post yr news paper came not to my hand and formerly some posts it did not come to hand, then the post after have two come together so pray for the future take care that yr Letrs be Delivered very soon to the post office by a carefull hand. & you'll oblige yr Servt.

Mr John Dawks

**17 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to John Wilkinson**

Coz. Wilkinson

Sept 17 1709

I hope you Recd. mine by the last post Inclosed you have Mr Alderman Ridley's <Lease Executed> So I desire you'll see him & his son [struck out: 'Execute'] sign the Counterparts and do not send it by the post, but shall ord. my Servt. Mewburne to call for it With all service from hence to yr selfe and kinswomen

I am yr obliged Kinsman And Servt.

Pray satisfy me by a line that the Lease came safe to hand

Mr Jno. Wilkinson

**17 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sir

Sept 17

I am glad you have got the 140 pcs. Lead Shipt for my Son, what you disbursed for Customs & Charges orderd Mewburne to pay you, You did Extreably well in giving my son John an acct of it, for he may have time to Ensure if he think Convenient

Pray upon Rect. of this Lettr go to the Glass Houses & and buy me a Case of Clear Glass and agree with one for the cutting of it, the Demensions are 10 ¼ In. long, and 7 ½ broad, and order them to put it up in a little box and send it by the first Ripon Carrier I desire the Carrier may know that tis Glass that he may take particular care of it in all glass houses they have Workmen whose business is to cut Glass onely, any one will inform you whats usually given, and one has it much cheaper at the Glass house than if one employ Mr Dale in town who sells glass and and have had a Considerable quantity from his Kinsman & selfe till I found was much cheaper to have it the other way, pray upon the box the Glass comes in, lete Glass in great Letters be writ, the Carriers name is Chapman and lodges att the Naggshead in Gateshead, but his horses are always loaden in Town, I desire you'll acquaint himselfe that the box is

for me & he;ll take it p'rticulr care of it . I hope Maria is returnd before this With my  
Service to yr wife & Blessing to both my daughters I am  
yr obliged friend & Servt

For Mr Tho. Brummell

**19 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

[Note: Farrow Shields is across the South Tyne, south of Melkridge]

Honest Will

Sept. 19 1709

The other day when I was at Newcastle Mr Alderman Ridley came and paid me his  
Tythe Rent and I gave him a Copy of the Same Rect. which he Shew'd me you had  
given him the Year before, he paid me likewise £4, for an <Alrena> for yr Uncle  
<Saunderson. Brown>, and I gave him a note to Mr Steward Barnes when he keeps my  
Courts to admit him tenant for that <Farm> be sure you Entertain the Steward very  
well & give him 3 Guineas which is the Sum my Father & I always gave him when he  
kept these Courts, be sure you kept an Exact Acct. of the Fines, & you shall be no looser  
by it, I perceive by Mr Ald. Ridley that he has purchased Farrowshields and that this  
year they have reaped some part of the Tythes, but that he will take a Lease for a year  
and pay the same Rent which his Bro. Barrow formerly paid, and I believe one cannot  
have a better rent. With my kind Remembrances to yr father I am  
yr assur'd friend

Let me hear from you sometimes and the price of corn with you

For Mr Wm. Lowes

**19 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Henry Witton**

Sir

Sept 19 1709

Upon Rect of yr Lettr I sent my servt. to see all people that grew Rape this year they  
all had sold their Rape some time ago and their bargain was to have the best price  
<what that Comand by y... betwixt> and Martinmas, I perceive is Expected to  
<remaine> some 30 £ a last, for that Grain is Extravagantly Dear [struck out: 'in the East  
Riding'] <and ..all> for the merchts at Hull buy all that Country affords and ships it for  
Holland

Am very much obliged to you for employing my son at Rotterdam, have a promise  
from most of the merchants of Newcastle that they'll do the same and I do not in the  
least question but that he'll serve them to their own Satisfaction , When yr business  
calls you to this part of the Country shall be very glad to See you at Newby

I am yr very Humble Servt

For Mr Henry Witton, Merchant In Wakefield

**19 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to John Moyser**

Dr Sir

Sept 19

I could not own the favr of yr note sooner by Reason have been in the North these <20 days> should have been mighty glad of Dr Mr Moyser Esqs Company if his business would have permitted but I know work people must be minded, I hope by these lines the Walls are gone up and when the business calls you to yr Estate nigh <Yorke> which I hope may be soon tis but a step further to Newby, the Ways being Extreemly good shall not Despair of Seeing you I am D[ea]r Sr  
most affectionately yrs

For John Moyser Esq att Beverley

**19 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Ralph Evans**

Mr Evans

Sept. 19

I Recd. yr Letter and you must give me leave to Satisfy my Selfe from Mr Bewicke or Some other that has these sort of Jacks, for I heard both yr Selfe & other people say that they clear a chimney of soot, if so it must needs fall into the potts or pans that are upon the fire. As soon as I have informed my Selfe you shall hear further from yr friend

For Mr Ralph Evans, Clockmaker on Elvet Bridge, Durham

**19 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to John Gowland**

Sir

7ber 19

The Bearer has the Character of being a very good Wigg maker, and also that he handles a hair mighty well am Desired to Recommend him to Yorke, and if he deserves the Character that's given of him, I believe he might be mighty Serviceable to you, for I perceive he is willing to Serve upon very small Tearms  
I am yr assured friend

For Mr John Gowland

**22 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Matthew Featherstone**

Sir

Sept 22

About last Lamas 12 months I lett a Tack note to Mr Ald. Ridley & his son for 12 months to digg for Oar in one or two of my Lordships nigh Willimoteswike, and oblige my Selfe by that note, in case they desired it at 12 Months end to make them a Lease for 21 years they allowing me the 6th part of the Oar clean washed, so when I was last at Newcastle we agreed upon the Lease, and I brought it to Newby & my son and I executed it, and about a week agoe I inclos'd it to my Coz Wilkinson wch hope he Recd. and desired him to See the Alderman & his son Execute the Counterpart.

Am still in the same mind as to the Letting of Fallowfield so if my Coz Eden, Coz Wilkinson & yr Selfe will each of you take a quarter I will keep the other fourth my Selfe, you may get any man of Judgement view all the works, and my Steward there will inform him of all things that concern the Mines, and then give me yr proposalls, there is Oar gott in all places of the field where they're working, and some att the forefield, there is a great quantity of whole Ground, and at the forefield nigh 20 fath. Of Levell, In case she should come in well at the forefield the Mines would be much better than Ever they have formerly been, for there is three times more Levells there that there was in the low field, and no great Sum need be Expended in gaving that forefield a full Tryall, and if she prove, then each partner may get a considerable Sum of money, am sure for many years together I gained bewixt 3 and 4 thousand pounds a year by them pray Communicate this Lettr & then lett me hear from you for I will not Engage my Selfe to some others in Newcastle till I know yr utmost Resolves as to what part you'll give me cleare, my 4th part being Equally Concerned as to the Charges with yrs.

I am yr Humble Servt

For Mr Featherstone & Compy, Merchts in Newcastle

**22 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Sept 22

You write me very plain and very honestly which I thank you for, there is three present in Newcastle that would willingly take Fallowfield but I told them I would positively keep it my Selfe, my Coz. Wilkinson of Newcastle who is Concerned in the Disposall of all my Bro Lead & makes his pays I believe will be a p'tner so he designes to Send some workmen over to view all the Grounds at Fallowfield, especially the forefield, You know there is a considerable <quantity> of whole ground & Levels Sufficient and the Royalty of lead in Acomb Ground is absolutely mine, So here is all the Encouragement imaginable for money'd men to Venture moneys, & there are <such> when I have their proposalls you shall be made acquaint with them, I shall absolutely take yr advice what part <clear> of <Lead> Smelted I shall have from them. As for the quarter part I keep in my hand tis but Reasonable I should contribute to the

charge equall with the other three-quarters but if you can think of the best way for me  
lett me hear from you, however consid'r this all and give yr thoughts by a line per first  
post to

yr Ass'd friend

Mr Jacob Peart

**22 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

[Note: Bottom of page is torn so recipient not known, but ending (blessing to both my  
daughters) is same as to Mr Brummell on 17 Sept, and EB had engaged Brummell as his  
agent in place of Robinson at Winlaton. The inclosed letter to be sealed and delivered  
was presumably either the next one, to James Mewburne, or –more likely- the one after,  
to John Robinson]

Sr

22 Sept

As for Mr Robinson's Acct. I do not at all understand it, for the beginning of his  
Acct. he writes about & since Martinmas 1708 but no day of the month to any single  
p'ticular in the whole <leafe> Side, but on the other side he begins 1708 Decr. 3 what  
was disbursed before Mart. 1708 does not concern me, for since Mart. 1708 to Dec 3  
there could not possibly be these Disbursements, I did agree with my Bro. to allow  
towards the Repair of Robt. <Procter> house [section crossed out: 'and Tho <Tields  
house barns> & Stables, as also Will Briggs <.....>, tho' he does at all <know> the Day of  
the month nor year when they were done' ] and many years Agoe they were  
Discharged. So pray tell the first time you go to Bladon See his book and you will find  
that these Outlays were disburs'd which <he charges> about <since> Mart. before  
Martinmas - do not let him know anything till you call for his Book.

<here> is just now a Glazier with me who tells me that old Glass is as good as new,  
and when you pay for the cutting of it they open the Case & takes out every sheet of  
Glass, and what's broken they throw by, and that there are few glass houses but what  
has <severall.> Cases of last years Glass remaining which pray inform yrselfe of And  
my blessing to both my daughters I am

yr Assured friend and servant

Pray Read, Seal & Delivr Inclosed

**22 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Sept 22

Recd yrs of the 17 and you did mighty well to take all the pap'rs out of the Evidence  
Closett that Concerns Seat[on] Lordship, As for the Rest he may take them away if he

pleases because they signify nothing      You need not trouble yr Selfe to take a  
Schedule of them.

Yr Bill of £70 came well to hand

Before Martinmas I design you shall come to Newby, by that time you'll be able to  
make an Exact & clear Acct. of Lysdon Farm and Everything Else, So that upon new  
proposals we may begin upon a clear bottom, I will make the same proposalls to you  
that I have already done to other Stewards, and I am offer'd proposalls about Seaton,  
and I think you may afford to manage as Reasonable as any other offers.

Give my Service to my Coz. Wilkinson & all that family, & know if he Recd. Ald.  
Ridley's Lease, and if <so> he See is Executed, I desired him to give it to you and do  
you keep it till you come to Newby, lett the poor woman have a Room in Seat. House  
to teach Scholars in, it does it no harm. [struck out: 'I am'] My wife is unwilling to let a  
Lease of Mr <Shallers> house unless he can afford to give more Rent, fail not to give a  
line on Saturday nights post to yr Assured friend

James Mewburne

## 22 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to John Robinson

John Robinson

7ber 22

I Recd. yr Acct. by yr last post, and I must tell you tis so knavishly drawn that I  
cannot agree to one single p'rticular of the first leafe side for do you not know very  
well that I was & did putt my halfe part <houses> & all the fences in Repair, and my  
Bro. at the three years End was to leave them so, So for this piece of Roguery you shall  
not continue at Bladon, and do you take notice of this Discharge So shall take care  
against the next Halfe year to putt another Ten't. into yr house; I have your father's last  
Acct. where he made a Considerable Sum in <Arrear> and yr Accts. after rarely  
lessen'd them, but for the <more> Encreased them, tho' I believe more certainly you  
Rec'd more of them, and never putt them to Acct. Indeed John Robinson these little  
Shifts will not do, for take it from me honesty is the best policy, you know very well  
that my Bro. never approv'd of yr management and but for my continuall interest for  
you he had turn'd you out of his Service long before he dy'd, I can say no more but that  
I wish yr next M[aste]r may have more Reason to have a better opinion of you than  
EB

Mr John Robinson att Bladon

If I had continued you in my Service you <had> not Charged me with any of yr  
Disbursements at or before Mart. as you name in yr acct. for you know they were all to  
be at my Bro's Charge

**22 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dear Maria

7ber 22 1709

I writ you to Durham which I doubt not but came to hand, I thought you had more manners than not to have Answer'd my Lettr. I had a mighty ill journey home and never knew the ways so bad in the beginning of September in my time, nor I believe no Man else, but I thank God I gott home very well on Saturday night but had almost spoiled all my horses in Driving so fast in bad ways, Mr <Worsley/Wortley> din'd at Burrbridge on Tuesday so that I know he would be at Newcastle on Thursday. I heartily wish Mr Brummell may make a good end with him, and that he may be more in his favr. than Mr Ord - am sure he understands the business much better, And should be glad to hear that he had the Sole Management of all the Collieries where Mr Montague is Concerne'd, Inclosed you have a Rect. to make <Quenners> Eat like <Manye> , when you Receive any Lettrs from me I always expect an answer of, With my Blessing to you both I am  
yr most Affect. Father.

Mrs Maria Blacket

Give my Service to all at Close House as also to Mr and Mrs <Rudstone>

The one halfe of all the houses and farmes in Winlinton Lord[ship] was put in Repair at my Charge when my Bro' Entered and my Brother was obliged at the 3 years End to leave them so, Except these houses mentioned in yr Lettr. which was discharg'd many years ago.

**23 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

Mrs Gray

Sept. 23

I give you many thanks for Enquiring me out a Butler but I am not willing to give any such Extravagant Wages, so may Acqt. the man you spoke to, I wish you could by any means procure me a good sober Cook, I believe if you inquired of all the Mastr. Cooks in York perhaps they would part withall, which pray inform me yr Selfe of as soon as possibly you can, and give a line to  
yr Assured friend to Serve you

Mrs Gray att her house in the Shambles

**29 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to John Delaval**

Sr John,

Sept 29 1709

I Recd. yrs of the 24 and you are heartily welcome to live in Seaton House, and to make what Alterations you please at yr own Charge. It is not reasonable that <I> should be at any <losing> <I desire no rent>, I must always Reserve two or three little Rooms for my own Steward to live in , which I hope will be not inconvenience to you at all

All this family give their most humble service to yr Selfe & Daughter and pray believe me yr Faithfull humble Servant

To John Delaval Bart att Seaton Delaval Lodge nigh Newcastle

**29 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Newcastle 7ber 29

I recd both yr Lettrs of the 20th and 24th and I perceive Sir John and Mr Ord was viewing the linnen and other things in Seaton House, All the pewter and Linnen and other things that's in the Closett was left my daughter Blacket by my Lady Delaval her grandmother and you may see her name and Coat of Arms upon the pewter, So they must not be disposed of but sent to Newby as soon as the Ways are good, I know nothing that belongs the Administrators but the pictures the great Organ and the hangings in one of the best Rooms, which when taken down will be worth very little or nothing, You might have Shew'd Sir John the linnen and pewter which would satisfy him that they did not belong to the Administrators which you may Acqt. Sir John as soon as conveniently you can have writ to Sir John by this post in Answer to his Lettr. which I hope will come safe to his hand in case it does not you may acqt. him that he is very Wellcome to make use of Seaton House and to make what Alterations he pleases at his own Charge must reserve 2 or 3 little rooms for the Convenience of my Steward who must live there, do you take no notice of it what's necessary <take down> at the <Gutter or glass> window lett Sir John be at the charge of it for is not reasonable I should be at any charges seeing I Receive no Rent, pay Mr Alderman Ramsay his money and take a Rect. from him, as soon as you have Recd. all the moneys for Corn as also the Arrears of Rent, I would have you to come to Newby, For now at Martinmas there will be four halfe years Rents to be set Straight, and then we will fully discourse the last method about Seat. Lordship, You may Acqt. the tenants that has the great Close of corn and has plowed up I perceive all the Meadow Ground, that he shall have no way going Crop, that <Fason> was mighty unprudently lett, and I believe will be a Long Time ear the meadow ground <get> as good Grass as it was when they took it up, for no man in his Senses would have made such a bargain with him – I perceive you have paid Mr Brumell what he is in Disburse about shipping the Lead, wch you did well in.

I wish you could give a Small bill of Mr Featherstone for £10.6. 0d and inclose me it in Sunday nights post and know of him if he Recd. my Lettr. , if he did I wonder he did not own the rect. of it by a line to yr Assrd. Friend

Mr J Mewburne

**29 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Mrs Vavasour**

Madam

7ber 29

I am very sorry I cannot serve Mr Vavasour at Martinmas with what you desire being I am at a very great charge with my Lead mines, and this <warr impedes the Sale> of Lead that I am forc'd to borrow moneys mySelfe to carry on that Chargeable Work With my humble Service to Yr Master and Mr Vavasour, I am Madam, yr very humble servt.

To Mrs Vavasour These p'sent

**29 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

7ber 29

I Recd. yrs of the 26 and when any bargain is to be made with the Merchts in Newcastle you shall be solely concerned in it for me, and they design to name another that shall discourse you in it, and So if possible conclude a bargain, but who they'll pitch upon I cannot know as yet.

I do not in the least question but we shall have a Speedy Peace, and those ships that goes the first over will certainly come to the best Market, So upon Rect. of this Lett all the Wastes at Work to gett the small quantity of Oar <led to> the Mill with all Speed, and I believe the Smelters will soon have it Smelted, notwithstanding this bad weather of late I hope the ways yet will be very good before Mart. So speak to the Carriage men to neglect no time to get it in, I am very glad that <Nelles> Shaft proves so well and heartily wish for Continuance.

Am very sorry to hear of yr Wife's weakness, I hope that there may not be that Danger you imagine, for she always looked like a very healthfull woman, lett me know by the first post what's <her Distempr> & how she's held, and shall speak to one of our old Physicians what proper for her to take, and shall Acqt. you, As for the Bedding which is att Fallowfield you must by all means make use of it, and in good weather order them to lye it out all the day time in the Garden, and that will as I am inform'd kill the worms.

Beneath you have inclosed to Will Lowes to pay you £25 as you desire, Shall Expect to hear from you the first Monday in the month how the sevrall Shafts are and be sure you fail not to hasten the working the Washing of the oar with all Speed. I am yr Assr'd friend

Mr Jacob Peart

Let me know the best time that H. Tulip thinks of going for Scotland, for I am made believe here that I will be <...> days to <...> at May day wch will [10 faint and smudged words interlined]

Honest Will

The Workings at Fallowfield has occasion for £25 So fail not to pay it as soon as possibly you can to Ja. Peart, & his Rect. shall be its Discharge, tell the factor shall send a horse for him against Mart. I am yr Ass'd friend

**29 Sep 1709 Edward Blakett to Maria Blakett**

Dear Maria

7ber 29

I Recd. yr Lettr. and certainly you were in very great haste when you writ it, for tis mighty ill Spell'd, you should buy a little English Dictionary which you may keep at any time in yr pocket, & when you are not sure of Spelling a Word right tis but looking in it, twill not be above 18d or 2 shilling at most, and you cannot have a more useful Book, give my service to Mr Brummell & tell him he may take his own time for the Case of Glass, for am in no haste for it when you see Mr & Mrs Rudstone give my thanks to them for the glass bell, with my Blessing to you both,

I am yr most Affect. Father

Miss Henrietta Maria Blakett

**29 Sep 1709 Maria Blakett to Barbara Mitford**

[Note: Neither the writer or recipient is clear, but mention of Uncle Mitford suggests it was intended for one of the daughters of Robert Mitford & Christian (nee Blakett), Sir Edward's sister. Could have been Mary, Dorothy or Barbara. As the receipt of a present Barbara, the youngest, is assumed here. The writer was possibly from cousin Maria since the previous letter from EB was to her. Date not given so assumed same as previous lettr. Different writing to previous letter and signed from 'kinswoman']

Dear Cozen

my father forgot to give you a small present, when he took his leave of you at Newcastle, so I desire you will accept it now from yr most affct. Kinswoman & Humble Servt

Pray make my humble Duty acceptable to my dear Godmother and Uncle Mitford

For Mrs

**30 Sep 1709 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

Mr Gray

7ber 30

I thank you for all the Trouble you have taken in inquiring over two Servts. for me, Am very Sorry you cannot hear of any, as for a young fellow that's a <Bean> you know Such a one will not be fit for my Service upon no Acct. and you know the wages he asks are so unreasonable that I can by no means think of him. You know the usual Wages I'll give to a Man Cook is £10 however you know his place will be much better, a Cook in a Town can Expect nothing but his base Wages, but in the Country where much Company frequents the house tis much better if a man cannot be had must be forced to make use of a Woman Cook which I must own I do not much approve of, however I desire you'll continue yr Inquiry and you'll much oblige  
yr Real friend to serve you

Mrs Gray at her house in York

**3 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Dr Pond**

Sir

8ber 3

Inclosed I send you a bill for £11.6.10 which am indebted to you for a bagg of Hops you were so kind as to buy for me, the ship is not yet arrived, I Expect to hear of her Arrivall Every post, and when I had made tryall of the Hops I hope to give you an Acct. of their goodness,

Yr Bro Marshall is very well and was so kind as to stay at Newby 3 or 4 days, he went from home Sunday last in the afternoon, and designs to be in London on Saturday <Leaveing> <fit> upon the Rect. of the Bill pray give a line to  
yr obliged Humble Servt.

Doctor Pond on London Bridge London

**3 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Matthew Featherstone**

Sir

8ber 3

I Recd. yrs with a bill inclosed for £11.6.10 for which I thank you, I perceive you want 200 pcs Lead to make <earlye> Commission So inclosed is a note to James Clarke to weigh thereof for you tho I did not design to sell any Lead as yet by Reason tis <believed> by all our Statesmen that we shall have a speedy Peace which pray God Grant.

You may always depend upon what Lead I have, for will not dispose of any of it to any other person and believe me always yr Real friend & humble servt

For Mr Featherstone & Comp.

**3 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to James Clark**

James Clarke

8ber: 3

Mr Featherstone wants 200 pcs Lead, so weigh them of when he pleases, Shall not sell any Lead but to himself & Comp, when you have weight of the Lead send the weights to yr friend

**6 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to John Wilkinson**

Coz Wilkinson

8ber: 6

I had the favr of yr Lettr with the Inclosed from Mr Gould, am much oblig'd to you for all yr favr Especially for yr kindness to my son John to whom I perceive you sent a good quantity of Lead this summer which I heartily thank you for. when you write to Mr Gould pray own a great obligation to him for his kind Advice to my son Christopher, which am infinitely oblig'd to him for With my humble Service to yr Selfe & family I am yr oblig'd kinsman and Humble Servt.

To Mr Jno. Wilkinson

**6 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: St.Lukes Fair was possibly the one held in Hexham in mid-October each year]

James

8ber: 6

I Recd' yrs of the 3rd upon Rect of this Lettr go & give my Service to Sir Jno. and acquaint him that you have ordrs from me to repair the Gutter & glass windows, I hope he's not so unreasonable as to expect I should be at any other charges Seeing I do not Receive one penny Rent, you may acquaint him likewise that he's welcome to live at the house as long as Ever he pleases, give my service to his daughter and Mrs Pool, as also to Mrs Betty Delavall, I had a Lettr last post from one Armstrong, who was formerly my Coachman, it was franked by <Mr Bell> the postmaster give my service to him and enquire of him where you may find him he has a great desire to be my Servt again, so you may Acqt. him that he may come to here as soon as conveniently he can and shall Entertain him for the Coachman I had was a drunken Idle fellow and have turn'd him away , he may send his trunk and Cloathes by the Ripon Carrier and if

he Acqt Mr <Speight> or Mr Croft who drives the York Coach that he's my Servt. they'll give him Liberty to come aboard their Coach. So lett me know what you have done by a line per Saturday night's post. Know if Mr Featherstone Recd. my last Lettr as also Ja. Clarke the freeporter. I ordered him to weigh him 200 pcs of Lead tell Clarke to Send me the weight of them, A little after < St Lukes> fair I hope you'll Receive Every farthing that's due from the Tenants & then would please you to come to Newby. You may Acqt. Mr Featherstone by the by that if it will do him any kindness you believe he may weigh of all my lead as it comes down as his Occasions Require for you have heard me say that I am mightily oblig'd to him upon my Son John's Acct. Acqt me what the very best new hops is a hundred at Newcastle, by the first post write a line to Jacob to get all the Oar , wash'd etc smelted with what speed possibly he can for you believe I shall have an opportunity to dispose of all my Lead very shortly, and then he need not question but to have a Pay at Xtmas, I perceive there is a good quantity of Oar aforehand, and sevrall of the shafts very good which pray God continue

I am yr ass'd friend

If Mr Bell the postmastr cannot inform you about where Armstrong lives any of my Bro Rogers family can for he drives his Coach this summer

Mr Jas Mewburne

### 6 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart

Honest Jacob

8ber 6

Am very glad to perceive by yours of the 3rd that you get very well at Levall of the Shafts, which be sure that you take care that the Oar be well washed & smelted as fast as it's got, for I have now an Opportunity to dispose of a good quantity of Lead, tho it be but at a small price. I do not question in the least the West Carriage men, so I would have you be going once a week to see that the Lead lye by the halfe way, and give a strict charge to Martin Fenwicks son and the rest of them that they do not let one load of Lead lye by the halfe way, and acqt. them that I have now an opportunity to Sell it & they shall most certainly have a Pay at Xtmas, you may Acqt. all the Workman likewise at the <Groves> that they may depend upon a Pay at Xtmas provided they keep close to their Work and get Lead enough made. Acqt Harry Tulip that when he comes to Newby with the beasts that he ride on the Scotch horse, and I will lend him a horse back which he must deliver to Jas. Lowes, and he will ride of him back to Newby when he is to stay this Winter

Am very sorry to perceive that yr wife is in so very weak a Condition tho' I hope there may be no danger but that She may live many years, for people of Judgement tell me here that her leggs swelling is no ill sign and as for having a <Hectick> fever upon her tis common to all people that are not in health, they advise her by all means to

drink nothing but tea made of sage only, which is commonly called sage tea, which is a  
Extraordinary great dryer up of humours and will soon abate her <Hectick>, she may  
sweeten it with a little sugar and what bread she eats either with her Tea or meal let it  
be very brown toasted, which is likewise a great dryer, I hope if she keeps strictly to  
these Rules for about 14 days you'll see an Alteration for the better and so let her  
always continue it

yr Ass'd friend

There was a Gentleman dined with me yesterday who told me that his wife was so  
hoarse for 16 or 17 weeks that one could not hear her speak and that her speech came  
back to her againe all on a sudden

Mr Jacob Peart

**6 Oct 1709 Edward Blckett to Francis Pemberton**

Sir

8ber 6

I Recd. yrs with the Inclosed, which I am mightily oblig'd to you for, pray give my  
humble Services and thanks to Mr Thornton, and Acqt. him that I shall not Engage my  
Selfe any where else till you hear from him and that Mr Robinson may certainly  
depend upon his Intrest to be duly paid him halfe yearly Either at Leeds or Yorke  
which he pleases All Services from here towards yr Selfe & Mrs Trotter , with my  
blessing to my Godson I am yr oblig'd Humble Servt

Revd. Mr Pemberton, Bedale

**6 Oct 1709 Edward Blckett to Edward Harrison**

Sir

8ber 6 Thursday morning

I Recd both yr Lettrs, the first I gave it my Selfe to yr Bro Harrison, who happened  
to dine with me the day after I Recd it and this day I dine with Mr Hodges, and  
perhaps yr Bro Harrison may be there, in case he be will give him the Lettr if not shall  
give it to Mr Hodges to give it him if he bare any good nature in him it will certainly  
make his heart Ach when he reads it, I did press him as much as properly I could to  
send you a present to keep you from starving this winter. But he told me had done so  
much for you already that he would positively do no more for you however I'll <sing  
yr tunes> to him again & again in yr behalfe and will Engage Mr Hodges to do the  
same, so I hope at last we may prevail with him to send you a <Token> as soon as I  
have discoursed him you shall hear first from

yr Ass'd friend to serve you

To Mr Edw. Harrison Mercht In Newcastle

**6 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Armstrong**

Tho. Armstrong

8ber 6

As soon as I Recd yr Lettr I spoke to Sir Edward who is willing to Entertain you again as his Coachman So you may make what haste you possibly can to come to Newby so you must make what haste possibly you can to come to Newby. You may send yr box and Cloaths by the Ripon Carrier Every Week from from Newcastle, and if you acqt Mr Speight or Mr Croft that you are Sr Edwards Servt. they will let you come behind their Coach to Topcliffe which is but <4> mile from Newby

I am yr Assured friend

Thomas Armstrong <these>

**6 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Aletheia Blackett**

D[ea]r Aletheia

8ber 6

I Recd. yr Lettr and was in hopes to have heard that Mr Worterley had lately employed Mr Brummell in all the Colliery Concerns as formerly. Acqt me whether he employs Mr Ord, and if he have taken Mr Brumells Colliery or that he designs to Work it himself.

Upon Rect of this Lettr Send for Thos Armstrong and deliver him the Inclosed and ordr him to make what haste he can to Newby, if he cannot Read himselfe you may Read the Letter to him, With my Service to Mr & Mrs Brummell <...> my Blessing to you both, I am

yr Most Affect. Father.

Ms Aletheia Blacket

Fail not to write me a line per Saturday nights post

**7 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett**

[Note: Out of date order in original – these were notes written on the endpaper of the letterbook ending 4th June 1711]

These are to Certify whom it may Concern that Luke Sudell has servd me as Cook a year and a halfe very honestly and I believe understands his business very well Given under my hand at Newby the 7th day of October 1709

These are to Certify whome it may Concern that Will[ia]m Baxter servd me 12 months as Coachman and that I turn'd him out of my service for no Dishonesty but for being Drunk Given under my hand at Newby this 20 day of October

The young Ladys comenc'd

**8 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Gerard Smith**

Mr Smith

8ber 8

I always took you for a very honest man till now I have too much Reason to think to the Contrary, have you forgott that you came to my house in St James's Street and made a bad Compl[aint]. That you were likely to loose very considerably by the bargain you made with me about my Organ, but if I be so kind as to Accept of a Spinnet in lieu of it you would give me as good a one as is in England, & take it from Mr. Brown> So although I was prevailed upon to Agree to take one, you told me you were just going down to finish an Organ at Ipswich <I think the Towermans one> but as soon as you [struck out: 'returned'] had finished that work you would lye all other business Aside till you gott a Spinnett made. I can prove this day very good Witness, so without any more ado if you do Satisfy Mr Brummell that you'll Send me down a Spinnett when you come to London I have order'd them to Arrest you for I will be no longer fool'd by you, so consider of it, and give me a line by the very first post to yr Friend

Direct for me at Newby <... to .....> and it will come safe to hand.

Mr Gerrard Smith, Organist in Newcastle

**8 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dear Maria

8ber 8

Desire Mr Brummell to peruse the Inclosed and Seal and Deliver it to Mr Smith and in case he do not give unde'r his hand to Send me down a good Spinnett a little after he comes to London [struck out: 'let'] Order him to be Arrested, I believe him to be a very knave, & will not be fool'd any longer by him With my Service to Mr & Mrs Brummell and Blessing to you both,

I am yr most Affect. Father

Mrs Hen'ta Maria Blacket

**11 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Matthew Gould**

Sir

8ber 11 1709

I hope You'll give me leave to own my real obligations I have to you upon my Son Chr. Acct. I perceive by yr Lettr to Mr Wilkinson that the young man that was propos'd to be my Son's partner is gone into another Shop upon the death of his Relation. I desire you'll do me the favour, when another is pitched upon, to make inquiry into his behaviour and Ability, for you know all Depends upon a sober and careful partner, I have a great Reason to thank you for Recommending so worthy a good Man as Mr Primate for my Son's mast'r for I perceive by my Son he is more like a Parent to him than a master, My nigh Neighb'r Mr Aislabie is now with me who gives you his most humble Service and pray believe me

Sir yr most oblig'd & most faithful humble servt

Mr Math. Gould Merchant In London

### **13 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Aletheia Blackett**

Dear Aletheia

8ber 13

Yr last Lettr. I Rec'd but Wednesday morning but ought to have come to hand on Monday morning. I perceive Mr Rogers has offer'd Tom Armstrong 6£ a year, So I will by no means be the poor Fellows hindrance, or have any further thoughts of him and if I had known he had been <... .. was ...> have Concerned my Selfe with him by any means <...> he Expects I should be kind to him over and above his wages, so considering he has a wife at Newcastle it will be much more for his advantage to Stay in Town So upon Rect. of this Lettr send to him and Acqt him with what I write with my Blessing to you both I am yr most Affect. Father

Mrs Aletheia Blacket

### **13 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Octobr 13

I Rec'd yours of the 8th and I perceive you design to be here the last of this Month, Be sure you do not come till you get money to Sett all things Streight betwixt us and then you may come when you will; be Sure you write to Martin Fenwick again, and tell him he may be Assur'd he shall never have any thing more to do with the Carriage unless he be much more Diligent in bringing down the Lead than he has form'rly been, Write likewise a Lettr to Jacob to hasten the Washing and Smelting as much as possibly he can, & that upon Rect. of the Lettr. he go to the halfe Way as also to Heddon and See what Lead lyes there, and that he Acqt Martin Fenwick that if he do not carry all the Lead in a day or two he must bargain with some other Carriagemen thereabouts and Sett them immediately on, for I will be no longer fooled with that knave Martin

Fenwick. Acqt me how the <poor> Freeporter does as also what Leads in Cellar, and what at Newburne, what Linnen & <pewtr> is at Seaton lett it be putt up safely, in a Trunk or fair deal Box and send it by Chapman the Ripon Carrier who lodges at the Naggs Head in Gateshead upon the Rect of this Letr carry the Inclosed to my daughter, tis concerning Tom Armstrong the Coachman who I perceive Mr Rogers has Offer'd Six pounds a year wages so they <res...d> to part with him, So I will not by any means have any further thoughts of him, so do you go & acqt him Immediately with this, that he may not be disappointed of his Service by Mr Rogers hiring another Coachman, I shall be provided of a Coachman this Week and if I had known he had been Mr Rogers Coachman would never have had any least thoughts of him Fail not to write per Saturday nights post to  
yr Assured friend

For Mr Ja. Mewburne

**14 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Chippendale**

I desire you'll give your poor prisoner Thomas Geldart leave to come home for some time that he may provide Some <Firing> for his poor family this Winter and I'll Engage he shall Returne when you please, I am yr Assured friend to serve you

For Mr Chippendale Keeper of Yorke Castle

**15 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Aletheia Blackett**

Dear Aletheia

October 15

For Fear my Lettr miscarried I send you a Copy of it, I perceive Mr Rogers does not take it well that I should offer to hire a Servt. out of his Service, am very sorry for it, and wish I had not Endeavour'd it.

The Inclosed take care be delivered to Mr Smith, he has promised to send me down a Spinnett, so Acqt. him that you'll be a t London in the Spring, & you'll Receive it there and if he'll use me well for an Organ shall bespeak one of him but he must come to Newby in his Returne to London and take measure of the place where I design to sett it, if we can Agree about the price. With my Blessing to you both I am you  
yr most Affect. Father

Mrs Aletheia Blackett

**15 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Gerard Smith**

[Note: Gerard Smith was a nephew of Bernard Smith (Schmidt) organ builder to Charles II. He made several organs for Churches and large houses – with disputes over payments.]

Mr Smith

October 15

I Rec'd yr Lettr dated the 14 at 3 o Clock in the Morning and certainly you must be halfe a Sleep when you wrote it otherwise you must have a mighty ill memory, my Daughter will be in London in the Spring, so you may deliver her a Spinnett and for yr own Credit I desire it may be a very good one, for yr Sake hereafter I will never make a bargain but under hand & Seal, and if you'll come to Newby in yr Returne to London will bargain with you for a good Organ provided you'll use me well, and when you come you may take Measure of the place where I design it shall Stand, upon Rect. of this Lettr let me hear from you & Acqt. me about what time you think you'll be at Newby that I may not be from home. Direct for Sr Edward Blacket, Bart, at Newby <Blackett> nigh Burrowbridge Yorkshire

I am yr Ass. Friend to serve you

For Mr Gerrard Smith

**15 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sir

8ber 15

I thank you for th trouble you were so kind as to give my Selfe about my Glass, and I doubt not but next Week to receive it without any Damage, Am very well Satisfyed with Mr Smith's letter and have order'd him to come to Newby in his Return to London, and in case he use me well Shall bespeak an Organ of him, and if we agree, to prevent mistakes, will have it under hand & Seal, As for what Mr Robinson disbursed for Repairs of the houses in case it was disbursed during the Leaze I made to my Brother, I am not at all obliged to Allow it, for by the Leaze he was obliged to bear all manner of Disbursements and Repairs whatever during his Lease, So I desire you'll peruse Mr Robinson's book & lett all things Streight betwixt us.

Am mighty glad to hear you are likely to make an End to yr Own Satisfaction with Mr Montague, which formerly I us'd to make a doubt of, being Mr Wortley has not one of the best Characters in the World.

I am yr obliged friend & Servt

Mr Tho. Brummell

**16 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Dear Kitty

8ber 16th,

I inclos'd a bill to yr Master the 11 Sept past for what I was indebted to him, and I writ you a Letr the 18 and order'd you to acqt me, per first post, whether yr Mastr Rec'd it or no but since I heard nothing from you which I take Extraordinary ill So be Sure you fail not to let me hear from you and acqt me here the Report is in Town Concerning my lady Blackett's marrying Sir Jacob Banks, as also my nephew Blacket being married he positively deny'd it when he was last in the Country notwithstanding some people think that he is married to Mrs Ord, I fancy my Lady Blacket must know whether he be married or not. All here gives you their kind Remembrance with my Blessing to you I am your most Affect. Father

Pray give my humble Service to Mr Primate

Mr Chr. Blacket Per J Aislabie

**16 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Cecil Booth**

Dear Bro.

8ber 16

I had the favr. of yr most kind Lettr, and should have been mightily obliged to you in case we might have had the satisfaction of yr good company much longer.

All this Family are much yr humble Servts. And pray make mine acceptable to Sir <Saml.> Daniel and Mr Nichols, could heartily wish to see yr Selfe and them at Newby this Summer, and pray acqt. them in case they'll do me that Extraordinary favour Will most certainly Returne their visit with a great many thanks. Mr Jones & the Capt. Give you their most humble service & pray believe me Ever, D[ea]r Bro. Yrs most affectionately

For The Hon'ble Cecil Boothe Esq. Att Stockport in Cheshire  
Via London J Aislabie

**16 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to John Stephenson**

Mr Stephenson

8ber 16

I soon as I got yr Iron to Newby I ordered it to be Weighed as I do all goods that I buy by Weight and I found it wanted nigh two stone, So I ordered the Smith not to make use of any of it, but rather to buy a barr at Ripon till you come to see it Weighed, So I desire you'll not fail to be here on Monday to see it Weighed, & shall pay you for it, I am yr Assur'd friend

Mr Jno. Stephenson, Merct. In Yorke

**17 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Henry Beale**

Honest Capt Beale

8ber 17

I Rec'd yr Lettr dated the 20 with much Satisfaction and am mightily glad that mine to his Excellency & Mr Ogle had so very good Success, you may assure yr Selfe I will own my Acknowledgements to them both for their favour to you, and I do not make the least question but when a Tide Surveyrs place happens to fall <..> will give you the preference which should be very glad to hear, All this family gives you their kind Remembrance and believe me always yr Assured friend to Serve

For Capt Henry Beale at his house at Coldaff.  
to be left att the Custom house in London Derry  
Ireland via London

**19 Oct 1709 Edward Blakett to John Stephenson**

[Note: undated but between 17th and 20th and following a letter sent to him on 16th]

Mr Stephenson

What I am indebted to you I shall pay to none but to yr own hand, Shall have occasion to send to Yorke Either this next Week or next, and my Servt shall pay you, I did not see the Iron weigh'd, but two Credible persons in my Family did, who if there was occasion would give it upon Oath, I believe it was a mistake and I know you would not do such a vile thing, I do not know what you mean by Six shill being left unpaid, but I can shew you a cash Rect. in full of yr Notes, I am in haste yr Sevt

Mr Jno. Stephenson

**20 Oct 1709 Edward Blakett to John Ward**

Mr Ward

8ber 20

I thank you for yr present of Apples, I know in a good year I may present you with a Waggonload for in one year I made 19 h[ogs]heads of Cyder and kept 60 bushells of Apples for winter, and gave Dr Chambers a Waggonload which made him above two hheads of Cyder, and this year We had but two Apples in all our Orchards

I do depend upon Antony Chipping at Martinmas, I shall not have occasion for yr Servt. I have given John <Iley> notice to provide himselfe with another Farm against May day, do you likewise discharge him With my Service to yr Selfe & Mrs Ward

I am yr Ass. Friend

Mr Jno Ward

**20 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Shalter**

Mr Shalter

8ber 20 1709

I Recd yr Lettr and I perceive by it that you were an Acquaintance of my Father, and for that Reason you shall have a Lease of the house but will be at no manner of charge with it, So you may Repair and build to it as you think convenient & please yr Selfe yr Assured friend

For Mr Tho. Shalter

**20 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

8ber 20 1709

I perceive by yours that there was 120 pcs Lead brought down last Week, so lett me know what's brought down this week & what at Newburne, you should order Jacob Peart to ride once a week down to Martin Fenwick, & see that no Lead lye by the halfe Way, for in a little time the ways will grow so bad that he will give over leading, Order him likewise to haste the smelting with all possible Speed.

Acqt me how James Clark has his health at present and tell him I have not had a Lettr from him this long time, Give my service to Sir Jno. Delavall & acqt him that he has now an opportunity of having the Organ in the great Dining Room put into right order for Mr Smith the Organist is now altering the great Organ in St Nicholas Church, and I believe he'll be very moderate as to the trouble, Be sure you come not to Newby till you bring Either Money or bills to sett all things streight betwixt us, fail not to write a line per Saturday night's post to yr Assured friend

Mr James Mewburne

**20 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Octobr. 20

Below you have a copy of my last, I was in hopes to have heard from you upon the Rect. of it Acqt. me by the first if it comes to hand, and when Tulip sett foreward for Scotland, and when he Returns order him to come away here with all speed while the Ways are so very good. Haste the Washing & Smelting of Oar and be sure you fail not to go to the halfe Way once a Week, and charge Martin Fenwick that he do not lett a pigg lye for the Ways are now very good, and I have an Opportunity to sell all the Lead tho it will be but at an indifferent price, and the Work people may certainly depend upon Pay at Christmas

I am yr ass'd

**24 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Ridley**

Sir

Octobr. 24

I Recd. yrs this day by which I perceive that you have not yet Signed the Counterpart, as you write I am content that you leave two shafts well <timber'd> in my Liberties at the Expiration of the Leases, I desire that my Coz. Wilkinson may be witness when you sign. & wishing you all imaginable Success I am Sir yr most humble servant

For Mr Ald. Ridley Mercht. In Newcastle

My Servt. Mewburne designs for Newby next Week so pray on Saturday give him the Counterpart

**27 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Edward Harrison**

Sir

8ber 27 1709

I Recd yrs per last post, and I have not onely discoursed yr Bro. my Selfe very often upon yr Concern but have Spoke to Mr Hodges severall time to do the like I perceive he takes it Extraordinary ill from any one that moves it to him, I desired Mr Hodges to give him yr Lettr and he told me he durst not do it by any means, so what to advise you to do I know not, I am now Satisfyed that yr Bro. by all the Persuasions that can be used will not give you any thing, and for so denie any one to Speak to him in yr behalfe will he to no purpose, however you may make yr Case known to yr Bro. Parson Gray, and what his persuasions may do I know not, tho' I much fear will be to no purpose however you ought to try all means imaginable, and when you hear how yr Bro. Gray prevails give a line to

ye Assured friend to serve you

Mr Edwd. Harrison Merct. In Newcastle

**27 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Dr Pond**

Sir

8ber 27

I had the favr. of yrs of the 13th but by the last post , the Stamp of the Office on the outside was the 22 So yr Servt. forgot to bring it to the Post Office till that time, there has been a very great Storm for nine or ten days time since you shippd the hopps & sevrall Ships I hear has been lost, I hear nothing as yet of Jno. Halls Arrivall, have writ

this day to Hull to inquire if the Merchants there hear any thing of them, I hope the best and when he Arrives and I have seen the Hops you shall have the the trouble of another Letr. from

Sir yr Obliged humble servt

Per J Aislabie For Doctor Pond

**27 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

8ber 27

I perceive by yr Last what Lead was in Cellar and since I recd a Lettr from Jacob who Acqts me that he went to the halfe Way & to Newburn & found a good quantity of Lead lying in three or four places, especially at Newburn 150 ps Do be sure you fail not upon the Rect. hereof to write a Lettr to Jacob that he fail not once a week constantly to go to the halfe Way and go to Martin Fenwicks house & see that no Lead be left there, and tell them that they shall never be concern'd in leading my Lead any more in case they lett any lye, I was in hopes to have heard Earlier that what Lead was in Cellar was weigh'd of, I wish Mr Featherstone would ordr it to be Weigh'd, so that we may make a clear Pay att Christmas, fail not to write a line per Saturday nights post

Yr ass'd friend

Do you tell the Newburn Wherrymen on Saturday that in case they lett any Lead lye you will agree with other Wherrymen to bring it down

**30 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to Captain Craven**

Honest < Care>

30 8ber

I Recd yr Letr and I do assure you I never had the least thoughts of buying yr Son Hodgson's Mill, if I may be any way serviceable to him in the Disposal of it my utmost Endeavour shall not be Wanting being Sir yr Real friend to Serve you and yrs

For Capt. Craven att his house In Leeds

**31 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to John Sharp**

D[ea]r Sir

Octobr. 31

I begg pardon that I did not before this own my Acknowledgements for yr good company at Newby. As also for yr kind invitation to Bishopthorpe, I fully designed to have Waited upon you, but yr going so suddenly to London Am sensible you must be in a hurry, therefore I begg yr Excuse for deferring my Visitt till yr Returne, and then I

hope shall not be worse than my promises, pray make all our most humble duty  
Acceptable to his Grace, and our best Service to my Lady & Selfe heartily wishing you  
all a good & safe Returne Journey with a Continuance of all yr health, if I could be any  
way Serviceable to you whilst absent none shall be more <ambitious> for yr Concerns  
than

Dr Sir yr most Faithfull humble Servt

Jno Sharpe Esq.

When you come to London pray oblige me with <contact> by the post boy

**31 Oct 1709 Edward Blackett to John Ord**

Sir

October 31 1709

I Recd yr Letter and Sir Jno. Delavall shall have an Abstract of all the Seaton  
Delavall Writings which I have in my hand. I have nothing but severall old Leases &  
old Surveys of Seaton Lordship , however an Abstract of them shall be Sent by my  
Servt. Mewburne who will be at Newby shortly.

As for what Goods my Wife order'd lately from Seaton House was the remains of  
the Linnen & Household Stuff which my Lady Delamere left her Grand Daughter by  
her last Will, which Will may be seen in the Court at Chester, the rest of the Goods that  
were valuable as plate fine Linnen etc were sent to Easington to her Bro. the Arch  
Deacon when my wife left Seaton, these Goods likewise had been sent at that time but  
that they were so very ordinary & hardly worth the Carriage and troubling a Room  
withall there my Wife's Woman Mrs Millington took an Exact inventory which she has  
got by her of every particular thing that was left in that Closet and if there was occasion  
would give it upon Oath that Every individual thing that was in that Closet when my  
Wife left Seaton was the Remaind'r of the Household stuff which my old Lady left her  
grand daughter. As for my own part I would not give twenty shill for them all, and if  
they were to be sold I believe they would give but a very <inconsiderable> Sum, my  
Daughter only values them because they were a Legacy from her Grand Mother I  
am yr Sir

yr assr'd friend & Humble Servt

Mr Jno. Ord Attourney at Law in Newcastle

**4 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to John Dawks**

Sir

Novr. 4

I perceive by yrs this day that there is a years Sallary due to you the 29th past So below you have an Ordr to Receive it I am yr Assrd friend & Servt

For Mr John Dawks

Sir

Novr. 4

Pray pay to Mr Dawks thirty Shillings and you shall be Repaid by Sr yr Humble Servt

For Mr Sampson Smirk

**4 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to Edward Denneston**

Sir

Novr. 4

The Inclosed came undr Cover directed to newby, I was in hopes when you were in Yorkshire that I should have seen you, I perceive by Mrs Gray who was with me this day that you took Coach from Yorke to london a little time ago, so I hope this will find you well <arriv'd at> home I am In haste yr Assrd friend & Kin

For Mr Edward Denneston

**4 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to Lisle**

Sir

Nov. 4

Inclos'd I send you a bill which you may send away by this post, Shall not have occasion for Money shortly

I am in real haste, yr Assr'd friend to serve you

Mr Ald. List

**5 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

D[ea]r Maria

Nov. 5

I perceive by yr last Mrs Bewick is gone to London, she is very wellcome to the spinnett and desire Mr Smith to deliver it to her Ordr. Be sure when you see my good Coz Simpson, my Coz Wilkinson give my humble service to them as also to Mr and Mrs <Rudstone> and likewise to Messrs Featherstone & Reay Tell Aletheia it's a long time since I had a letr from her, My Blessing to you both <Concludes> me to be yr most Affect. Father.

upon second thoughts I think you had best get a note from Mr Smith to deliver the Spinnett to them that brings the note.

For Mrs Maria Blacket

**5 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sir

Nov 5

I recd. yrs this morning and am mighty well pleased with what you have done with Mr Robinson and whatever other abatements you think fitt to allow as being my old Servt. shall very willingly Agree to it. We have had here Extream fine weather So I hope you have had a brave Coal Trade at Newcastle. I am yr Ever Obliged friend to serve you

Mr Thomas Brummell

**8 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett**

Sir

Nov 8 1709

I had almost two months ago a Bagg of Hops Sent me from London on Board the Samuel of Hull John Hall Master, and as yet have heard nothing of them, As also Severall sorts of Garden Seeds Shipt in the Rotterdam Fleet for Hull Directed for you pray do me the favour to inquire if the said vessels be Arriv'd, and Acquaint me by the very first post, and you'll oblige yr very Humble Servt.

**10 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Nov 10

Am very much Concern'd for yr great loss - God Almighty's Will must be Obeyed, and we submissive to it

As for what you write me concerning the letting of Fallowfield Mines, you may be Assur'd that I'll act nothing in it but solely referr the whole Disposall of them to yr Selfe, and what bargain you make I'll confirm, I am altogether of opinion to keep the Wasts and the old shafts in my own hand and as for the forefields both East & West when you come to <reat> I doubt not but you'll lett them to my advantage, for I Solely depend upon you and shall either <Reserve> a quarter part for my Selfe, or not, as you shall think fitt, you may be assur'd that what you writ me concening the Discourse which was had at Weardale shall never come out of my mouth and I fancy yr Bro. may be sent to treat with with you about them for I had a lettr. last post from Mr Featherstone of Newcastle who is to be of the partners to know my <Termes

Demands>, So I writ him that I solely referr the business to yr Selfe, he writ me he had made inquiry into Fallowfield Mines, and when they send to treat with you give them a meeting any where and what charge you are at shall be repaid by  
yr Assrd. Friend

Mr Jacob Peart

Harry Tulip has been with me these 14 days and I believe will stay 14 days longer

**10 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to Matthew Featherstone**

Sir

Nov 10

I Recd. yrs and do continue in the same mind to dispose of Fallowfield Grove and shall solely referr the Disposall of them to my Steward Jacob Peart, so Send who you please to him to make a bargain, and what he does shall be confirmed by Me.

Am sorry you have no more demand for Lead at Newcastle, when I sold you 500 pcs. I was offer'd the same price for what I should have coming down betwixt & the first of January from a from a mercht in London who I believe was the same man that bought a very considerable quantity of Mr Wilkinson, tis no inconvenience to me tho I had rather have to deal with you than any Either at London or Newcastle, I know Mr Fenwick would give me my price for what comes down, but am Resolv'd never to have any thing more to do with him, my obligations toward Mr Reay upon my son John's Acct. shall never be forgot by  
yr Obliged friend & Servt.

Mr Featherstone & Company Merchants at Newcastle

**14 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to Robert Fenwick**

Sir

Novr. 14

In perusing yrs and my Servt Mewburnes Accts for some years past I find a mistake of 11.11.3 so I have sent yr Acct. by the bear'r to Satisfy you So pray lett it be Rectify'd if you have occasion for 4 or 500 pcs Lead at £8.10 s the Bear'r will ordr the Delivery, for what's in Cellar what at Newburne and at the halfe way is much more than that quantity, for the future shall never sell any Lead but the price shall be adjusted before it be weighed of I am Sir yr very humble servt

Robt. Fenwick Esq. Alderman In Newcastle

**14 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to Mrs Ward**

Mrs Ward

Novr. 14

Pray ordr Anthony <Chipping> who you hired for me to come to Newby with all possible speed, I wish that Servt. which you writ me lately of have not disposed of himself for I want another good Servt. and would give £5 provided he can write, and is honest and <faithfull> a servt as I know Chippen has been to me, So yr Answer by the very first post for news of my Servt stays till I have yr <assur'nce>

I am yr Assrd friend to serve you. My daughters are both well.

**19 Nov 1709 Diana Blackett to Mrs Gray**

Good Mrs Gray

Nov 19

Am sorry you cannot possibly light of a bushell or two of pearmains, pray make inquiry again for I hear there are some brought to Yorke markets constantly, Sir Edward gives his service to you and Mr Gray and bid me tell you that he did not at all take it ill that you sent him some portugall snuff, but he having at this time two pounds of the same snuff and that it will be spoiled before it be taken, was the reason of his sending it back to you, you told him when you were here that you Expected some Brasil snuff from Portugale and if it came safe and was good he would buy a quantity of you, tis a very dear Snuff as is sold for 50<s> a pound, and most of it that comes to England is sent from Portugal. I thank you for the two Cheeses I wish the post boy bring them carefully Sir Edward will Send you a Roll of Brawn against Xtmas so you need not buy one. With my service to you both I am

yr Assrd friend DB

For Mrs Gray

**22 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to John Field**

Sir

Novr. 22

I perceive by yr Letr of the 19th that the lowest price of Red Port is £16.10 per hhead which comes to 5s.6d per Gallon which is the usual price you may have Port Wine for in any Tavern in Yorke, some time ago I had a hhead of Red Port from Mr Ald. Pawson of York & it contained 61 Gall and it cost me no more than £14.10. I had likewise a hhead of White Lisbon which cost me £19.10 So I perceived Wine is much cheaper at York than at Hull and a little time ago I had a horse load of red Port from Nedd Gray and he charged me no more than than 5s.6d a Gall. I was in hopes you might have delivered me wine at Yorke as cheap as I might have it from any Merct. In Yorke but I find you cannot, with my thanks to you for yr care in sending the seeds to Yorke I am

Sir yr obliged & humble Servt

Mr Jn. Field Mercht In Hull

**22 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to Elias Pawson**

[Note: Merchant Elias Pawson, 1671-1715, was Lord mayor of York in 1704]

Sir

Novr. 22

Pray lett me know by yr very first post if you have any Extraordinary Strong Red Port without <... tax> and what price per hhead, also the price of yr best white Lisbon per hhead

I am in haste Sir yr very humble Servt

Mr Ald. Pawson

**26 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

Dear Sir

Novr 26

The Bearer is a great object of Charity and <altho'> less than <distracted>, I perceive he lives at Aldfield and has Wife and Children, so pray Ordr the Town to allow him some small <matter> or give him something to buy him cloathes for you see he has not a Rag to his back, and will certainly be starv'd if no Care is taken of him.

The Gardener is much to blame that did not write you the name of the Carrier he sent the Trees by, I doubt there will be no <good> come of them, being so often disappointed

I am in great haste Sir, yr faithfull humble servt.

J Aislabie Esqr. Att Studley These [prsents]

**27 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Dixon**

[Note: A Thomas Dixon was twice mayor of Leeds]

Sir

Novr. 27 1709

I begg your pardon that I did not long before this Own my Acknowledgements to you for the great kindness you did my worthy good friend Mr lodge in giving him yr vote in the late Election, I am sure the trustees could never have made a better choice, and I do not in the least question but all his Auditors will mightily approve of what you have done, If ever it be in my power to be serviceable to yr Selfe or friends pray Command sir,

yr most obliged and faithful humble Servt

Mr Alderman Dixon At his home in Leeds

**27 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Dear Kitty

Novr. 27 1709

I Rec'd yr Lettr of the 24 but it is so ill writ and so small a hand that I cannot read it, I think you write that it would be proper that Some friend should discourse Mr Primate about the taking of his house <shop> and Warehouse, I do not understand these things my Selfe, so the first time you see my Bro. Bridges give my most humble Service to him and Acqt. him that I desire he'll be assisting to you in the taking of the house, and in what other things Mr Primate may Expect you will take of him.

I hope my Bro. Bridges will be so kind as to undertake the trouble, and <and> you may be assur'd you'll have no <hard> things put upon you, All here give you their kind Remembrances, with my Blessing to you I am

yr most Affect. Father

Mr Chr. Blackett per J Aislabie

When you see Mr Gould give my humble service to him

**27 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to John Marshall**

Sir

27 Novr 1709

I perceive by yours of the 19 that the Workman demands five pounds in hand before he'll undertake the making of the Table, so shall have nothing further to do with him, I can have a marble table made at Yorke for much less moneys, So I shall furnish my Selfe there.

Am glad Mrs Squire is willing to pay you <170 £> So if that Sum be due the Intrest must Certainly be due likewise, so I know no Reason you should abate anything of it. Pray give my Service to Dr Pond, and tell him I gott but my hops to Newby the other day, they look very well and I do not in the least question their goodness With my humble Service to all yr Relations I am

yr very humble Servant

Mr Jno. Marshall J Aislabie

**27 Nov 1709 Isabella Blackett to Edward Blackett**

[Note: Recipient not stated, but mention of the Navy indicates this must have been Isabel's brother Edward. Though from Isabel, the draft is in the same hand as the majority of others in the letterbook]

Dear Bro.

Novr. 27 1709

Am very glad to perceive by yrs that you gott safe to England, My father Rec'd a Lettr from you this day, and is very angry that you do not write with yr own hand, for he says he does not believe a Lieut's Pay will keep a secretary, he thinks you did very well in Writing to Mr Aislable, and tis much better in another hand than yr own, for you write so very bad English that he is sure Mr Aislable would not have understood it, he is now at Studley and will not be at London till a little while after Xmas he has promised my Father to use his best Endeavour to gett you a ship and does not in the least question it, tho' he is sorry for the Alteration that's made in the Admiralty, however the Duke of Devonshire is so great a man that his request will not be deny'd, and my fatehr is very well assur'd that he will Recommend you, Be sure you write me by the first post how you Directed yr Lettr to Mr Aislable, in case Mr Smirk have it ordr him to keep it till he come to Town and desire him to Deliver it with his own hand, my father bid me tell you that tis no great matter if you do go a Cruising for tho' you be absent he'll Endeavour to do yr business and will send a Lettr to Mr Smirk to Inclose to you, and will gett an Ordr from the Admiralty for yr coming to Town as soon as he has prevail'd for a Commission for you, All here give you their kind Remembrances an believe me yr most Affect. Sister

Is. Blackett

Sir

Novr. 27

I had a Lettr lately from my Brother, and not knowing how to direct to him give you this trouble pray inclose it to him by the very first post and you'll very much oblige Sir yr Humble servt Is. Blackett

Mr Sampson Smirke per J Aislable

### **28 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Honest Will

Novr. 28 1709

The post after I Rec'd yr Lettr I gave an Answer to it Vizt. That was very Sorry to hear of poor John's Death and that there was a year at may day next in Bardon Mill lease, am very glad to hear by yrs this morning that you have Advanc'd the Rent of Woodhall 3 £ a year which I think Extraordinary in such a small farm, I wondr how Tenants in yr Country should Break when both Corn and Cattle give such an Extravagant price, Be sure you fail not to get up all my Rents against Xtmas for the

Pay, and pay the money to Jacob Peart, but somewhat before Xtmaz pay to Harry Tulip [space left blank] which he has disbursed for me. You certainly do not take a Right care to Send yr Lettr to the postboys by a good hand, yr last Lettr was writ me on Saturday and came to my hand on Monday, So would all yr Lettrs come in a short time if they were carefully Deliver'd into the post house, be sure you lett me hear from you once in a fortnight or the like I am yr Assur'd friend

Mr Wm. Lowes att Willimontswick nigh Hexham North[umberland]

**28 Nov 1709 Edward Blckett to James Mewburn**

James

Novr. 28

I perceive by yrs that Mr Ridleys have signed the Count'r part and that Mr Wilkinson & yr Selfe are witnesse to it which is very well, You need not go to Fallowfield till nigh Xtmaz, and if the weather then be very poor take Jacob and other 2 workmen and go to Warksburn and the Bailiff Dodd will shew you two Veins of Lead, he has had 2 Workmen there a day or two and he says they told him twer very hopefull, and would have taken a Tack of it , but I knew they were not able to spend so much money, so would not lett them it. Be sure when you come to town go to Mr Fenwick he has certainly <perusd this book> long before this, his own Acct. which you can shew him will Satisfy any Reasonable man, when you pay Mr Stephenson for the 2 hheads of wine you must be sure to tell him that I hope he'll take no more of me than he does of the Vintners in Newcastle, and when you do pay him inclose me his Rect. for the 2 hheads. Acqt. Mr Featherstone & Reay that I designe to make a Pay at Fallowfield at Xtmaz and that they fail not to have their moneys ready att that time, that with Will[imonts]wike Rents will do much more than discharge the Pay. Am glad to hear you are likely to get Substantial Ten'ts for Seaton Lands, I long to hear that you have agreed with them, Know of Maria if Mr Wilkinson and Mr Brummell Rec'd Each of them a Roll of Brawn from me, I expect it would be with them on Fryday. Always write a line per Saturday nights post Yr Assur'd friend

Ja. Mewburne

**28 Nov 1709 Edward Blckett to Maria Blckett**

Dear Maria

Novr. 28

I sent my Coz. Wilkinson and Mr Brummell Each a Roll of Brawn, which I believe will be in Newcastle on Fryday. So you must ordr. them to get pickle ready for it against it come, Mr Brummells Roll has much more <Lantern>, for I thought my Coz. Simpson did not love Brawn that had so much <Lantern>, however be sure lett me know how they both prove, the Brawn was never in pickle, so will be 10 or 12 days

before it be fitt to eat, Give my humble Service to my Coz. Simpson & Coz. Wilkinson and tell her I'm very glad that she's recovered of her late illness. My service to Mr & Mrs Brumell & Blessing to you both I am yr most Affect. Father

Mrs Maria Blacket

**28 Nov 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Novr 28

I have Read yr Lettr sevrall times over and consider'd it very well, and do willingly agree the proposal you made, vizt. To lett them a Lease for one & twenty years both the old and new Work, that is to Say of all the mines in Fallowfield ground, they paying me every fifth Tunn Smelted, and shall reserve no part of the Groves to my Selfe, I think it is but reasonable they shall pay me some Rent for the mill, and I will put it in Repair and they be oblig'd to keep it so during their Lease, You must be sure to have a Cause to oblige them to keep the old Levell in Repair during their Lease, shall Reserve all the Wasts at the Groves, for tis impossible Either for you or them to sett a true Value upon them, so one hearth must be Reserv'd at the Mill for my use, you may be Assur'd shall never consent to be at the Charge of keeping up the old Levell, they cannot possibly desire it Seeing I am willing to let them have the whole Grove, I like all the proposals you make to me in yr Lettr extreamly well and do Solely leave the whole disposall of it to yr Selfe & whatsoever bargain you make Shall be agreed to and confirmed by

yr assur'd friend

Jac. Peart att Fallowfield

Satisfy me by a line as soon as this Lettr comes to yr hand

Acqt. Mr Featherstone that now you have absolute power to lett all the Groves in Fallowfield and Acomb Lordships for 21 years, and what you will give them and their friends a meeting when & where they please to Confirm the bargain in case you can Agree upon't

**1 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dear Maria

Dec 1 1709

I perceive by yours that both my Coz. Metcalfe and Mr Smirke are unwilling to take Tablers, Yr Bro Kitt will have a house of his own at midsummer, and there will only be

himself and a young man his partner and if it will be convenient I think you may as well table with him

I would have you at Candlemas to come to Newby you may take places in the Stage Coach, and my Coach shall go for you to Topcliffe As for yr Cloaths you may send them by Chapman the Ripon Carrier a week before you leave the town Am very sorry to hear of Mr Bowman going of by Reason Mr Brummell and poor Robinson should be losers by him Inclosed I send a discharge for Mr Smith which I know will satisfy him, I doubt not but you have gott the Brawn long before this As soon as it has has been 9 or 10 days In Souse be sure you taste it and lett me know how it proves as also My coz. Wilkinson's

Mrs Maria Blacket

**2 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Yorke**

Dear Bro.

Decr. 2

After an ill Journey I hope you gott well to Town on Saturday night, and that my Niece performed her Journey well, which should be glad to hear, all this family give you their most humble Service and I am most Affectionately yrs

Thos. Yorke Esq. London

**2 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Dear Kitty

Decr. 2

I writ you on the 27 which I hope came to hand This is only to Acqt. you that I sent Mr Primate by Russell the Richmond Carrier a very fine collar of Brawn, Carriage paid, which will be in Town on Saturday the 10 it never was in Pickle, so you must ordr Pickle to be ready for it against it come. All here give you their kind Remembrance With my blessing to you I am yr most Affect. Father

When you see yr Bro. you may tell him that I doubt Mr Aislabie will not be in Town till after Xmas Give my Service to Mr Primate and lett him know how you proceed in yr business

Mr Chris. Blackett

**2 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Sampson Smirke**

Sir

Decr 2

I sent you by Russell the Richmond Carrier a Collar of brawn the Carriage paid, it will be in Town on Saturday, the 10. It never was in Pickle so you must ordr Pickle to be made ready for it against it come. When you see my Son the Lieut. pray Acqt. him that I doubt Mr Aislabie will not be in Town till after Xmas, and when he does come shall not be unmindful of his business

I am yr Assured friend & Servt

Mr Sampson Smirke

**3 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sir

Decr 3 1709

The Inclosed Bill of Lading Mr Portman of Burrowbridge sent me this morning, who desired me to inclose it to you, and desires the wine may be putt in a warm Cellar till he have an opportunity to Send for it, you'll see by the Indorsement on the back of the Bill of Lading that they have mistaking yr name a little, however it Signifies no great matter, Pray yr care of this & you'll oblige Yr assured Friend & Servt

Mr Tho Brummell

**3 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Sir

Decr 3

I Recd yr Letter this morning and when you pay me any money for Rent I am willing you should pay my Son any part that is proportionally so you paid £126 and his p'portion would have come to £42 and that is all it would have come to, and my Wife will pay it him shortly You need not give yr Selfe the trouble to send a salmon to Newby for we have them taken at Burbridge as soon as you have them taken there I doubt not but to hear against Candlemas you'll gett the money < ... > Yr daughters are both very well

I am yr Assr'd friend to Serve you

Mr Jno. Ward

**4 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Edward Gray**

Honest Mr Gray

Decr 4

I perceive by a Lettr I received yesterday you have a parcell of strong red Port and that you can afford it for 5s . 6d per Gall so shall send for a horse load on Tuesday next, be sure you lett it be the very strongest you have, and if I like it well I shall afterwards send for some more of it With my Service to yr Selfe & Mrs Gray, and tell her my Servt that come for the Wine shall bring her a Pott of Brawn, it never was in pickle so she must have pickle ready for it against it come on Tuesday morning. Acqt me if you have any White Port White Lisbon and send what you can afford them I sent for a Gallon lett him bring a pint bottle of Each in his basket & please get the prices down to the dozen of the Port Wine I am yr Assrd friend & servt

Mr Edw. Gray

**6 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Edward Gray**

Honest Mr Gray

Decr 6

I designed to have sent my Sevt. Yesterday for the Wines as I writ you, but was prevented. My Wife desires Mrs Gray to buy her two doz. Of good Oranges and my Sevt. shall bring them in the Basket which the Collar of Brawn comes in it never was in pickle so after Eight or ten days taste it and lett me know how it proves I am yr Assured friend

Mr Edw. Gray at his house In Yorke

**8 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Dec 8 1709

I perceive by yrs of the 3rd that you have lett <Lysdon> Farm, Am glad you have gott so Substantiall & managing a tenant, tho' the farm is lett much short of what old Tho. Hindmarsh paid for it, however patience must be had, I likewise perceive that you have lett <Sheprey's> Farm, for 5s a year more but I look upon't to be only forty shillings when you lye out yearly 3s for Stubbing of Whins, you do not write me how many years you Judge it will be before the Whin be Stubb'd, however gett the foul Draughts of both the Leases drawn and inclose them to me to peruse I have perus'd the Tenants proposalls att Whitridge, and am Sure if you had offer'd them a long lease when you gave them liberty to plow they would willingly have accepted of it, I do

believe the Meadow ground may be ill enough, and yr best way will be to oblige them by an Article in the Lease to lay the Meadow Ground three years before their Lease be out upon a <hard> corn crop, so you may make them a Lease for 9 or 11 years but not to leave his Farm at Every three Years , if he do so he'll get three Crops of the Meadow Ground & then leave it, which you must take particular care of in the lease. So inclose me Copies of them all and Shall peruse them, you know I have kept the Management of Seat Delaval Solely to yr Selfe so be sure you take as much care in the Improvement of it as if twere yr own, you never writ me what Jno. and Mr Ord said to you when you gave them the Schedules of the Writings which I have in my Custody that concern Seat Lordship, Acqt me if my Daughter Maria Recd a Lettr by the same post yrs came to hand, I hope Mr Stephenson will place no more in his Acct for the wine than wholesalers paid, if he do Acqt both Mr Ridley and Mr Wilkinson with it that I hope they'll lett me pay no more than the <... ..nds> in Newcastle do, for I'm in hope my Pay is as good. Always writ a line per Saturday nights post to yr Assured friend

**8 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dear Maria & Alethea

Decr 8

I Recd both yr Lettrs and I can assure you both that I am informed from very good hands that it is almost impossible to get Tabled in a private Family in London of good Repute they write there are hundreds of houses that keeps tablers that a very Strange Gentleman, or Officer, may be welcome to dine there any day paying their 12 pence, I am sure such a place is not for yr Reputation nor my Credit for you to bear, As you have no mind to live at Newby any time, wch I know no Reason you have against it, Shall Endeavr. to inquire out a place, Either at Yorke or Leeds, they are much abler people at Leeds and I have lesse Reason to have you here for Six Months rather than any other place, shall know in 14 days time whether a Convenient place may be had there for you or not, and then shall Acqt. you. Give my Service to Coz. Simpson & Coz. Wilkinson as also to Mr and Mrs Brumell, With my Blessing to you both I am yr Most Affect. Father

Mrs Henrietta Maria Blackett Att Mr Tho. Brumells house In Newcastle

**12 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dear Maria

Dec 12 1709

I Recd. yr Lettr. with Mr Bewicks and Mr Smirks Inclosed, I know tabling at London is very Dear tho' I could not imagine they should Ask so very Extravagantly, I think fifty pounds a year and you to find fire and Candle for yr Chamber is very sufficient,

and am not able to allow you more, you must considr. Yr Coach hire up and down will cost you 12£ beside yr meal upon the Road, and tho' your maid will go by sea will cost Some moneys tho not much, my Wife knew nothing of my Sending you Either to Yorke or Leeds, nor does she know any thing of it as yet nor design she shall know anything of it the Reason why I approved of Leeds was that I had a message from old Mr Kitchenman who is a mighty Rich man that he was desirous that his Son might Court one of you, which I could not Disapprove of being I know he'll give his Son a very Considerable Estate. I never designed you should stay at Leeds longer than a month at the most so <consider of it> and let me hear from you per next post , if you have a greater mind to go to London you may write Mrs Bewick you are willing to give £50 a year and find yr own Coales and Candles, for a Chamber which I I think is full enough for you'll find the Entertainment there not to be Extraordinary, I have very good Reason to believe if you went to Leeds tho' it were but for six weeks or two months you might probably both gett Married, and a good Settlement for yr Lives, if it should not happen according to my Expectation, as the Stage Coach goes once a week from Leeds to Wakefield so to London, So wholly leave it to yr Selves to Considr of it, you may be assured I Advise you for the best, Give my Service to Mr Brumell and tell him I was mistaken as to the month, desire him to tell you the last price that Mr Wilkinson Sold his Lead for and whether there be any demand at present for it or not. With my Blessing to you both I am yr Most Affect. Father

Mrs Maria Blackett Att Mr Brumells

We have a great noise here of Severall people in Newcastle being Concern'd in Coining of Guineas Acqt. me whether there be any such thing or not, and who they are that's suspected

**12 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Dec 12

I Recd. yrs with Skepsey and Slaters Leases, you have made a Clause at the bottom of Skepseys Lease wch I do not at all approve of, which is that in case Skepsey at any time lye to Grazing any of his tillage ground he may plow up other Lands in the Region of it, however, you say it must be with the Approbation & Licence of my Selfe & wife, so that Condition is needless to be inserted for if at any time he can make it Appear to us that it is for the Advantage of the Ground he may be Sure we can readily Consent to it, in all Leases you make you must be sure to putt in such a Clause, that in case he plow up more ground than is Covenanted in his lease without the Consent of the landlord first obtained for every Acre so plowed up to pay as an Addition of Rent forty shillings for by above Lease you cannot hinder any tenant from plowing without such a Clause, And as for the Stubbing of the Whins you must take care that what

Whins you stubb one year the tenant do take care to keep them down the next year for some of them Always be coming up, the very best time of Stubbing of them to destroy them is at midsummer, for plowing never will Destroy them for as soon as the ground is laid to Pasturing they will come up thicker than Ever, but if it be laid to meadow the frequent mowing then will destroy them, As for Slaters Lease his Rent is but £2.19s a year, so I would gladly know what the charge of putting his house in Repair will be, I think you had much better Allow him some small matter, and lett him repair then himself, & let me know what he aske. He writ me some time agoe and desired he might have a Lease, I writ him I was willing he should have a Lease to do him a kindness but that I would be at no manner of Charge whatsoever in Repair.

Am sorry you have lost Rickaby for a tenant, you may be Reveng'd of Twizle and Distrain all his Goods for Arrears of Rent in case he be in any, and that will make him wiser hereafter. Pay Mr Stephenson his <bill> and Inclose me his Rect for the for the Wine I doubt you will not get much Abated

Fail not to pay Mr Brummell on Saturday for the last Bill of Exchange I had of him and in case you have not Money in Town Receive as much of Mr Reay, Am sorry you did not pay him last Saturday as you design'd, Be sure you discharge it now, Am sorry Mr Fenwick has no mind to part with his Parrott, however when you see him again you may speak to him by the by of it, tho' not from my Selfe, I perceive Sir Jno. Delavall is made Vice-Admiral by a land Vice Admiral and no Sallary only a feather in his Cap, Mr Wm Carr of Newcastle was Vice Admiral before him and could make nothing of it, so desired my Lord Scarborough to name another as being Ld Lieut. for Bishoprick and <North> he has power to name Vice admirals for both Counties; there is no haste of the Haddocks for they will be much better nigh Christmas than now, Give my service to my Coz Wilkinson and Coz Simpson and know how they all do, and tell him I have given absolute power to Jacob Peart to dispose of Fallowfield Lead Mines to him & his partners, and whatsoever Agreement he makes with them shall be confirmed by Me, yr full Answer of this per Saturday night's post to  
yr Assured

Upon Rect. of this Letr carry the man down to Mr Stephenson who brought my wine, if you do not know his name Mr Brumel will Acqt you and where he lives and he will Satisfy Mr Stephenson that one of the h[ogs]heads that he brought for me he carried himselfe to Burrbridge and delivered it to the postmaster there, who <draws> wines So I doubt not but he'll use him as well as he does any of the <...tals> in Newcastle for he may be a better Customer and take more Wine of him than any three of them, he lives nigh Mr Wilkinson, So he'll Aqt. Mr Wilkinson the same, For he is one of Mr Stephenson's partners. Peruse and deliver the Inclosed and let the lease be made for the full Rent and every halfe year you shall give him 10s back

Mr Ja. Mewburne

**12 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to William Skepsey**

Will Skepsey

Decr 12

I Recd. yr Letter and I gave it to my Wife to peruse . She does not remember any promise she ever made you, however she has a very good opinion of you and thinks you'll be a very good Tenant. so she will oblige you in giving you 10s back every halfe year during your Lease So James Mewburn will give it you under his hand to pay it you as a token halfe yearly from my Wife and I do allow of the same, I am yr assured friend

For Wm Kepsy att his house / Seat Delaval

Acqt. Mewburne who writ yr Letter, he is a very sensible man and writes a good hand

**12 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Honest Will

12 Dec

I Recd yr Letter this morning, I do not know who you Sent it by to the Post house for it has been 4 Days in coming, and usually they send in three, Am surprised to hear that the Tenants does not pay any Rents well considering the Extraordinary price both Corn & Cattle has given both last year and this I cannot Imagine how there should be any Disbursements but whats very small this year considering both the mill, millhouse & Dams were brought in the last Years but howevr be sure you be as a great a husband as possibly you can, and gett all my Acct ready against Xtmas, according to our Agreement. upon the Rect of this Letter be sure you acqt me what Disbursements you could possibly lye out this year, for am uneasy till I have a particular of it, Acqt me likewise how many Work people Mr Ridley keeps constantly Employed at his Lead Mine, and what hopes they have and whether they have got any Oar or not, for should be mightly glad to hear that she were like to prove well. Fail not to give an Acct. of all this by the very next post to yr assur'd friend

Mr W Lowes att Willimontswike / nigh Hexham, Northumberland

**13 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to William Cavendish**

[Note: William Cavendish (1672-1729) was the second Duke of Devonshire]

Decr 13 1709

May it please yr Grace

I humbly begg pardon that am now a Petitioner to yr lordship on the behalfe of my Second Son's prefermt. He went to sea with the Queen's Lettr for Severall years, and the two last past was preferr'd to be Second Lieut aboard the Oxford, so I desire the favour of yr Grace that you will use yr Interest for a Cap'l Commission, I hope yr Grace can no sooner request Such a favour of the Lords of the Admiralty but it will be Granted. I beg yr Lordship will pardon this presumption (it is upon the preferment of my Child) and I question not but he will behave himself so as so as may justly deserve yr Grace's Recommendation.

I am yr Grace's most Faithfull and Obedient humble Sevt.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire  
These [presents]

**15 Dec 1709 Edward Blckett to Thomas Brummell**

Sr

Decr 15

I Recd yrs of the 13 with the Rentall and Acct. for the Halfe year Ending at May 1709, which I believe is very right, onely you make a mistake in Setting down 190 £ per annum for the Colliery, tho' you charge it right in the Column 95 £ for the halfe year. I approve very well of yr Sending me another Copy <..inba.... > and shall sign and Returne it, and Every halfe year do the same, you may be assured when my nephew comes at Age my best endeavours shall not be Awanting to do you all the Service in my power, for I am and shall always be yr Real friend to serve you

Thomas Brummell In Newcastle

**15 Dec 1709 Edward Blckett to Matthew Featherstone**

Sir

Dec 15

My Steward <a... allo.. or a ...ke> has paid much above £100 out of my Lead Rents <...> to Jacob Peart at Fallowfield so I desire you'll not fail to Send me a bill pr <later .. day sight p..> 10 or <15> days after Date for 100 £ payable to myself or Ordr and you'll oblige yr Humble Servt

Mr Featherstone & Comp Merchts In Newcastle

**16 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Sampson Smirke**

Sr

Dec 16 1709

Not knowing how to direct to my Son Occasions you this Trouble, the Inclosed Lettr is to Acqt my son that I have writ to my Ld Duke of Devonshire in his behalf, Mr Aislabie will Deliver it with his own hand, he'll be in Town on Wednesday night next and on Thursday he may find him the Lobby . I do not in the least question but the Duke will prevail for a Capts commission for him, I would not write to any other Lord because if the Duke hear of it he'll not take it well, there is a Bill inclosed in Nedde's letter for 20 li so if he be not in town you may open his letter and take the Bill out and Receive the Money for him, tis payable upon Sight I am yr Humble Servt

Mr Sampson Smirke / London

**16 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

[Note: the letter inclosed with the cover to Sampson Smirke]

Dear Nedde

16 Dec

I writ a letter lately to the D of Devonshire in yr behalf , and gave it to Mr Aislabie who will deliver it with his own hand . I do not in the least question but his Grace will prevail for a Capt Commission for you in a very little time . Mr Aislabie will be in Town on Wednesday night next and I perceive by yr Letter to <Bella> that you are ordered by yr Capt to go to Town about Business so it falls very well out, for you may find Mr Aislabie on Thursday in the Lobby in the House of Commons and he'll Acqt you when he designs to wait on the Duke, perhaps tis not necessary that you should go with him to the Dukes but after he has gott you a Commission then you must go with Mr Aislabie to the Duke and Returne his Grace yr humble thanks perhaps you may want money not Receiving any Pay, so have Inclosed you a Bill for twenty Pound payable upon sight In case you be not in Town I have ordered Mr Smirke to open yr Letr and Receive the money for you, I think you'll never learn to write true English, tis a great Shame to you that any Gentl should peruse one of yr Letrs Always when you write to me let the inside of yr Lettr be writ in a large French hand and not in a base Dutch character that nobody can read. All here give you their kind Remembr with my Blessing to you I am yr most Affect Father

Mr Edward Blackett

**16 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to John Field**

Sir

Dec 16

I Recd yr Lettr dated the 10th but this morning, You may see by the backside of it twas return'd from Caxton, if it had come sooner to hand I would have certainly Return'd you my thanks for the care of my Garden Seeds, I have not yet Rec'd them but I question not but I shall in a little time.

Nedd Gray had a parcelle of Port Wine upon his own Acct from Portugall, and I can buy of him rather cheaper than any Mercht In York sells, I know no wine can come from Hull but it will be in great danger of being tap'd by the Way. I am yr obliged humble Servt

Mr Jno. Field Mercht / Hull

**17 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Dec 17

I Rec'd yr Lettr from Newcastle with much Satisfaction, I doubt not in the lease but you'll do as you write me to adjust matters as well as you can and send me a Counter part to peruse by the very first post be sure you give my Service to Mr Mowbray and tell him I am Satisfyd if he take a sixteenth part in this Concern to merely to do me Service, so if they Request it of him I desire he'll do it, and I'll promise him in case they gett any thing tis his own, and if he loose I'll <compensate> him for I had rather loose my Lease than he looses a farthing

I am yr assured friend

I am afraid we cannot make a clear Pay till all the Lead be Sold, however if you want moneys give Will Lowes timely notice of it and he'll pay it you

Mr Lorraine is now with me, and he Complains they wanted Water mightily in summer and now this frost coming on putts them of likewise, he desires a longer time for finishing his bargain, in case there be no carelessness in that in not working when they may I am willing they should have a longer time for finishing their bargain, viz six months, but if you think it convenient you may make it 12 in case they follow their Work as they ought to do, for you know none can Command the Weather as they would have it to do their business, he tells me he can make a Considerable quantity of Lead of the Slaggs that lyes on the other side of the Burne, so be sure you Discourse him upon't and at yr Leasure make what bargain you think Convenient

For Mr Jacob Peart / Per Mr Lorrain

**18 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Edward Gray**

Honest Nedd Gray

Dec 18

This morning I rec'd yr present of Oysters for which I thank you, be sure Always when the <honest> Gentlemen of the Clubb meet at yr house give my humble service to them. You tell me you have cutt the Roll of Brawn but you do not Acqt me whether it be good or not for I doubt it was not Roll'd as it ought to have been. Yr Wine came very safe and I like it well. With all my kind Remembrance to yrselfe and Wife I am yr Assured friend to serve you

Mr Edw Gray

**18 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

Dear Sir

Dec 18

After a bad Journey I hope this will find you well in Town which Should be very glad to hear

I am told by Wm Clarke Harry Clarkes Son of Ripon is in Town and lodges at Mr Pratts at the Wind Mill in St John's Street nigh Smithfield Barr, so I desire you'll do me the favour to order yr Servt Mr Melmerby to go and buy the halfe pound of Brasil Snuff, let the box be seal'd up in a paper and give it to him, for he does not leave the Town till Saturday the 24 at Soonest. All the family are very much yr humble Servts and I am ever yr Most Affectly yrs

Jo. Aislabie Esqr Member of Parliament/ In London

**18 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to John Dawks**

Sir

Dec 18

My friend and Neighbour Mr Aislabie will be in Town on Wednesday next, so you may without any Danger Frank yr news paper thus Free J Aislabie, he has Acquainted Sir Tho. Frankland Postmaster General that you do it by his Ordr. I am yr Servt

Mr John Dawks att his House in Thames Street Near Puddle Dock, London

**19 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sir

Dec 19

Inclosed I Returne you the Rentall Sign'd, Am very sorry to hear that yr Wife's Brother is dead, I hope you took care in case he was at Age that he should make a Will and should be glad to hear he had done it in yr favour.

Mr Gowland is in some Concern about his Wine pray make inquiry after it, and as soon as you can hear anything of it pray give a line to yr Assr'd fr'd and [last word obscured]

For Mr Tho. Brummell

**22 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Dec 22

I perceive that Coven[en]t you made in Skepsey's Lease pleases the tenants so you may make it in all the Leases but take care there be a Clause that it be with my Wife's and my own approbation, and not otherwise and that none of them plows without my and my wife's Consent, to pay forty Shillings per Acre as an increase of rent, I am not willing to be at any charge about <Shacler's> house. You write me the thatching of it will cost above forty shillings which is [crossed out: 'which is more than half years'] nigh an whole years Rent, if he'll give more rent for it I'll be at the Charge, if not, shall not be at any charge whatever with it. I hope Anthony Rickaby will consider better of it, and if you see him by the by you may tell him I have a great mind he should be my Ten'nt and that he shall find me a very kind Landlord. You did mighty well to pay Mr Brummell and also Mr Stephenson.

Am very well pleased what you did with Mr Fenwick and am content to take £8.15 which you know is the same price I held last for, and Receive my moneys the first of March so Ordr James Clark to Weigh of all my Lead as Mr Fenwick has Occasion, Be sure you ordr the wherry men to bring down the lead as fast as it comes to Newburne and also write a Letr to the East Carriagemen that they do not let any lye at the halfe way, I am very glad you have let Whitridge, and I do not despair but in a while beside you'll let Lysden likewise, I hope on Saturday you'll satisfy Mr Fenwick of the mistake that was in his last Acct

I am yr assr'd friend

**22 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Henry Reay**

Sir

Dec 22

I Rec'd yrs with the Inclosed Bill for £100 for which I thank you, I doubt several in Newcastle has lost Money by the Bowman's failing, which am very sorry for, As for Mr Nisbett was always lookt upon to be a mighty Rich man, and had great Dealings with the <...> Hull Merchants, who I hear suffer Extreamply by him Especially his nigh kinsman Mr Garforth, who [~~crossed out: 'is a very rich man'~~] has a very considerable Estate, and able to bear it, With my Service to Mr Featherstone I am Yr Humble Servt

Henry Reay & / Comp Merchts In Newcastle

**23 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to John Blackett**

Dear Jack

Dec 23

It's a long time since I had a Letr from you and Must own tis longer since I writ to you, I had nothing of moment to write to you which was the Occasion, this is only to wish you a happy new Year and I hope to God you may enjoy many, the first Letr you write me give me the names of all those merchts in Newcastle that employs you, As also if any Merchts Employ you that live Elsewhere and their names, the two Bowmens that were Newcastle men are both gone of, the one of them liv'd at London, I perceive a great many Merchts in Newcastle has lost very considerably by them, there is also one Mr Nisbett Mercht in London who was always lookt upon to be a very Rich man, is likewise is gone of, and both the York and Hull Merchts has lost very considerably by him.

There's a great Report that the Treaty about a Peace will be set on fast again very shortly, and tis thought by all that if the Danes had not proclaimed war against Sweden we should have had a peace ere this, for the French King is in hopes that by the Rupture both the Dane & King of Prussia will be obliged to recall their troops which are in our Service, both England & Holland use all the means imaginable to reconcile the two Northern Crowns which if it take effect we may be assur'd that a peace will immediately follow All here give you their kind Remembrance, my Lord Castlecomer is now with me and gives you his service, with my blessing to you I am yr Affect. Father

Upon Rect of this Letr let me hear from you

Mr John Blackett Mercht In Rotterdam

Send me by the very first Ship that Comes to Hull or Newcastle three ounces of the very best <July> flower seed, we call them here <Pickasees> , as also three ounces of the best Curld Parsely seed.

**23 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Walter Calverley**

Dear nephew

Dec 23

Am mightily oblig'd to you for your kind Invitation to my Daughters, I must beg yr and my dear niece pardon for their not Waiting on you at this point, my Daughter Blackett will Acqt yr Lady with the Reason of it in a little time, All this family are very sure to heartily wish you a happy Christmas and a happy new Year I am yr Humble Servt and believe me always most Affect'ly yrs

Walter Calverley Esq

**23 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

Dear Sir

Dec 23

I hope <some> of the <..> comes to yr hand, Since my Daughter Bella Recd the Inclosed, I thought it convenient you should see it, I believe Mr Birchet may remove my son into any ship that comes upon the coast, so that he may be right at hand in case there be Occasion, I Recd a letr this morning from my son which you have likewise Inclosed, I long to hear that you have waited on the Duke of Devonshire, and what Answer you have, pray Acqt me if you think it proper I should write to the Bishop of Ely or my Lord Halifax upon the same Acct, Should be mightly glad we could <request> for a Commission for a small frigott then his fortune will be made, which must always own from you, All this family are much yr humble servts and I am dr sr Intirely yrs

J Aislabie Esq / A member of Parliament

Mr Melmerby

Pray Send the Inclosed by the penny post and you'll oblige yr friend

Hon J Aislabie Esq. / Member of Parliament London

25 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to John Marshall

Sir

Dec 25

My friend Mr Pemberton has writ lately to one Mr Wilton, who lives att the 3 Cranes in Thames Street to send me down a hhead of Choice apple and to ship them in the first York vessel, Directed for me to be left with Wm Scott Crane Mastr of Yorke, I desire you'll give yrselfe the trouble upon Rect hereof to go to Mr Wiltons, and desire him to get the fruit ready with all possible speed , and ship the hhead in the first Yorke vessell, I am sure there's a Yorke Hoy goes off every week, pray inquire before you go to him and Acqt him as also as soon as the hhead is shipt let me hear from You and the master of the ship's names, and you'll much oblige yr Assured friend and Servt

For Mr Jno. Marshall att the Ship On London Bridge

26 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Christopher Castlecomer

My Lord

Dec 26

I am desired by my neighbour Mr Fawcett to make his son's Case known to yr Lordship, he has been in the Excise nigh these two years, and June last yr Uncle Mr Montague coming into the Country to make Examination how the officers of Excise behave themselves found this poor man guilty of a trivall fault to discharge him of his Employment Am informed tis not usual for the Commission of Excise to turn out an officer for the first fault but only to reprove him, so inclosed is his Petition to the Board of Excise, which I desire you'll do me the favour to Inclose to yr Uncle Montague (and to whom pray give my humble service) and as he was the person that turned him out I desire he'll go so far as to restore him upon his good behaviour

Yr Lordship's most faithful humble servt

Rt Hon'able my Lord Castlecomer Kirklington These [preents]

26 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Honest Will

Dec 26 1709

By the last post I Recd yrs of the 17. I can in much less time have a Letr from Holland than than most of the Letrs I have from you, I must own am still in greater & greater Admiration how yr Disbursements should come to the <Tenth> part of what you write me, seeing you had no houses to build, and as for the <Water> charge told you I would be at as little Expense as possibly could, and had much rather loose a

small matter of <Growth> than be constantly at a yearly expense, the last year when the mill, mill houses & dams were made good and discharg'd, you told me there would be little or no charge hereafter, except for felling and pilling of wood, wch I do not look upon to be any charge but an Advantage

You need not come to Newby till after the Sessions I would not have you come such a journey till the ways be much better & the Days much longer for you may pay the Remainder of the whole Year's Rent at Fallowfield Pay which will not be so soon as I expected, however I believe Jacob may have Occasion for a good Sume of Money before the Pay.

I am sorry you have no better hopes of Mr Ridley's Lead Mine but you are much mistaken in saying they never came to any Oar for he gave me a piece himself when I was last at Newcastle which they sent him from that place, As for George Dodd being in Morpeth Gaol for Debt, Am sorry for the poor man tho' I can loose nothing by him, for you know he has an <Ancient tene[me]nt> of land, when he came last to Newby it was to Acqt me that he and some others had found out a very hopeful Vein of Oar in that Lordship, and would very gladly have taken a tack note, I told him they were not able to manage such a Concern, for I would not let them one tho he told me some of his partn's were able to spend £100 and more & do them no harm, I intend in the Spring to send some people of Judgement from Fallowfield to view it, and if they judge it hopefull shall sett on people to make a tryall, I perceive Dodd had two Workpeople to work there for some time and had very great Encouragement. upon the Rect of this Lettr let me hear from you and constantly once in 14 days and the price < >of all <produce> of Corn with you I am

William Lowes Willimontswick

## **26 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dear Maria

Decembr 26 1709

I Recd yrs of the 16th as also a lettr from Mrs Bewick which you have Inclos'd, you'll perceive by it that she has agreed after the <Reste> for £55 a year, which is much more than I thought to have given, however seeing you have so great a mind to it, and being but for six months, am Satisfy'd, you need not come to Newby in yr Journey to Yorke, but you must take care to take places in the London Coach for Monday Such a day of the Month, and then you may rest all Sunday in Yorke. Mr Speight and Mr Croft will take you places three weekes before you leave Newcastle, so then you may be sure of them when you come to Yorke, the best way will be for to take the Yorke Coach on a Thursday, so you'll be at Yorke on Sunday night, Give my service to Mr Brumell he'll have time enough to inquire you out a ship for yr maid and Cloaths to go in, lett them go with Convoy & there's no Manner of Danger, Give my Service to my Coz Simpson & Coz Wilkinson & let me know how the two Rolls of Brawn prov'd, I am afraid they

were not well Roll'd tho' I believe they'll keep no worse for it, tho' not look so well.  
With my Blessing to you both  
I am yr most Affect Father

Mrs Maria Blackett Newcastle

Shall expect a Letr from you by fryday nights post and what you learn of my Lady  
Blacket

Lett me know what estate Mr Rogers left and where his Son is, and whether he was  
indebted any great Sum at his death

**26 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to John Douglas**

Sir

Dec 26 1709

I desire you'll do me the favr to write to Col Blakiston if he'll be pleased to let his  
house in Newcastle either for three or seaven years, and I'll be his Ten't provided he'll  
sett a moderate Rent upon it, pray satisfy me by a line that this comes to yr hand and  
you'll oblige Sir yr ass'd friend and humble servt

John Douglas Esq / At his house In Newcastle

**27 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Henry Baynes**

Sir

Dec 27 1709

Am very much obliged to you for yrs of the 21st which Mr Wilkinson's servt  
brought me the other day, pray do me the favr to write a line to Mrs Squire, and know  
if she be pleased to let that part of the house she liv'd in in Yorke & the < ....> of the  
Garden and what rent she demands yearly, and in case she take a moderate price upon  
it you have a friend that will take it for 7 years but by no means name me

Pray send me by the very first boat two of yr new fashioned glass decanters, lett  
them be putt into a little basket, and acqt me by a line by the post & shall send for them  
to Newby Wishing you a happy Xtmas and many new years I am yr Humble Servt

I am very well informed that Mr Brummell looses little or nothing

For Mr Henry Baynes at his House In Coney Street, Yorke

28 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett

Dear Maria

Decbr 28 1709

Since I enclosed you Mrs Bewick's Letr I Recd yrs of the 9th Let me know by the very first post the Gentlewomans name where you agree to lodge, and the Street that her house is in that I may make inquiry into the Gentlewomans Character

You write me that Sir Jno. Delavall has eight holes in his Arm and that the Surgeons are afraid of a Gangrene, it cannot possibly be true by Reason I have a Letr Every week from Seaton, and sometime from himself, and he takes no Manner of Notice of it

I did always believe it would be a match betwixt Mr Rogers and Miss Delavall, and it will do mighty well for them both, make certain inquiry about Sir Jno Delavall as also where my two nephew Midfords are and Acqt me by the next post. With my Blessing to you I am

yr most Affect Father

Mrs Henrietta Maria Blackett / Newcastle

29 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James

Dber 29

I perceived yrs of the 24, that you have gott tenants for Lysdon, I doubt they'll never agree long, could wish you had Rickaby for them all, however if they be able people I can be no looser by them, you do mighty well in encouraging Rickaby, for perhaps one time or other you may get him into Seaton Lordship, Am glad Mr Fenwick is satisfy'd as to the mistake and take a bill of him payable to me or my Ordr for the moneys, no doubt but you may secure the oldr for <mart> as well as to putt in a new one which you know will be much less Charge, I had a letr lately from Maria who writes me that Sir Jno. Delaval has eight holes in his Arm, and that the Surgeons were fear'd of a gangrene, lett me know by yr first post whether it lies so or not. Inclosed I send you Mr Carnady's Acct what Mr Aislabie is Iindebted to him for a hhead of wine, which he desir'd one Mr Shepherdson to chuse for him, the sume comes to £33.19.3 as you'll see by the inclos'd, if you can get anything abated do, Receive the money of Mr Reay, and you may pay him when you come to Town again, take the Rect thus Rec'd of James Mewburne the Sume of [left blank] in full for a h[ogs]head of wine which Mr Shepherdson bought for the use of John Aislabie Esqr and inclose the Rect by Saturday nights post to

yr Assured friend

Jacob Peart is now with me and will be in Newcastle on Saturday next , with the Lease of Fallowfield Lead mines Executed and you and he may be witnesses to the Counterpart

James Mewburn Att Seat Del

**31 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Decr 31 1709

You may remember when I read the Lease there was a blank left for the years that I should have one of the Hearths at the great mill a Week in Every Month for Smelting my Waste, so I told you that my Clerk should put in one and twenty years, that is during their Lease but he thinks he did not put it in, so be sure it be put in both in the Lease and the Counterpart. The Tenants may rely upon it that if I have no Waste they may make use of that Hearth continually for you know the more they smelt the more my Advantage

There ought to be a Clause on the back side of the Lease & Counterpart that in case they throw in the old work I may have the Liberty to work them myself For you know I may get something by them when they cannot pay me a fifth out of it, I wish I had considered this when you were here, however I hope this will come soone enough before you deliver the Lease, however I have that opinion of the Gentlemen that tis so Reasonable none of them will be against it, so give it under their hand to that purpose, tho' the Lease be Deliver'd, the first time I write you to Fallowfield shall send you a Copy of Mr Lorain's Lease, as also a note of what the five bottoms cost and what the Charges came to, fail not to write me a line from Newcastle

I am yr Assr'd friend

Mr Jacob Peart

**31 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Dec 31 1709

Beneath you have a copy of Jacob Peart's Letr and be sure you be a witness and See all things done accordingly as I write, if you be not in town when this comes to Maria's hand have order'd her to hire a messenger on purpose to go with this Letr to Seaton, this day proves so bad a day, that I hope Jacob cannot Reach Newcastle till it be very late, and in case you gott my Last Letr wch I wish you did I hope you stay'd in Town all night, and carry'd Jacob with you to Seaton on Sunday, and gett these writings Executed on Monday, there is a blank left both in the Lease and Counterpart, do you

fill it up with one and twenty years and a note under their hands will be sufficient In case they throw up the old works , or do not think it convenient to work them, that I may have liberty, for I may get some small matter by them when they must certainly loose, being they pay me a fifth out of them I am in haste yr assur'd friend

Mr Jas Mewburne

**31 Dec 1709 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dear Maria

Dber 31 1709

The two Inclosed Letrs are of Concern and as soon as you Receive them send to my Coz Wilkinson and know whether Jacob Peart be in Town & where he lodges for you must needs speak with him, I hope James Mewburne would stay all Saturday night in Town, so upon Rect of this Letr send to his Host house that you would speak with him and if he be gone to Seaton hire a messenger immediately to carry this Letr to him, perhaps Jacob Peart might go with him to Seaton on Sunday morning which you may know at his Host house, and in case he went with James you may send his Letr likewise my Service to Mr & Mrs Brummell my blessing to you both I am  
yr most Affect Father

Mrs Hen'ta Maria Blacket

**1 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to William Thomson**

Sir

Janry 1 1709/10

I Recd yrs this morning, my Son & Daughter Blacket has promised my Lord Castlecomer to Wait on him att Kirklington on Tuesday next, and stay two or three days with him, so I desire you'll be here on fryday next or Monday next after which will be most convenient for you, and let me know which day you'll pitch upon by a line by the post boy on Monday morning who I have order'd to Deliver you this Lettr and in case he neglect to deliver you the Lettr you may write a line by the post on Monday night, you need not bring with you the Recovery, for Durham Estate, for will Receive them all from you together, pray bring a Rect from Mrs Cuthbertson and I'll pay you her Intrest money, with my Service to her and yr family I am yr Assur'd friend and Humble Servt

Mr Wm Thomson Attorney at Law  
At his house in Coney Street, Yorke

**1 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Dear Kitty

Janry 1 1709/10

I Rec'd yrs of the 29th dated from London, I Rec'd a Lettr lately from Mr Gould, who very kindly writ me that upon the least notice from you he would give my Bro Bridges and yr Mastr a meeting at any time and place they would please to Appoint, so when you write and yr Mastr has Agreed upon the time and place you must go yr Selfe to Mr Gould and Acqt him, Am sure he'll be very willing to meet and do you all the service in his power.

Am sorry the Collar of Brawn prov'd so bad, I had got then a new Cook and he did not understand how to Roll it which I believe was the onely Reason it prov'd so bad, and besides the carriage is so far to London that tis almost impossible to get it good thither. upon Rect of this Lettr Know of Mr Smirk how his Collar prov'd I doubt it prov'd no better. Always when you see my Lady Blacket & yr Uncle Bridges be Sure you give my Service to them, let me know what yr Uncle and she thinks whether yr Coz be married or not, for I learn the Report is in Northumberland that Mrs Ord at this time is lying in of her second girl, Aqct me whether you hear any thing of the Report or not, with my humble service to Mr Primate & Blessing to you I am yr Most Affect. Father

Mr Chris Blackett

**2 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to John Douglas**

Sir

Janry 2 1709/10

Am much obliged to you for the favr of yr Lettr the whole house will be little enough for my family, I hear that Mrs Blakiston will be very unwilling to leave the house, if so, I will have no thoughts of it, for I would not by any means disoblige her, I hear that Sr Jno. Delavall is or has been very ill, pray inquire as from yr Selfe if there is any Danger, Acqt me by the first post

I am Sr, yr most humble Servt

John Douglas Esq. / At his house in Newcastle

3 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie

Dear Sir

Janry 3 1709/10

Am Mightily concerned to hear by Severall hands of yr being very ill of a Sore Throat, should be very glad of the satisfaction of a line under yr own hand of yr Perfect Recovery

I hear there is very great Stickling at Ripon about Chusing their Mayor, which you know is to be this day, Severall of the Aldermen finding that <Ald Ripley> will certainly be a light has made their utmost Endeav'r to the four & twenty not to elect <friend> [struck out: 'Ald Ripley'] and as much interst made as ever there was for a Parlim'nt Man, Ald. Sedgwick, Charnock & Ripley is thought <will be the> Candidates, and each of them thinks himself Cocksure of being Elected, I doubt I shall not hear before I send my Lettr away, the first post after I Recd yr last Lettr I order'd my Servt Mewburne to pay Mr Kenady for yr Wine which he accordingly did and inclos'd me the Rect for it the next day, which shall give you at yr Returne. All this family are much yr humble servts and heartily wishes you yr Recovery pray believe me Always  
Dr Sir most affectionately yrs

J Aislabie Esq / London

5 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James

Janry 5 1709/10

Inclosed I send you the two Leases wch I have perus'd, I find you have not drawn alike for in one of them I'm oblig'd to pay 14 <s> for every twenty foth of Limestone that they burne and in the other Lease I'm oblig'd to pa or as many Coales as will burn 200 ffs Limestones, there is likewise another Clause in both the leases wch I do not at all understand which is that I oblige myself to allow 200 ffo Limestone, and they are only oblig'd to Spread & lay on the ground 100 ffo which be sure let that be Rectified, as for Mr <Shelby's> house, you had best know of him what would please him in moneys and let him Repair his house to his own liking and let me know his Demands, for I had much rather give him a little moneys that trouble my Self in Repairing his house. You did very well to inclose me a bill for Mr Fenwick, Any workman can tell you whether the old <Dormon> will be Serviceable again, if not then must be a new one.

Always make Enquiry how Sir Jno Delavall does, You should Acqt me whether he is at Seaton or where he is, and whether they think him past all manner of Danger, You must inquire nicely as from yr Selfe and Acqt me Every Saturday post, you did well to pay Kenady, have Recd his Rect. You do not Acqt me whether there was 21 years put in where there was a blank left both in the lease and the Counterpart, I could have

wish'd tho' now tis too late that I had kept the old Works in my own hand, Order Jacob to get all the Oar smelted go with all possible speed, fail not to write a line per first post to yr Assr'd friend

James Mewburne / Seat Del

**5 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sir

Janry 5

I Recd yrs with a bill inclosed for 100 £ which I have given you Credit for, Inclos'd I Returne you my nephew's Lettr. I doubt a great many in Newcastle has been losers by Bowmans I hope you are none of them, pray Acqt me what they say Mr Forster has lost by him, and how he dealt with him, I would by no means have you to refuse my nephew's Request in giving Forster leave to draw £100 upon you, for you can be no looser by it and 'twill be a means to keep you intirely in his favour

My nephew desired me before I went last to Newcastle that I would speak to Mr Mayor Alderman Ridley and several other of the Aldermen for their Interest for him for the next Election, which accordingly I did and gave him an Acct of it that they all unanimously promised to stand by him with their Interest, but desir'd he would make no Stirr in it till nigher the Election I am yr Assur'd Friend to Serve you

Mr Thos. Brummell / Newcastle

**9 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett**

[Note: Several inches left blank after this, presumably to finish it later]

Dear Sr

Janry 9 1709,

I am often troublesome because you are Always kind, and tho' one would think kindness should have a different Effect, yet how it comes to pass I know not, We beggars are apt to think that one favour readily Granted is a good pretention for the desiring of Another

**9 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

Sir

Janry 9th 1709

Am oblig'd to you for yr two books, but much more for procuring me some Apples, I hope when they come to Newby you'll come and taste them and give me yr opinion of them.

I have sent you by the Bearer what yr friend was in disburse for them, which by the bill he Inclosed note as £1.6.6 All here are much yr humble servts and believe me always yr most oblig'd humble servt

Dated Janry the 9 Saturday night

For The Revd Mr Pemberton / Bedale

**9 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Janry 9

I Rec'd yr Lettr of the <6>th. You may Remember there was a blank left in both the Lease & Counterpart in place of which was that I should have the use of One hearth in the great mill one week in a month for smelting my Wast Oar, for the Spaces of blank, and I ordered my Servt to put in 21 years which by a mistake was not done, so be Sure you get a <crosse> under their hands that I may have the use of one of the hearths a week in a month for Smelting my wast, during the lease I perceive by Mewburne that the 18th Janry is appointed for Mr Mowbray to be at Fallowfield and he'll not fail to meet him at the time appointed to view & value all the utensils that is to be Deliver'd to the partn'rs . You had much better make it that they should have paid what they were worth in Moneys, and onely Reserve such as would be necessary for digging and working the old wasts, when things are done in such a sudden they are never well done, you may Remember you desired me by no means to part with the old works but to pick their bones my selfe So if that had been done there there had been no Occasion for them to have any of the work geer, for might have made use of them myself, and then they must be oblig'd to have bought all new Work Geer for working the forefield however tis too late now to talk of these things Inclosed send you a copy of Mr Loraine's Contract as also a Lettr to him which you may peruse Seal & Deliver, you may receive any day you go to Newcastle of Mssrs Featherstone & Reay 35£ which you say is due to Mr Loraine, as also 93£ .5.5 wch you say the Work people owe for Candles wch let it be paid for the more there is paid the less there will be to pay at the Pay wch is <equal to it> I need not send a note to Mr Featherstone for he'll pay it you upon sight of this Lettr below you have the <clause> of the <sive bottoms>, as also some small matters I <lent> the Workmen when they came here wch be sure you deduct at the Pay, Upon Rect of this Lettr be sure you give a line to  
yr Assrd friend

Mr Ja Peart / Fallo.

I wish you could prevail with Mr Loraine to make the other Thirty fother that he is to make the same weight that is made at the Mill, and I'll give him so much more in price

as the weight comes to, by Reason you know twill save me money in the Carriage, and in the main tis the same thing to him

**9 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Ralph Loraine**

Mr Loraine

Janry 9 1709/10

I perceive by my Steward that you misunderstood me when you were last at Newby, I told you that in case the Winter prov'd extremely hard and the Summer Drouty, that in case you kept close to your work and neglected no time when the Weather was Seasonable I would not take the forfeiture of yr Bond wch is £100 but allow you six months longer for making our yr 40 ffo at £3.10s per fother. Certainly you could not imagine I should be such a fool as to give Six months time longer after yr forty fother is made and to pay you £5 a fother for the six months I gave you all the kindness I design'd you was that I would not take yr forfeiture of yr Bond provided as I told you before you kept close to yr Work, I desire the next thirty fother you make that the weight be the same as the other fothers made at the mill, and I'll give you the same Consideration that the weight deserves, wch will be the same thing to you, and will Save me money in Carriage wch I know you cannot in Reason refuse, So have ordered Jacob to compute it with you, as also to pay £35 for the Ten Tun of Lead you have already made, You have now made 10 tun in <about 22 weeks> so if you keep close to yr Work I hope you'll make much more than 40 tun in the two years Allowed you which you know will be a good advantage to you, wch I heartily wish you may being

yr Assr'd friend

Mr Ra. Loraine

**11 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to John Stapylton**

[Note: to John Stapylton of Myton-on-Swales, Tory MP for Boroughbridge 1705-8]

Sir

Janry 11th

I have been at Ripon all this day upon a <C...> otherwise yr Servt might have been Dispatched long before this. I am very sorry to hear by Mr Gowland of yr <.... ..> indisposition, & shall send a plaister to lay to his stomach tomorrow morning wch I hope by Gods almighty Blessing will have the desired Effect All this family are humble Servts to yr Selfe & Lady and pray believe me always Sir yr faithful humble sert

Yr Servt is not to blame for staying for I am but just now Return'd

John Stapylton Esq / At Miton

**12 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to John Douglas**

Sir

Janry 12 1709

I Recd yrs with the Inclosed for wch I thank you, my Wife has no further thoughts of taking Col. Blakiston's house by reason she hears that the old Lady would be very unwilling to leave it, tis for the Convenience of living in a Town in winter and not in Summer, that she would have taken it, she is now advised to take a house for a term of years in London by Reason most of her Relations are always there in winter, so should have an Opportunity of seeing them Every year

If you go to London on horseback should be glad to see you at Newby in yr Road, which you know is not at all out of the Way. I am Sir yr obliged h. Servt

John Douglas Esq / Newcastle

**12 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Janry 12

Inclosed I send you the two Leases, the one Executed and the other I perused so you may get it Engrossed at yr Convenience, and inclose it to me,

I doubt not but that you may get the old <Dormer> supported with a very little charge, as also what Else is necessary to be done at the house, onely to Support it from falling, Am glad you have paid Mr Featherstone for the moneys you took of his <lad> is charge Mr Aislabie's Debt to <the nody>, I have drawn a bill on Mr Featherstone payable to Mr Garland postmaster of Burr'bridge or ordr upon the third day of Febry next for £51.19 which is to pay for Wine wch he had from <Scotland.> So he sent the bill to Edinbrough the last quatr, and <when.> you Receive money of the Tenants You may discharge that Bill to Mr Featherstone likewise for I would have all the money to lye in his hands, that his Lead comes to, the Bill which he sent me for £100 Will Lowes paid that sum to Jacob Peart and <Gerr.d> Dobson, Jacob will want money to pay for Mr Loraine, Ten for Lead as also £33.05.5 for candles which Ordr Featherstone & Compy to pay him when he comes to Newcastle

Tis no matter whether the words were putt into the Lease or not, for the Lord is Allowed by the Lease to make use of the One of the Hearths One week in a month during the Lease,

Mr Mowbray was here last night and went Northward this morning, and designs to be at Fallowfield the 18 Janry to value the utensils, I wish you could make a bargain

that they should pay money for all the utensils, and not to Restore them as good as they are 21 years hence, for that was a very foolish Article putt into the Lease. You must be sure to keep all the work gear that is necessary for digging & dressing & washing the Waste and smelting the Slagg, as for the Washing Tubbs I shall not part with any of them by Reason I design to set on as many people as possibly I can get to Digg thro and get and wash all the the Oar in the dead heaps, and sooner I can get them wrought up will be much the better for me, however you may lend them Tubbs till they can get Some made

James Clarke acqted me last post that he had Weigh of 300 p[iece]s Lead to Mr Fenwick, and that there Remained in the Cellar 400, know of Mr Fenwick when he'll take the Remainder if he tells you he does not know then know of Mr Featherstone & Comp when they'll have Occasion for 4 or 500 pcs by Reason you spoke to Mr Fenwick the first had much rather he would take them, As for the Gardener Atkinson shall continue his 50 <s> shill a year no longer than last Martinmas, & and as for the Farm wch he took of you for 17s 6d you must receive the whole and return him as a present from me the add 7s 6d but every year Rent day Receive the whole Rent, Do not suffer him to remove anything out of the Garden, and tell him I shall take it ill if he do, but if you <sh...> to make him a present of anything you may for <sha...> none of them of any great value, my Wife tells me there <...> severall Tools and Instruments left in the Garden when Sir Ra. Deyd.

<Whatever> thing he can make to appear he bought he's very welcome to take them away, When you go to Fallowfield be sure you take Jacob and two good Workmen with you, and also take pick and shovels with them for am informed in an hours time they'll shew you a fair Vein at both ends that is 12 Score or more one from another that lyes directly as all the other veins does lye, fail not to Answer this Lettr per Saturday nights post

I am yr Assrd friend

James Mewburne

S..D. Upon second thoughts let him take any things out of the Gardens that will be serviceable to him, especially the things that he propagated, I sent above a 100 Apple trees, be sure there be great Care taken of them, What utensils as Spades Shovells etc he bought let him take them away

**12 Jan 1710 Edward Blakett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Janry 12

This is a Copy of my last, I would have you to Sett on as many people as possibly you can to get all the waste Dress'd up, that is to say, so many people at each <Shaft> and that they go to the very bottom of every heap, I will not part with any of the

Washing tubbs but I will lend them till they can get some made, for shall make all of them my Selfe being I'm resolved to sett so many Severall companys at work, Mewburne will not fail to be with you the 18, could wish all the bargain'd Oar was dressed ready for Smelting, so that we may have a clear Pay in March, Take two Men with you and Mewburne to Warksburn, and lett them take two picks and two shovells with them, and in an hours time they'll show you a fair vein at both Ends that is 12 score or more one from another that lyes directly as all other veins do I am yr Assr'd friend

Mr Jacob Peart

**14 Jan 1710 Edward Blakett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Janry 14

I Rec'd yrs of the 12th and I'll assure you what I wish I had it from no man living, it was onely a foolish Surmise of my own, and am mighty well Satisfied in every Particular, Be sure you Reserve as much work gearas will be useful for my Selfe both as the Working the Dead heaps & dressing the Slaggs, You are very much in the Right as to the Words of One & Twenty years being in or out of the Lease, for I took advice of it, So let lett all the work geer be valued and do you perform every title of the Lease & God Almighty send Success, you may Receive money of Mr Featherstone when you please, I writ last post to Mewburne to Acqt him with it, I should have you by all means to be Concerned for the <partners> and I hope they'll give you a very good Sallary for I'm sure you deserve it, Mr Mowbray was here and will be with you the 18 and so will Mewburne likewise I am yr Assr'd friend

Monsieur Jacob Peart / At Fallowfield

This is a copy of my last, be sure you give my Service to Mr Mowbray & tell him I did not think he would have gone away from Newby without seeing me in the Morning, have sold all the Lead in Cellar so shall certainly make a pay in March, so Acqt the Workmen that they make a clear field I am yr

**14 Jan 1710 Edward Blakett to Matthew Featherstone**

[Note: refers to the letter to Peart of the same date]

Sir

Janry 14

If Jacob Peart be not in Town I desire you'll do me the favour to hire a messenger to go very betimes on Monday morning with the Inclosed What you are in disburse for the messenger Mewburne will Repay you X I am Sir yr very humble Servt

X Whatever you disburse for the messenger Mewburne will Repay you

Mr Featherston & Reay / Merchts in Newcastle

**14 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dear Maria

Janry 14

Am very well Satisfied with the Accts you give me of Mr & Mrs How, you do not write me the Street where they live, I perceive you spoke to Mr Speight to take you places, so I heartily wish you both a good Journey, you had much better desire yr Sister & Bro. Wise to meet you at Helperby at <Dui.> than to putt them to the trouble & charge of going to Yorke, and besides if you knew how uneasy tis to yr Sister to travel, you would never desire it, Mewburne will give you moneys for yr Coach hire & Charges, So take no more than you must needs, for money is not so very plentiful, I shall not meet you on the Road because I would have <now> know <here> when you go, be Sure you write to yr sister Wise that she must by no means go to Yorke, if she do I believe it will be very ill taken here, So she had much better meet you at Helperby, When you return from Lamesley let me hear from you With my Blessing to you both I am yr Most Affect Father

If you Receive my Lettr at Lamesley Be sure you give my humble service to my Nephew & Niece Clavinging

Mrs Maria Blackett / Newcastle

**15 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Sampson Smirke**

Sir

Janry 15

I writ you on the 16 with an Inclosed Lettr for my Son, and a bill in it for £20, I desired you in case my Son was not in Town to open the Lettr and take out the bill and Receive the money for him, I am afraid my Lettr came not to yr Hand because I have heard nothing from you or my Son Ever Since, pray charge the postage all my Lettrs to my Acct for may have reason to write to you very often , I perceive by a Lettr from Mr Aislabie this day that he has been mighty ill Since he came to Town, but at present God be thanked is very well Recover'd, and will immediately make use of his Interest for my Son Nedds preferment If my Son be in Town know of him whether he goes to visit my Lord Bishop of Ely or not, for he is a man of very great Intrest at Court, upon Rect of this Lettr lett me hear from you and where my Son Nedd is, for shall Inclose him a Lettr to the Bishop of Ely pray Acqt me if he has been in Town, and whether he has

seen Mr Aislabie, or not, and where his Ship is, I must likewise give you the trouble to go to the Plow and Harrow in Plow Street in Redriff and inquire if there is or has been one Edmund Dawson at that house, and what Man of War he serves in, and what his post is, and what charges you are at in going thither pray charge it to the Acct of Sir yr oblig'd Servt

Pray fail not to write to me by the very next post

Mr Sampson Smirk

**16 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Mr Ward

Janry 16

I Recd both yr Lettr Am sorry for the small <bottom> breach of the Dam <...>, tis well its no worse, I could wish the Mill had been lett for less rent, provided the Miller had been oblig'd to keep the Dam in Repair, when any burst happens you need not delay Repairing of it till you have ordrs from me, for all my Concerns there I refer it Solely to yr own discretion , I cannot imagine how you should <part with Garsell there> for you have great plenty both in Sockburne & Girsby ground tho' it be a little far to fetch All manner of Grain advances here Except <beans>, and the very best beans may be bought for 3<d> or <under> and very good for the Groats I <remain> yr Assrd friend etc

What corn is shippt is for London & other places in this Kingdom for they cannot Send it Abroad

Mr Jno. Ward / Dinsdale

**16 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Janry 16

I Recd yrs with Whitridge Lease which shall inclose you of fryday nights post, tho' I know you cannot possibly be at Newcastle till Saturday, So you may write from Fallowfield to Mr Featherstone & Reay to call for yr Lettr at the post house and keep it till you come to Town, or you may Ordr Some from Seaton Delavall to bring it thither again you return, Am glad that so small a matter will repair both the Dormers, and at yr own Convenience you may see what's necessary to be done at the Rose Chamber, for I will be as at little charge with the house as possibly I can, and be sure you do nothing but what's absolutely necessary

You should always leave as little money at Seaton as possibly you can, especially when you go abroad, As you Receive 10 or 20 or the like tis but lodging of it with Mr Featherstone

Give my Service to Mr Mowbray & tell him I did not Expect he would have gone away from Newby without seeing me in the morning, I hope you'll find the Vein at Warkburne very hopeful, Acqt me how Mr Ald. Ridley proves with his bargain, Am glad Mr Fenwicke has almost clear'd the Cellar, so you may Acqt the Workmen that I do not question but to make a clear Pay the beginning of March wch will Encourage them to get all the Oar Smelted by that time, you did well to take no notice Either to Mr Fenwick or Mr Featherstone about the Lead seeing 'twas all weighed of Be sure you buy no Haddock for we can buy them here for 3 pence a piece Be sure write a before you leave Fallowfield to yr Assr'd friend

James Mewburne / Fallowfield

I do not doubt but you'll take care to value the Works at a good handsome Rate Seeing they have <luck>, I wish you could make yr bargain to sell them cheaper, a very long time for the payment, provided they should pay money for them at Mayday or Mich'mas next, be sure you Reserve a sufficient quantity for working & Searching the dead heaps, As also whats necessary for Slaggs. As for the Washing Tubbs that I have not Occasion for you may sell them Some or lend them till they can get new ones made. make a bargain with Mr Loraine to make the thirty fother Lead that he is to make the same Weight that is made at the Mill and I'll pay him for the <Over> for twill be the same thing to him, for he's paid for the Overweight more than his bargain

**19 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Janry 19

<The above said is a> copy of my last wch I Sent to Fallowfield for fear it might miscarry <occasions this>. I perceive by Maria that she has Occasion for a small box or trunk at Seaton, so ordr it to be brought to Newcastle I doubt this Weather would hinder you from going to Warkburne, I long to hear What you have done at Fallowfield, Acqt Maria that you'll bring her the old Trunk. Fail not to write as soon as this comes to hand to yr Assrd friend

Mr James Mewburne  
These [presents]

Sir

Janry 19

Inclosed is a Lettr to Mewburne wch pray keep till he come or Sends for it and you'll oblige Sir yr Humble Servt

Mr Featherstone & Reay

**20 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to William Thomson**

[Note: The postscript is given in the original after Mr Aislabie's letter of the same date]

Sir

Janry 20

I perceive by yrs that yr Agent will take particular care of the Recovery for the Lordship of Girsby, which is all the Yorkshire Estates that I will have a Recovery upon. I have writ to Mr Aislabie to know what he judges the <pr.... I take> the <Fine> may be Compounded for, I am intimately acquainted with Mr Stockdale, and yr friend Mr Hall I desire may make use of my <share> to [struck out: 'Mr Stockdale'], and know of him certainly what the Fine may be compounded for, for I am not willing to throw away much money when there is no great Occasion for it, for the younger Son's Annuity is charged upon that Estate both by my father my Selfe & my Son, however when I know what the <fine> will be you shall hear further from me Sir, yr very humble Servt

To Mr Wm Thomson / Yorke

Pray desire Mr Hall as soon as he has <discoursed> Mr Stockdale to give you a line Pray desire yr friend Mr Hall to Acqt Mr Stockdale that the most I Receive from these Severall Manners is a Royalty of Lead <Stone & Coal &c> and as for the Rents they are only Small <ancient> Rents and very inconsiderable so that I hope the fine may come very easy

Postscriptum to Mr Thomsons Lettr

Since I writ this have very Effectually writ to Mr Aislabie to use his best interest with Col. Saunderson & Mr Stockdale to get the Fine mitigated which I do not question but will be done, pray write by this post to your Agent Mr Hall as also to yr friend Mr Taylor in case he live in London to go to Mr Aislabie and consult him about this Affair, they may at any time find him in the house of Commons or Westminster Hall

**20 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

Dear Sir

Janry 20 1709/10

I Recd yrs with much Satisfaction seeing it brought me an Acct of yr perfect Recovery.

I had a Lettr this post from Will Thomson of Yorke who I have Empl'y'd to Sue out a Recovery for my North Estates and there's a great many Manners nam'd tho' in Reality of no great Value only Royalties of Lead Share Coal &c and he writes me that in case an Intrest be made with Col. Saunderson the fine may be compounded for a small Matter, he writes me likewise that Mr Stockdale compounded a fine upon Sr Wm Robinson's Estate for Easy Tearmes, pray know of Sir Wm Robinson what matter was taken in his Affairs, and I desire you'll give yr Selfe the Trouble to take the same with mine I perceive Mr Francis Taylor was Sir William's Attorney, and he employed Mr Nich. Hall to sue out the Recovery and that the Fine was upon very Easy Terms, pray do me the favour to <Intoe's with> Col Sanderson in mitigating the Fine, and also Acqt him that the <Ledell> Lordship or Manners are of very little value, Mr Hall and Mr Taylor you may see them any day in Westminster Hall, and they will inform you more upon this Acct., However I have Inclosed you Will Thomsons Lettr.

I have not heard from my Son Nedd this long time, nor do I know where he is, I will inclose him a Lettr to deliver to the Bis'p of Ely as soon as I hear he's in Town, if he be not in Town I desire you'll write to him to come to Town if you think there be Occasion, I hope you'll pardon this Dayly trouble given you by Dear Sir yr most faithfull & most oblig'd friend & Servt

Jno. Aislabie Esqr. / Member of Parliament

**21 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Baynes**

Sir

Janry the 21st

I am much Oblig'd to you for giving me Mrs Squires Answer about her house, As for my Lady Moysley's my Wife does not at all Approve of that house by Reason the Apothecary's shop is so nigh the Dining Room & Drawing Room where they are continually beating in a mortar which is very troublesome to the next rooms both below and above pray Send me up by the boat two of yr new fashioned flat Glass Decanters, Acqt me if you have any Japan'd Iron Decanters, if you have send me a Couple of them I am sir yr Humble Servt

Mr Henry Baynes at his House in Yorke

**21 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Errington**

Sir

Janry 21

I Recd yrs of the 19th and am very willing to make a bargain for all the Grove wasts dead Heaps & <Cuttings>, So let me know what you'll give for them all together by the

Lump, or what I shall give you for Smelting of them, provided you be obliged to go to the very bottom, and thro' every great heap at Every Shaft, In case you by them by the Lump you have a Harth etc one week in every month during the Smelting of all yr Waste and what Slaggs you make of the Works you may have the Slagg Harth for smelting yr slaggs As soon as Loraine has performed his bargain, wch will be a long time before you have occasion to smelt yr Slaggs, pray give a line of yr Resolution first post to yr Assured friend & humble servt

Mr Tho. Errington att Errington nigh Hexham

**21 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Humphrey Primate**

Sir Mr Primate

Janry 21

I had own'd the favour of yrs of the 29 long before this but being Xtnas time & much Abroad prevented me, Am very glad you have provided a sober ingenious man to be Company with my Son in partnership, and I do not in the least question but they'll do well, you always give my Son a good Character which he's much oblig'd to you for, & I hope he'll have Grace to own his great Obligations to you for yr most oblig'd trouble for him, Pray do me the favr to give my most humble Service to Mr Gould when you see him

**22 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

Son Nedd

Janry 22

Upon yr Earnest desire I sent you a bill for £20 Inclosed in my Lettr to Mr Smirke and ordered him in case you were not in Town to open it and take out the bill & Receive the money and pay it you when you came to Town, Tis now above five weeks time, and not a word from you nor Mr Smirke, I have likewise made it my best Endeavour to get you a Captain's Commission and had certainly Accomplished it if I had had frequent Lettrs from you to have known where you were, and how I might have Direct'd to you but seeing you are so very careless in yr own Concern you may be assur'd I shall trouble my Selfe no further with you, and take it for granted that the bill I sent you last shall be the last Bill you shall ever Receive from me, I had not sent that Bill, knowing you might live very <upon yr> Lieut's Commission, but to putt you into an Equipage against you Receiv'd yr Capts Commission, I have no more to write but that I am

yr most Disoblig'd Father

Lieut. Blackett

**22 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Sampson Smirke**

Sir

Janry 22

Tis now above 5 weeks Since I inclos'd you a Lettr to my Son Nedd with a bill of Exchange being for £20, and desir'd you in case he was not in Town to open the Lettr and take out the Bill and Receive the money, but since that time I never Recd one Syllable from you, tho' I have writ to you post after post to know whether you Recd the Bill & where my son Nedd was, whether at London or Portsmouth; I perceive my Lettrs are very troublesome to you Seeing you'll not vouchsafe to give me an Answer of one of them in 5 Weeks time and am Resolved neither to give myself nor you the trouble of any more of my Lettrs, tho' I would willingly know if it be not too much trouble to you that you Recd the Bill and gave it my Son or no, & where he be I am yr Servt

Mr Samp. Smirk

**22 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Dear Kitty

Janry 22

I writ a Lettr last post to yr Master which I hope he Recd, upon Receipt of this Lettr go Immediately to Mr Smirke and know whether he Recd a Lettr for my Son Nedd with a Bill of Exchange In it, tis above 5 weeks ago and I never heard a word from him, which tell him I take mighty ill, If he and my Son Nedd had answer'd my Lettrs I had certainly got a Capts Commission for him ere this, I would yet know where my Son Nedd is and whether he has seen Mr Aislabie or not, I would Inclose a Lettr to him to the Bishop of Ely who married my Bro. Michael's widdow and has a very great Intrest at Court, but if he be so careless as to neglect his own business I'll Neglect him so lett him Sink or Swim, read this Lettr to Mr Smirke, for I'm very well satisfy'd that if Mr Smirke had answered my Lettrs Nedd had been a Capt by this time, which I shall never forgive him for it while I live, have writ him much to the same purpose by this post. Do you write me by the next post where yr Bro. is and whether he has seen Mr Aislabie or not.

Likewise upon Rect of this Lettr go to Mr Forster who was my Bro. Servt. & know of him where my two nephew Mitfords are and whether they be in the Army or not & in what place and whether my nephew Blacket Mitford has paid him that sum which you writ me when I was at Yorke they be very Indebted to him, be sure you inquire this as for yr Selfe but [crossed out: 'not as from me'] by no means name me in it for Some

Reasons I'll Acqt you with afterwards, fail not to answer every particular of this Lettr by the very first post, with my Blessing to you I am yr most Affect. Father

Mr Chris. Blackett

**24 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Matthew Featherstone**

[Note: Date missing but between letters of 22nd and 24th. 24th used here, allowing enough time for a letter of the 21st from Newcastle to reach Newby]

Sir

I perceive by yrs of the 21 that you have been at Fallowfield and that all things were prais'd [ie. appraised] except the washing Tubbs & bellows, I design to set on as many Work people as possibly I can to get all the dead heaps Wash'd up, and notwithstanding that I believe they will take longer <than> yr Lease before they be well <sought> thro for I look upon them to be worth a great many hundred pounds, You write me that you are mightily Cry'd out for giving 1/5, I can assure you I could have had 1/5 and a considerable Sum of Money for a <fine> from two Gentleman that you know very well, and had certainly bargain'd with them but that I had signed the Lease, and then twas too late, I have let a lease for 21 years of one of my Lordships where there was never known to be a Lead Mine, and they're working at the places at this very time, and never offer'd me less than 1/6 there is a vein found in another Lordship I have tho' never wrought, and I shall not take under 1/5 and a Good Sum for 21 years, So you may Judge then what a hopefull bargain you have, that may come to Oar when you please, if you do not desire to work at the old shafts I'll work them my Selfe for I can get Some profit by them, as for the Royaltys of Fallowfield & Acomb they are mine and the further Lordship wch they call Wall the Royalty belongs to my nephew, which if there were Occasion could have for a [word obscured by ink blot], Am very well Satisfy'd you'll not work thro' Fallowfield & Acomb Lordships tho' yr Lease was for Sixty Years.

As for the 1/5 wch I aim to have Smelted, there can be no trouble at all in it, for when all yr Lead come to Newcastle I have the 1/5 part of it paying a 1/5 part of the carriage, and what you mean by 32s.6d for 1/5 in Lead I do not understand so in yr next pray make it more plain to me.

There never was any Pays made in Fallowfield house in my father's time, for he built a house for the purpose in the Town, As long as I have any furniture there any of the partners are wellcome to the house, but I do not know how soon I may dispose of the Goods, for I perceive by Jacob they go mightly to decay.

I am inform'd by a very good hand that the Duke of Marlbro' was heard to say last week that we should have a very Speedy Peace, you may depend upon't for a Truth

I am Sir yr Very humble Servt

Mr Featherstone & Comp.

**24 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to John Moore**

[Note: Moore was the Bishop of Ely, married to Michael Blackett's widow. Sent under cover to Aislabie on the same date]

My Lord

24 Janry

I humbly begg yr Lordship's pardon for desiring yr favr & Intrest on behalf of my second Son he went to sea with the King William Lettrs for Sevrall Years and Since for two years past has Command'd as Second Lieut on board of the Oxford, the fav'r I have to begg of yr Lordship is that you would please to Intercede for a Capt's Commission for him, the Command of a ship is his greatest Ambition, and my particular Request, which with yr Lordships Assistance may I do not question be Oblig'd, All this family are very humble Servts to yr Lordship & my Lady, and pray believe me always yr Lordships most Faithful & most oblig'd humble servts

My Lord Bishop of Ely at Ely House London  
These [presents]

**24 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

Dear Sir

Janry 24

I hope you Recd my last Lettr I perceive tis in Mr Stockdale's power to make the Fine very Easy and I believe I need not question what's in his power to do me Service

The Inclos'd I desire you'll peruse, seal and give my son Nedd, and ordr him to wait on the Bishop of Ely and deliver it, who I know will be very willing to Serve him with his best Intrest, I doubt if my Lord Devonshire should know that I make use of any Intrest but his own he might take it ill however I leave that to yr own Judgement whether you'll have the Lettr Deliver'd to the Bishop of Ely or not, tho' in my opinion it can do no harm I am Sir most Affect'ly yrs

Jno Aislabie Esq London

**26 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Janry 26

I perceive by yrs that Mr Featherstone & Mr Mowbray & Mewburne was with you, and valued the Work geer, as also that you had been at Warkburne but the Bailiff Dodd not being at home I Believe you did not See the place wch he talk'd on for he told me he had Workmen to work at both Ends of the Veins and found a fair Vein & Rake soil in both places, I do not question but I can let her for 1/6 but in the Spring when good Weather is I would have you to view her agane when Dodds at home Thirty year ago old Mr Charlton would have taken a Lease for 21 years of her, so no question but he had people of good Judgement to View her, being he offered to lay out a good Sum of Money to try her

I am very willing to continue you my Servt after Lady Day, and will give you a sallary suitable to the business you do for me, and I know you will Expect no more; I would have you by all means to be Concern'd for the partners, and I know they cannot well be without you, and you may as well be Concern'd for both as one.

As for Loraine let him make the same weight as formerly, for I perceive he asks more than the Advantage of the Over weight is worth Be sure you acqt him from me that if he do not make the 40 fother According to our Agreement I will certainly take the Advantage of his Bond, so it behoves him to loose no time for he shall find me as good as my Word. Shew him what I writ as perhaps he'll not believe you for he shall positively find it true, in case there be the least failure in the Article, Acqt me by the first post what you can have in the dead heaps wrought <bro Stitch p fother and to search thro all from one end of the field to the other be sure you Consider well of this, and give a line per next post to

yr Assrd friend

Mr Ja. Peart Fallowfield

**26 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Janry 26 1709/10

I Recd yrs as also one from Jacob. I perceive that you have disposed of most of the Work gear as also that you have been at Warksburn, but I perceive Bailiff Dodd was not with you , so I question whether you see the places that he told me was so hopefull, Above 30 years ago old Mr Charlton would have taken a Lease for 21 years of that place, and give me 1/6, and would have obliged himself to lay out a good Sum of money, he had certainly the advice of some able Workmen or otherwise he would not have offer'd so fair a proposall however I'll have it viewed again this Spring and I doubt not but to lett it to my Advantage

In case James Blakett has got the haddock and cannot be disposed to you may send them to Newby be sure you buy me 50 Couple of little dry'd Bedling Codling such as I had from Capt Ogle, and send them to Newby against Lent

Write to Loraine that he make the same weight as formerly for I perceive he Asks more than the Advantage of the Overweight is worth, Acqt him him tis my Ordr to give him notice aforehand that if he do not make the 40 fother According to our Agreement I will certainly take the Advantage of his Bond so that he cannot have yr <...> for it seeing he gives him such fair notice of it

Either you or Jacob's mistaken as to the quantity of Lead smelted & lying at the mill both yr Lettrs are of the same date, and you write that there are 1836 pc Smelted & 177 lying at the Mill & he writes me theres 1846 & 174 pcs at the Mill, So one of you must be mistaken, but that's no very great matter, if the haddock be the least <loss> send them to Newby, be sure you forget not to send the Bedling Codling as Order'd Always give me a line per Saturday nights post

Yr Assrd friend

Mr Ja. Mewburn

John Lowes had a Lease of Whitshields for a small Rent <.... for> life so I would have you to write a line to Will Armstrong and inclose it to Jacob that he may send it by a Careful hand, to Will Armstrong that he'll make Inquiry what days mowing & what days plowing, & what <Gotes> the pasture will keep, I believe <none> can give a better Acct than old Geo. Barrow, for if I be not mistaken he told me that he could procure me a Gent. that would give me nigh £20 a year but perhaps that might be partly out of malice, however I know 'tis very Considerably better than the Rents, I might be very well inform'd as to value before I lett it, for Will Lowes has agreed him to take it for 21 years

**26 Jan 1710 Edward Blakett to Thomas Brummell**

Sir

Janry 26

I recd yrs of the 24 with a Bill of Exchange for £50 wch have given you Credit for, it came in as good a time as if it had been Sent <Sadn'r>. Mr Gowland gives you his thanks for yr Care & trouble about his Wine, and designs to be at Newcastle & Send a Carriage for it as Soon as the ways are passable, I would gladly know in what condition my Bro' Rogers dyd, & who manages his Concerns, for I believe they are very considerable With my Service to yr Selfe & Mrs Brummell & Blessing to my Children I am yr Assur'd friend & humble Servt

Mr Thos. Brummell

**27 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Mr Fish**

Mr Fish

Janry 27

I have had Severall Lettrs from Mr Parmentier of late that he would not fail to be at Newby a little after Xtnas & alter my great Stair Case, but Seeing he does not come makes us fear he has very ill memory, so I desire wherever he is you'll inclose him this Lettr, and pray give me yr thoughts by a line by the post whether you think I may Rely on him or not, and you'll much oblige yr Assur'd friend to serve you

For Mr Fish at his house at Brotherton, nigh Ferrybridge

**27 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Jack Scott**

Sir

Janry 27

I had a large Cask of <Table> Spirit Shipt before Xtnas on board of the <first fruits> of Hull Directed to be left with you, I desire you'll do me the favr to inquire whether such a ship be Arrived at Hull or not the Master's name I do not well Remember, pray as soon they come to hand ordr them to be put on the first Borobridge boat, & what you are in Disbursion for freight etc you shall very thankfully be Repaid by yr oblig'd humble Servt

My Servt shall wait on you on Monday to know whether you have heard anything of the vessel being arrived

Mr Scott Crane master At Yorke

**27 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Baynes**

Sir

Janry 27 1709/10

I perceive by yrs that they that are Concern'd in Mr Alderman Moyseleys house design to make the Shop into a dining room, which they are very much in the Right of it provided they Wainscott & furnish it well So pray lett me know what Rent they Demand for the house, provided one took a Lease of it, pray acqt me likewise how many horse the Stables will hold and what Conveniences there is for hay & where it stands and then you may Expect for the trouble from Sir yr humble Servt

My Servt will be in Yorke on Monday in the forenoon, I hope you may inform yr Selfe by that time, and Send a line or two by him

Mr Henry Baynes Yorke

**27 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge**

Honest Mr Lodge

Janry 27 1709/10

Am very much oblig'd to you for the Acct. you give me of my Concerns with Mr Thornton but more particularly for the Concern & value you have for my family, they have both disoblig'd me to the degree, that I am Resolved never to see One of them any more, nor the other for a long time, I may tell you that I design to give neither of them any fortunes, Only so much a year for their life provided they marry with the Consent of their Trustees & not a farthing otherwise so they may learn themselves hereafter for their foolish management. When I have the Satisfaction of seeing you at Newby shall shew you my Will and what Alterations I have made upon their Acct. wch no true man can blame me for, All this family gives you their humble service & pray believe me always yr Real & Faithful one

Revd Mr Lodge In Leeds

Should be glad to hear by a line that this Lettr came to hand

**29 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

Dear Nedde

Janry 29

I Recd yrs this day of the 26, So you may See I answer yr Lettrs immediately as Soon as they come to hand, So take notice you do the Same.

I writ a lettr to Mr Aislabie of the 24 with One Inclos'd to the Bishp of Ely, which I desired him to give it to you, and order'd you to Wait of the Bishop with my humble Service & Deliver it; twas to desire his Lordship to make all Intrest in his power for you for a Capts Commission, wch I know he'll be very willing to do, and am sure his Intrest at Court is as good as any whatsoever. Lett me know when you deliver'd the Lettr & whether Mr Aislabie went with you or not, I doubt he's not acqt'd with the Bishop, I could heartily wish he were, fail not constantly to give me an Acct how your business goes forward, I hope my Lettr to the Duke of Devonshire & Bishop of Ely will do yr business with my good friend Mr Aislabie's management, If I thought there was occasion I would write a Lettr to my Ld Wharton as also to my Ld Hallifax, I hope yr business may be Effectuated without any troubling them, and besides if my Lord Devonshire should know that any other Intrest is made but to himsele he might take it ill, So heartily wishing you success with my Blessing to you I am

yr most Affect. Father

For Lieut Edwd Blackett      I think it proper that you Desire Mr Aislable to Read this  
Lettr

**29 Jan 1710   Edward Blackett to Blackett Mitford**

Dear Nephew

Janry 29 1709/10

I Recd both yr Lettrs and I must own I am sorry you have sold yr Commission, for if you had had a little at sea you most certainly in a little time would have been a Capt wch would not only have Enabled you to have paid yr Debts but make you look like a Man of Quality all the Days of yr Life. but now tis too late to talk any more of that, I shall write to yr father very shortly, & press him upon yr Acct, my father left all yr brothers & sisters that were living when he dyed a very good Legacy, so I hope you were one of them

As for my Lead mines I have lost for Sevrall years long past many hundred pounds by them, which oblig'd me to lett them to my Coz Eden, Coz Wilkinson, Mr Featherstone & Mr Reay for 21 years Reserving a very small part of the Lead in case they get any, to my Selfe, but as yet I have not Recd one Pigg. nor do I know whether ever I shall Receive one or no they being so very Extreamply poor, Lett me know what part of the East Indies you are to Settle at, for my good friend & neighbour Mr Aislable has a Bro that is the only Chief Factor there for the E. In. Company, Any <Ment[ion?]> in that Company with acq[ain]t <you the service>, & the place where he Resides I can give a Lettr from his Bro to him which may be of great Service to you, Acqt me who Recommended you to the Company, for tis not Every One they'll Entertain in that Station, All here gives you their kind Remembrance and believe me yr most Affect.  
Uncle

Mr Blacket Mitford att Mr Child's in Love Lane Billingsgate London

**29 Jan 1710   Edward Blackett to William Forster**

[Note: possibly the William Forster who later lodged with William Blackett at Panton Square, and the Forster described by Sir Edward earlier as having been his brother's servant (William?) This could be consistent with the William Forster who wrote to John Ord from London on coal business in 1707]

Mr Forster

Janry 29 1709/10

I Recd a letter lately from my nephew Mitford that he is to be Employed by the East Ind. Company to go into the Indies to be their factor, Pray lett me know as soon as

conveniently you can by whose Intrest he was Recommended and who's his Security for his performance, for such a place is not gott without great friends and great Experience in their Concern, I believe my Bro Bridges would neither Recommend him nor be his Security for he writes me that his Commission may be worth £1000 a year to him, besides a Sallary of £30 a year with Cloathes meal, drink, washing, & Lodging, I know what <effects> the Company sends to the Indies is Consign'd always to their President and Council, and no other has privilege of trading but themselves, so by Consequence he can have no gain by Commissions, I heartily wish him well, and pray do you give me a true State of the business, for my near neighbour Mr Aislabie has a Brother who is Generale of the whole E India Company Affairs in the Indies, and a Lettr to him may be of no small Consequence for my nephews future preferment. Pray fail not to give me a line by the first post to yr Assd friend to serve you

Mr Forster att Mr Child's in Love Lane Billingsgate London

**31 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Mr Fish**

Honest Mr Fish

Janry 31

I Recd yr most obliging Lettr which I heartily thank you for, pray continue putting Mr Parmentier in mind of his Repeated promises to me in coming to Newby & making an Amendment to his Work, which would be both for his hon'r & Credit, I would not by any means give you the trouble to go to Doncaster, however I desire you'll write to him often & Acqt him that you know I'll not suffer him to be a looser in coming to Newby & provided he finish his work well I will gratify him to his own Satisfaction, with my Service to yr Selfe & Mrs Fish I am yr Assured friend to serve you

All my family gives you their Thanks for yr kind & hearty wishes for them

Mr Fish att Broatherton Nigh Ferrybridge

**31 Jan 1710 Edward Blackett to Mr Melmerby**

[Note: Possibly from EB's clerk (a Christopher Barker?) to Mr Aislabie's clerk]

Mr Melmerby

Janry the 31

The Inclosed is a letter from my Lady with a Bill of Exchange in it for Mrs Metcalfe, and they being lately Remov'd does not know how to direct to her, so my Lady desires you'll inquire of Mr Roper or Mr Marshall where she lives, and deliver it to her

Sir Edward does not take it well that you do not Send him the Gazette as you promised

I am yr Humble servt  
Chr. <Barkr>

For Mr Aislabie Esqr London

**1 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Matthew Featherstone**

Sir

Febry 1

I Recd yrs of the 28. I shall not by any means part with my Fifth in Lead for money there cannot be the least inconvenience or Trouble in it for I pay 1/5 of the Carriage, and 1/5 of the Rent of the Cellar, as also 1/5 of the Smelt charges & Portorage etc. So I would gladly know where the least inconvenience can be in it.

As for the Dead Wasts & Cuttings tis impossible for me to Sett a true Value on them, or you to bid a believable Consideration for Someone of Opinion that I may get a very considerable quantity of Lead out of them, but how they may prove no man living can tell, So I design immediately to Sett on as many people as possibly I can to Search to the very bottom of them all and tho' a great many people be Employed twill take maybe years before they can possibly work thro' them all carefully as they must do, I do not design any of my Lead that's made Either of my Slaggs or Wasts shall be put into the cellar or <shall give it a great mind to> lett it lye at Fallowfield till there be a Considerable quantity, and then shall Sell it before it come to Newcastle & and have it Weighed of upon the Key I am Sir yr humble Servt

To Mr Featherston & Comp'y Newcastle

**2 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Ho[nest] Jacob

Febry 2 1709/10

I Recd yrs of the 30 and am altogether of yr Opinion to the Setting bargains of the dead heaps, and that they be obliged to take them up to the very bottom, and make 24 <C> to the Tunn, and that if they be oblig'd to Work all both Good & badd, I would leave you to Employ as many people as possibly you can, for the more you Sett at work the Sooner they'll get them finish'd, and So by consequence the moneys will be sooner in my pocket, So I desire you'll lett them as soon as possibly you can, and whatsoever bargain you make shall be Confirmed by me, not in the least doubting but you'll Act for my Intrest as much as if twere yrs. So I hope yr next will give me an Acct. that you have made a bargain with some of them, I desire you'll take care to Employ as many as possibly you can, and see the old Cuttings be lett separate from the other, wch certainly is most for my advantage, What Lead is made both of the Cuttings, Wasts & Slaggs I

would have lye at Fallowfield till there be a considerable quantity and that is there a private mark besides E.B. upon it, I am glad you hasten down yr Lead, here is Fine weather to get it all Smelted up, I hope there will be a clear Field in a little time, as soon as you Receive this Lettr be sure you give me a line etc

**2 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Febry 2 1709/10

Inclosed you'll have the two Leases Executed, keep Always the Counterparts by you till you have an Opportunity of Sending them to Newby, but not by the post, for he takes unreasonable postage,

You did well to agree with Slater, for tis much the Cheapest way to give the Ten'ts rather a little Money and then they may please themselves in the Repairing of their houses, unless you Judge it may be done cheaper than what they demand, the Bill came very safe, Deliver the Inclosed to Mr Featherstone, by the first post write a Lettr to Jacob that that he fail not to Lett Severall bargains of the dead heaps, for the more people he Employs the sooner they'll be Run over, and so consequently the more will be my advantage, and to be sure to oblige them to go to the very bottom of Every great heap and wash both good & bad and that they make 24 <C> to the Fother, and likewise acqt. him that I would willingly have him to lett all the old Cuttings likewise but they must be lett separate from the Other

I know they will get all smelted up in less than a Weeks time if this weather continue, So you may Acqt. Mr Featherstone that if they have occasion for 3 or 400 pcs Lead I believe in a week or 10 days time I can supply them, if not Acqt. Mr Fenwick the same, for I would willingly have the Cellar clear before the Pay, Give my service to Mr Brummell and tell him I wish him a good journey, and I hope to see him at the time appointed.

Go and give my Service to my Bro & sister Mitford and Acqt them that I sent you to know how they do, and inquire where my two nephew Mitfords are, I believe my daughters will want £10 for their Coach hire & horses to London, So you may Receive it of Mr Featherstone, and give it them with my Blessing to them both. P[er]use Seal and Deliver the Inclosed I am yr Assur'd friend

James Mewburne Seat Del.

**3 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to William Thomson**

Sir

Febry 3 1709/10

I am heartily Concerne'd for Johnson Hesletine's Misfortune, both for yr old friends sake <yr own> and Mr Cuthbertsons how it is possible he should waste such a vast

Sum of money, and you never hear a Syllable of it, I hope things may not be so bad as you write me, pray wherever he his send to him and acqt him that I'd be mighty glad to see him at Newby, and shall Endeav'r to get it out of him how he has Wasted such a prodigious Sum, and whether he has contracted any other debts or not & to who, Is there not a Clause in the Will that in case he do not serve out his time or Contract any considerable Debt During his Apprenticeship he should forfeit his Right to the estate at Pontefract or the Recession of the house at Yorke, Some such Clause I'm certain was in one of Mr Hesletine's wills, whether in the Cash or not I cannot be positive

Inclosed I Send you Mr Aislabie's Lettr, So pray ordr yr Agent <above> to wait of Mr Aislabie & know what he does, I know likewise Mr Stockdale will be intirely my friend, So am sure if yr Agent be but carefull the Recovery may be pass'd this session, All here give their Service to all yr good Family & believe me always yr Assured friend to serve you

Mr Wm Thomson Yorke

Pray let me know where Mr Hesletine is & when I may Expect him

**3 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to John Field**

[Note: Undated but letters before and after are dated 3 February]

Sir

I had a Cask of Table fruit Shipt on board of the <first> fruits of Hull John Malton Seni'r Master, & directed to be left with <the> Crane Master of Yorke, tis now above a Months time, & can hear nothing of the Arrival of the Ship, pray do me the fav'r to inquire after them, & in case she be arrived, ordr the cask to be Sent up by the first Lighter for I doubt all the fruit will be spoil'd, I hope you'll pardon this trouble I am Sir

yr obliged humble servt

For Mr Jno. Field, Merchant In Hull

**3 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge**

Sir

Febry 3

Am much obliged to you for your kind Reminding me upon my Son Kitt's Acct. You may be assr'd the money shall be Rais'd against the time Appointed wch is <Midsummer> for Such a fortunate Opportunity as his Master's turning over his Trade must be no means be neglected Am glad to hear you are expected everyday at

Coptgrave so pray lett us see you as soon as possibly you can for methinks tis a long time Since I wish you would inquire how the old Ald'rman has left his Estate, for I know there's great Expectations both from the family of Lowther & Trotters; All this family gives you their best Service, & believe me always Intirely yours

The Revd. Mr Lodge at his Home In Leeds

**4 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Carr**

Honest Nedd <Carr>

Febry 4

The day after I desired you'd buy me a boar, a friend of mine came & told me he had bought me one nigh Leeds, so you need not give yr Selfe any further trouble, however I'm as much oblig'd as if you had bought One for me, and be Assur'd I am yr <Assr'd> friend to Serve you

To Mr Edw. <Carr> <Jun'r> At Burniston

**5 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to William Thomson**

Sir

Febry 5

I perceive by yrs that the usual way of proceeding in such Cases as mine are first to Serve out a writ of Entry, and then compound the Fine, and if I think the Fine Extravagant may stop there and proceed no further, So pray lett that be done, I expect Every post to have a Lettr both from Mr Aislabie and Mr Stockdale, however you need not defer the business upon that Acct. for I know they will both make it their business to Compound the Fine for as little as possibly they can My humble service to all yr good family I am Sir yr Faithful humble servt.

Mr Wm Thomson Yorke

**5 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

Dear Nedde

Febry 5th

This day I rec'd yours of the 2nd I perceive you have delivered my Lettr to the bishop of Ely, who I know will do you all the service in his power and His Intrest I'll assure you is Extraordinary at Court, and so is the Duke of Devonshire, I Expect Every post to hear that they have gott you a Capt's Commission, Am sure if their Intrest do

not prevail none can, so be sure you write every post how you proceed and wait of Mr Aislabie very often, but I would not have you to be too troublesome to him, Acqt. me whether the Bishop of Ely invited you to dine with him, and whether you see my Bro. Yorke You must be sure to wait often on yr Uncle, You ought to go to see my Lady Blackett yr Bro Kitt will Introduce you to her any day, and after you have waited on her Acqt me how she Rec'd you, and whether she invited you to dine with her With my Blessing to you from yr most Affect. Father

Lett me know by the first post whether Mr Aislabie be fully Recovered or not

**9 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Ho. Jacob

Febry 9

I am glad to perceive by yrs that you have lett one bargain of the Cuttings at Crosscow to Six People at £5.24 to the Tonne, I hope yr next will give me an Acct. that you have lett a great many more bargains of the newer Cuttings & the more people you Employ so the sooner they perform their work the better

Should be mighty glad to hear when you begin yr Journey into Weardale, and be sure you prevail with as many lusty strong Workmen as possibly you can to come to Fallowfield, and you'll Employ them all at the old Wasts, I hope if this Weather continue you'll get all done at the Mill in a very short time, and yr Lead to Mewburne so that we may have a clear Pay wch is the great desire of yr Assur'd friend

As soon as all's gott from the mill Acqt me what you Judge the Pay may come to

Mr Jacob Peart

**9 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Febry 9 1709

Am glad to perceive by yrs that Mr Fenwick will Weigh of the Lead as it comes down, fail not to write to Jacob to hasten it down with all speed, So that it may be put into money to make a clear Pay, you should likewise write a sharp Lettr to the East Carriers for I perceive there's a good quantity lyes there for the West Carriers will not suffer any to lye at the mill in case the Ways be any thing passable Lett me know what Led's in Cellar, and write a line to Will Lowes that we shall have a pay about the beginning of March and that he fail not to have all the Rents and Arrears of Rents ready against that time, Should be glad to hear what Answer you have from <Will> Armstrong I am yr Assrd friend

Mr Ja. Mewburne Seat Del

**12 Feb 1710 Edward Blakett to William Jones**

Honest Mr Jones

February 12

Upon the Rect of this Lettr I desire you'll go to Mr Speight who I perceive goes Southward to buy horses on Thursday next, and desire him from me to buy me a young Ston'd horse that would follow the Ratt Tail'd horse he bought for me of Mr Saltmarsh, I would have him a smooth legged horse if possible, and a very good black with a large Starr, and a Mettell'd horse, not Romish, but a gentle quiet horse, and whatsoev'r money he pays for him shall be thankfully Repaid , know of him what time he judges it may be <eer> he Returne. I am yr Assured friend & Servt

My Service to Mr Speight & Read him this Lettr

Mr Wm Jones at Mr <Runsans'> At the 3 Crowns in <Conney> Street  
To be delivered with all speed

**14 Feb 1710 Edward Blakett to John Aislabie**

Dear Sir

Febry the 14th 1709/10

I think I ought not in good manners So Soon to trouble the Duke of Devon. With another Lettr I desire that Mr Sharpe would be so kind as to go & Remind the Bishop of Ely, who I am well satisfy'd will do me all the service in his power, I could heartily wish that likewise acquainted with him so that you might accompany him. I believe his Intrest is very great & I know he'll exert it upon this Occasion, after the Bishop is Discoursed would gladly know his Answer, if you think convenient shall write to my Lord Hallifax, and I think if you would speak to Sir James Montague when you See him in the House he might perhaps have some Acquaintance at the Board, and I am sure would use his Intrest upon my Acct. my Son must take care to have his Ordrs renewed in case it be without, for he must not neglect to returne to his Ship, in case he cannot get his ordrs Renew'd

All here give you their humble service, & I am  
yr most obliged & most Faithful humble servt

Poor Peter Jennings dy'd this day but how he has made his will I know not

Jno Aislabie Esq London

**14 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to John Marshall**

Sir

Febry 14 1709

Inclosed I send you a Bill of Exchange for the £8.18.0 wch I perceive I am indebted to you , I wish the oysters come sweet wch I very much doubt, I would you would putt them into a hamper, for you may be sure the sailors will open it and take what they please, pray advise me when the Ship went down the River, as also how long the Oysters will keep sweet in there Barrells, for I have rarely any goods that Shipt at London that are not six weeks at least eer they come to hand All this family give you their humble service to yr Selfe & Relations and I am Sir yr obliged humble Servt

Mr John Marshall London

**14 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

Dear Nedde

Febry 14

I writ you on the 5th and do very much Wonder I Recd. No Answer of it, I have often times charg'd you to write me immediatly, but I perceive you mind very little what's said to you, I begin now to despair that a Capt's Commission will not be promised for you at this time for my Lord Oxford told the D. of Devonshire when he mov'd him on yr behalf that there were such crowds of Lieuts in Course before you and more dayly Soliciting that to avoid importuning the <selection> Board have come to a resolution to provide for you all in Course, and that the Lord Oxford has Engaged to Advance more than he can well provide for, whereof three are upon his Grace of Devonshire's Recommendation I writ this post to Mr Aislable to desire him to speak to Mr Sharpe to go & Remind the bishop of Ely for am Sure none has a Greater Intrest at the Admiralty than himself, and am sure he'll Exert all his intrest upon yr Acct. if yr ordr be nigh out you must desire Mr Aislable to get it Renewed, so do know in a very little time whether a Capt's Commission may be promised for you or not with my Blessing to you I am your Most Affect. father

Fail not to write me twice a week how you proceed

Lieut Blackett At Mr Smirks etc

**17 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sir

Febry 17 1709/19

Am very glad you gott well to London, could heartily wish before you leave the Town that you would find out my Bro Bridges & discourse him fully about my Son

Kittys Partnership, and whether all things absolutely be Agreed upon, my Bro writ me some time agoe that £1500 must be provided against Midsummer, and that was the time prefixed for the payment of the money, and I perceive by yrs that Kitty tells you that the money must be provided against the Middle of May but I do not much mind what he says, I hear they are not yet absolutely Agreed for the price of the Goods that would be left, as also the house & shop, pray discourse my Bro Bridges fully upon this Acct. & you'll very much oblige yr Real friend to serve you

To Mr Thomas Brummell at Mr Charles Horton's at  
the Cock & Lyon near Billingsgate

**17 Feb 1710 Edward Blakett to Edward Blakett**

Dear Nedde

Febry 17

I perceive by yrs of the 11 that you Recd mine of the 7th but you do not at all answer my Lettr I order you to Acqt me what answer the Bishop of Ely Gave you after you delivered my letter and whether he invited you to dine with him or not, upon Rect of this Letter go & wait on yr uncle York I know none has a greater Intrest with my Lord Wharton than he has, and if he be able to go abroad I know he'll go & desire my Lord's favr & Intrest upon yr Acct. I writ last post to Mr Aislabie and desired him that in case yr ordr was nigh Expir'd to get it renewed at the board for you stay some time longer to see what possibly can be done tho' you were not in Town the same Intrest will be made as if you were

I perceive by a Lettr from Newcastle that the Squirrel a small Man of war is come into that Haven, & that the Capt dy'd some time before at Sea & was brought to Tynemouth to be bury'd I doubt not but the board has put in a Capt for that small Frygate however Acqt Mr Aislabie with it, & take his Advice when you shall return to yr Ship I desir'd Mr Aislabie in my last to Speak to Sir Jn. Montague who is in the House of Commons he is my Lord Hallifax Bro and a man of very great Intrest being Attorney General & I know he'll use his intrest both to my Lord Hallifax & others upon yr Acct but when all's done there's none has that real Intrest as the Duke of Devonshire & Bishop of Ely, always when my Lettrs come to yr hand be sure you answer them by the very next post, All here wishes you success with my Blessing to you of <assuredly>

yr most Affect. Father

Mr Edw'd Blakett at Mr Smirks etc London

**17 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Thomson**

Sir

Newby Febr'y 17

I am Extreably oblig'd to yr Selfe & family for yr great friendship to my Daughters which I heartily thank you for, if ever it be in my power to be Serviceable so doing you or yours they may always depend upon a Real friend of EB

All here give their humble service to yr Selfe & family

Mr Tho Thomson Yorke

**20 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Blackett Mitford**

Dear Nephew

Febr'y 20

I Recd yrs of the 16 as also one from Mr Forster of the same Date, whereby I perceive you have passed yr Examination & is made one of the Factors for the Company Mr <Hewers> has been Extreably kind to you not only in promoting you to that preferment, but likewise promising you two Bondsmen in £1000 Each, considering you were altogether a Stranger to him. In one of yr former Lettrs you writ me you were to have all necessary whatsoever provided for you in Even to Cloathing, and more I perceive you are to pay £25 for yr Passage which is not likely, being you go in one of their ships and about their Affairs, Inclose me two Lettrs to yr father & mother, and I'll take care they shall be Safely delivered to them, and I'll likewise write to him again & press him on yr Acct

Your Lettrs and Mr Forsters are so contradictory as to the <Sum> you gave for the procurement of this Employ that I must own it cannot Enter into my Thoughts that you have gott any Such preferment for you write that you gave a <purse> & fifty Guineas to Mr Hewers friend & Mr Forster as his says you promised him 20 which are yet unpaid, but above all I cannot Imagine that any man of Credit should procure two Bondsmen for you that are absolute Strangers to yr Selfe & Relations, You'd do well to Satisfy me better in this Affair and then I could with more Assurance press yr father & mother, & likewise procure you a Lettr to Mr Aislabies Bro. the Governor of Bombay So heartily wishing Success to yr Affairs

I am yr most Affect. Uncle

Mr Blackett Mitford Att Mr Forster etc

I am informed from good hands that our E. India fleet is lately sail'd and shall soon know when the Phoenix is designed thither and whether you be Concern'd therein

**20 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Errington**

Sir

Febry 20 1709

I Recd yrs of the 13 but this day in Answer to mine of the 21 Janry. So having no Answer from you in so long a time made me think you had no mind to be Concern'd in taking the Cuttting and dead heaps, so Some time since I order'd my Servt to lett them all, which I perceive by his last Lettr he has lett the most of the them and to Sevrall Companys wch am very glad of, for would willingly have all wrought up as soon as possibly can be

I am yr Assured friend & Servt

Mr Tho. Errington att Errington

**20 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Febry 20 1709/10

I perceive by yrs that you have lett Severall bargains of the new Cuttings, some at £5.5 others at £5.10 all to the Tuns which you did mightly well in, be sure you Endeavour to lett all the Dead heaps & to Severall Companies as soon as possibly you can, for the sooner they're wrought up the better and pray mind that they keep constantly & go to bottom of them as to their Work. I wonder that the Carriagemen should not make more haste to get the Lead away for I had a Lettr this day from Mewburne that there is none at Newburn & only 128 pcs in the Cellar, be sure you ordr the Carriagemen to carry all in this week, the failure is always at the halfe way So be sure you go thither, & chide them severely, & tell them they shall have no money at the Pay by Reason of their great neglect, Give me an Acct in yr next what Lead has been made since last Pay, what lyes at the Mill, & what at the halfe way, I hope there may be no mistake as to the numbr of pcs, I hope by the beginning of March you'll get all clean dressed up, Smelted & carried away So that we may have a Pay immediately after

I can now send you the great & good news that the King of France has sign'd the Preliminaries to the great Satisfaction of the Allies, and that his Ambassador with ours & other of the Allies are now treating for an Equivalent for the 37th Article wch no question will be soon Adjusted and comply'd withal, So that no doubt but we shall have as Flourishing a Trade as Ever was known in the Memory of Man, Upon Rect of this Lettr fail not to write to

yr assured friend

Mr Jac. Peart Fallowfield

**20 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Honest Will

Febry 20

I hope this will find you well at home, I wonder you did not write me from North Allerton whether you got the horse again or not, I design to make a Pay about the beginning of March so be sure you fail not to make up what moneys you can of them that are indebted to you against that time, I hope you are mindfull to inquire where the very best slates are to be had, & that you bargain for the Winning of as many as will do Fallowfield house Barn Byers stables etc. you know they will take a Very Long time in Winning So you must not neglect making a bargain with them betimes, so that the slates be led the beginning of May, and then they will have the summer before them for the finishing their Work, I am informed there are very good Slates about Hexham and in many other places in North'b'ld but above all must be inquir'd where the very best of Slates may be had for such I will have & no other, upon Rect. of this fail not to give me a line & acqt. me what progress you have made in it I am yr Assrd friend

Let me know what part of Northumb'land the best Slates are, & how many miles from Fallowfield, which any Slater in Hexham can inform you

Mr William Lowes att Ridley Hall nigh Hexham

**20 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Febry 20

I perceive by yrs of the 16 that the Fish will be brought to Ripon on Tuesday Sennight wch is very well, I wond'r there should be no more Lead in the Cellar than 128 pcs fail not by the very first post to write a very chiding Lettr to the East Carriagemen, & lett them know they shall have no moneys at the Pay by Reason of their great neglect wch I am likely to be a great looser by, there must be at least 300 pcs at the mill & the halfe way, I know the west Carriagemen will not lett much lye there, was in hopes that all would have been brought in this Fine season of Weather wch we have had, Am sorry Mr Rogers did not understand himself bettr not to pay a visit to Sr Jno. & the Ladies at Seaton, being Sr Jno. had been so civil to him, I never heard that my Bro Mitford had been ill but by yr last Lettr lett me know every week how he does, what his distemper is, & how he's handled in it. I had not writ you of late by Reason I had nothing to acqt. you withall, however do not you fail to write constantly Every Saturday to

yr Assr'd friend

Mr James Mewburne Seat. Del

**20 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Joseph Barnes**

[Note: The lawyer Barnes was the son of Ambrose Barnes, merchant and alderman of Newcastle]

Sir

Febry 20 1709/10

I had own'd the favr of yrs long eer this but was from home, I perceive you have found Sir Nath Johnsons Bond with the Assignment. I wish you could putt me into a Way to get all if not part of whats due to me wch should be very well content with, When I come to Newcastle must have yr Advice in a little business, So pray keep the Bond & Assignm't by you till that time. I am Sir yr Faithful Humble Servt

Joseph Barnes Esq Counseller

**20 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

Dear Sir

Febry 26 1709/10

The Bearer is my nephew Blacket Midford who I perceive is going upon the East India Comp'y Acct. as a factor to the Indies, and he writes me he may go for some little time to Bombay, So I desire you'll be so kind as to give him a Lettr of Recommendation to the Generall yr Bro. which will be of great Service to him and shall Esteem it as a great favr. Done to yr most obliged humble Serv

Jno Aislabie Esq.

**23 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Febry 23

This is a Copy of my last and yesterday I Rec'd yrs which is an answer to mine in Every particular, however be sure go to the halfe way twice a Week, for if they do not get the Lead in next Week the Bean & Oats seed time will come on, which will be a hindrance to them, And if the Lead were at Newcastle now I could dispose of it all

24 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell

Sir

Febry 24

I am much oblig'd to you for discoursing Mr Primate and am altogether of the mind that Mr Gould is a much more proper person than Mr Bridges to assist in this Affair, Some months ago I writ to Mr Gould and desir'd his Assistance upon my son Kitts Acct. I had a very civil Answer from him that he would be always ready to do my son all the Service in his power which I do not in the least question.

My Brother Bridges Acquainted me that the money would be Ready on Midsummer day but I perceive by yrs thay expect it Sooner, So I will provide & Returne it the first week in June which I Judge will be Soon Enough to Answer his Occasions, pray let me hear from you and Acqt. me how long you design to stay in Town, I hope you'll be so kind as to take a night's lodging with me in yr Returne, I am yr Obliged friend & Servt

For Mr Tho. Brummell att Mr Cha. Horton's att  
the Cock & Lyon near Billingsgate, London

24 Feb 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett

Dear Nedde

Febry 24

I Recd both yrs of the 19th and 21st this morning the former should have come the post before, upon Rect. Of this go & give my Service to Mr Aislabie & know whether he Recd my Lettr of the 14th tho I doubt it did not come to his hand by Reason I have heard nothing from him Since, desire Mr Aislabie to speak to Mr Sharpe that he would Introduce you again to the Bishop of Ely, and then he'll Acqt you what he has done in yr Affair, I believe you have only been Once to wait on him so tis full time you wait on him Again, Inclosed is a Lettr to my Lord Hallifax, your uncle Yorke will Speak to my Ld. Castlecomer to introduce you, and give my Service to his Lordship when you deliver my Lettr, know of Mr Aislabie whether he spoke to Sr Ja. Montague about yr preferment.

Yr Uncle Yorke is much better Acquainted with my Lord Wharton than my Selfe, so give my Service to yr uncle and desire him to move my Lord Wharton in yr behalf. You may Acqt yr uncle that I writ to my Lord Duke of Devonshire, the Bishop of Ely & my Lord Hallifax upon yr Acct. and I believe they have all very good Intrest at Court and in a little time some Others I hope will prevail for a Capt's Commission for you, be sure you take care to speak to Mr Aislabie by all means to get yr Ordrs Renew'd, lett me know how long time yr Ordr was for and whether you have gott it Renew'd, Fail not constantly to Answer my Lettrs in every particular, With my Blessing to you I am yr Most Affect. Father

For Lieut. Blacket

Fail not to give my humble service to my Ld Castlecomer when you see him

**2 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Honest Will

March 2 1709/10

I perceive by yrs that you took two Workmen and view'd Fallowfield Hall and outhouses, and that the estimate of the Charge would come to £60.07s.08d which is an Extravagant Sum for Such small buildings, I would have you by all means to get other two Workmen to View it and take their Estimate. Upon Rect. of this Lettr Acqt me where you design to gett the slates for there are few places in Northumberland where good ones are to be had for am Resolv'd when I do do it, it shall be done to the purpose, Am very sorry for the misfortune that happen'd both to Mr Widdrington and Mr Charlton, if they were both drawn as you say it will not be found Murder unless some former Quarrell be prov'd betwixt them, The prices of Corn with us is the same as in Northumberland, Except the Pease which is Scarce halfe the Price here, provided they be not white pease, Some time this month when you have most leasure, I would have you to view all my Woods and acqt me with what Tunns Wood you may fell, at Each place, for I design to make a great Fall this Spring and what you judge the sum may Amount to, fail not to give me an Acct. of this as soon as conveniently you can, As also what the other two Workmen compute the charge of Repairing Fallowfield house & outhouses may come to, and when you Design to have the Slates. I am yr Ass'd friend

Mr Wm Lowes att Ridley Hall

**2 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

March 2 1709/10

I perceive by yr last that in a very short time All will be Smelted up and carried to the halfeway, I do not know what weather you have with you but here tis like Summer, You must write Mewburn what time you design the Pay that he may acqt Mr Fenwick and Mr Featherstone to have their money Ready in a little time for the Lead they have had of me, Give me an Estimate by the very first post what you Judge the whole may come to, as also what money you Recd. & what Will Lowes paid for the felling and Carriage of Wood.

I ordered Will Lowes some time Agoe to get two Workmen to view Fallowfield house & Outhouses, and to give an Estimate of the Charge, I have also order'd him to gett other two Workmen to view it, for the first Estimate is very unreasonable, I would have you to make the best Inquiry you can for two good Workmen, and order them to come & view Fallowfield house & take their Estimate for I would have it done with the very best Slates in the County & lett me know where they are to be had, and the prices they demand perforce to be laid upon the place, for if it be well done with good slates it will last for Ever, fail not to give a perfect Acct. of this as soon as conveniently you can by a line to yr Assr'd friend

Mr Jacob Peart att Fallowfield nigh Hexham Northumberland

**2 Mar 1710 Edward Blakett to James Mewburn**

James

Newby March the 2nd 1709/10

The Fish you sent me came very well to Ripon, let me know the price and charge of them, I perceive by my Lettr from Jacob that all the Oar will be Smelted up this Week, So give Mr Fenwick and Mr Featherston notice to have Moneys Ready against you call for it, which may be in 10 or 12 days time. Send me an Acct. of what Lead they have had, and what the Sum comes to, I would gladly have what Lead's in the Cellar As also the small quantity that is to make weight of and money Recd for it, lett me know whether you made any bargain with Mr Fenwick for it all, or not, for now the Peace is as good as Concluded, and Lead will rise at least 20s a Foth. Am sorry for my Bro Mitfords illness, lett me know every week how he Continues – Send me as soon as conveniently you can a particular of Every Tenants name the Rent they Farm, and what Arrears they are in, for you must not use them to be ill accustomed to deferr paying their Rents so long, twill be yr own loss hereafter, Always when you have £50 by you send me a bill for it, from Ald. Ridley, Mr Fenwick or Mr Featherstone, for I would not willingly have a bill or bills from any other, I have a young Parrott which would soon learn to talk if I had but an old one to teach it, so I wish you could prevail with Mr Fenwick to lend me his Parrott tho it were but for six months, and I will send my Servt. on purpose to bring it hither, and he shall have it safely Returned again, Give my Service to my Coz. Simpson & all that family and lett me know how they do, write a line per Saturday nights post to yr Assrd. friend

Mr Ja Mewburne att Seat. Del.

**3 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to William Thomson**

Sr

March 3 1709/10

Inclosed I Return you Mr Halls Lettr. I think Mr Sanderson has been very civill, & Mr Hall very diligent, so if he have not already paid the money pray ord'r him to pay, with my Service to all your family I am in great haste  
yr Assured friend & Servt.

Mr Wm Thomson

**9 Mar 1710 William Millington to Hugh Massey**

[Note: Wm Millington was apparently a clerk to Sir Edward. 'St Mungus Well' is known today as St.Mungo's Well at Copgrove south-west of Boroughbridge.]

D[ea]r Countryman

March 3rd 1709/10

Sr Edward Blacket of late has turned of[f] three or four Coachmen, and had one Recommended to him about a week ago which he likes very well, he gives his Service to you and bid me Acqt you that if he was not provided he would sooner take one of your Recommendation than from any other.

We have a report here that you would rather take a house in the heart of the Town than than where you now live and that you may have Ald. Moyesleys house for a little or less Rent, and if you could dispose of yr own house for the time you took it, you would take the Aldermans, if this be so I believe I can help you to one that will take yr chrg of[f] yr hand during yr Lease, the Weather I hope in a little time will be so good as to Encourage you to come to St Mungus Well, where I am sure you'll Receive much benefit, They frequently go in in Winter and one of this family went in at February, & Rec'd benefit by it, Sr Edward hopes you'll be so kind as to come to Newby and divert yr Selfe, & may go every morning to the Well each <week> and Return at Night I am Sir

yr faithfull humble Servt Willm Millington

Mr Hugh Massey Attorney at Law at his house in Castlegate Yorke

**9 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Mr Ovington**

Mr Ovington

March 9 1709/10

The Bear'r my Servt. is a very sober fellow and One that I have a kindness for so I would willingly have him to learn to brew and make mault, if you have a spare Room

in yr house I would table him with you for two Months if not, I desire you'll get him Tabled in Town by you, and I'll thankfully pay what they please for his Table washing and lodging, and I doubt not but you'll be so kind as to teach him what Art you have both as to Brewing & Maulting and you'll very much oblige yr assured friend to Serve you

For Mr Ovington at his house At Bilton

**9 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

March 9 1709/10

I perceive by yours that there's 1827 pcs. Made of the Grove Oar, and 277 of Slagg Lead, these 277 pcs which Loraine made can't possibly be 20 Fothers, I was informed that he made his Piggs a very small weight, but if that small number of pcs make 20 Fothers they are much heavier than the Smelters make for me, for 280 of mine will but make 20 Fo. So satisfy me how this is in yr next. As soon as all the Lead's at Newcastle I'd have you make a Pay. You must give the merchts. a weeks time to have their money Ready. I doubt not but they have their money Ready by Reason I gave them notice Some time agoe that there would be a Pay shortly I have writ Will Lowes by this post to have £50 ready against the Pay, he has more money of Mine in his hand however write to him to have that Sum Ready and name the time when you'd have it paid to you. What moneys you have Recd of Will Lowes comes Equally to his Reckoning. I do not in the least doubt but the <Chief> of <Beefront> will give me liberty to get Slates in any Quarry he has but I very much question whether his quarry at Cockley be good for anything for there are not many Quarries in Northumberland where Extraordinary good slates are to be had but any good workman can inform you where the best are and such as will bide weather which I would have you to satisfy yr Selfe in as soon as possibly you can, and then inform yr Selfe what the Charge of Leading will be from that Quarry and then acqt yr Assured friend

I had a Lettr last post Mewburne who makes 116 pcs wanting of what you say is made

Mr Jacob Peart at Fallowfield Nigh Hexham

**9 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

[Note: Briarwood Banks is now an SSSI on the River Allen]

Honest Will

March 9

I writ you of the 2nd and since I heard nothing from you, upon Rect. of this Lettr I'd have you take a view of the wood at Brear Woodbank as also all the rest of my Woods

and acqt. me what number of Trees you may cutt down this Spring & what Sum they may come to, I would have you to cutt down as much as you think you could gett vended, but no more, I shall have a Pay at Fallowfield Shortly, and have ord'd Jacob by this post to give you notice when he designs it shall be that you may not fail to pay him £50 I hope you have Rec'd that Sum of those that are Indebted to you & before that lett me know what the wood may be worth that's left uncutt at Chesterwood, as also the wood at Brearwood Bank for I design to make a great fall this Spring

I am yr Ass'd friend

Mr Will. Lowes at Ridley Hall

**9 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

March 9 1709/10

I Perceive by yrs that there was onely 1988 pcs in the Cellar So you want 116 pcs to make up the number that was made since the last Pay, I bargained with Mr Featherstone for 6 or 700 pcs which you writ me he had occasion for, the price was £8.15s after that I writ to him whether he had occasion for any more, his Answer was he could afford to give no more than £8.12.6 d so you may very well remember I order'd you to go to Mr Fenwick to acqt. him that he might have what Lead I had to come down till the Pay at £8.15 which he was willing to give, I wonder yr memory should be so very bad, you should always take a note of the Price when any bargain's made, you will hear in a post or two that there is certainly a Peace, so no question but Lead will advance in price considerably, Am sorry for my Bro. Mitfords illness give me an acct. weekley how he is, and go from me with my Service to him & her and Acqt them I am sorry to hear he's so very much out of Order and that I heartily wish them his health, you need not trouble yr Selfe to send me a bill, I perceive they're very scarce So lett them alone for Some time, Send me an Acct as soon as possibly you can what you have disbursed upon my Acct this late halfe Year, I Expect in yr next to have a particular of Every Ten'ts have what they farme & what they're in Arrears, lett there be no Pay till all the Lead be in the Cellar, & then lett me know when you design it, and be sure that Harry Tulip have all that's due to him, & sett straight for Fallowfield Colliery and house Rents, Jacob has already Recd. towards the Pay with what Will Lowes paid for cutting & leading of <sett> wood the Sum of £975.07.08d and he writes me the Pay will come to about £1030 besides Deductions for Candles. I have ordered Will Lowes to pay £50 more, and then there will be Fallowfield Land Rent Colliery & house Rent, so you may compute what you'll have Occasion for and Receive it at Newcastle, be Sure do not trust any of the Workmen to be in my Debt one farthing for you see I shall have nothing to do with them onely them working up the Cuttings & dead heaps. Write me a line per Saturday nights post. I am yr Assr'd friend

Mr Ja. Mewburne att Seat Del

**9 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Mr Ward

March 9 1709/10

I Recd yr Lettr of Complem'ts which you might very well have Spared yr Selfe that trouble, for without any Complem'ts yr Daughters were as welcome at Newby as if they had been at yr own house, my wife and Daughter Blacket give their kind Remembrance to yr Wife & two Daughters and bid me tell you they must have their Company at Newby this Summer. Am very sorry to hear of Mr <Vaines> being so dangerously ill, pray Acqt me at first post how he Recovers , I shall not Abate Mr Place one farthing of the Agreement we made which you may Acqt him when you see him, A verball Contract <prov'd> will bind Nelsons heir as well as a Lease und'r hand & seal. I think the best way will be to bring him to a Composition and I dare say the Attorney his friend will not be against it, seeing the Agreeem't will be prov'd With my Service to yr Selfe and I am yr Ass'd friend to serve you

Mr Jno. Ward

**10 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

Sir

March the 10th

Inclos'd I send you Mr Thornton's Lettr. which after perusal I desire you'll Return me, you see what he writes, So you need not give yr Selfe the trouble to write him any more about this business, nor do I believe 'tis possible for him to procure the money, I desire you'll do me the fav'r to write a Lettr. to Dr Ward, if Such a Sum may be procur'd at 5 per Cent and undeniable Security given for it, to be paid the first week in June and desire his Answer as soon as possibly he can, and when after you Rec'd his Answer in case he cannot procure it a lettr. to Mr Adams , would not be amiss upon the same Acct for time will draw on apace, All this family give you their humble Service I am Sir

yr oblig'd humble Sert.

Revd Mr Pemberton att Bedale

**10 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Richard Thornton**

Sir

March the 10 1709/10

Am very much oblig'd to you for the trouble you were pleas'd to give yr Selfe upon my Acct. I doubt it will be hard to gett £1500 in one person's hand I design however to write to York shortly to know what may be done there. I am Sir yr most oblig'd humble Servt

Richard Thornton Esq. At his house in Leeds

**10 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to James Parmentier**

[Note: This could be James Parmentier, decorative painter (1658-1730) originally from Paris but who lived in Leeds at around this time]

Mr Parmentier

March 10 1709/10

I Rec'd yr Lettr. from Leeds ten days agoe and have Expected you Every day since, I hope yr old Discharge of the Gout has not Seiz'd on you Againe, and that Mr Parmentier will not break his promise so often Repeated to yr Assured friend

Mr Parmentier Att his Lodging in Leeds

**10 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Mr Fish**

Mr Fish

March 10

I have Rec'd Sev'rall Lettrs from Mr Parmentier of late, and that he would have been with me long Eer now but that he had gott the Gout, and about ten days Agoe I had a lettr from him that he was finally well Recovered & was at Leeds, and would be with me in 3 or 4 days time, but Since that I neither See him nor heard from him, which makes me think he never designs to do it, pray do me the fav'r <where'd> he is to write a line to him and Acqt him how it's taken that he Should make so many fair promises & no performances and you'll oblige  
yr Assured friend & Servt

Pray give me a line whether you think I may Expect him or not

For Mr Fish at his house att Broatherton nigh Ferrybridge

**11 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Richard Speight**

Honest Mr Speight

March 11

I'm very glad to perceive by yr Lettr that you have bought 4 horses, and pray lett me have one of the best of them that will Suit my sett and you shall have yr own price for him, I hope one of them may Either Suit Ratt tail or the young horse that you bought for me , which I do think to be the finest Coach horse in Yorkshire, my horses are fifteen hands two Inch and some of them fifteen hands 3 Inches, however a small matter in the height I should not Value provided they have a good <fore hand> a < Starr>, a smooth & good limb'd horse & metal, and I know you would buy none but such as I have described tho' the greatest Critick may be Deceiv'd Sometimes, I expect without fail to see you at Newby on Monday or Tuesday and I wish you could prevail with Mr Maskrother or write thereon to come with you and tell them I will give them the best Wine that Ever they tasted in their time, I should now tell you that the Coachman I had last proves as drunken idle a fellow as any I ever had formerly, So that I almost despair of Ever getting a sober Coachman, I would willingly have a lusty good like sober young fellow unmarried, and a good Coachman, I wish you could Recommend Such a one, the Coachman I had last understands very little of his business, and Since I hir'd him I heard he was a married man which if I had known for that Reason he should not have come into my family. I am yr obliged friend to serve you

Mr Rich. Speight

**11 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

Good Mrs Gray

March 11 1709/10

I must now tell you that the Coachman I gott last proves as idle a drunken fellow as any I had before, but whether he was of yr Recommending or not I cannot well remember, pray desire Mr Gray to inquire me out a good Coachman, I would have him a lusty good like fellow unmarried and one that understands his business & a sober Man, I have been so often mistaken in my Coachmen that I almost despair of ever having one to my mind, tell yr husband I'll not pay him for his wine unless he come to Newby, and if he has any Montaign White or Lisbon White lett him bring a pint bottle of Each in his pocket With my Service to you both I am yr most Assured friend to Serve you

Mrs Gray

**14 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Blackett Mitford**

Nephew Mitford

March 14 1709/10

I have so very often writ to yr father upon yr Acct & and all to no purpose, that tis in vain to trouble him any more, he has been so very dangerously ill of late and continues so that most people think he cannot possibly <over> this sickness. I design the first post to write to my Coz. Wilkinson & desire him to go to yr mother, and Acqt. her with yr whole Circumstances, and tell her that in case she'll be so kind as to give you £20 I will give you ten, I hope she'll be willing to do it, if so by the first post I will desire my Coz Wilkinson to inclose a bill of Exchange to Mr Forster or to Ord'r him to pay you £30, and shall ord'r my Steward to pay Mr Wilkinson 10£ of it, this is the very last Effort that can be made for you, so I heartily wish it may Succeed, it would have been a great Reflection upon you to have gott Mr Aislabie to have spoke to the Capt. to have taken money for yr passage att Bombay, for you must know that £25 here laid out in goods fitt for that Country is worth three times as much there, I am very well assured that Mr Aislabies Lettr to his Brother would be of very good use to you, I am in haste Yr Affect. Uncle

For Mr Blacket Mitford at Mr Childs in Love Lane Billingsgate

**14 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to John Wilkinson**

Coz. Wilkinson

March 14

I desired Mr Brummell the other day to give you a Lettr which I Recd. from my nephew Mitford, and inclos'd is another which I desire you'll peruse, he's putt to very hard Shifts, and tis a pity he should want a small Sum to pay for his Passage, I desire you'll spare so much time as to go to Sighill & and Read my Sister Mitford both the lettrs and in case She'll be so kind as to give him £20 I'll give him ten pounds and pray do you inclose a bill to Mr Forster by the first post for it or ordr him to pay the money, when I hear you have done so shall order Mewburne to pay you £10, So pray lett me have a line as soon as conveniently you can, With all our Service to yr Selfe & family I am

yr Affect. Kinsman & humble Serv.

Mr Jno. Wilkinson Mercht. In Newcastle

**16 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

Newby the 16 March 1709/10

I Rec'd yrs with the Account of the weight of the Lead delivered Mr Fenwick & Mr Featherstone, wch I find right. I hope ere this all the Lead that was made this year is brought into the Cellar - soe order Jacob immediately to come to NewCastle, to assist you in carrying up the money and be sure you ride in the day time, and have some more Company with you than Jacob, be sure you make a clear pay, and lett not one workman or Tennant, that farms my houses, be owing me a farthing, and I charge both you and Jacob Peart, not to pay a shilling to any of the Workmen, till Harry Tulip be first paid, and that you receive my whole rent of him, both for my Land & Colliery for I will have noe arrears standing out

Order Wm Armstrong to meet you at the pay, and inquire of him, what the Lands of Whitsheild may be worth, a year, and what all the wood that grows upon Whitsheilds may be worth, for it has been vallued at a very great Summ of moneys likewise inquire of him, what all the wood upon Breer wood Bank is worth, for I design to make a very great Fall this Spring, if he thinks it may be disposed of

Inclosed is Copyes of mine, as alsoe my nephew Mitfords letter, which I sent to my Cousin Wilkinson by this post, and for fear it should not come to his hand I thought fitt to send them you, so upon receite hereof goe to his house and inquire whither he has received my letter, with one inclosed, if not you may give him the Copyes of them unsealed, by the perusal of them, you will find it requires a great deal of haste, for if a bill be not sent very speedily, I am inform'd the ship will be sail'd and he left behind, Desire my Cosen Wilkinson from me, by all means, that he goes to Sighill, and take my Sister Mitford his letters, and I make not the least doubt but she will be willing to give him twenty pounds, and I will give him Ten, which you may pay my Cousen Wilkinson when he pleases, I doubt he will be unwilling to send up a bill, by Satturday nights post, by reason he does not know whither my Sister will be willing to give him Twenty Pounds or not, howev'r in my opinion, I think he need not in the least doubt it, all my fear the ship will be gone before a Bill can come to his hands, you may show my Cousen Wilkinson what I write upon this Subject, with Service to him & familly I am

Lett me know what's done in this affair, by Satturday nights post

**17 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

Dear Nedde

March 17 1709/10

I Recd yrs of the 14 this Morning, and am very glad by yr good friends interest you are in so fair a way of getting a Capt's Commission, Be sure you fail not to write me Every post, for am uneasy till I hear that yr Commission is post.

I wish this Dr Sacheverill had never been born, for he has done more harm than Ever he'll live to do good. Am sure his Tryal has put you back in yr business very considerable.

I perceive yr good friend Mr Aislabie designs to go with you to the Bishop of Ely, for he may if he please speak to the Queen in yr behalf, lett me know what he said to you As also my Lord Hallifax, for they have both very great Intrest , be sure you fail not to write me constantly Every post, and I hope in a little time you'll give me an Acct. that you have got yr Commission which will be a great Satisfaction to me With my Blessing to you I am  
yr most Affect Father

Mr Edward Blacket att Mr Saml Smirks

**18 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

March 18

I Recd' yrs of the 13 but this day, and it should have come'd to me the post before, in a lettr last post to Mewburne I writ that you and he at the Pay should first discharge Tulip, for you know he Farm a considerable Farm of me and when he's paid whats due to him from the Work people, there's all the Reason in the World that the Stewards should pay themselves first, and tis yr own fault if you do not Seeing there is money enough to discharge the Pay, but in case they wanted more I would both have my own Tenants & Stewards to be paid last for we can pay them at any time, but Seeing tis otherwise tis yr Own fault if you do not deduct to a farthing what the Workmen are indebted to you I shall pay the Workmen what's their due, but will not lend any of them a penny but only as the work goes forward or I formerly used to do, I order'd Mewburne in any case that as soon as all the Lead was in the Cellar to Send for you immediately to help him to Receive the money, & I used easily to make a Pay, Some time since I writ to Will Lowes as soon as he heard from you to bring down fifty pounds and pay it to Mewburne. and if there be no occasion for it to bring it to Newcastle with him and Send me a bill for it, I hope yr next will give me an Acct that the Pay is Discharged, and that both Steward and Work people are very well Satisfy'd which would be a Satisfaction to

Yr Assured friend

Mr Jacob Peart

**18 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Matthew Featherstone**

Sir

Newby March 18

In case Jacob Peart be gone from Newcastle I desire you'll Send the Inclosed by the very first conveniency, if he have not been at Newcastle to Receive money for the Pay, keep the Lettr by you for he'll certainly be with you in a day or two I am yr very humble Serv

Mr Featherstone & Comp'y

**18 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Honest Mr Ward

March 18

I perceive by yrs that you design for York Shortly, I shall take it very ill if you do not call at Newby Either in yr going or Returning, After you have spoke to Mr <Place> if he will not pay you, you must ordr an Attorney to proceed against him and that I'm sure will put him to more charge, so he had much bett'r pay it with fair means, I cannot imagine what he can Say or Alledge in this business.

Am very sorry that Vane continues so very ill, you do not write whether his Son be married or not, I hope his sickness will not break the match

I have a very good <Carbine> at yr Service, I believe the militia for this County & yrs will not be up in our time, unless it be to get the <muster> master money, I am willing Every year that the Militia is raised that you shall have a Calfe, when you come to Newby shall discourse further of it I am in haste yr Assured friend & Servt

Mr Jno. Ward att Dinsdale

**18 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to William Robinson**

Mr Robinson

March the 18

yr friend Mr Speight Recommended you to me for a very good Coach and Harness maker, he promised to write & Acqt. you of it by the last post, I have Occasion for a Sett of Harness, I would have them as Strong and as good as any at loose with as much brass upon, lett the Brass that you putt upon the Pads be <...ly> large, and E. B. Reversed, if you make them Extraordinary good and use me well as to the price you may Expect more of my Custom, When they are done you may putt them in a hamper and Send them down by the Yorke Coach for 8 or 10s, Directed for Mr Speight, give

me a line as soon as this comes to yr hand directing for Sir Edwd. Blacket Bart. at  
Newby nigh Burr'bridge, Yorkshire. I am yr Ass'd friend

Mr Robinson Coach maker In Cow Lane nigh Smithfield London  
These [presents]

**19 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Mr Forster**

Sir

March 19

I Rec'd the Basons Chamber Potts & plates, which am oblig'd to you for, So pray by  
the first post Send a lettr. to yr Bro. Loope to come & Receive the money for them, I was  
in hopes to have seen you at Newby when you were last at Burr'bridge, and then my  
Debt to you should have been discharged by yr Ass'd friend

For Mr Forster at his house in Wakefield

**21 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to William Forster**

Mr Forster

March 21

I hope my nephew shew'd you the Lettr which I writ to him, on the 14. Inclosed I  
send you a Copy of the Lettr I writ to Mr Wilkinson his answer, as also my Answer to  
him againe, So unless you Receive a bill or ordr from Mr Wilkinson by this post to pay  
£30 I despair that they'll Return him any thing, pray if my Kinsman be with you lett  
him See this Lettr as also the Inclosed With my Service to him I am yr Assured friend  
to serve you

For Mr Will'm Forster att Mr Child's etc

**21 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to John Sharpe**

[Note: the worthy doctor was Henry Sacheverell, whose trial took place in Feb-March  
1710]

Dr Sr

March 21st 1709/10

I am mighty oblig'd to you for the Worthy Drs Speech and the Collection of  
Passages at the Tryall. I hope he will find a great many friends, tho' in my opinion he  
stands need of few being his Cause is so very just, I wish he had no greater

<Incourager> against him than my Ld W. P. who I believe cannot say his Catechism, So a mighty fitt man to be a Champion Either for or against the Church of England.

Pray give my Service to Mr Aislabie and Acqt. him that yesterday I was at his house with the Mayor & Recorder and a friend or two more, where we drank both yr healths very heartily in a glass of Tobie, there was one in the Company would gladly have purchas'd the house, provided he is willing the housekeeper Should go with the purchase, there is nothing Else can break the bargain, for he may have an Extraordinary price for it, May day is nigh So pray lett me know his Resolution, for it will take some time in furnishing My Wife joyns with me in our humble Duty to his Grace, & best Services to my Lady and pray believe me Dr Sr

Most Affectionately Ass'd

John Sharpe Esqr. A Member of Parliament London

### 24 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett

Dear Maria

March 24 1709/10

I Recd. both yr Lettrs and am very glad you are so well plac'd and with so good people, lett me know what day of the month you can come to their house, and shall write to Mr Brummell to ordr Mr Horton his Agent to pay Mr How quarterly as also yr Allowance, you must be Careful to be as good houswife as possibly you can for money is Scarce to come by, lett me know the names of all of them that comes to you, I wond'r yr uncle Bridges has not Seen you long before this, I question whether Mr Aislabie knows where you lodge. I hear my Lady Blacket has left the Town for <...rdle>, Report of one Thomson who pretended to Court her, his Grandfather was an Attorney and born within a mile of Newby, his father was an Extraordinary Lawyer who I knew very well, he liv'd nigh the Temple, this young man I hear is the third Brother and of very small estate but his Practice, I cannot believe that Even my Lady Blacket would Encourage such a Business or Even so much as hear of him So I think 'twas only some idle peoples discourse Acqt. me whether my nephew Blacket has turned off his Mistress as has been reported for I hear she has left the Town some time agoe and <she posetively denies> that Ever he was married to her. Also Acqt me whether he has been to See you, Tell Aletheia that she might very well have Afforded to have writ one Lettr to me since she came to London, With my Blessing to you both I am  
yr most Affect. Father

For Mrs. Henrietta Maria Blacket Att Mr How's apothecary in  
Bridges Street In Covent Garden London

**24 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Blackett Mitford**

Nephew Mitford

March the 24

Since my Lettr to Mr Forster last post I Rec'd. one from yr Mother, who writes me that yr Father will not give you six pence the words of her letter as by Reason of yr <knaves> dealing in yr last concern with him, And as for her she's not able to give you any thing, however desire Mr Forster to pay you ten pounds, & take yr Rect. Send, and inclose it by the first post to Mr Wilkinson, and I will pay him the money, or he may draw a bill upon me for £10 alright and inclose it to him, and shall ordr my Steward to pay him, I heartily wish you a good voyage & success in all yr undertakings

I am yr most Affect. Uncle &c

For Mr Blacket Mitford att Mr Child's in Love Lane

**24 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to William Robinson**

Mr Robinson

March the 24

I Recd. yr Lettr and I leave the brass work of the harness to yr Selfe, not doubting but you'll make them of the newest fashion, and am of yr opinion that the Coat of Arms and Crest will look much better that the Cypher, So Inclos'd I send you them. I would have the Topps for the horses Scarlett, & very full, and as for the fashion of the bits, for the bridles I leave them wholly to yr discretion, you may Send down a postillion Coat and Cape with the Harness, I hope for yr own Credit you'll make the harness & brass work as fashionable as any is Wore, & as Reasonable, I may come to be a good Customer to you for I always keep both a Coach and Charriot, Acqt me with the Rect. of this Lettr as soon as it comes to yr hand by a line to yr Assr'd friend

Mr Robinson Coachmaker etc

**25 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

Sr/

March 25 1710

I long to hear the Answr you had from Dr. Ward - The Inclosed in the Lett[er] to Mr. Adams which you formerly Sent me which you know I was not to Send till I had Mr. Thorntons positive Answr but I perceive by a Lett[er] from him lately that that Sum is not to be Rely'd on, so I desire you'll <.....> yr Lett[er] for tis as full as can be, only you may desire him to give you or me a line as soon as possible he can whether he

thinks the money may be Relyd on, for you see the time grows nigh when it must be paid in London

My Daughter Blacket I think's in a very dangerous condition, and this morning I sent for Dr. Johnson, pray Acqt. me by the <Bear[er]> if your Ass be foal'd for my Daughter Blacket has great mind to drink that Milk. Shall desire the loan of her for a little time,

I am Sr your most obliged humble servt.

Revd. Mr. Pemberton

Pray inclose me your Lett to Mr. Adams, and shall peruse, Seal and send it by my own Servt who shall give it to his own hand. If you think fit you may desire Mr. Adams to consult Dr. Ware and perhaps betwixt them one of them may, and then the same security will serve them both.

**25 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

March 25 1710

I Rec'd. yours of the 23 from Fallowfield, which surprised me Very much, for you write me you Recd all the money both from Mr. Fenwick & Mr. Featherstone and that there is great Arrears due from the Work people wch you cannot gett a farthing of which is miracle to me when you have money in your own hand to pay your self, and lett who will loose by the Work men I'm Resolved I will not for if you have paid my moneys in my own <Wrong> look you to it, for must Expect it from you, for <dd [?delivery]> of positively write you very often to pay the Work men what was due from me & no more, deducting their Arrears, and that I should have nothing to do with them hereafter, I need not send you the names of those that are Indebted to me for you have them in the last Pay, And you have likewise the Charge of the <Sive bottoms> and some other small matters lent to the Workmen, below you have an Acct. what Moneys was paid Jacob, as also what 's indebted to me from the Workmen, so you may easily perceive you had no occasion to Receive all that money at Newcastle, I wish this Lettr came not too late, however I hope you had that sense to mind what I writ you formerly, to clear all the small Debts from the Workmen, give me a particular Acct. how Jacob paid the 3 <...> I hope he paid a great part of it to you as soon as you came to Fallowfield, if you have manag'd my Business right you ought to have deducted from Every man what he was in Arrear, and so paid him the Remainder what was his due & tho' it took up more time it would have made a Straight Acct. I long to hear what you have done, if this Lettr. meet you at Fallowfield write a Lettr by the bear[er] and ord[er] him give it Mr. Brummell's Servt. to putt it into the post house at Newcastle. I am  
your Assured friend.

Mr Ja. Mewburne att Fallow field

**25 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sr.

March 25 1710

I desire as soon as this comes to hand that immediately you'll hire a man and a horse to carry this Lett to Fallowfield, for they are now making my Pay and I find by Mewburnes Lett they are likely to make a great mistake; if Mewburne be not at Fallowfield or his father in Laws at <Acomb> ord[er] the Messinger to bring back the Lett.

Shall know in 1 or so days time whether I can Raise the £1500 which by the <1>st of June is design'd for my Son Kitt - If I cannot shall desire you to speak to Mr. Ord who you know not only promised but told me I might rely of it against that time in case I had Occasion, tho' to tell you the truth I had much rather have it in Yorkshire if it might be had, I am

your assured friend & Servt.

Mr. Thos. Brummell Newcastle

**26 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

Dr Neddie

March 26 1710

I Rec'd yours this morning As also one from Mr. Aislabie who writes me that he has gott a positive promise both from the D. of Devon and the Bishop of Ely for their best Assistances in procuring you a Capt's Commission and if any two men in England can do you Service it must be these two, So I hope after a little time the business will be done to your Satisfaction. So in the interim patience must be had, Inclos'd you have a lettr. to the Bishop of Ely go in a morning and give my Duty to him

My Lord

March the 26 1710

Am very much oblig'd to your Lordship for the promise you were pleas'd to make to my good friend and neighb[ou]r Mr. Aislabie of the Interest for a Captains Commission for my son, I am informed <he's Every> Way qualified for that post, he having Certificate, From the Capt. of his conduct, and behaviour So <if yr> Lordship <be> pleased to be his Advocate he cannot fail of Success, So onely begging your Lordships <pardon> for this trouble, I am with all Sincerity

your Lordships most faithfull And most obliged humble Servt.

For my Lord Bishop of Ely  
these humbly pr[e]sent.

And pr[e]sent him the with this Lettr. I am sure you'll Receive a favourable Answ from  
him, be sure you fail not to write to me by the very first post after the delivery of the  
Lettr Mr Aislabie writes me that he gave you some Snuff to Send down to me acqt. me  
who you gave itt to, With my Blessing to you I am  
Your most Affect. Father

Lieut. Blackett att Mr. Smirks &c

Wait of Mr. Aislabie Sometimes but be not troublesome to him, go and give my Service  
to Capt. Fairfax, and acqt. me how he does and whether he invited you to dinner and  
Since you came to Town, You need at no time Send me down any news pap[ers] for I  
have all sent me constantly Every post.

**26 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

Dr Sir

March 26

I had favr. of yours and must always own my obligations to you for the great &  
constant trouble you are so kind as to give yr. Selve upon my Son Neds prefermt. I writ  
to him by this post and inclos'd him a Lettr. for deliver to the Bishop of Ely, I do not  
question but he'll do whats in his power for him, but these great people are apt to  
forgett, unless Some times they be Reminded;

Mr. Chambers Son did not bring me any Snuff, I gott it the other day from Mr.  
Portsmouth of Burrowbridge to where I perceive your Servt. Melmerby gave it, All this  
family are much your humble servt. and I am most Affectly. Yours.

Mr. Aislabie Esqr.

Mr. <Abse> is very dangerously Ill, and tis thought will not over it.

**29 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to William Forster**

Mr. Forster

March 29 1710

I Rec'd yours of the 25 as also two Lettrs. of the same Date from my Nephew as  
appears by the Stamp of the post office, tho he alter'd the Date of one of them. Inclos'd  
I Send you the Lettr. wch I Rec'd from his mother so he cannot Expect any thing there,

in case he go into the East Indies I writ him to desire you to pay him Ten pounds, and to take his Rect. for the money, and inclose it to Mr Wilkinson and my Steward will pay Him the moneys, but without his Rect. Nothing will be paid, As for what money is in Arrear to him, when he was a Soldi[er] the Agent of the Regiment 1/4 part of the Sum he'll pay him ready money for it So that will Equip him to his own Satisfaction I would very gladly know the Reason why he left the Army, for he had a good post, and I doubt not but in a little time, if he had continued, friends would have been made to have gott him a Capts Commission give my kind Remembrance to him, heartily wishing him prosperity and a good Voyage,  
your Assured friend to serve you

Mr. Wm. Forster att Mr Childs in Love lane &c

**30 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sr

March 30

I thank you for hiring a messinger with My Lett to Fallowfield, it came there in Very good time before the Pay was Ended, and I hope Sav'd me Several Arrears which were due to me from the Work people.

Pray lett me know by the next post what you mean in saying you heartily wish for many Reasons that the moneys that is to be Rais'd upon Kittys Acct. may be gott in Yorkshire, there is at present due to me out of Sr Jno Delavall's Estate £13040 with the Accruing Interest yearly of £490 Till the whole sum be paid. the Assign[men]t of this Sum is in my Nephew Davisons hand, Mr Ord did peruse it and Said was Very good security, but however what I have occasion to <use> any great sum of moneys shall give them Land security and that is undeniable, I shall know in a little time whether I shall have the moneys here, would willingly have it from one hand & then the same security serves, I believe Mr. Ord does Rely that I'll take the Moneys of him. You may remember what he said to me, however I would not have you to Speak to him till you hear further from me. I am

your Assured friend & Servt.

Mr. Thos. Brummell

**30 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

March 30

I Rec'd yours of the 29 and I desire that you'll go into Weardale and Alston Moor as soon as possibly you can, and procure me all the budlers that are out of Employment

both there and Allenheads, I wish you had spoken to Mr. Mowbray, for I know he could have supplyd you with some, I would willingly have a great many Employd for the sooner they are gone thro' the <bett[e]r>. I perceive you have paid the Window sess which by Act of Parliament is due for the Ten[an]t always to pay, and if I have paid for it formerly in my own wrong they that farm the Land & live in the house must Repay me.

I would be glad to hear that you had light of a Right Quarry for slates and if Cookley should prove would save a considerable sum of money for <leading>.

As for a mark wch. you must sett upon my slagg Lead & that which is made out of the wast[e]s must be EB and halfe a doz or a dozen Round Os, you may ord[e]r the hammer to be EB on the one side, and <a Round O> on the other, for I would have that Lead Very distinguishable from the Rest, As for that Lead which the undertakers make must all have one Mark & brought to Newcastle together paying 1/5 part of the Carriage & 1/5 part of the cellar hire at Fallowfield Mill till there be a considerable Quantity, but as for what concerns the partn[er]s you may send it down as fast afterwards you need but write me once a Month. As soon as there's very good weather I'd have you and Mewburne to go to Warksburne for you never did see the veins wch the Bailiff talks of. I can tell it to one or two Newcastle Merc[han]ts in case of I do not Work it my self, I was mightily surprised to see that the Pay should come to so prodigious a Sum considering so small a quantity of Lead made and suppose you gave them all £7.10 for 24cwt which you did not it would not come nigh to £1000 besides the Wood I am inform'd I might have sold for Above £100. So you have made me a Very fine <Sett>, I thought I could not possibly have lost in giving £7.10 a fother Especially for that weight, so I long to see the Pay to see how the Remainder of the money has been disburs'd, I thank God I am now quitt of Lead mines, and I shall think Very well before I be concerned again, before you Sett all the people at Worke that possibly you can gett Either for love or money to goe thro' the Wasts, for shall not be at Ease till both they & the Slaggs be wrought out, As for the Lead Mine I heartily wish it may prove well for the Gentlemens Advantage, would be a great satisfaction to me to hear to did.

I am your Assured friend

Mr. Jac. Peart

**30 Mar 1710 Edward Blakett to James Mewburn**

James

March 30 1710

I Rec'd yours of 27 and am surprised to hear the Pay should come to so prodigious a sum considering so small a quantity of Lead made, the Wood wch. was cutt and brought to Fallowfield might have been sold for much above £100, I thought giving 6.10 or £7 for 24 cwt. I should have been a considerable Gainer but I find it quite otherwise, which makes me long to see the Pay how the money was disbursd, Give my

Service to Mr Fenwick and desire him to send me a bill for £40 at a Short Sight, and inclose it to me by Saturday night post, I know he'll not Refuse it considering he has had moneys of mine so long in his hand. order James Clarke to write me a line by the next post what Lead has been Shipt this Spring who they bought it by where and to what place. I am

your Assured friend

Tell my Coz Wilkinson you have orders to pay him Ten pounds when he Receives a Rect <hand> my Nephew Midford <had> from Mr Forster Wish my Service to all that family

I am -

Mr. James Mewburne

**30 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

Sir

March 30

My Wife desired me to Returne yourselfe & Mr. Trotter thanks for your kind inquiry after her Daughters health, indeed she has been very dangerously ill, the Dr was here from Sunday till Tuesday at noon, and a little before he went away her Distemper shew'd it selfe as he called it, for tis come to an intermitting feaver, so the less Dangerous tho indeed she's Extremely Weak and a Violent Cough, and drinks Nurse's Milk, which is a little loathsome to her, We long to hear that your Ass has foal'd, or that you would hear of one that has new Foaled & is to be sold, We hear there are some at Mr Pulleins at Bolton, you may any Markett day knew the truth of it, when you hear from Dr. Ward & Mrs Adams pray give a line to Sir

your Obliged humble Servt

For The Revd Mr. Pemberton Bedale

**31 Mar 1710 Edward Blackett to Roger Colvill**

Coz. Colvill

March 31 1710

I perceive by Adam Spencer that you are so kind as to give very fine Singing bird which am <much> oblig'd to you for so have <sent> my Servt. with a little baskett with a charge to bring it Safe hither, if I have any thing that may be serviceable to you pray Command it from

Sir

your obliged Servt And Kinsman

Mr Roger Colvil att Wash Coat

**2 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dr Maria & Alethia

April 2. 1710

I am glad to perceive by both your Lettrs. that all your Acquaintance are so Extreamly civill to you, Am Very much obligd to my Ld. Warrington for his civility to you, and be sure you give him my most humble Service & thanks for it,

It can never Enter into my head that my Lady Blacket will marry Mr. Thomson, I dare Answer tis only some idle peoples discourse, Acqt. me whether Mrs Ord live in her same house With my Nephew, and whether its believe he be Married to her or not, he declar'd in the Country he was not, nor Ever would Marry her; Am very glad my Son Nedd has so many great Men for his friends, Mr Aislabie gave me great hopes of his success, be sure you know of him what he did with the <Brazil snuff> which Mr Ainslabie gave him <25s> to buy for me, for he did not give it to Will Chambers son as he was ordered to do, <If> he may have an Opportunity to send it down by my Bro. Yorke or his Servt.<ned .. ...> you order him not to fail, When you see the Bishop of Ely give my Duty to him, and most humble thanks for his kind inquiry after my health, with my most humble Service to his Lady, Am very glad you are Satisfyd that London is a very Expensive place, and I hope that will make you <sooner> desirous to Returne, for I can assure you more <is .ay scarce can not to be had> in the Country tho <you give > undesirable Security for it, Remind me always by a Lettr. a fortnight before your Quarterage & Table be due & shall send you a bill for it, Acqt. me whether my Lady come into the Country this Summer take your turns and write to me as often as conveniently you can. With my Blessing to you both I am  
your Most Affect. Father

<Miss> Maria Blacket att Mr. Hows apothecary

Tell your Bros. Nedd & Kitt that I seldom hear from them,

**2 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Captain Fairfax**

[Note: Possibly the same as Robert Fairfax, Admiral, to whom Blackett wrote the previous year since there was some ambiguity regarding his rank.]

Dr Sr

April 2 1710

Methinks tis a long time since I gave my Selfe the satisfaction to write a line to my good friend Captn. Fairfax, This is onely to inquire after Your and family's health wch.

I heartily wish, it is at p[re]sent all over Yorkshire a sickly season, the like not known in the Memory of man, My Daughter Blacket has been Very Dangerously ill, and yesterday her little child was likewise mighty ill, but this Day God be thank'd they are both Very much better, I hope we shall have yourselfe & family down in the Country this Summer, and then I hope you'll do me the favour to lett us have all your Company at Newby, I have a large Coach shall wait of you to bring you to Newby whenever you please to Command it.

I am now in great hopes that the Lieut. will gett a Ship, for my Ld. Orford is importun'd by a great Many of the first quality, and he has given them an absolute promise that he shall have a Commission immediately here is a wager laid wch. you are desird to determine what a Lieut. Pay in a 40 Gunn Ship, as likewise the Capts, pray acqt. me what <novells> about Town and you'll oblige  
your Real fr[ien]d & faithfull humble Srvt.

Captain Fairfax

**2 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

Dr Sr

April 2 1710

Am mightily Rejoyced to hear that we may depend upon a Peace, Am sure we stand in very great need of it, for the Country in Generall are mighty poor and I hope a Peace will make old England flourish again in a few years.

Mr Marshall told me when he was last down he had a great mind to your horse, and Ask'd me if you would part with it and what you demand for it, I expect him at Newby Every day, and if he be in the same mind wch. I hear he is, you should lett me know by the first post what you Expect for it, You may be sure I'll Endeavour to heighten the price for your Advantage as much as possibly, Am sorry we shall not have your good Company home before May; Mr. Abbey & Mr. Gill are so dangerously ill that none thinks they can possibly live above a day or two, tis the most Sickly time all over the Country that Ever was known in the memory of man, my Daughter Blacket has been most dangerously ill, and little Mitty yesterday putt us all into a very great fright, I thank God they are both much better and I hope will continue so.

Am indebted to you and thanks for the Snuff Mr Gowland brought me I never had any other, Mr. Chambers told me he heard of some Snuff that he was to bring down but never see it. I believe 'tis in Mr. Smirks Custody, so pray ord[er] Mr Melmerby to know what's become of it, and, lett him give it to my Bro Yorke or any other that's coming into the Country, All here are much your humble Servts & heartily thank you for your good wishes for my Daughters Recovery I am  
most faithfully Ever yours

Jno. Aislabie

**3 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

Sr

April 3. 1710

I Recd. yours with Dr. Wards Inclosed for wch. I thank you. I do believe Mr. Thornton would have procurd the moneys provided I'd have given him £5 1/2 p. Cent. he writ me that his Client Mrs. Lowther had £800 to putt out but she would not take less than £5 1/2 I am told your Neigh[bour] Mr. Binlows is the likeliest man in Yorkshire to procure a great sum of money for his sole business at London is in procuring & lending great sums, so if you have any Acquaintance with him I desire you'll write him a line and Acqt. him that I have reason to Raise £1500 & upon what Acct. and the Reason why I cannot be Serv'd with my own, and if he can help me to it at £5 p. Cent shall give him undeniable West Riding security and take it as a fav[ou]r. I am informd tis his whole Concern, and I believe he'll be very glad of the opportunity to serve me & gett money to himselfe in drawing the Security &c. As soon as you Received an Answr. from him pray lett me hear from you, and if there be occasion will desire your Company to meet me at his house any afternoon he'll Appoint. All this family are much your humble Servts. we hope my Daughter Blacket & Miss are very much Recoverd I am your  
obliged humble Servt.

Revd. Mr. Pemberton

Pray lett me hear from you as soon as conveniently you can

**3 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

honest Will

April 3. 1710

I Recd. yours of the 28. You make up your Lettrs in such a little Room that I believe not one in three comes to my hand. I perceive you mett with a Wood monger, and is near Agreeing with him for 160 Trees, whereof 140 are old decayd Trees, You neither write me the man's name where he lives nor when he offers to pay his money, and what more he'll have in taking away the Wood, all these things are very requisite to be known wch. aqct. me by the next post, and if you think they be no more worth than fourscore pounds, provided he'll pay his moneys in a little time shall give him my Bond for his peaceable taking away the Wood, and to take it away in a moderate time, I design to send up a Man from Bladon, with Mewburne to View and Value All the Woods that I have and he does not question but to help me to severall Chapmen that will take Each a quantity. Acqt. me whether any Wood Ever has been Cutt at

Whitshields any time, Excepting a little that was cutt for Fallowfield Lead mill, Acqt. me by the first post what you Judge the Value of the Wood may be, When the Wood man comes from Bladon with Mewburne I would have you Will Armstrong & Mewburne shew him all the Wood that I have, and he will sett what Valuation he judges tis worth against.

Am very sorry for Mr Charleton's sons misfortune of killing Mr. Witherington. I cannot imagine what service any Justice of the Peace can do him till the Assizes that he'll come upon his Trial and then they may give an Acct. to the Judge & Jury of his former behaviour, if the Coroners inquest brought it in Man Slaughter he'sailable, but if was brought in Murder no Justice a Peace can bail him, however, inclosed is a Lettr, to my Bro Midford, which lett Mr Charlton peruse & Seal, give my Service to him & tell him I'll write to all the friends I have to do his son all the service in their power at the Assizes.

I wish you could get 3 or 4 Chapmen for Wood and if I cannot sell it to one person will fell it & parcell it out after tis felled, Lett me know what you Judge the wood at <Brerton> bank to be worth, if you think fitt you may take Will Armstrongs Advice in Valuing <them both> Shall Expect to hear from you the very first post after this Lettr, comes to your hand.

I am your Ass[ured] friend

Mr Wm. Lowes

**3 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Robert Midford**

[Note: EB's brother-in-law, married to sister Christian]

Dr Bro

April 3. 1710

Am Very Sorry to hear you have been so very much indispos'd of late, but I hope by this time you are pritty well Recoverd, wch. should be glad to hear.

There is a very sad misfortune happend a Friend of mine Mr Charlton's Son of the Rows, who in his passion I perceive killd Mr. Witherington, Am inform'd they design to putt severall of Mr. Charletons Servts to trouble at the next Sessions, in case you be so well as to go there I desire you'll stand their friend, but in case you do not go pray write to some Justice of the Peace of your particular acquaintance to befriend them and shall take it a very great fav[ou]r done to your Most Affect. Bro

All here gives your Selfe & Sister Midford their Humble Services.

Robt. Midford Esqr.  
Sighill

**3 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Rowland Place**

Sir

April 3. 1710

I was Surprised when Mr Ward told me you Refusd to pay that small sum which you are obligd und[er] your own hand, am unwilling to putt Mr Place to any charge but in case you do not immediately pay it to Mr. Ward, you must excuse me if I ord[e]r him to take proper Methods to Recover my just Right

I am your humble Servt.

Rowland Place Esqr at Dinsdale

**3 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Mr. Ward

Includ you have a Copy of what I wrote to Mr. Place by this post, and in case he does not pay you immediately Speak to an Attorney for I will give my Selfe no further trouble upon the Acct. pray Acqt. me by the first post how to direct a Lettr. to Mr. Billingham. With all our kind Remembrances to your Selfe Wife & Daughter

I am your Assured friend

**6 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sr

April 6 1710

I Rec'd yours with the Articles and as soon as I have perus'd and gott Copy'd shall inclose you them againe, I thank you for making that Objection, for I will positively insist upon it that neither of them upon any pretence whatsoever shall be bound for any <bod>, and when you Returne them theArticles you may acqt. them that I do positively insist upon it.

Am not yet certain whether the money will be Raisd in Yorkshire but shall be satisfied in a very short time, I do not in the least question but Mr Ord or Mr Douglas will Raise the money for a very small consideration, considering I shall give them undeniable Security, I am glad you have forewarded the hoops, You need not pay for them because there is a considerable quantity in Arrear wch. must be Adjusted first, for I cannot well Remember that I ever Recd. any except a parcel about a year since.

As for what charges you were at in staying 2 or 3 days in London, pray place it to my Acct. As also ord[ere]d Kitty his <that> which you say it cost him.

I design to make a fall of Wood at Will[iemonts]wike this sap time I wish you could help me to one that has occasion to buy Wood And Mewburne should go with him and shew him the Wood and I have a Servt. there will sell him it. I am

your Assured friend to serve you

Mr. Thos. Brumell Newca[stle]

**6 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

honest Will

April 6 1710

Seeing many of your Letters miscarry to me I do not know but mine may have the same fate, so the above said is a Copy of my last, As also the Copy of my Letter wch. I Inclose to you for Mr. Charlton to deliver to my Bro. Mitford, which if it did not formerly come to hand. Acqt. me likewise what the Wood which was left att Chesterwood may be Worth, be sure you fail not to write me instantly. Once a Week lett me know what Wood Mongers you have gott, and what time they desire to pay their moneys, and dispose of their Wood, I design to buy some Northumberland <Runts> about May day, & then Harry Tulip may bring the Herriots with them

I am your Ass[ure]d friend

**8 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

James

April 8

I Rec'd yours with the Pay as also a bill Inclosd for £50. I did ord[er] it should be at a very Short sight, and it is at 20 days after Date, and besides was writ the first of April and is Dated the 4th which I do not take well.

[The following text is crossed out in the letter book]

I have perus'd part of the Pay, but I cannot well understand what you mean by Saying Rec'd of Jacob Peart by Deductions for <Peart/ Rent>, Recd £70 to pay Loraine withall and these you say he charges himself by Cash paid <Mr> Shaftoe & Loraine £35, and by a Sum to pay to Sundry people £<11>. 00. 11 & no particular to who, and besides to Ballance the Sum that he Recd. wch. was £375. 7. <01>d you Sett down 23. 4. 6. which by your Acct. must certainly be in his hands, so unriddle this as soon as possibly you can; I perceive you have charg'd me for Coales for the house 2. 14. and for Candles £4. 0 Write to Jacob and lett me know what use they were for, I am sure when you were at Fallowfield you made more haste than good speed, for there must be a very great mistake in Pearts Deductions, for I do not find in any place where you give me Creditt for 23. 4. 6. wch. you make due to me. You formerly us'd to send me the Pay Acct. which do as soon as possibly you can, I can understand nothing by these papers you have sent me till you come to Newby <to illuminate> them. Make Fallowfield Dr as you us'd to do for all the money Rec'd of Will Lowes at Newcastle [3 words further

crossed right out] Jacob is a very great blockhead in saying that I gett £200 by this last Pay, I'll make it appear I have lost above £100 by it. Upon the Rect. of my Lettr. write to Jacob & Ord[er] him to gett as many people as possibly he can to Worke up the dead heaps, and dress all the Cuttings, for I would very willingly have them dress'd up, for one cannot well Judge what price to Sett on them to sell them,

[Crossed out section ends]

When you come to Newby to sett the last halfe years Rent streight Will discourse you about that part of the Pay which I do not well understand, and when you do come bring me a Rentall of the may day Rents, and always putt in the Free Rents and Every thing that belongs <Lea. : Del> in your Rentall, As for Bardon Mill I was offerd 40 a year more than Will Armstrong pays provided his Lease had been out this May day, however I have a kindness for him & will Abate him 20 a year of what I am offer'd for it, because you know he may be a very usefull man for me but <have > nothing to do as to Repairs, he being a workman may best do it himself, As for my Woods, I would gladly know the truer value of what Whitfield may be Worth p. Ann. so by the first opportunity write to Will Armstrong to make it his business to know what Gates, what Days <plowing> what days Mowing of Meadow there is, as also what he thinks <Whitshield> Wood may be worth, You may pay Mr. Wilkinson £<50> when he gives you in my Nephew Midfords Rect. Acqt. Will Armstrong that if he'll gett a <parcel> or two I'll sell him £100 <worth> of Wood, for I would willingly make a great fall this sap time wch. will be about the beginning of May, Acqt. Mr. Brummell that if he know any that will buy a quantity of Wood you'll go up With him to Will[iemonts]wike, and Will Lowes and he I hope will make a bargain and in case Will Lowes be from home, Armstrong may sell him the Wood, for he being a Workman must know the value of it as well as Will Lowes. Fail not to give a line p Saturday nights post to

Your Ass[ure]d friend

Mr. Ja. Mewburne at Seat. Del.

**8 Apr 1710 Edward Blakett to Francis Pemberton**

Sr

April 8. 1710

I am of your opinion as to the Lawyer's Lettr. and that he is not to be Rely'd on for such a sum, I perceive by his Lettr. that he would willingly <pe[r]use> the Security that I might give him a Fee and then I should be just where I am, for I look upon him to be a whiffling silly fellow,

When last at Newcastle I was promised this sum so I design to write by the first post and shall acquaint you what Answer I Receive.

I was mistaken in my last if I writ you that Mr. Thornton had 7 or 800£ of Mrs. Lowther to dispose of, for it should have been Mrs. Potter, and that she would not take under £5.10 p. hundred he writ me in that Lettr. I sent you that he would continue his Endeavour to Serve me till he heard I was supplyd Elsewhere wch. I am Very much obligd to him for, and would much rather had the money procured in Yorkshire than at Newcastle, for it would have savd me the trouble of a Journey wch. I am always unwilling to take, besides a Considerable Expence, however I'm resolv'd to raise the sum tho I take it up of severall people, All this family gives their humble Services to your Selfe & Mrs. Trotter, I thank God my Daughter & little Miss are very much Recover'd tho' I cannot say my Daughter's Cough has left her, but much better than formerly it has been, I am Sir  
your Obliged humble Servt.

Revd. Mr Pemberton

Pray acqt. me by the Bear[e]r whether Ever you writ a line to Mr <Adams> about this business, I remember you writ a Lettr. to him but I inclosd you it back again

**8 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sr

April 8th. 1710

You may perceive by the Inclosd from Mr Thornton who is the Onely Lawyer in this County for procuring considerable Sums of money that I am disappointed, so must Endeavour to Raise it att Newcastle, pray speak to Mr. Ord that I hope he'll Remember what he promis'd me when you were with me, And for his Security shall Either give him good Leases or an Assignment of part of my Daughter Blackets portion which he knows is Charg'd upon her <Lordship>, which he has p[er]us'd & is now in the Custody of my Nephew Davison, I think it were not Amis if you Spoke likewise to Mr. Douglas, and Lawyer Barnes, if there be Occasion, & lett them know upon what Acct. tis for. You know I am not willing to give more than £5 p. Cent however. I'll give them a good gratuity provided they'll Raise the money, pray Satisfy me by a line by the first post if this Lettr. come to your hand and you'll oblige  
Your Assured friend & Servt.

Mr. Tho. Brumell

**9 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Mr. Ward

April 9. 1710

I perceive at your Returne you mett with Nelson's mother, and that her son will be at Allerton on St George's day, so pray make what End you please with him for the Arrears of Rent And shall be Content with it, for you had better take something than loose all, tho I believe if I would be at some charge I might Recover the whole Rent, for you can prove he was in the possession of the farm, and I can swear he never paid me any Rent so I hope by Threatening you may gett more of it.

My Wife gives you her thanks for your kind pr[e]sent, it was a very good Salmon & right in Season, Should be very glad to hear that Mr. Vane was Married, for he has been said to be Married for some time time [sic], pray acq't me at your own Leasure how his father Recovers

I am your Assured friend.

**9 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

Dr Sr,

Mr Marshall upon his Journey into Yorkshire fell ill upon the Road so Return'd tho as he is pretty well Recover'd and designs shortly into the country when he comes and that I have discoursed him, you shall hear further from me. Pray Acqt me as soon as conveniently you can if a man has occasion to take up a sum of money of the Bank (giving Land security) what Interst they expect for a sum in one man's hands cannot be had in this Country. It's for my son Kitt's acct who I perceive designs in a few months to sett up for himselfe.

I heartily wish what you writ me in yr last about peace may be confirmd I am ever yr most obliged faithfull servt

Mr Abby & Mr Gill continue still dangerously weak and are not expected to live long.

Jno Aislabie Esq, London

Sent and dated April the 9 1710 but only Inserted in this book this 14th

**10 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sr

April 10. 1710

I Writ you last post wch. I hope came to your hand, yesterday Mr Douglas was with me in his Returne home, I told him I should have Occasion for £1500 at £4 p. Cent the

beginning of June he said he thought would be hard to procure under 6 p. Cent, however pray do you discourse him about itt as well as Mr Ord and Lawyer Barnes, You may Acqt. Mr. Ord if he'll procure it according to his promise at £5 p. Cent I'll give him a present to his Own satisfaction, and then you need trouble no body else, I perceive my Steward at Willwike [Williesmontwike] has sold a p[ar]cell of Wood I have a Considerable p[ar]cell to dispose of but tis all small wood, and must conveniently cutt it down till this time twelve months, Would willingly have some Wood Mongers to go & view it this Summer and shall Endeavour to be again with them, in case they'll give me the value of it & I wish you would take men of judgement to view & value the Wood wch. my Nephew & I has in Whinlinton [Winlinton] Lordship, for I design to cut it down, when my Nephew comes at Age wch. will be next Year, will be willing that his halfe likewise should be cutt. When you go to View the wood at Winlinton pray gratify the man that goes with you, & treat him, & what charge you are at place it to my Acct. as also what charge you were at in London about my business for will never Employ you unless you place allways your Charges to my Acct.

I am your Real friend to serve you

Mr Thos. Brumell

### **13 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob

Newby 13 Apr. 1710

I received yours of the 10th and I heartily wish the Werdale <Luers>; would take one half of the Wastes for seven years is a most unreasonable time to give for working them up, if those Werdale people would imploy severall under them, they might have Labourers to work for a small matter, especially if you take up the Gin, If you think they are in earnest to Lay in the Gin, you should be discoursing all the workmen, of the Feild, what they would undertake to gett lead for a tun, 24 cwt p. Tun, for you know I may gain by it, tho the undertakers loose because they pay me a fifth part clear, if you cannot lett so many <seres..> Bargains, as will reimburse the charge of the Gin and put something in my Pocket, its better taken up than otherwise, however I leave that and all other of my concerns at Fallowfeild solely to your discretion I hope you will perswade the Werdale men to goe through good & Bad in five years, at £6. 10 and 24 cwt to the Tun, soe should be glad to hear you have concluded the bargain, you must acquaint them if the old works be given over as they are likely to be, they may have as many work men as they please, at very reasonable rates either p. day or by week.

I perceive there are very good Slates to be had at Cowsheilds, I doe not in the least question there are a great many <Slates> both upon the Hall & Barn, that will serve again <for> old Slates that has endured the rain & weather are seven times better than new, we pray agree with the workmen, as cheap as possibly you can, and give me a line by the very first post, that this letter came safe to your hand, and hope it will

acquaint me that you have lett both the Bargains of the Waste and Slateing the house I am \_

**13 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Honest Will -

Newby the 13 Apr. 1710.

I received yours of the 10th, we have had a tryall lately of the quarry at Cockley, and the Slates there are good for nothing, I perceive by a letter from Jacob that there are very good Slates at Cocksheilds and that he has in a manner concluded the Bargain, which I am very glad of -

As for the Tennants I doe not vallue, for will cut down what I wood I please in dispiht of them, lett me know by the first post the names of the Tenn[ant]s that says I shall cutt noe more wood of their grounds soe endeavour all you can to sell that wood, and order Wm. Armstrong and other fellows to fell it at sap time, and Ile give them a Tryall at the Assize. you cannot imagine that I will cut all my wood down but will reserve enough for repairing both Mills and Houses; I am promis'd that an honest & understanding man will come up to your house on Wednesday next wth Mewburn if some business does not hinder them, however if he be prevented, he shall come up in a little time which you shall have notice of.

If you judge that the hundred & sixty Trees which you and Thomas Fenwick were abt. bargaining for, be not better worth than Eighty pounds, they must be very ordinary ones, for that is but Ten shillings a Stick bark and all, however I would have you to raise them, as much as you possibly can, as for the day of payment, and two years for carrying away the wood, I like well enough, you know other men that buys wood besides Thomas Fenwick soe send for some of them, and offer them the hundred & sixty trees & I hope they will bid you much more monys, I know I need not tell you to sell them to your best chapmen, upon receipt of this letter give a line to \_

Your assured friend

I doe not in the least question but you can make me as much of the Wood as any body, soe I would have you be doing with

**13 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Sr

Newby 13 Apr. 1710

I perceive by yours that mony's cannot be had at Newcastle less than five and a half, soe must consent to give it, I doubt the whole £1500 cannot be raised from one man, I hope Mr. Barnes in a little time will be able to tell you whether the whole sum may be depended upon or not - I writ to the Lawyer by this post

I wish you could get an understanding man to goe up next week with Mewburn to vallue all my woods for I am advised by all means not to sell any till I have a right valluation of them soe if you can help me to such a man, As I may depend upon, he shall be gratified to his own Satisfaction, pray charge the postadge of all the letters you send to my account, I am your humb[le] Servt.

lett me know whether <Sorsbie> be Recovered of the <Smallpx>

Mr Brummell

**13 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Joseph Barnes**

April the 13

Sir,

Mr Brummell in his Returne from London about a month agoe came to Newby. I desired him to Acqt you that one of my youngest sons ws going to sett up his Trade of a Wholesale Grocer in London. His Master Mr Primate being a very Rich Man designs to give over the Trade about Midsummer and has Recommended to see his nephew as his partner, and that less them £1500 a piece they cannot begin in their trade. Tis an extraordinary well Custom'd Shop and if they be carefull in their business I do not question but they get Estates. I desired Mr Brummell to discourse you whether this Sum may be procured in Newcastle at £5 or 5 ½ p Cent and undeniable Security given for it. I desire you'll inquire amongst yr acquaintances whether they have any money to dispose of the first Week in June, & what Sum for would willingly have the whole in one man's hand, tho' rather than fail if the money be Ready sooner that that time I'll take it tho I have no occasion for it, and give £5 ½ p Cent tho when Iw as last at Newcastle Mr Ord promis'd to let me have that sum at £5 giving him a small gratuity but now he tells Mr Primate he cannot do it. At yr own Conveniency pray give a line to  
Yr most humble servt

Joseph Barnes Esq Counsell at Law at his house in Newcastle

**13 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

April the 13 1710

James,

I perceive by yrs of the 8 that Mr Fenwick has orderd all my lead in the Cellar to be weighed of which I am glad of. I would not have you to come to Newby till after May day and not then till you hear from me. Upon Rect of this letter go to Mr Brumell and peruse the Letr I writ him by this post to procure an understanding man of Woods to go up with you on Tuesday or Wednesday next and Will Lowes and you will shew him all my Woods &c to Sett a just value upon Each. I shall gratify him for his trouble

to his own satisfaction. I hope he'll procure such a one that is both honest and an understanding Man in the valuation of Woods for shall make no great sale till I have every particular wood valued. When you are there you'll have an opportunity to discourse Will <aruissing> about Whitshields. The latt. End of May send me a bill for £25 for Maria and Alethia quart'age. It may be at 15 days after date for their quartage is not due until the 18th. If Mr Brumell can procure me such a man as I writ to him about I would not have you by any means fail of going with him. Write me on Wednesday nights post

**14 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Robert Booth**

[Note: Booth (1662-173) was Dean of Bristol from 1708]

April 14

Worthy Mr Dean,

In return for yr agreeable Epistle of the 27 past I inclose you an address which was sent from that Loyall Corporation of Ottringham which I hear was Sign'd by Severall Gentlemen of that County, As yr nephew and brother , Sr Robt Buckinfield, Sr Sam'l Daniel, Col Leigh and a great many more Such honorable & worthy Patriots whose businesses and Chiefest cases are Employed in discouraging those Trumpeters of Rebellion, who endeavour to blast the best of Queens & her government. I hear the address was very graciously Received by her Majesty and it meets here a universall applause So that its become the general Toat [sic] in this country to drink prosperity to that Loyal Corporation, and has sett such an excellent example that I hope will be followed by all the Cities and Burroughs in the Kingdom. This cannot but be a peculiar satisfaction to you, being that most of yr family Receiv'd their first breath within sight of that Town & I hope their loyal Principles too

My wife and Daughter Blacket are much yr humble servts and pray believ me most affectly yrs

Should be mighty glad to be satisfy'd by a line that this Lettr came safe to yr hand For the Hon.able mr Boothe Dean of Bristol

**15 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Chippingdale**

April 15 1710

Honest Mr Chippendall

I had returnd you my Thanks long before this for yr noble present but the man that brought it prompt to me so <neatly> before he returnd to Yorke, I must Own was as fine a pike as ever I see. We had it roasted and it Eat Extraordinarily well and we drunk the <D...> health. If I knew any thing in this part of the County that was a <Rarity> with you it should be sent by yr assured friend

Mr Chippingdall Keppr of the Castle att Yorke

**15 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

April 15 1710

Sr,

I have recd both yr lettrs. You have been so Extreemly kind in all my Concerns that I must always own those favours with all the Acknowledgements imaginable.

You may perceive by the Inclosed that there is no money to be had at Newcastle under £5 ½ or 6 P Cent. So if Mr Peirse's £1,000 might be depended upon at £5 or 5 ½ the Remainder might soon be raised. I would willingly hear you had got an Answer from Mr Harland, I writ last post to Lawyer Barnes who is a very considerable man in Newcastle and Expect his Answer in a little time wch shall inclose you. I believe Mr Adams knows the money is for me because Dr Johnson writes that he says twill be very inconvenient for the Gentleman to have that sum from sev'all hands because he knows that Newby lordship is the Security that I would give and tis not proper to Mortgage it to two people. I have a freehold Estate in Northumberland which is Security Enough for £1,000, besides there is Wood worth £500 upon't wch I design to sell either this Spring or the next.

I hear my Bro Yorke's come down, and if you'll go & make him a visit some day next week or the wek after I'll call at yr house & wait on you thither, and pray let me know what time will be most convenient for you

I am Sir yr ever obliged himble servt

Rev'd Mr Pemberton Bedale

**16 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Cornelius Barker**

April 16

Mr Barker,

Since you were here I have a letter from a friend at Yorke who has bought me as many tiles as I shall have occasion for so you need not give yourselfe any further trouble upon that acct.

Be sure you make all the haste imaginable to get the wood all ready I hope you may saw it into the Demensions there, and then it will be much better to bring. For fear this Lettr should miscarry I have sent a Copy of it for you at <Sessays>. Lett me have a line from you and acqt me what time you Judge all the wood may be ready & what loads there may be of it. I am yr assured fr. to serve you

For Mr Cornelius Barker at the Rt Hon My Lord Downe's att Cowick p Ferrybridge

**16 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Adams**

Sr,

Am very obliged to you for yr Letter and the Inclosed will inform you upon what acct I have occasion for £1500 so pray p[er]use it & inclose it to nobody [I] shall be very much obliged to my Lady Hewley if she'll let me have a thousand pounds at £5 p cent. I am informed she takes no more. You know I can give her undeniable security wch is the Lordship of Newby & shall send you over the writings when there is occasion. Could willingly have wished the whole sum might have been had in one hand. I am yr obliged serv.

For Thos Adams Esq.

**16 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

[Note: undated, but is sequenced between other letters of 16th April]

Dr Nedd

I am very glad to perceive by yr letter of the 11th that you mind yr business so well. You may be assured I'll make use of all the friends I have for yr advancement. You must have a little patience and I do not in the least question but a Capts Comission will be procured for you. I hope the D of <Devon[shire]> is returned from Newmarket by this time, should make frequent Inquiry when he does come, & then acquaint mr Aislable and I doubt not but he will immediately go to his Grace & Remind him of his promise. All here gives you their kind remembrance & heartily wishes you success with my blessing to you I am yr most affect. Father

For Lieut Blacket att Mr Smirks &c

**16 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to George Mashrother**

April the 16

Mr Sheffing

Sr,

I heartly thank you for making inquiry for Tiles. I desire you'll bargain <promptly> for 3,000. I not in the least question but you'll buy them as cheap as possibly you can and if I should repair all my stables should have occasion for many more, however the workmen tell me that 3000 will serve at present. Pray give my service to Mr Cuthbertson and Mrs Thomson & if they'll let me know by the bearer

what day they'll come to Newby my Coach shall meet them at Hammerton. I wish you and Mr Thomson would accompany them & stay as long as conveniently you can & then come for them againe for I hope they'll stay a good time with us. I am Sr yr Obliged friend & Servt

Mr Geo Mashrother

**16 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to William Thomson**

April the 16 1710

Sr,

Pray let me know by the bearer how farr you have proceded in the fine for the Northern Estate. I am informed if we had not been so hasty we might have come of the cheaper, <T....> I believe 'tis too late to talk of these things now. I am yr assured friend & Servt

For Mr Wm Thomson &c Yorke

**17 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

April the 17 1710

Mr Ward,

Inclosed I send you young Mr Place's Lettr. There was two years rent due to me last Martinmas So As I told you before in case Mr Place refuse to pay you which I hope he'll be wider then speak to an Attorney who will Soon get me my money with charge to Mr Place.

I long to hear what you have done with Nelson. I hope you'll make an indifferent good End with him, for you know we can prove that he Enjoy'd the Land, and I nca swear he never paid any Rent. Mewburne will be at North Allerton on St. Georges Fair day so you may Acqt him what you have done both with Mr Place and Nelson. I am yr ass'd fr'.

Mr Jno Ward at Dinsdale

**17 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Honest Jacob,

April the 17 1710

For fear mine of the 13th miscarried have sent you a copy of it. Seeing it Relates to my own business att Fallowfield I have nothing to add to it but that I am yr assured friend

**17 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

April the 17 1710

Sr,

I had a letter from <Dr> Adams the same post that you rec'd yrs from Dr Ward and just now I Recd another from him which you have here Inclos'd

I design God Willing to wait on you at beadle On Thursday next about one or two a clock, but will Eat nothing but a piece of a cold <brear> of Mutton, so if that time suit yr convenience let me have a line by the next post, for I must be at home on Saturday night. With all service from yr obliged humble servt

Revd Mr Pemberton

**17 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

April the 17 1710

Sr,

I Recd your letter and Inclosd which pray foreward I return a Copy of the Articles of Agreement betwixt my Son & his partner. I think in good manners they ought to name my Son first, he being a Baronets Son, so consequently of much bettr quality. I shall have £1000 here at £5 p cent & I hope Mr Barnes will procure me £500 at 5 ½ . I desire you'll take an opportunity at your own time to discourse Mr Barnes & know what his thoughts are For by the Articles of Agreement the money is not to be paid till the 24 June. However the £1000 I believe shall returne <...> sooner I am yr assured friend & servt

Mr Tho Brumell Newca

**18 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Beaumont**

April 18

Sr,

I recd yours this morning. Am sorry to perceive you have been well of late. If I had known you would not have come down would have Returned you what I am indebted to you long before this. So Inclos'd you have a bill for it. Pray send me by the first Richmond carrier as under writ, you must consider that the carriage of every pound will me two pence so I expect you'll use me Accordingly. Upon receipt of my Letr pray let me hear from you & the carriers name. you send them for [last line obscured]

I am yr assured friend & humble servt

Mr Beaumont

4lb Bohee tea  
20lb Coffee  
20 lb chocolate  
4 pints Orange flower Water

**18 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

April 18

Dr Kitty,

Mr Marshall was with me the other day, and told me that you would willingly have a servt out of Yorkshire that understood weighing & making up of small parcells. I have upon inquiry found out such a man. You know his father, tis John Yeats son of Skelton and fit both able and willing to be bond in a great sum for his honesty. I know he'd be willing to come for about six pounds or 6 guineas a year provided you find him meat drin k washing &c he has at least that wages in a grocers shop in this County. I am sure you cannot be bettr furnishd with such a careful servt. He writes a good plain hand which will be well understood upon p'cells, besides he'll be a good gracefull man in yr shop and may be trusted with untilld Gold, so let me know by the first post if you approve of this for he may have severall masters but had rather serve you upon my acct than any other and require less wages . with my service to Mr Primate and blessing to you I am yr most affect father

Mr Chris Blacket

I know of yr sisters what yr bro Nedd did with my <.....>, for yr uncle Yorke did leave it at Mrs Cuthbertsons. <yr> Sister Maria writ me Mr Marshall is gone from there & designs to be in Town on Tuesday next, and will give you a further acct of Jn Yeates son

**18 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Iveson**

April 18

Sr,

I desired my son Wise to Acqt you that I had a young Gelding one of my Coach horses gone blind and that <fancy> he might be serviceable to you for yr Ginn. If you think the price he sett of him to be too much if you please to send for him <If a.> shall pay me as he proves & shall take it out by price or Coales or Sindes. I'll assure you he's a very

sound gelding both in his Wind & Limbs and if he had his eyes would not take £25 for him. So pray let me know by the first post whether you'll have him or not that I may dispose of him elsewhere. I am yr very humble servt

For Henry Iveson Esq Mayr of Leeds

**20 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

April 20

Honest Will,

This day the bearer John Glendenings daughter was with me, who makes a heavy complaint that there is a house at the millhouse that belongs to her, her aunt who had it for her life being dead I desire you'll inquire into this business and if there be any such thing let the poor Woman have her right for I will not have any one debarr 'd of their just due. After the perusal of the paper of the names of a great many little Farms wch my father bought after he purchas'd Willwike I find he bought of Jno Glendening a Tenemt at Millhouse and the widow to have a little Close & house for her life or 13s4d and the rent to the Ldpp 3s4d which is all I can find about this poor woman. Desire you'll give me an acct of it. I am yr assured friend

April 20

Honest Will,

The above said is a copy of my last. I fear it miscarried because I have heard nothing from you since the wood monger that I writ you of cannot possibly come up till after sap time. However I would not have you delay to sell as much wood as possibly you can. You may be <.> and I'll always leave wood enough for my Mills & <Tenants>. Be sure you give me an estimate what you judge the wood at Whiteshields may be worth as also whats left at Chesterwood. Acqt me how many Heiffers I have & shall order to buy some more of them and bring to Newby the latter end of May. I would I hear no often from you so make no more to add fm yr assured friend

Mr Will Lowes at Ridley Hall

Lett me know whether my Bro Mitford did Mr Charleton any service at the sessions, and which way I may be serviceable to him at the Asizes

**20 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Fenwick**

Sr,

April 20

Pray send me p Saturday night's post a bill for £45 at fifteen days or 20 after date. You may now more certainly depend upon a speedy peace wch I doubt not in the least will be very acceptable new to you.

I am yr very humble servt

Mr Ald.man Fenwick mercht in Newcastle

**21 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Adams**

April 21 1710

Sr,

Am oblig'd to you for the favour of yur lettr and shall lend you my Writings of the Lordsp of Newby on Monday next. I desire you'll take care that such security may be drawn as will satisfy my Lady. Tis a shame that above £300 a year should be given for the security of a £1000 so I think one part of the Lordship mortgagd for that sum is sufficient. However I refer that & what concerns this affair to yr management and what trouble you shall be at you shall be gratfy'dto yr own satisfaction. I am yr obliged humble servt

Thos Adams Esqr Yorke

I had a lettr yesterday from Mr Pemberston. He writes me he had desired Dr Ward to procure the £500 if it lay in his power. I could easily have it at Newcastle but will <commence> two years use [replacing 'interest' struck out] in going thither & returning, besides I do not love journeys. Pray give my most humble service to Dr Ward. I should judge that a Rent charge of £100 a year out of Newby Lordship is as much as they can desire for the security of £1000

**21 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Mrs Cuthbertson**

April 21 1710

Mrs Cuthbertson,

I rec'd yr Lettr this morning & shall do what's in my power to serve you in yr concerns with yr Graceless nephew. I have sent to him severall times to come to Newby and he will not come nigh me. I desired the Postman last night not to fail to Send him to Newby and to tell him in case he wanted a little money I'd let him have it. He told me he was sure nothing else would be an Inducement to bring him. If he had happened to

come to Newby when he went to Burrbridge I would not have questioned but to have got all things settled to yr own satisfaction. I hear he has now got Acquaintance at Knaresbrough & other places am afraid some or other will make a Prey of him. I wish his Bro Robinson be intirely his friend if he were he would not suffer him to be at Burrouhbridge all this while and not one penny of money in his pocket. With my service to all yr good family I am yr real friend & faithfull humble servt

Mrs Cuthbertson at her house in Conney St Yorke

When I have discoursed the young man you shall hear further from me

**22 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

April 22

Sr,

I recd yrs this morning with Mr Ward's Inclos'd. I sent my Writings this day to Mr Adams and desired him that part of Newby Lordship might be Mortgag'd for the £1,000 and that he would take Care to see this business perfected, & would gratify him for his pains. Inclos'd I send you the Copy of a Lett. Which I recd this morning from Newcastle so when you hear from Mr Harland pray return him thanks & acqt him that yr friend has provided himselfe with that Sum, not hearing from him sooner.

We expect the Dean of Bristol here next Thursday, and when he goes from here shall acqt you what day will wait of you at Bedale & so for Return all here give their humble services to yr selfe & Mrs<Trow> with my Blessing to my God Son I am yr most obligd humble servt

Revd Mr Pemberton Bedale

**23 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Adams**

April 23

Sr,

According to Dr Ward's Request I have Inclos'd you a particular of the Ground with the number of acres which is much more in values that £200 a year. I am sure less than 200 is sufficient security for £1000 however am resolved my Lady shall have security enough.

My wife has no Joynture out of Newby Lords.p and if Dr Ward distrust what I write shall send it under my wife's own hand. I desire the Security may Comence not before the 1st day of May and when <tis> finished I desire you and Dr Ward to come to Newby & shall Execute these. If yr business will not permit it shall wait of you at <Handerson> and execute it there. Pray satisfy when this comes to yr hand

I am sr yr obliged humble Servt

Thos Adams Esq Yorke

I desire you'll do me the favour to inquire amongst the merchts in Town if they can give me bills to London for £1000 tho' they be three weeks or a month after date.

**24 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to John Marshall**

April the 24

Sr,

I hope this will find you well Returnd to yr own house. Inclosd you have a bill for £48 wch you paid me at Newby they are So scarce to be had not one to be got without advance. With my humble service to all yr relations I am yr assured friend & humble servt

Mr Jno Marshall

**25 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

April the 25 1710

Dr Maria,

Acqt your brother Nedd I Rec'd his Lettr this morning and that at last the snuff came Safe to my hand, and I believe more than I should have had, tis the worst of the kind that ever I see not worth  $\frac{1}{4}$  part of the moent that it cost. Shall be very glad to hear that my Ld Devonshire is come to Town and that Mr. Aislable will leave the Town before yr bro get a Ship. Tell yr bro he must wait of Mr Aislable as often as he can but not too troublesome to him. As also to Wait of Capt Fairfax. Inclosd is a bill for £25, and when yr Quarterage is due you may discharge it. I doubt not but you'll be sufficiently fixd in staying another Quartr. I hear Mrs Bewick design to a come down about that time. If so will fall but very well that you may come together. With my blessing to you both I am yr most affect Father

Lett me know whether yr Uncle Bridge visits you often, and whether he be very civill to you, and whether he has made you any Presents or not. Ordr Nedde to writ me every post how his business goes forward for care must either be taken now or he'll get no ship till the lattre end of the <.... >

For Mrs Hen.ta Maria Blacket att Mr Flows &c London

**25 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Robert Hitch**

April the 25 1710

Sr

According to my promise I Inclosd you have a copy of the verses you desir'd. I think they are the best that ever I read And very much Trust in them. with my most humble service to yr Lady I am yr faithfull humble servt

For Robt Hitch Esqr att his house at Leathley nigh Osley p Tadcaster

**27 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

April 27 1710

Mr Ward,

You need not give yrselfe any further trouble to discourse Mr Plaice but immediately ord Mr Thomas Maynard of <Yarnon> who I hear a very good Charactr of to <see> out a plant and prosecute the matter according as you give him Directions for I will never refer my Just Right to any body but so a Judge & Jury at the Assizes. So I shall give my selfe no further trouble upon this acct.

I perceive the Water Wheel at Sockburne is decayd so you may cut down that oak which is in the Greenbank when the sap goes, wch will be about the second week in May. I have severall fine Whye to Calve & will let you know as Soon as the last of them has Calv'd, be sure you slip no opportunity in making a good End with Melson. I am yr assured friend

Mr Jno Ward at Dinsdale

**27 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Joseph Barnes**

[Note: This whole letter has been struck through]

April 27 1710

Sr,

I had the favour of yrs of the 22nd and am mightily obligd to you for yr Endeavours in Procuing the money which I have occasion for upon my younger sons acct. My Lady Hewley has promised to furnish me with £1000 att May day at 5 p cent so tis onely £500 more that my business requires and I believe there is no very great hast of that sum provided I can get 1000 speedily Returnd from York or Leeds, wch I have some Reason to doubt by this time of the year so shall be firced to send it up by the Carrier from Yorke

If you think I may depend upon £1500 the first of June I am sure it will answer my business. Am not obligd by the articles to pay the money till the 24 but my Son

writes me theres a great sale of Spice and fruit the 26 of May, and if they have a consid.able Sum by then they shall gain at least £50 by it, and if they miss that Sale what species and fruit they buy afterward will cost them £2 p cent more so I would not by any means have them disappointed. Pray give a line to Sr your most Obligd humble servt

Jospeh Barnes Esq Counsell at Law Newcastle

**27 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: This whole letter has been struck through]

April 27

James,

I hope you remember everything I gave you a Charge of at Newby. Desire Mr Qunice to buy me some hay <of> Mr Swinburn of <York> or any other where he can buy the cheapest but be sure it be extraordinary good for I do not know what I may use during my stay. I would not have it sent in till you give him notice. My time of coming to Newcastle may be 15 or 20 days sooner or later. Write me exactly the answer Mr Wilkinson gives you when you desire the stables for 6 or 8 days, as also what other things I order'd you to acqt me. Fail not to wait on Mr Barnes & know whether he Red my Lettr & what he said to you and give a line p Saturday night's post to yr assured fr.

**27 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett**

April 27 1710

Sr,

I had the favour of yrs of the 22, & am mightily obliged to you for yr Endeavours in procuring the money which I have occasion for upon my young son's acct. I perceive by a Lettr last post that Mr Primate my sons master has some thought to continue his shop for six or 7 months longer, so will be to no purpose to raise money to lye dead in my hands. Howevr in a little time you shall have the trouble of a line from Sr yr obliged humble servt

**28 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Adams**

April 28

Sr,

I had the favour of yrs of the 26 and am willing my Lady Hewley should have the Lordship of Newby for her security, except the house, gardens & two closes the one on the foreside of the house called the Cowfield, the other on the back side called the Long

field, both which are the way to the house. I must own tis much more convenient for me to have the whole sum of one hand otherwise should be very unwilling to give four times the usual security for such a sum, and I can make it appear that I have Emprovd the grounds above 150 a year since I purchased them, & might have bought that value at twenty years purchase as cheap. Am much obliged to you for all this trouble given you by Sr yr obliged humble servt

Thomas Adams Esq

Pray let me have a copy of the Security wch I give my Lady Hewley and I hope you and Mr Ward will be so kind as to come to Newby where I shall execute the Security if not shall wait of you at the <mer To.> and as for the money it may lye in the hands where it is till I can get bills either of Yorke or Leeds for the Return of it.

**28 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to John Gowland**

April 28

Mr Gowland,

I desire you'll do me the favour to buy me two couple of Duck, & lead them by the post boy for Fowl has been here mightily scarce & you'll oblige yr ass. Fr to serve you

Mr Jno Gowland Yorke

**28 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Gray**

[Note: undated but between letter copies dated 28th and 29th April]

Mr Gray,

I hope <Mrs> will be at newby shortly when she does come pray send a note by her of what I am indebted to you & shall pay you the money. I am yr assured friend to serve you

Mr Edwd Gray Yorke

**29 Apr 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

April 29 1710

Sr,

I recd yr Lettr yesterday from Mr Adams who writes me that my Lady Hewley has lately recd a considerable sum of money & is willing to lend me £1500 at 5 p cent

wch is much better than to have part of it at Newcastle wch will both cost me a Journey which you know am unwilling to take, beside a good sum in expenses. I hope there is now an End of that business which has both given yr selfe & me a great deal of trouble, which am obligd to you for.

I have sent you a barrel of pickled Oysters by the Bearer wch I hope will prove well. I had them from the Isle of Wight & them which I have already tasted proves to Expectation, which I wish yours may do the same. With all service from here to yr selfe & Mrs Trotter with my blessing to my Godson

I am yr real friend & humble servt

Revd Mr Pemberton Bedale

**29 Apr 1710 Edward Blckett to Jacob Peart**

April 29

Honest Jacob,

I perceive you have let the slating of the house &c and I think upon very moderate terms which am very well pleased withal. Be sure you see it done in the heat of summer, & the sooner they begin to get & lead slates the better.

I hope there'll be water enough this summer tho the Ginn be not taken up to Employ some people in the old wasts for tho there be not water to wash much they may get it ready for washing against the water

I am yr assured friend

Mr Jacob Peart att Fallowfield

**1 May 1710 Edward Blckett to Thomas Brummell**

May 1 1710

Sr,

I thank you for yr kind invitation to yr house. Have now gott my business done here so shall not take any journey northward this Time. I shall take care that Kitty <...> £1500 Returnd & paid him before the 26th May. Pray acqt me in yr next whether Mr Curtis be well recoverd of the small pox. I am yr Humble servt

Mr Tho Brummell Newcast

**1 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Joseph Barnes**

May 1 1710

Sr,

I hope mine of the 27 post came safe to yr hand. I can now acqt you that in case my Son's agreemt with his master Mr Primate go foreward I have a friend has offer'd to pay Mr Primate upon my acct £1500 in London at what time he'll appoint, so you need not give yr selfe any further Trouble as to that business. So I heartily thank you for what you have done.

[Following section struck out: 'I writ to Mr Brumell to know whether he has a Copy of my father's will, for must <...> to see you upon it, in perusing of it the other day I find something in it Relating to Winlaton Lordship Which I do not rightly understand' and replaced with 'When I come to Newcastle must have yr advice in a business of concern, so shall mention not further']

I am Sr yr obliged humble Servt

Joseph Barnes Esq

**1 May 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: undated but in sequence between letters of 1st May]

James,

I recd yrs of the 29 So you need not trouble yr selfe any further about inquiring for bill. For I have done my business here as to my son Kitty's Concerns, so shall not come to Newcastle till the Assizes, if then. You may acqt Mr fenwick I shall have occasion in a month's time for the Ballance of his Acct Either in Bills or Money. I am yr Assured Friend

James Mewburne

**1 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

May 1 1710

Sr,

I recd yours by my Servt and am oblig'd to you for giving Mr Tranter & Mr Harland notice that yr friend was provided. I shall God willing meet you at Richmond Either the 9th or 10th but can only stay two night there, by reason my Lady Blacket will be upon the Road, and I believe designs us a Visitt. With all our humble service to yr selfe & Mrs Trotter I am yr Obliged humble serv

Revd Mr Pemberton

**2 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

May the 2 1710

Dr Nedd

I recd yours of the 29. I would gladly know what <news> Mr Aislabie had from the Duke of Devonshire for if he cannot prevail with my Ld Orford for a ship for you I am sure no body can. <Wh... Is> the Oxford at present, I would have you by all means in case you cannot get a Capts Commission to go Lieut for a little longer. Be sure you take both Capt Fairfax and Mr. Aislabie's advice. I hope in a little time we shall have a Peace and then I believe there will be a change in the Admiralty, in case you do not Succeed now shall continue making Intrest for you till you get a Capts Commission which I hope will not be long.

Do not putt yr selfe to charge to buy me any Brazill snuff for I have more at Newby than I shall take these 2 or 3 years. With my blessing to you from yr most affect Father

Lieut Blacket at Mr Smirks, London

I hope you acqtd Mr Aislabie that the Capt of a small Man of War was dead att Portsmouth and if he acqtd the D of Devonshire with it I doubt not but he would prevail with my Lord Orford to give you that ship. Let me hear from you upon rect of this Lettr & I hope it will bring the good news that my Ld Duke has prevaild

**2 May 1710 Edward Blackett to William Robinson**

May the 2 1710

Mr Robinson,

I perceive by yr letter of the 29th that you have sent down the Harness to Mr Speight, & that the Carriage cost you 20s. You should have directed them onely for Mr Speight & let him have paid them & not name my name & then he would have paid no more than ten shillings of great heavy harness for himselfe. I have not yet seen them tho' I doubt not but they will please me provided the price be Easy and then you may expect much more of my moneys. However shall be willing to Refer the price to Mr Speight himselfe. Send me down a note of what I'm indebted to you & shall send you a bill for the money. I am yr assured friend

Mr Wm Robinson Coach maker in Cow Lane nigh Smithfield London

**3 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge**

[Note: A Henry Lodge was installed as Curate at St. John the Evangelist in Leeds in 1709, & a prebend of Ripon from 1714, (per the Clergy of the Church of England database online)]

May 3 1710

Sr,

I have £1500 in the hands of Dr Ward of Yorke so I desire you'll get me bill for £1000 payable about the 23 of May other bill for £500 payable 20 days after in case you get bills desire they'll send their servts to receive the money on Fryday morning early, for the Dr can be at home no day but that these fourteen days, otherwise I am afraid shall be forced to send the money by the Carriers. Yr endeavours in this affair will very much oblige sr yr assured friends & faithfull servt

The Revd Mr Lodge

**4 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge**

May 4 1710

Sr,

Am much obligd to you for the trouble you are pleasd to give yrselfe upon my Acct. my servt shall not fail to be at the Starr in Stonegate by Eight a Clock on Fryday morning and will go with them to Dr Ward where they may Receive £1500. I doubt not but the Bills will serve his Turn as well as if they were drawn at a shorter Date. Pray let them be made payable to me or my Ordr I have sent you a barrel of pickled oysters which I doubt not but will prove very well & pray let Mr Thornton be at the Eating of them to whom my most humble service. I am yr obligd servt

Revd Mr Lodge in Leeds

**5 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

May 5 1710

Dear Kitty,

I Recd yrs of the 29th and I perceive that yr uncle Bridges, Mr Gould & yr <parton> Relations are pleasd with the Articles and that yr uncle Br shewed them to Council and that he approved of them. so when they're engrossed you must desire yr uncle bridges & Mr Gould to be <..skesses> to them. I have inclosd by this post to Mr Primate Bills for £1500 they are as good as Ready money in case you buy anything at Sales, which you may see by the Inclosd Lettr which immediately desire Mr Primate to peruse.

You must now take care to be a good husband and take Mr Primate's advice in all things that Concerns yr trade. I know he'll be willing to Assist you & be Sure you always carry yr selfe very civilly to him. With my blessing to you I am yr most affect Father

Mr Chr Blacket at Mr Primates &c London

I charge you never to be bound for any many living for you had a nigh Relation who had a very real estate & was absolutely undone by it & another Relation you had who just Escaped being ruined very narrowly

**5 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Humphrey Primate**

May 5 1710

Sr,

Inclos'd I sent you Bills for £1500 upon my son's Chr. Acct. I desire you'll do me the fav'r to let him have yr advice in yr Way of Trade upon all occasions. I must always own my great obligations to you upon his acct and I hope he'll have the Grace always to Own his Rise from your & yr great kindness to him has been much more than could be Expected. And if ever it lie in my power to be serviceable Either to you or yours you may depend upon a most faithfull friend, yr Obliged humble servt

Mr Primate London

**5 May 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

May 5

Sr,

I rec'd yr Lettr as also I perusd yr Lettr Inclosd from Mr Place so without any more adoe desire <Mr Maj...> to proceed against him. This last may day there was two years & a halfe due, and tho he would pay me the money in hand provided I would abate him a penny of the whole I would not do it. The note under my hand wch had shewed you, you have the very copy of it which I gave you last year. You see the note obliges him to pay me four guineas yearly & I very much wonder that Mr Place should make the least scruple in doing of it.

Would be glad to hear you had made an End of <the whole> business, pray endeavour as soon as conveniently you can. I have 3 of my best Whyes to calve & shall not be unmindful to Reserve you one of the calves

I am yr assured friend

Mr Ward att Dinsdale by Mr Lambton

**5 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

May 5

Dr Maria,

I heard long before yrs came to hand that my Lady Blacket was to sett forward for the north on Monday last. She designed to be at her son Calverleys as <...> night, and to stay there either till the 15 or 22. I design to send a Servt thither some day this next week to invite her to Newby, wch will make her journey more easy to Newcastle

Am sorry to hear of my nephew Davisons death. I cannot believe but that the Bishop of Ely did his utmost Endeavours to procure a Captain's Commission for yr Bro. I believe Mr Aislabie did likewise Speak to the Bishop upon Neddes acct for he did the Bishop's kinsman a great kindness in Recommending him to his Bro in the Indies, so he ought upon Mr Aislabie's acct not to be unmindfull of him. When you go to visit my Lady you may desire her to putt hmi in mind. You may tell her that tis in all peoples thoughts that if my Lord would espouse his Intrest heartily he might prevail.

Give my service to Mr Aislabie & desire him in case the D of Devon cannot prevail for a ship that he'll desire Mr Burdett to get him a Lieutenancy on board of some cruiser that he may be night at hand in case any thing should happen. With my blessing to you both I am yr most affect Father

Mrs Henrietta Maria Blackett at Mr Flows &c London

I long to hear what answer Mr Aislabie had from the Duke of Devon. Ordr Nedd to write me

**6 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Morris**

May 6

Sr,

I discoursed Sr Tho Tankred this morning & have persuaded him to pay you £7 10s for the Tythe of what rape he may sow on Minskip Moor during yr time. This year is so farr spent that he cannot sow much & the low part of the moor is so wett that he design to let it for pasture for tis fit for nothing Else. I think I have made you a very good bargain for £7 10s in hand is better than nothing & if was my own case I should desire no better advantage

Yr assured friend & servt

For the Revd Mr Morris

**6 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Tanckred**

[Note: undated but clearly related to the previous letter to Morris]

Sr Thomas,

Inclosed is a Lettr to Mr Morris, which I desire you'll p'ruse, Seal & inclose it by yr Servt. I must own I did wonder you should refuse the proposal made you, for you may consider that this year may prove a wet season & then you can sow but very little & besides it will be hard for you so late to procure <Pairers> that could pair a considerable quantity, so now you have yr own time to pair & sow yearly what you please during his life wch <....> so I think this bargain is preferable by much to what you were willing to give. I remain Sr yr real friend

Sr Thomas Tanckred Bart

**8 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

May 8

Sr

I hope you rec'd mine on Sunday morning. I did design not to have faild to have mett you at Richmond on Wednesday but poor Mr Blackburne lyed a dying and my wife tells me they design to bury him at Richmond & to borrow my coach for the mourners, so my journey to Richmond is uncertain. I send this day to Esholt to give my Lady Blacket an invitation to newby in her Return to Newcastle & as soon as that is past I design for Richmond & shall acqt you the day & hour shall be at the salutac.on & if you can spare time shall desire yr Company to Richmond. There will be none in the Chariot but my selfe, pray give me service to my <Bro> Yorkle & acqt him the reason why I cannot wait of him so soon as I designed. I am sr yr obliged humble servt

Revd Mr Pemberton

**8 May 1710 Edward Blackett to William Jones**

May 8 1710

Sr,

I had the favr of yr Lettr of the 5 past. Am sorry I have not a bull calve for yr friend Mr Bilton for they were all disposd of before you went from hence but another year yr friend may depend upon me.

I perceive by the news paper last post that the whole officers of one English Regiment was cut off in the Trenches. Capt Burton writ their Regiment was at the

Siege. I writ it was not his fortune to be in the Trenches. It was a great oversight of him that Commanded the Seige that did not support them & deserves to be called to an Acct for it. With my humble service to all yr relations I am yr assured friend & servt

Mr Wm Jones att Mrs hendrys in Durham

**8 May 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

May 8 1710

Honest Will,

I perceive by yrs of the 3d that you have sold 160 Trees to Fenwick & his partners at <11s> pr tree. If the wood be anything they must be very cheap for I should judge the Bark worth at least one halfe of the money. However you say he was the best Chapman. I perceive he is to pay halfe of the Money at Xtmas & the remaining part within a year after. The first payment is well enough but I think tis an unreasonable to give him so long a time for the second

I wonder you should let so inconsiderable value on Whitshields Wood for yr father often times told me twas worth £500. I intend some time this summer to send a wood man to view Whitshields & Chesterwood, I hope they will sett a much greater value of it than you have don. I have orderd Harry Tulip to buy me att Tyne Green fair two or three little beasts to bring with these Harriots that you have, so ordr some of the Tenants that bring beasts to the fair to bring them down at that time & give them to Harry Tulip, who will bring them himselfe to Newby. Upon receipt of this Lettr give me a line to satisfy me it came to hand.

I am yr assured friend

Mr Wm Lowes att Ridley Hall &c

Give me an acct how Mr Ridleys lead mine proves & whether they have gott any oar or not

**8 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

May the 8

Honest Jacob

Acq[ua]int me by the first post how many people you have at work at the dead heaps, as also how Loraine goes forward with his work. I should be mighty glad to hear that Fallowfield Mines prov'd well for I heartily wish them as much profit as I gett my selfe, I wonder they do not make many more Tryalls, Acq[ua]int me likewise how the Slaters goes foreward, I hope they have gott a good quantity at the Quarry ere

this hasten both the leading & lying them on With all possible speed, for whole Slates are laid on the beginning of summer are much better than whats laid on afterwards

I have 3 or 4 Herriots in Will Lowes Custody, who I have orderd by this post to lead them down to Tyne Green fair & to give them to Harry Tulip, and I desire Harry to buy me one or two little <beasts> more & bring them with him to Newby; as soon as this comes to your hand give a line to your Assured Friend

[For] Jacob Peart

**8 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Morris**

May the 8 1710

Sr

I Return you Sr Thos Letter the proposall that I made to him was that in case he would pay you £7 10s he might sow what Rape he pleasd on Minskip Moor, & take his own time for it, provided you kept Aldbrough living, he told me this year was farr spent & he could gett little done, & for the low part of the Moor twas more proper for pasture then anything Else, I did understand that the £7 10 was to be paid you in hand, the scruple w[hi]ch Sr Thomas makes is very inconsiderable, for the Intrest of £7 10 for a year is not much, so I would not have him to differ with you upon that acct w[hi]ch will tell him at Newby I am Sr

Your humble servt

[For] Rev'd Mr Morris

**11 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

May the 11

Jacob

On the other side you have a Copy of my last & since I Rec[eive]d yours of the 8th As for Mr Charleton of Leehall I know he will not refuse any thing upon my Acct so you may either speak or write to him with my service, am sure he'll Refuse me nothing that's in his power to grant, I have p[er]used [the enclosed] from Will Gibson, & he is very unreasonable in all his Demands, for would willingly have as many work people & as many severall undertakers as would work all the work up in a very little time, I would have you to consider of it very well, and lett me know what you Judge all my Work may be worth as they lye upon the Ground, by all means Encourage the two Yorkshire Budlers, & perhaps they may gett you a great many more, am altogether of the opinion not to lett all the work unto one or two friends, but Endeavour to lett them to as many severall Companies as possibly you can, I think twill be more for my advantage to have Every 4th month at the mill rather than Every 4th week so you may

acquaint the undertakers that I am very willing to it, am very glad to hear that there was a fine seam of Oar in one of the Drifts, I heartily wish she has continued, Will Lowes will send down to Tyne Green Fair two or three Herriots, if they give a good price order Harry Tulip to sell them <...> if cheap to buy one or two to them and bring them to Newby; I am your assured Friend

[For] Mr Jacob Peart

I would have you by all means to go up & view Mr Ridleys Lead mines that I <lett him>

### **11 May 1710 Edward Blakett to James Mewburn**

May the 11

James

Fail not gett a bill of Mr Fenwick for £40 att 10 or 15 days after Date, & acquaint him shall have occasion for the Ballance of his Acct in a very short time, am sorry Sr John & Mr Rogers should have any difference, would be much better for them both to be as good Friends as his father & Sr Jno was, I will order Mr Ward to meet you att Stagshaw Bank att the Fair day, & go with him to Willwick [Willemontswick] and shew him all the work that Will Lowes did at the Water last year as also what is to be done In Fencing the water of this Year, You & he & Will Armstrong may compute what the charge might be last year, and what will cost this For Will Lowes brought in a very unreasonable bill last year, I think Stagshaw Fair is not till the 24th June however For Fear I should forgett I give you this notice I have already acquainted Mr Ward with it, fail not constantly to write me every Saterdag night, & give me advice whether there be any better agreement betwixt Sr Jno & Mr Rogers

Tell Mr Brummell I wonder I hear nothing from him about Mr Curtis

### **11 May 1710 Edward Blakett to George Mashrother**

[Note: undated but between others of 11th May]

Sr

I thank you for buyeing me 3000 Tyles, as also for speaking to my Coal mer[chan]t Jackson, When you see him again pray tell him that he may come as often as he will when there's water, & we'll unlode his Boat immediatly, Will have occasion for 3 or 4 score Chaldrons of your best Penshaw Coales, such as he formerly us'd to bring I have now gott a very honest fellow for a boatman his name is Thorpe, so Tyles & what other Merchandise I have coming from Yorke I have order'd to be putt aboard that Boat for

he's a very carefull honest fellow, & may be depended upon, For I trust Wine in his boat without sending a servt with it, so you Judge I have a good opinion of him

I am Sr your Obliged Friend & servt

[For] Mr Mashrother

Pray go to Mr Roper the Iron Monger and see 10 or 12 sock moulds of the very least size weighed of, & order them to be put to Thorpe's Burowbridge Boat, I have likewise in Mr Speight's Custody six p[ai]r of Harness & a Postillion Coat & Cap, as also a little box with the <topping>, I believe they are all putt in two Hamper, which I desire you'll Order Thorp's Boatman to carry to his Boat, as you have been a very great stranger, should be mighty glad to see you at Newby & give me your opinion of them, I heartily wish they may prove well

**11 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Richard Speight**

May the 11 1710

Mr Speight

I perceive by your Letter that the two Hampers with my Harness Postillion Coat Cap & <topping> are come to Yorke, I writ to Mr Robinson to send me down a note of What they come to, and that I would Referr the price solely to your selfe what I should pay him for them my Coach man must be a very blockhead if he does not know to putt on six Harness, however I shall be very glad to see you at Newby

I like the little horse you bought for me very well, he has one fault at all onely, a little too low I hope in a Year or two he'll be two Inches higher, I want a fine horse that would match the young horse you bought me, not that I have any present occasion but would willingly have a spare horse in case any of the other should be lame perhaps the latter End of the Year you may take a Journey into the south, & then shall desire you to buy a right horse for me, pray give my service to Mr Gowland & tell him I thank him & am Indebted to him for the Fowl he bought me

I am your Assured friend to serve you

[For] Mr Rich[ard] Speight in Yorke

If you be in Yorke, pray lett me hear from you, if not, when you Returne from Newcastle

**13 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Tanckred**

May the 13

I am heartily sorry to hear that my Lord Chancellor has given the Cause against you, and as I hear unreasonable Costs, if you'll come to Newby this afternoon & order Mr Lister to meet you here will consider whats best to be done, I know that my neighbour Mr Harrison in a Cause in Chancery had great Costs given against him, & he petitioned my Lord Chancellor & had the Costs very much mitigated with my service to my Lady

I am Sr your Real friend & servt

[For] Sr Thomas Tanckred

**13 May 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

May the 13

Mr Ward

One of the seven Cowes I have last night Calv'd a bull Calfe, they tell me tis but a little one, but I do not question but twill make a fine bull being <under> one of the very best Cows I have, you'll absolutely spoil it if you carry it home on horse back, so you may buy a Cow & a Calfe & send them hither, the Calfe may be sold, and this Calfe putt to the Cow, and as soon as she takes to it sent home, if you can think of any better way by the first post give a line to

your assured friend

**14 May 1710 Edward Blackett to William Robinson**

May the 14

Mr Robinson

I Rec[ieve]d your Letter with the price of the Harness w[hi]ch is very unreasonable, When Mr Speight Recommended you to me he told me he would Engage you should send me a sett of as good Harness as any Gentleman in England need to have for £15 which was the Reason I Employ'd you, you lett me down likewise most unreasonably for the Postillion Coat & Cap which is half as much more as Ever I us'd to pay, Mr Speight likewise told me that you should have directed the Harness onely to him, and then the Carriage would onely have cost 10s I have not as yet seen the Harness, I doubt not but shall like them well all but the price, however am willing to Referr all things to your Friend Mr Speight who I know is a very honest man, You ought to use me Extraordinary well Especially the first time by Reason I may become an Extraordinary good Customer to you, when Mr Speight has Adjusted the price shall pay the money to Mr Harrison as you desire I am your Assured friend

For Mr Wm Robinson, Coachmaker

**14 May 1710 Edward Blackett to George Booth**

May the 14th 1710

My Lord

I humbly begg pardon that I have not long before this Ownd my Acknowledgement to your Lordship for the honour your were pleas'd to do my Daughter in visiting of them Last Winter, I think my selfe mightily oblig'd to your Lordship for that favour, which is All the Return can be made by

Your Lordship's most faithfull obed[ien]t humble servt

[For] The Rt Honourable the Earl of Warrington, Dunham

My Wife & Daughter Blacket desire their humble service may be Acceptable to your Lordship

**16 May 1710 Edward Blackett to William Cavendish**

May the 16

May it please your Grace

Am infinitely oblig'd to your Grace For your promise w[hi]ch you were pleas'd to make to Mr Aislalie upon my Son's Acct, Am very sorry to be so troublesome but your Grace's goodness and the Nature of the Request will I hope apologize for me at this time,

I begg your Grace will have my son in your Thoughts when you see my Lord Orford, and then I assure my self he cannot Fail of Success having your Grace's Assistance, humbly begging pardon for this presumption & trouble given your Grace by

Your Grace's Most Faithfull and most Obed[ien]t humble servt

For His Grace the Duke of Devonshire  
These [presents]

**16 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

[Note: evidently a covering letter, alongside a similar one to Edward, for the letter of the same day to the Duke of Devonshire, William Cavendish]

May 16 1710

D[ea]r Maria

Upon Rec[eip]t of this Letter send the Inclosed open to Mr Aislabie & desire him to p[er]use & seal it & then he may give it to your Bro[ther] who I hope he[']ll Introduce to my Ld Duke before he leave the Town, Am sorry to hear your sister Alethia has not been well I hope tis nothing but a little cold or the like, your sister Blacket about 2 or 3 Months agoe had a severe Cough [struck out: 'cold'] but now shes perfectly well againe With my humble service to Mr Aislabie when you see him & desire him to secure a Lieut[enan]cy for Nedde For I almost despair of getting him a Capt Commission this Summer With my Blessing to you both I am your most Aff[ectiona]te Father

For Mrs Maria Blacket

**16 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

[Note: evidently a covering letter, alongside a similar one to Maria, for the letter of the same day to the Duke of Devonshire, William Cavendish]

May 16 1710

D[ea]r Nedde

I inclos'd by this days post to your Sister Maria a letter to the D[uke] of Devon. Go Imediately to your sister & take the Letter and desire Mr Aislabie to peruse & then seal it, I hope he'll be so kind as to Introduce you to my Ld Duke & then you may Deliver him the Letter I am afraid that you'll not gett a Commission this Summer, so I hope Mr Aislabie will speak to Mr Burdett before he leave the Town For a Lieutenancy For you, which do not neglect to make sure, I do not in the least question but my Lord Devonshire will do his outmost for you and if you fail of a Comission this Summer, I make not the least doubt but you'll gett one in Winter, so patience must be had, With my Blessing to you I am

Your Most Affect[ionate] Father

As soon as you have deliver'd my Letter to my Ld Duke write me by the very next post what Answer he gave you & what ship you are Lieut of, For Mr Aislabie must do it before he leave the Town, otherwise you may come to be putt by

**18 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Robert Fenwick**

[Note: Fenwick was governor of the Hostmen's company 1709-12, and, separately, bought lead from EB. The apprentice indenture of Joshua Curtis, son of Robert Curtis of Newcastle, gent., was enrolled by the Hostmen's company on 4th Jan 1711.]

May the 18 1710

Gentlemen

I have lately taken Mr Curtis's son bound to me as an Apprentice, and I did design to have been att Newcastle next Week, but some business interven'd that prevents me, so I desire you'll do me the favour to call an Oastman's Court that the young man may be Enroll'd and shall take it as a very great favour done to

Sr your obliged humble servt

For The Worshipfull the Governors & Stewards of the Oastmans Company Newca[stle]  
These [presents]

**18 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

[Note: this was a covering letter for EB's letter to the Hostmen]

May the 18 1710

Sr

The Inclosed pray peruse, seal & deliver and at your own convenience gett the young man Enroll'd you have also Return'd the Indenture Executed, his Indenture I think there's no occasion to Return it,

I am your Oblig'd Servt

[For] Mr Tho. Brumell

I hear my Lady Blacket will be in Newca[stle] next Tuesday night, or Wednesday by noon

**18 May 1710 Edward Blackett to William Banson**

[Note: Banson ran a commercially-focused writing school in Newcastle and -in similar vein- was author of *The Merchant's Penman*, (1702), and *An Arithmetical Exercise*, (1709).works. Curtis was evidently one of his pupils before beifng indentured as a Hostmen's company apprentice to EB (see other letters from EB of the same date)]

May the 18

Mr Banson

Sr I would not by any means have Mr Curtis to putt himselfe to any charge in buying his son Fine Cloaths, for the same Cloaths that I send him at School will serve him here well Enough but in case he Want a small sum to Furnish him with Linnen &c speak to my servt Mewburne & he shall lend him it, I am

Your Assured Friend & servt

[For] Mr Wm Banson att his house in Westgate Newca[stle]

### 18 May 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

May the 18

James

I Rec[ieve]d yours with Mr Fenwicks Bill for £40, be sure you make it your business to gett Mr Ward to go with you from Stagshaw back to Willwike, & view all the Dams that were made last year, & what you Judge the Charge of making of them might come to, As also what is to be done this year and what you compute the Charge may come to, I am

[For] Mr James Mewburne

### 18 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brooke

[Note: Thomas Brooke was the Vicar of St. Mary's of Richmond 1706-39 and was succeeded by Francis Blackburne (1739-89), possibly a relation of the 'cousin Blackburne' mentioned in this letter. The location suggests they were related to EB's second wife Mary Yorke.]

May the 18

Sr

My Coz[in] Blackburne was very wellcome to my Coach or any thing Else in my power without Comp[laint] Am obligd to her, for she often <offers> horses but since I spoke to Mr Clarke I have provided my selfe with just such Another, with all <owing> from here to your selfe & Relations

I am your Assured Friend & Kinsman

For the Revd Mr Brooke at his house In Richmond

**18 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

May the 18 1710

Sr

The Dean of [Bristow] goes From hence on Monday next, and I am oblig'd to be att Knaresborough on Wednesday next being the Appeal Day, so if it be not inconvenient to you shall meet you at the Salutation on Thursday next, stay all fryday att Richmond & so Return on Saturday, and you may come with me to the Grand Chapter, but in case it be more convenient For you shall come the Week after, & lett me know your day With all Services From hence to your selfe & Mr Trotter

I am sr your obliged humble servt

[For] Revd Mr Pemberton

**18 May 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

May the 18

Mr Ward

Pray ord[er] your Attourney to proceed against Mr Place without Delay, and when you see Mr Place pray acquaint him that in case he move it into the Chancery he shall certainly find me there, and if he [cast] there he may move it into the house of Lords, For I'll follow him there likewise, and make it cost him more 20 times over than his Dam's worth, this is onely a flourish from him, for you'll Find he'll soon pay the money after he's served with a writ, For tis a foolery to contest it seeing I have it under his own hand

I question not but by your management I shall gett my money of Nelson, I perceive you lett Mr Jones have your Calfe so you may depend upon one next year Pray Receive the money of Johnson what he sold my horse for

I am your Ass[ure]d friend

**19 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Richard Speight**

May the 19 1710

honest Mr Speight

I Rec[eive]d your Letter of the 17 with Mr Robinsons Inclosed I gott the Harness very safe to Newby, & I believe they are good ones, but he sett down a most Extravagant price both for the Harness & Postillion Coat & Cap, for most certainly they cannot be worth nigh the price he Charges for them, I wish you could spare time to come over some morning & view them for unless you see them is impossible for you to sett a price on them, the brass work is all varnished, which I look upon to be much worse far, for the first Rain brings it <j...> besides one cannot keep it clean, I should

have lik'd them much better if it had not been varnished at all, he charged for Postillion Coat & Cap just as much as I formerly Us'd to pay and I believe it near as unreasonable in the valuation of his Harness, pray lett me know when you Judge you may be over that I may not be from home For the sooner the better but be sure you lett me know the time & you'll much oblige

Your Assured Friend to serve you

**22 May 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

May the 22

Mr Ward

Im very sorry to perceive by yours that that honest Mr Vane should be in such Circumstances, I am sure if his son pleases they may sell as much Land as will pay All his Debts and a very good Income considering the value of the Colliery will Remain, So I hope these will not any one lose a penny by him

I perceive Mr Place is now willing to pay what is justly due to me, there is ten Guineas due to me last may day which you know is 2½ years Rent, as you may see by the Note you have w[hi]ch is a Copy of our Agree[m]ent Inclosed is a Letter to Mr Maynard w[hi]ch you may p[er]use seal & Deliver him should be very glad to hear that you had made a good End with Nelson I am

your assured friend to serve you

[For] Mr Jno Ward

**22 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Maynard**

May the 22

Mr Maynard

Sr I perceive my Steward Mr Ward Employ'd you in a little business of mine against Mr Place, he is now willing to pay what is justly due to me, which is Ten Guineas for 2½ Years Rent for his fish Garth, As soon as you have Rec[eive]d that Sum and your own Charges I desire you'll desist in the prosecution, when I have any business of this Nature you may be assured to hear from

Your Assured Friend to serve you

For Mr Maynard Attourney at Law, These [presents]

**22 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Robert Fenwick**

May the 22

Sr

I desire you'll Send me a bill for £50 payable to me or my <sup>&</sup> 10 <sup>&</sup> 15  
days after Date by the very next post, And you'll oblige

Sr your Assured Friend & Serv

[For] Mr Alderman Fenwick

Pray Acquaint me when you can conveniently send me bills for the Balance of my  
Acct For shall have occasion for it in a very short time

**23 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

May 23

Dear Kitty

The Bearer is my neighbour Yeates son who I am sure will please you, and if you  
had sought England thro' you could not have had one Fitter for your purpose, so  
another year you'll be satisfied he deserves much better wages,

Lett me know when You are best provided with sugars spices & Fruit, and shall  
send for as much as will serve me a whole Twelve Month, I have so great an opinion of  
the Bearer that I promised his Father you should bear his charges to London, my  
service to Mr Primate & your partner with my Blessing to your selfe

I am Your most Affectionate father

**23 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Wolfall**

May 23 1710

Mr Wolfall

Pray come to Newby some day this week, and shall pay your for the Cloth, if you  
can't come this week I would not have you come till the latter End of the next for I shall  
be from home Monday Tuesday & Wednesday I am your Assured friend

**23 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

May 23

Mrs Gray

Pray pay for the Two Iron potts & Receive money for the Brass pott, & what you  
shall be in disburse shall repay you, I perceive by your Letter that you have

Extraordinary good White Wine so chuse me only a h[ogs]head of the very best, & fill it up and lett it be of the largest [gage], shall send you down two Rundletts, & lett them be filld with your very strongest & best Red Port without mixture With my service to your husband

I am Your Assured Friend to serve you

You may Expect the two Rundletts by Thorps boat, & send up the wine all together, for He's an honest fellow, & I dare trust him

**26 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Mr Kingsley**

May the 26

Sr

When I sent a Bill of p[...]cells I omitted ordering two pound of Epsom Salt, w[hi]ch desire you'll send by the very First Carrier to your Assured friend & humble servt

For Mr Kingsley att the Blue Bell in Newgate Street

**27 May 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

May the 27

Mr Ward

I hope you have Acquainted Mr Maynard that there is 2½ Years Rent due from Mr Place at 4 Guineas a year at May day Cash, but I perceive by his Letter you have not yet acquainted him, And as for this Nelson I wish you could gett him Arrested Either in Durham, Newcastle or any other place where they keep Court that will try any Sum, both you & I can prove the letting of the Estate, & that he never paid a penny Rent, but that his Goods were driven out to defraud the Landlord, if Nelson were a man of An Estate I could soon gett my money by suing him in Chancery, but could rather Wish you could gett me most part of it without going to Suit, I have a great many Ten[an]ts that has neither Leases nor I any Bond for the payment of their Rent & in case they should be in Arrear no question but I can Recover my Own att Common Law, if you discourse Mr Maynard he'll inform you best what's more fitt to be done

Pray lett me know what sett[lement ] my Ten[an]t Thomson made of my horse, for he cost me £5 & I might have had more money for him when I sent him to him I am

Your Assured friend

[For] Mr Jno Ward at Dinsdale

**27 May 1710 Edward Blackett to Robert Fenwick**

May the 27 1710

Sr

The Above said is a Copy of my last I doubt it came not to hand because I did not Receive a bill from you, if you have not already done it pray fail not send one by the very next post, I have a Considerable sum to pay in London upon my Son Kitt's Acct who is going to sett up for himselfe, so pray as soon as possibly you can Remitt me the Ballance of my Acct & youle much oblige

Sr your Humble Servt

[for]Mr Ald[er]man Fenwick

**2 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

June 2 1710

D[ea]r Nedde

I Rec[eiv]d yours of the 30th past, Mr Aislable is just come down, & I have not as yet seen him, for have been at Richmond for 2 or 3 days, he told Capt Millington he had spoke to Mr Burdett who promised him to give you a Lieut[an]cy in some good [Cruiser] As soon as Mr Aislable Returnes from Yorke where he has been for 2 or 3 days will wait on him, & desire him to write a Letter & Remind Mr Burdett of his promise, or to give it me & Ill Inclose it to you to give him, I have all the [fair] promises from severall great Men to gett you a Cap[tain]y Comission, nor do I in the least question it however a little patience must be had, Acq[ui]t me whats become of the Oxford that you were last in, whether she laid up or at sea again, you were ill advisd to leave that ship, For you might have had an order to have come to Town, & waited on the great men & then Returned againe, & when a Commission had been Absolutely promisd Mr Burdett would have given you Notice, & then you might have come to Town, I know if the Bis[ho]p of Ely would Exert his own Intrest he might move & Queen to gett an order from her Majesty to the Admiralty, w[hi]ch would Effectually do your business, I perceive you design to Wait on the Bis[ho]p of Ely so upon Rec[eip]t of this Letter lett me know what promise he has made you, As soon as I have seen Mr Aislable you shall hear further from me, With my Blessing to you & Your Sisters I am

Your Most Affe[ctiona]te Father

**3 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

June 3 1710

Sr

I Rec[eive]d yours of the 27 have been att Richmond 3 or 4 days otherwise you should have heard from me before this; Tis the same thing whether Mr Curtis be Enrolld now or when I come to Newcastle, You have considered the best Way for his coming, For twill be much the cheapest Way to come by the Ripon Carrier, so pray do you Agree with him both for his horse & Victualls for him, As also what Cloaths he has to bring & I shall pay the Carrier att Ripon, I desire you'll lett me know whether my Nephew Mitford went into the East Ind[ies] or not, for he was so ungratefull as never to give me a line of Thanks for the £10 I gave him, Acq[ua]int me likewise if my Nephew Blackett will be at Newcastle this summer, I doubt not because my Lady is there. I am  
you assured friend to serve you

[for] Mr Tho Brummell

**3 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

June 3

Mrs Gray

Lett me know by the Bearer your lowest price of a h[ogs]head of Mountagne White, as also the difference you make in the price betwixt Lisbon & Port White, As soon as there's water shall order some wine from you, For the Weather is so hott the wine lying so long in the boat does it great prejudice write me an Answer of this Letter by the post, for twill be much sooner here than the Bearer for the coming up to B[orough]bridge is uncertain, With my Service to you both

I am your assured friend to serve you

**4 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

June 4

Mrs Gray

Since I writ my Letter by Thorpe the Boatman I have sent you down two Rundletts, but I doubt they had formerly been filld with Red Wine so you may change one of them and fill one of them with your best Red Port, the other with your best Lisbon white & send them by Thorpes Boat to morrow & <[ac]quaint me the> charge

I am in great haste

Lett me know your lowest price p[er] h[ogs]head of your Port White, Lisbon White & Mountaine white

**4 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Cornelius Barker**

June 4 1710

Mr Barker

Both my selfe & the Workmen Expected you here on Wednesday last According to your positive promise, You cannot imagine but that I take it mighty ill being my Work can't go forward Without you, the poor Work men comes here Every day & are forc'd to Returne, if you had told me plainly that you could not come should have taken care to Employ another, so lett me know whether you'll come or not, and that will satisfy

Your friend

[for] Mr Cornelious Barker att Sessay

**4 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Reginald Graham**

June 4 1710

Sr

I hope you have taken care to putt in an honest Man as Assessor, For that Estate, for which you have been <formerly Accmpt> they must bring their Assessments to morrow by 2 a Clock att Will Robinsons in Ripon, the [totall] Sum of the Assessm[en]t must be the same it was last Year, I hear that both my Ld Castlecomers Estate & Mr Bristows are much under sess'd, so you must take care to gett an honest man to sess you all Equally according to the valuation of your Ground and at the Appeal day you & Mr Todd must not Fail to bring Nedd Hodgsons Letter & your Assessment as you were Assessed in his time, With my hunble service to your Lady & Sr Richard I am Sr your Assured friend & humble servt

[For] Reginald Graham Esqr

**4 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

June the 4

Honest Will

Upon Rec[eip]t hereof Deliver to Harry Tulip what Harriots I have due to me from my several [Tenants] I hope them that's due by your fathers Death are very good ones, for I do know that he always us'd to have very good Oxen & I believe he would not <suffer> them to be sold in his sickness to deprive me of my Just Right

I wonder I have not heard from you of a long time I desird you always to write what passes in your Country at least once a Month to  
Your Assured friend

Lett me know what Mr Ridley's Lead mines makes out & what Expense you Judge he has been putt to since he begun to Work, & what q[uantit]y of oar he may have gott

**4 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip**

June 4

Honest Harry Tulip

Two or 3 days before the Stagshaw bank Fair go your selfe to my Steward Will Lowes & deliver the Inclosed Letters and bring with you to Fallowfield the Harriots w[hi]ch he will Deliver to you, & sell them att Stagshaw, but be sure you do not buy me any Beasts for my Pastures are already much over stockd, by Reason we have had no Raine this long time keep the moneys in your hand & shall order you more to buy me a Score of K<ilnes>against Michael[ay]

when you can spare time without prejudice to you shall be very glad to see you at Newby, being I am your Assured friend

**4 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Gray**

June 4 1710

Mr Gray

Since I sent my Rundletts I hear there's no such thing as Lisbon White in Town, so Lett one of the Rundletts be fill'd with your Right Port white, the other with your strongest Red Port & send no more wine till you hear further from Your assured friend

**5 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Richard Gowland**

June 5

Mr Gowland

I have tasted the three severall sorts of Wine you sent me, & I do think Mr [Ald[erman]] Thomsons is much the Worst of the three and for the other two they are both good wines but I think Mr Garforth's is the better so I desire you'll buy me a hogshead of that wine as for your selfe, I know they'll sell it 3s Cheaper to you than to a Gentleman, & order it to be putt into Thorpes boat, I could wish you could see it out of the Cellar after you had chusd it, for I do not approve of trusting it with the Coopers in Cellar after 'tis bought, for you know they may draw out & putt in what they please

I must be at Newcastle the beginning of Augst & if there be any Fr[ench] wine shall  
gett a friend of mine who is in your way, that shall do you the same kindness,  
I am your assured friend

[for] Mr Richd Gowland att B[orough]bridge

**5 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

June the 5 1710

Sr

I writ you the 3d which I hope came to hand and since I Rec[eive]d a Letter from  
Mewburne with two Inclos'd Ejectments upon my Ten[an]ts att Seaton for Tythe,  
Inclosed I send you the one of them, the other shall inclose to Mewburne to be with  
him on Saturday morning, there are severall more servd on the Ten[an]ts upon the  
same Accts tho' the thing in dispute is not worth naming, & Sir Jno will find himselfe  
much in the wrong, however Reccomend Mewburne to an honest Attorney if any such  
are to be had in your Town, so you must order him to give an Appearance to it above  
by the first post, Acq[ua]int Mewburne that I shall certainly send him a Letter p[e]r  
fryday nights post for I doubt not but he calls to see you every Saturday that he comes  
to Town, I am your Assured friend to serve you

Mr Tho. Brummell

**6 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to William Robinson**

June 6 1710

Mr Robinson

I Rec[eive]d your Letter of the 3d & seeing you are so civill as to referr the price of the  
Harness to my selfe, I will returne the Civility & referr it to your own selfe, so lett me  
know by the next post what sum it must be & shall pay it as you desire to Capt  
Harrison att Yorke, When I have occasion for a Coach or Charriott shall sooner make  
use of you than any other I am your assured friend to serve you

Mr Wm Robinson Coach maker in Cow lane near Smithfield

**6 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Aletheia Blackett**

June 6 1710

D[ea]r Aletheia

I'm very glad to hear under your own hand that you are well Received & humbly Wish you may long continue in good health

Be sure you give my most humble service & Thanks to my L[or]d of Ely & my Lady Browne, & tell them I shall always own my great obligation to them both upon your Acct. If your uncle Bridges invite you to Ember be sure you go tho' I would not have you to be too troublesome to him, tell your Bro. Nedd that Mr Aislabie will be in Town within 20 days & then if nothing can be done For him I would have him come into the Country & so Returne in Winter, I doubt not but at last he'll gett a Commission, but patience must be had, if the Bis[ho]p of Ely would be so kind as to move the Queen in his behalfe, she will grant an Order immediately to the Commissioners of the Admiralty to make him a Capt upon the First voyage, Order him to write me an Answer of the Letter I writ him the 2 June, tell your Bro Kitt I Rec[eive]d his Letter & shall be at Newcastle the Assizes w[hi]ch will be about the beginning of August, & will do him there all the kindness in my power

With my Blessing to you all I am your Most Aff[ectiona]te Father

Mrs Aletheia Blacket att Mr Hoares Apothecary in Bridges Street in Covent Garden London

You may send me down your Apothecary's note against your next quarter be due

**8 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

June 8 1710

Honest Will

Inclos'd I Returne you the Article Executed, and when I come to Newcastle att the Assizes you may bring their Article with you, I am indebted to the men that work the slaggs for 10 Fo[thers] w[hi]ch comes to £35 which pay to Jacob Peart & take his Rec[ie]p[t for it, You may receive the Whitsuntide Rents as far as conveniently you can but be sure you make the whole half years rent clear at Lamas, Cattle here gives the greatest price that has been known in the Memory of Man but the drought is so Extraordinary in these parts that they must of necessity fall againe, For our pastures will not carry above half the stock they us'd to do in a good year, & the meadow is so extreamply short, some of it not worth mowing, I shall send you a Copy of Bardon Mill Lease in a short time or send you the heads of it, For I am very busy at present, I think [40s] advance is a very considerable thing provided the Ten[an]t be a sober man You do mighty well to Acq[ain]t me the design my Lord Derwent waters Ten[an]ts has in dividing Grundon Common, if it be a prejudice to Mill hills I shall never give my Consent to it, <...> Corn keeps up the price here, Especially Oates, for I gave the other day my selfe <18>s a quarter which is a very Extravagent price, I should be glad to hear from you once in 14 or 20 days I am your Assured friend

[for] Mr Wm Lowes

**8 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

June the 8 1710

Honest Jacob

I Rec[eive]d yours of the 5th Am sorry Mr Ridleys Lead Mine is no more hopefull, Be sure fail not to go up to Crookbank to my Bailiff Dodds, & he will shew you a place as he told me w[hi]ch is very hopefull, & would willingly have taken a Task of it, so after you have viewed it give me your Judgement of it, Order Harry Tulip to go 2 or 3 days before the Fair to Will Lows for the Herr[i]ots & lett him be sure to sell them, For I have many more beasts at Newby than my Pastures will keep.

I have order'd Will Lows by this post to pay you £35 for Mr Loraines 10 Tonn Lead, but be sure you give him 10 days notice to provide the money before you Receive it tho' I believe he cannot be without that sum at any time, however he may gett it of his Father Weare in part of his ½ years Rent

I am mighty glad of the Acct you give me that the forefield is so very hopefull, pray God she prove well for I heartily wish Each partner may gett many hundred pounds by her, You are very much in the Right of it in forbearing to lett the old wastes during this Drought, for it must be a very great discouragement to any one that would take them, you do very well to Lease the Ginn Sump & Ginn Case, & I do not in the least question your Care & diligence in all my Concerns As soon as you receive this Letter be sure you give Will Lowes advice that you have occasion for £35

I am your Assured friend

ho[nest] Will Pray pay to Jacob Peart £35 and take him his Rec[eip]t for it, & place it to the Acct of your Assured friend E.B.

**8 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Newby June the 8

James

I Rec[eive]d yours of the 3d w[hi]ch I own surpris'd me very much, Acq[ain]t all my Ten[an]ts that they need not be Concern'd for shall take care that none of them be prejudiced a farthing, Am very glad you never told them that I have by me a Grant from the Prior of Tynemouth, as also a Copy of that Grant w[hi]ch he gave to me of the Earls of Northumbeland which [devises] The moyety of the Tythe to Seaton Delaval Lordship Upon Rec[eip]t of this Letter go to Mr Barnes & give him a Guinny for a Retaining Fee, & consult Mr Brummell for a good honest Attourney if Any such are to be found in Newcastle and order him to write to his Agent above to give an appearance to the declaration in <Ejectment> so in a little we shall have an End of that business I

must own I did not Expect such a treatment from Sr John, being I have been so  
Extreamly civill to him

I wonder you have not sent Young Curtis Either by the Ripon, Leeds or  
Bor[ough]b[r]idge Carrier for I Expected him long before this; so be sure you hasten  
him away with all possible speed, fail not to give a line p[er] Saturday nights post to  
Your assured friend

Give my service to Mr Fenwick & tell him I have great occasion for the Ballance of  
his Acct & Expected Bills for it long before this

Be sure you Read this Letter to some of the Tenants that you know will tell Sr John,  
For it may concern him when he hears that I have a Grant from the Prior of  
Tynemouth, as also a Copy of the Grant which he made to the Earl of Northumberland  
that Annexes the moiety of the tythe to the Mannor of Seaton After you have p[er]us'd  
the loose paper burn it.

Postscript to Jacob Peart's Letter

I wonder you do not Acq[ua]int me in what forewardness the Workmen are in  
slating Fallowfield Hall, be sure you foreward the Work as much as possibly you can, I  
hope you'll take that Care that it be all finished by the beginning or Middle of July, and  
lett me know by the very first post how foreward they are at present, and what  
quantity of slates they have already laid on, and what qu[antit]y brought to  
Fallowfield.

**8 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to James Langstrath**

June 8 1710

James Longstrath

Have you forgott that you promisd me Faithfully to pay me the 40[s] & 50[s] which I  
lent you upon May day, if you do not come to Newby within a week & pay me the  
money I will most certainly send a Bailiff to Arrest you, w[hi]ch will putt you to a  
considerable deal of charge, so for your own good I would not have you to fail your  
friend

**8 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

June the 8 1710

James

I Rec[eive]d yours of the 3d which I own surprisd me very much acq[ua]int all my  
Ten[an]ts that they need not be concerned for shall take care that none of them be

prejudiced a Farthing and as for Sr John seeing he loves suits I'll give him Enough of them upon Rec[eip]t of this Letter go to Mr Barnes & give him a Guinny for a Retaining Fee with my humble service & consult Mr Brumell for a good honest Attourney, if any such is to be found in Newcastle and order him to write to his Agent Aforee by the very first post to give an Appearance to the Declarations in Ejectment so in a little time I doubt not but shall have a good End of that business I must own I did not Expect such a treatment from Sr Jno seeing I have been so Extreamly civill to him

I wonder you have not send young Curtis Either by the Ripon, Leeds, or Bor[ough]bridge Carrier, for I Expected him long before this, so be sure you hasten him away with all possible speed, Give my service to Mr Fenwick & tell him I have great Occasion for the Ballance of my Accts & Expected Bills for it long before this, for have occasion for the money upon my son Kitts Acct Fail not to give a line p[er] Saturday nights post to your Assured friend

**12 Jun 1710 Edward Blckett to Robert Fenwick**

June the 12th 1710

Sr

Am very sorry I should trouble you so often about the Ballance of my Acct which I take to be £325.6.3½ you may be assured I would not have [d...] it but that I was Engaged to pay a condserable sum of Money at London upon putting my Youngest son into the World, and Return'd all the money Except the Ballance w[hi]ch I did positively Rely on, so was forc'd to desire my Bro. Bridges to lay down that sum for me, w[hi]ch I had rather have paid double Intrest for the money than have had that obligation to him, pray fail not to send me by the very first post a bill for £125.6.3½ and pray as soon as possibly you can send me bills for the Remainder & you'll very much oblige

Sr your very humble Servt

Mr Alderman Fenwick Newca[stle]

**12 Jun 1710 Edward Blckett to James Mewburn**

June 12

James

I Rec[eive]d yours of the 10th send order Mr Hargrave the Attourney not to fail to write to his Agent above to give an appearance for the severall Ten[an]ts in the Ejectments Read seal & deliver the Inclosed, and acq[ain]t him what great occasion I have for moneys at London upon my son Kitts Acct otherwise I should have been mighty unwilling to have troubled him I have Rec[eive]d two fifty pound bills of him since you sent me the <weighing ....> of the Lead, so that there is now due to me from him as I take it £325.6.3½ and Desire him not to fail to send me a bill by the very next

post for £125.6.3½ & the Remainder in a post or two after to Repay a friend who was so kind as to lay down a sum of money for me upon my son Kitts Acct

I perceive Sr Jno & you has had some discourse about our business, & in case he discourse you againe tell him I do not take notice of it in any of my Letters to you I would have you to inquire by the by of Mr Hall, Harry Green or any other old Ten[an]t if ever they knew any Tythe paid out of Seat[on] Lordship but to the Earl of Northumberland and [or was late to] the Duke of Somersett, who married the heiress, I hope this Letter will come to your hand on Tuesday & you shall hear further from me next post I am Your Assured friend

**12 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

June 12 1710

Sr

I Rec[eive]d yours of the 9th and as for Mr Barnes Expecting his Retaining Fee sooner is a mistake, for severall years agoe I desired him to sett me down in his book Contra omnes, so he was sure to have his Retaining Fee paid him, the first time we mett, and to my knowledge he Refus'd a Retaining Fee from Sr Jno Delavall formerly in our Cause, & told him he was Retained always for me in all Business

Mewburne will be in Town on Tuesday next so pray send your Servt to inquire after him & give him the Inclosed,

I must now Remind you that you never yet sent me the last Martinmas Rentall, You sent me bills for 150, so pray send me two Rentalls, the one sign'd by your selfe, and the other shall be Returned Executed

Your assured friend to serve you

Mr Thos Brummell

**13 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

June 13 1710

D[ea]r Nedde

I Rec[eive]d yours of the 10th I am altogether of the opinion that tis to no purpose to Expect a Capts Comission this sumer, so we must try what can be done in Winter, the better Intrest cannot be made so I would have you to take a place in the Stage Coach & come to Newby with all speed, & shall send horses for you Either to Ferrybridge or Yorke, if you want moneys to bring you down go to your Bro Kitte, & order him to give you £5 & I'll repay it him, Acq[uain]t me whether your sisters has been at Ember yet or not, or when they do go, and if you have seen your Uncle Bridges & whether he invited you to his house with my Blessing to you all I am your most affect[ionate] Father.

**13 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to William Roper**

June 13

Sr

The Bearer is my smith and Weigh him of what Iron he has occasion for, and send me a note of it, & your very lowest price, and the first time my servt comes to Yorke w[hi]ch will be some time the next week, shall send you moneys for it, send me likewise the w[eigh]t & price of the sock moulds I am Your Humble servt

For Mr Roper Merch[an]t in Yorke

**13 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

Newby June 13

D[ea]r Sr

Pray p[er]use & Returne the Inclosed, & give me your opinion whether you think it proper for him to come into the Country; or that you judge Mr Burdett can gett him a Lieut[enan]cy in a ship that Cruises nigh home, so that he may be at hand in Winter in case a Capts Comission may be procur'd for him,

I am D[ea]r Sr Most Affect[ionate]ly yours

Jno Aislabie Esqr att Studley

**13 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Reginald Graham**

June 13 1710

Sr

Mr Aislabie Examind & Corrected the Assessments he had exact Acct sent him of the value of my Ld Castlecomers Land, & his own, Mr Bintons & Mr Tathams, he says this present Assessment will be very Equally amongst you, none of you paying above 15[d] p[er] pound, so you need not give your selves any trouble to Appeal, for I believe 15[d] p[er] pound is as low as any part of Ripon Liberty pays With my humble service to your Lady & Sr Richard I am Sr your Faithful humble servt

[For] Reginald Graham Esqr

**14 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Mary Byerley**

[Note: Possibly the Mary nee Wharton who married Robert Byerley in 1695]

June 14 1710

Madam

I am informd by the [bearer] that the <Col.> wants a Butler in case he do You cannot have an honester servt he liv'd with me many years & had not gone from me but that some of his Relations had a mind to have him home, and since that time he liv'd a year or more as Butler to Mr Stapylton, I doubt not but he'll give the same character of him I am Madam your most Faithful servt

My Wife joyns with me in our humble services to your selfe & family

For Mrs Byerley These [presents]

**15 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

June 15

Honest Will

I Rec[eive]d yours p[er] Rowland Smith, & have Executed the Deed of <his house>

Inclosed I send you a Copy of Bardon Mill Lease, I think 40s Advance is a very good Improvement and as also 21s for Redpeth Tythe I wish you could continue making such Improvements

I'm surprised to hear by Row[land] Smith that they have assess'd Greenlee clough head, which you say was never assess'd before, you should always take great care in nominating the assessors otherwise you'll have the same putt upon you Every Year, tis but 18[d] a year, so in case it be assessed I hope tis but a very small matter, I hope you have paid Jacob Peart the £35. Be sure you gett up my Whitsun Rents as soon as conveniently you can, I hope after Stagshaw Bank Fair they'll be able to pay their Rents, Beasts and sheep gives here a most Extravagent price Wheat settles a small matter, but all other Grain is Extraordinary dear, & 'tis thought Beans will carry a very great price, for they're all in flower, and in some places the stalk not much longer than my finger, Oates is sold in our Marketts at 16 our quarter Winchester measure, be sure you write me once in 14 days or three weeks, give my most humble service to Mr Bacon, I wish he would do me the favour to go to Crookbank & view that vein w[hi]ch the Bailiff will shew you, & give me his opinion of it he may take a setting dogg with him, & I hope it might be a Diversion to him, after you have spoke to Mr Bacon be sure you give a line to

your friend

Mr Will Lowes

**15 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

June 15

James

This is a Copy of what I writ you p[er] Monday nights post, so in case it do not come to your hand you may p[er]use seal & Deliver the Inclosed to Mr Fenwick, and tho it did come to your hand & that you have delivered it to Mr Fenwick however go againe to him, & know whether he Inclosed me a bill p[er] frydays post, if not, gett one of him & Inclose it p[er] Saturday nights post, and Desire him to send me the Ballance for it, I know you'll be at Stagshaw Fair, so order Harry Tulip to sell the Harriots which he will have from Will Lowes for I would by no means have them brought into Yorkshire by Reason of this great Drought we have no grass in our Pastures and the Beasts we have already are almost starvd, [...] give my service to my Coz[in] Simpson & Coz[in] Wilkinson and desire them to Inquire my Wife out a good Housekeeper for she has very great need of One You may like wise speak to Mrs Brummell upon the same Acct and do you make inquiry your selfe. Deliver the Inclos'd to Mr Curtis I am your Assured friend

**15 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Robert Curtis**

June 15

Mr Curtis

I Rec[eive]d your Letter by your son who came to Newby on Tuesday last, he is a very fine youth & writes a good hand so I hope will answer my Expectation, shall bring him to Newcastle att the Assizes and then he shall be Enroll'd in the Oastman's Company I am your Assured friend

For Mr Robert Curtis

**16 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

Newby the 16 June 1710

Dear Nedd

I Received yours of the 10th & am alltogether of your opinion that it is to no purpose to Expect a Captains commis[sion] this summer, so you must try what can be done in Winter, tho' better Interest cannot possibly be made Mr Aislabie gose in the Stage Coach on munday next & will be in town on Thursday evening; so I would have you wait on him at the black Bull in Holborn that Evening he Designs if it be possible to get you into the Waymouth or some other man of War who allwayes Cruces upon our own coasts that you may be ready upon a call in winter & that he saith it will better

Capacitate you to Expect a Captaines Commission but in case he cannot prevaile which he will know in a weeks time then I would have you Immediately to take a place in the first Stage Coach & shall send horses for you to York if you want money to bring you down go to your Brother Kitte & order him to give you 5£ & I will repay it him

Acquaint me whether your sisters has been at Ember yet or not or when they do go & if you have seen your Uncle Bridges & whether he Invited you to his house with my blessing to your selfe & sisters I am

For Lieut Blacket at Mr Sampson Smiths Wollen Draper att the Ship & ball in the Strand London

[added later:] Turn back to the other leaf [which reads:]

This is a Cobby of my last so Desire Mr Aislaby to go to Mr Burshet as soon as possibly he can & if he cannot get a Lieutenancy for you in a crucer upon the coast take a place in the first Stage Coach & come to york & I shall send horses for you give my service to Mr Aislaby I am your most affectionate father

E Blacket

Mr Aislaby's stay is uncertain so come you down in the first Stage Coach if no hopes of a Lieutennancy

Upon the receipt of this Letter lett me hear from you as allso <whether> Mr Asble has D[iscoursed] Mr Burshet

**17 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

June 17 1710

Honest Jacob

I Rec[eive]d yours of the 15 am glad the undertakers designs to make a Pay on Thursday next I heartily wish them success Acqu[ain]t me what the whole Pay comes to & what number of p[ayment]s is made, be sure at your First conveniency to go to Crookbank, & give me your opinion of that vein, for some people makes me believe 'tis very hopefull as for the letting of the old Wast[e]s I solely referr it to your self & the more people you lett them to in my opinion tis much the better, and I perceive by your Letter you are of the same opinion, so I make no question but you'll Act for me as if 'twere your own Concern, Acq[ain]t Harry Tulip to gett me my may day Rent ready, I wish he could bring it with him when he comes to Newby, order him to sell the Beasts w[hi]ch he getts of Will Lowes for we have no grass to keep them on in this Country, if Tulip have no great business in hand he may as well come to Newby for 10 or 15 days after the Pay is over be sure you give a line to your Assured friend

Mr Jacob Peart att Fallowfield

**17 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

June 17 1710

Sr

I Rec[eive]d yours of the 16 am sorry Mewburne did not call at your house on Tuesday before he left the Town, for there was a Letter inclosed to him for Mr Fenwick who I order'd to send me a Bill for a hundred & odd pounds, having a small sum of money of mine in his hand so by his not calling at your house I'm disappointed & disappointed other that Expected it, pray hire a Messenger to go to Seaton with the inclos'd for tis of Concern

Should be glad to hear you had gott way leave to your Colliery to your satisfaction

I perceive there has been a stop of trade Occasioned by the Master's Combination, but I hope that cannot continue long if Bills cannot be had must content my selfe with moneys in lieu of them, tis Onely the trouble of a journey for Mewburne

I am your Assured friend to serve you

For Mr Thos Brummell

Pray send me the Mart[inmas] Rentall & pay the Ballance to Mewburne or send a small Bill for it

**17 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

June 17 1710

James

Am not a little concern'd that you did not call last Tuesday att Mr Brummells, who had a Letter for you, as also one Inclosed for Mr Fenwick, who I desid to send me without fail a bill for £125.6.3 and so by your not calling I'm not onely disappointed but have disappointed others who I promisd the Bills to, which I had rather have given a good sum than it should have so happend, upon Re[ceip]t of this Letter go to Mr Fenwick and know if he sent me a bill if not Receive the money and give it to James Clark the free porter and order him to hire a horse and bring it to Newby, You know Mr Fenwick promisd to pay me the moneys in April, so he may well be ashamd of himselfe to delay it to this time, Acq[ain]t him that if he cannot give Bills for the whole Ballance within this week, you'll Receive it in money, & I can Receive the money here & give Bills upon you for it

Mr Ward is now with me & has promisd to meet you at Morpeth on Wednesday next, & so go to Will[imotes]wike & view what has been done last year, & the value of it, as also what's requisite to be done this Year for saving the Ground from floods & what the [chargeing] be, Do not lett Mr Ward bear any charges, And what you disburse

upon this Acct shall be Repaid you, I believe you'll call at Fallowfield so inquire how the forefield is for I hear tis as good as Ever twas in my time w[hi]ch I am heartily glad of, Acq[ua]int Will Armstrong that I am offered 40s a year more for his [Mill] & will take a Lease for this [year], I have a [kindness] for him, & in case he be willing to give it he shall have the preference & a Lease for that term, so lett me know his Resolves, fail not to write a line p[er] Tuesday post to

Your Assured friend

Mr James Mewburne

[entered after the subsequent letter to Will Lows of the same day:]

Postscript to Mr Mewburnes Letter

Be sure you come from Morpeth to Fallowfield on Wednesday night & so on Thursday go to Will[imotes]wike, & Returne to Fallowfield that night, otherwise you'll not have time to view what Will Lowes has done to keep the water within it's Bounds, & be sure you both Consider well the valuation of what he did last Year, and what is to be done this year <...>

### **17 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

June the 17

Ho[nest] Will

I have prevaild with Mr Ward to come to Will[imotes]wike & view all the Dams that has been made of late Years, as also to Advise what's best to be done for saving the Ground from the floods for the future, he's look't upon to be a man of great Judgement in that way, having had great Experience

I long to have an Answer of my Letter which I sent p[er] R Smith I am in haste your Assured friend

What moneys you Receive for the Whitsontide Rents Pay to Mr Featherstone, & take his Rec[eip]t or his p[ar]tner Mr Reays

### **18 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to William Robinson**

Newby June the 18 1710

Mr Robinson

I Received your Letter & according to your Desire have sent this day twenty seven pounds ten shilling to Mr Sp[e]ight in full for what I was Indebted to you for the

Harness & I believe he will give you an acct of it by this post when I have occasion for any thing in your Way you shall hear from

Your assured friend

For Mr Willm Robinson Coachmaker in Cow lane near Smithfield London

**19 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Newby June 19 1710

James

I Re[ceive]d yours of the 17th & I perceive Mr Hargrave did write to his Agent above on Tuesday last to give an Appearance to the severall Declarations in Ejectm[en]t serv'd upon the Tenants w[hi]ch I'm glad of, Acq[ui]t him that I'll take care to have a Copy of the Settlem[en]t sent over in due time, As also that tis Sr John's part to prove the Settlem[en]t & not mine, but that he must keep to himself for Sr Jno I believe cannot have any Witnesses to prove the Settlem[en]t but that must not be talked of, make it your business to inquire whether ever they knew any tythe paid out of Seaton Lordshship but to the Earl of Northumberland or to my Lord Somerset in the Right of his Dutchess but do it as privately as you can, old Mr Hall is the properest man to inform you,

I Rec[ieved] a Bill from Mr Fenwick p[er] last post for £150 which do you give my service to him & thanks for it

I hope this will find you & Mr Ward at Fallowfield in your Returne from Willwike on Thursday night, I perceive there will be a Pay that day, so inquire what the Pay comes to as also what number of p[ie]ce[s] the undertakers has Made as also what number of p[ie]ce[s] of slagg lead I have lying there for I would not have it brought to Newcastle till the latter End of the Year & before that time I'm satisfyed we shall have a lasting Peace. Be sure when you go to Newcastle put Mrs Simpson & Mrs Wilkinson in mind to inquire us out a good Housekeeper for we are in great want of one What moneys you have Re[ceive]d of the Ten[an]ts you may lodge it with M[ess]rs Featherstone & Reays hand till you can with conveniency gett a Bill You may acq[ui]t Will Lowes by a Letter p[er] my Order that what moneys he Receives of the Tenants he may pay it to M[ess]rs Featherstone & Reay & take one of their Rec[ei]pts for it, w[hi]ch shall be his Discharge I believe you'll go from the Fair to Seaton on fryday, & so be in Newca[stle] on Saturday & know what My Coz Simpson & her Daughter has Done about a Housekeeper & Acq[ui]t me by a line to

Your Assured friend

For Mr Ja. Mewburne

**19 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Robert Fenwick**

June 19

Sr

I Rec[eive]d yours with a Bill for £150 for w[hi]ch I thank you Pray att your  
Conveniency Pay the Ballance either in Bills or Money and you'll very much oblige Sr  
your Most humble servt

Mr Alderman Fenwick

**20 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

June 20 1710

Dear Nedde

This is Onely to Acq[ain]t you that Mr Aislabie is disappointed and will not be in  
Town till Either Saturday night or Tuesday night, so be sure both these days in the  
Evening go the Black bull in Holburne where the Yorke Coach comes to, & desire Mr  
Aislabie to speak to Mr Burdett, if he can putt you in to be a Lieut[enant] in a Cruiser, if  
Mr Aislabie & he cannot do it then take the first Yorke Coach, & lett me know before  
you sett foreward & shall send horses for you to York, Tell your sisters I wonder I hear  
nothing from them, & be sure you write to me Every post day while your stay in  
London which Im afraid will not be long, for I almost dispair of Mr Burdets getting you  
a Lieut[enan]cy in a Cruiser With my Blessing to you all I am

Your most Affect[ionate] father

Lieut Blacket

**22 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to William Roper**

June 22 1710

Mr Roper

I am surprised to perceive by your Rec[eip]t which My servt brought me that you  
Received of him £13.9 when your Note came but to £12 19 2½ which I have sent you by  
the Bearer & besides you charge me 3d p[er] <Cwt> more than any of our smiths pays  
for Iron, and I am sure they never pay you under six or 12 Months & sometimes never,  
so I must own I'm very ill dealt withall by you I desire to know how you come to  
Receive more money of my servt than what I'm Indebted to you under your Own hand  
comes to, w[hi]ch occasions me this charge & trouble in sending my servt I Expect not  
onely to be us'd as other Iron Mongers does their Customers & besides my servts  
charges in Coming to Rectify & <converse your p...r> your Own hand of your mistake,  
I do believe it was not willfully done of you but Merch[an]ts ought to be more carefull

in making their Customers Drs for no more than they Realy Owe, so as you use me as to the price of your Iron & my servts trouble & Charge you may expect the Custome of  
Your Assured friend

To Mr Wm Roper Mer[chan]t In Yorke

**23 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Joseph Green**

Mr Green

June 23 1710

Sr

My wife tell me she believes you have several other pictures besides my Lady Conway of her Relations, they were all Copies taken by an indiffer[en]t good hand, so pray by the very first post lett me know how many of them you have & the names & I hope we may agree for them all in case youll be Reasonable as to the Price, I do assure you they are but Copies and cost att the first just £5 apiece, so if you have not already sent my Lady Conways do not send it till I hear what Pictures you have of the family, & if we agree they may be all sent together

I am Sr your Assured Friend & servt

For Mr Green Mercer In Wakefield

**23 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to George Mashrother**

June 23

Mr Mashrother

I desir'd you in my last Letter to buy me a thousand of the best holand tiles to be had in town & since I perceive by my workmen that 6 hundred w[i]th w[ha]t I have at Newby will do my business so pray upon reciept Hereof to buy them & order them to be put aboard Thorps boat he is the only man I Employ to bring up my goods pray do this w[i]th Expedition & you will much Oblige

Your Obliged friend to serve you

For Mr Mas[h]rother at his house in York

**24 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to William Jones**

Newby June 24

Honest Mr Jones

I Rec[eive]d your Letters from Morpeth & Durham We have had a fine season of Weather so I doubt not but you've had a pleasant Journey

Am oblig'd to you for your kind Wishes For my health, I thank God I never had it better, I am making a little building w[hi]ch keeps me Employ'd, and am up Every morning betwixt five and six a'clock & sometimes sooner to inspect my Work people.

Am very glad to hear there is such a hopefull Crop in Northumberland, Hard corn here is Extreemly good but all other Grain never worse, Beans not halfe a foot high are all codded, so people must be Employd to draw the [straw] out of the Ground for tis impossible to shear them, Barley never Worse & Oats not much better so it's thought all Corn will be Extreemly dear,

As for the Parliam[en]t men for Morpeth they will be who my L[or]d Carlisle & my L[or]d Ossulton pleases, as for the two Candidates you named they may spend what money they please but am sure will be to no purpose, The honest Capt & his Wife are gone to live in Cheshire much against my Wifes mind & my own, I am sure we have both a very great miss of them, no news in these parts onely that Mr Gill dy'd some time agoe, & given his whole Estate to his wife to give to any one of his Own Relations which pleases her best, All this family gives you their services & believe me always Your Real friend & servt

My service to your Bro & Sister Eden, and to your uncle Bewick & his family

Mr Wm Jones att Alderman Eden's Merch[an]t In Newca[stle]

#### 24 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Leonard Bentham

June 24

Mr Bentham

I Rec[eive]d your Letter p[er] Mr Loraine, & you may be assured I will never lett any of my Wasts at Fallowfield but to people that will work them themselves, & if there were [Wastes] there to Employ a hundred if twere possible to gett them, I'd sett them att Work, for the sooner they're brought up the more my Advantage, I hear the forefield is come in very good w[hi]ch am heartily glad of, & I wish it may continue as good as Ever was in my time, the more the undertakers gett the more my Advantage, & I heartily wish them much luck of their bargain, for Im sure they'll manage much better then I could have done, coming so seldom amongst them, should be glad to have a line from you now & then how affairs goes in your Country & you'll oblige

Your Assured Friend

Revd Mr Bentham

**24 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

June 24 1710

D[ea]r Sr

I hope this will find you in good health after your Journey I desire you'll do me the favour to speak to Mr Burdett as soon as possibly you can, and if there be no hopes of getting Nedde a Lieutenancy in a Cruiser pray order him to take the first Stage Coach & come into the Country, have writ him to the same purpose my selfe

Am now at a great loss for Want of a spare coach horse, I doubt one of my Wheel horses in a little time will be blind, I wish you had any Friend at London that you could depend upon to inquire out a Right sound horse 15½ hands high, a large starr in his forehead, 4 year old and a quick horse, and if he has a white foot or two I like him no worse tho hes that I design for his <fo...> has onely a large starr, I design him for the off horse att the Wheel, shall not stint you to any price so I desire you'll see him go in that place before you buy him, and chuse a carefull fellow Either to bring him to Stamford, Nottingham Doncaster or Newby or any other place on the Road as you can Agree with him, As soon as you have made Inquiry & see the horse pray give a line to D[ea]r Sr

yours Most Faithfully

John Aislabie Esqr in London

**25 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Richard Gowland**

June 25

Mr Gowland

I perceive by my servt you do not go to Wakefield, so I desire you'll inclose my Letter that I writ you last night to your son in law, & desire him to speak to Mr Grene, & inclose me the names of the severall Pictures belonging to my Wifes family, which are in his Custody, they are onely Copies and cost £5 apiece, and if he'll use me well I'll take them all that are not spoil'd, and pray order him to give my service to Mr Grene & give a line by the very first post to

your Assured friend to serve you

Mr Rich. Gowland

**29 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

June 29 1710

Honest Will

I orderd Mr Ward & Mewburne to go to you & that you would show them what was done last year at the Dams & also to view w[ha]t was requisite to be done this year & that Mr Ward might consider with you the Easiest & best method for securing the ground but I perceiv these two fools view'd the Dams but never came to you till the[y] wer[e] coming away w[hi]ch I am very angry at them for, for Mr Wards business there was surely to Discover & consult with you about them when you have any Dams to make I'd much rather have you let them to Thomson as you can agree & he to uphold them for so many years I perceive he was willing to Erected more Dams at the Mill for thirty pound & maintain them three year & you know they have ahead[y] cost considerably more, your acct I wrote you a letter which I wonder you gave me no answer of be shure let me heare from you at the receipt of this Letter & acquaint me what ore Mr Ridley has got & whether they have got through the limestone or not & whether you have been viewing the vane at crooke bank or not I believe there are some Mer[chant]s at Newcastle that would try hir so I would gladly be informed w[ha]t is best to be done w[i]th hir by a line from you to

Your assured Friend

For Mr Willm Lowes at Ridley hall nigh Hexam Country keeper of the County of Northumberland

**29 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Philipp Leece**

[Note: Surname not stated but there are other letters to Philipp Leece from EB at a similar time, once an apprentice of Sir Edward's brother Michael, on the subject of mining so he is assumed here.]

June the 29

Honest Phillip

I Received yours the 25 am glad that the undertakers have made a pay but I find you are very much mistaken in your Reckoning when you say sixteen pieces to the Tunn w[he]n fourteen p[ieces] is a Tunn & something better & if all the ore w[hi]ch is [in] the field had been smelted I know the undertakers would have lost very little or nothing shall Allwayes be glad to hear of their gettings for I heartily wish each of them as much profit as my self

You did mightly well in Letting 3 of the old wast heaps & I perceive to 4 Extraordinary good Budlers should be glad to hear you had got many more of the old heaps let You know in winter you have allwayes plenty of worke & If you can Enquire out 50 undertakers against Winter it would be very much to my satisfaction for the sooner there is mony made of the waste the better You may order the Carriage of all my Lead Down w[it]h all possible speed for a piece [sic – peace] is Expected every <day> then Lead will most Certainly Rise w[ha]t money you have occasion for repairing Fallowfield house shall order Willm Lowes to pay it but he is a very <good> paymaster <that payes on ... .... have paid for leading & his work is done which I'm

afraid will not be 2 months Willm Lowes will pay pt ...> I would not have Henry Tulip to come to Newby but when he has little or nothing to do at home I have receiv'd severall mesages from him that assoon as the pay is over he will come Immedia[tely] away for I perceive he bought a horse for my son It must be a charge for him to keep it & I think the sooner he gets Quit of it the better for fear of a mischance By no means let harry Tulip come to Newby til such times that he hath nothing to do at home Am very Indifferent of smelting the <...> ore till I have a good quantity of the ore before hand as much as will serve the hearth for the time Ime to have it

I am Your assured Fri[end]

When you returne from Crookbank Let me have a line from you & how you approve of the vaine

**29 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to William Jones**

June the 29

Honest Mr Jones

Sr I perceive by yours of the 27 that your Bro is safely Arriv'd, which I am heartily glad of Pray give my service to him & Acq[uain]t him that I should be mighty glad he would refresh [...] his own time at Newby on his Journey to London, with my humble service to all your Relations I am your Real friend & servt

Mr Wm Jones att Mrs Hendrys house In Durham

**29 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

June 29

Mr Ward

Yours of the 25 came to my hand by a strange Accident, for the post boy had lost it nigh Ottrington, and an honest Man found it, and seeing it Directed for Me brought it to Newby, I thank you for the trouble you gave your selfe in going to Will[imotes]wike, but both you & Mewburne misunderstood me, for I writ to Will Lowes that you would call of him about such a time and that he should shew you all that was done att the Dams last year, as also what's requisite to be done this, that so you might consult together to the best of your Judgem[en]t for my Advantage, but nothing of this being done I'm just where I was however I thank you for the advice you give me about it

As for the Relation Mewburne give of the Tythes of Seaton was little to the purpose, for 'tis in Express Words in the Settlem[en]t the Tythes Excepted, tho' never any Tythes were known to be paid in the Memory of Man, but one halfe of the Tythe to the Earl of Northumberland now in the Right of his Wife to the Duke of Somerset, which Sr Jas

Delavall took a Lease of it of the Duke with his own Tythe att Hartley, so lett me that Tythe of Seaton with an Advance of Rent, and unless I can prove a Modus for the halfe of the Tythe paid to the Priory of Tynemouth, which I very much question, then shall have the Worst of it, however I believe twill come to a Reference at last, tho' I do not Expect to be much better

Inclosed I send you a Rec[eip]t for Mr Place, & as for the 15s w[hi]ch he demands I think I have Justice of my side to demand a great deal more from him, for he never paid me more than four pounds, tho I have it under his own hand to pay me 4 Guineas so I hope he'll make it good to me in the next halfe Years Rent, however by the Rec[eip]t you see I leave it to his own Generosity Would be glad to hear what you have done about [Nelson] business, I hope I shall see you at Topcliffe Fair tho I have no occasion for money, With my service to your selfe & family

I am your Assured friend to serve you

For Mr Jno Ward

**29 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

June 29

James

I Rec[eive]d yours of the 24 I perceive both you & Mr Ward has been att Will[imotes]wike, tho' your Journey was to no manner of purpose, for I told you both to call of Will Lowes & he would shew you what was done last Year as likewise what to be done this, and then afterwards Mr Ward might compute what the charge of both might be, & consult Will Lowes the best means for securing the Ground from the Water, so you see you have made a Journey to no purpose

Upon Rec[eip]t of this write a line to Will Armstrong & Acq[ua]in[t] him, that I Can have 40s a year more for the Mill, and to take a Lease for 21 years, & keep it in Repair, & if he have a mind to take it so he may have a Lease, & because I've a kindness for him I'll give him something againe every halfe Year, tho the lease must be made for the same Term

I perceive you have had some discourse with your Attourney Mr Hargrave what Hargrave told you is True, upon one Acc[oun]t but Sr Jno must first prove that the late Sr Ralph was seized of the Lands & Tythes of Seaton, but seeing he cannot prove old Sr Ralph's settlem[en]t he must infallibly be nonsuited, but this you must not lett your Attourney know till the Assizes, know of your Attourney if Sr Jno must not prove that his [Bro] Sr Ralph was seized of the Lands & Tythes of Seaton, before I be obliged to prove by what Tythe I hold my Lands and Tythes, be sure you satisfy me in this point by Saturday nights post

Am glad my Coz Simpson & Coz Wilkinson will find us out a good Housekeeper which we stand in very great need of be sure you go to Mr Fenwick with my service & tell him that if he can furnish me with Bills for the Ballance of my Acct that they be at

20 days after Date, he would do me a kindness, tell him likewise that am ashamd to be so importunate with him but that he knows the Reason, if he Offer to pay it you in money Receive it, but tell him 'twould be a much greater kindness to lett me have it in Bills, and that he knows the occasion, lett me know whether Sr John has sayd any thing to you of late about our tryal

**29 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to George Storzaker**

June 29

Mr Storzaker

I have Occasion for some Ash Wood for my Husbandry, and hearing you have a large Ash Tree blown down in the Park by the Keeper's Lodge, which will be very serviceable to me, so shall referr the price to your selfe, and come to Newby & I'll pay you for it, lett me know by the Bearer if 'tis not dispos'd of, and shall send a Workman to cutt it into lengths

I am your Assured friend to serve you

To Mr Geo Sterzaker These [presents] Ripon

**29 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Andrew Wilkinson**

June 29 1710

Sr

I would very gladly have halfe an hour's discourse with you, 'tis about your own Concern, so if you'll dine with me to morrow, or come tho' it be but for halfe an hour I'll Acq[ain]t you with it. I am in haste

Andrew Wilkinson Esqr these [presents] Burrowbridge

**30 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

June 30

Dr Maria

You writ me that my Ld Warrington was Extreamply civil to you, so I thought in good manners I ought to Return him my thanks for his great civility to you, so Inclosed I send you his obliging Letter in Answer to Mine

The Capt & his Wife are gone to live att their own Estate in Cheshire, I Rec[eive]d a Letter from him this morning & he writes me that my Ld is Extreamply kind to them, and gave then an invitation to his own house, where they now are, and will continue there till the Capt gett his house in a Condition for them to live in, tell your Bro Nedd

I'm very angry he does not Answer my Letters I expected long Eer this to have heard whether he has gott a Lieutenancy, if not, to come down in the very first Stage Coach and to lett me know when he takes Coach that I may send horses for him Either to Yorke or Ferry bridge With my Blessing to you all I am

Your Most Affect[ionate] Father

Give my service & thanks to your Uncle Bridges, for his Civility to you both

**30 Jun 1710 Edward Blackett to William Millington**

[Note: Captain Millington can fairly confidently be identified as the William Millington who wrote to Hugh Massey from Newby on 9th March, so all future correspondence to the 'Honest Captain' is assumed to have been to him]

June ult

Honest Capt

I Rec[eive]d your Letter of the 23 this morning with great satisfaction, Am glad that your selfe & good Mrs Millington gott safe to Dunham, & that my Ld Warrington is so Extreamply Civil to you pray give my most humble service to his Lordship, & tell him how much I think my selfe oblig'd to him for his kind Letter Give my service to Sr Samuell Daniel, & acq[uain]t him that I wish him much Joy of his Daughter, and I heartily wish the next may be a son & to his great Comfort, my Wife has a great miss of Mrs Millington, & I have no less for want of your Company, I hope in 8 or 10 days my son Nedd will be down who will keep me company as you know honest Jack us'd to do constantly by me, All this Family give their kind Remembrances to you both, and believe me Ever

Dr Capt your Real & Faithfull friend to serve you

Give my service to Mr Langham Bootle when you see him

For Capt Millington att Dunham in Cheshire

<Free> Will Robinson

**3 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to Anne Simpson**

[Note: She was a cousin through EB's mother Elizabeth Kirkley. Anne was the daughter of Elizabeth's sister Alice, and later married Alexander Simpson. Anne was widowed in 1677. Dorothy, married to John Wilkinson, was her daughter, and it appears Anne lived with the Wilkinsons.]

July 3d 1710

Dear Cosen Simson

I had a letter from my servant Mewburn last post who acquaints me that you had not agreed with the house keeper because she Insisted upon £10 a year wages which indeed is more then we allways use to give my wife Desires you will send for her & acquaint her that £8 at Newby is better then £10 at some other families by reason we have Often times Company & she allways getting money so desires you will hire her as cheap as you can agree & she will send a man & a horse for her 2 or 3 Dayes after Lammas day all this Family gives their humble services to your self & Cosen  
Wilkinsons pray believe me allways your most affectionate Kinsman & faithfull servant

For Mrs Simson at Mr Wilkinsons house Merch[an]t in Newcastle

**3 Jul 1710    Edward Blakett to William Lowes**

Newby July 3d 1710

Honest Will

The above saide is a Cobby of my last upon the receipt of this letter send to all the bailifs in the several manners & order them to send you an Exact list of all the tennants names w[ha]t rent they pay & for w[ha]t place Firstly Writ & the bailifs name at the bottom of the rental & do you incude their rental with one from your self with the farmers names & the rent they pay & for what place Jacob Peart will want money for paying for leading the slaits which do you pay when he has Occasion & take his receipt for it upon the receipt of this letter give me a line too

Your assured friend

it is so long since I had a rental of you a recent tennancy that all their Christian names are changed

Aug[us]t 24

The above said is w[ha]t I wrote the 3d of July I wonder very much you have not Inclosd now all the <ancient> tennants names and rents as allso the names of the rest of my tennants their farmes & rents as allso the names of tennants that farmes the tythes & their rents be shure you fail not to send thes[e] rentals in a post or two

**4 Jul 1710    Diana Deleval to Edward Blakett**

[Note: writer unknown, but she was evidently at Newby, which presumably rules out Maria or Alethia. It was possibly from EB's step-daughter and daughter-in-law Diana (1686-1711), married to his son William, for she lived at Newby, and that assumption is made here.]

Newby July the 4 1710

Dear Brother

My father is mighty angry with you that he does not hear from you every post tho' it be but too lines as he order'd you he tels me that his command was in several of his letters to you that in case Mr Aislabe & Mr Burshet could not Immediately get you a lieutenancy you shu'd take the very first Coach either to york or Wakefield & assoon as he heard the day you would take Coach he would send horses to meet you at one of these places & since he has not heard from you you which makes him very angry you must be sure to take great care not to Disoblige so kind a father for I know if you carry your self well to please him he will be kind to you with my kind love to you & service to Mr Smirk

I am your most affectionate sister

**5 Jul 1710    Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

[Note: Content suggests that the intended recipient was Will Lowes]

July 5

The above said is a Cobby of my Letter which I sent by Roland Smith with a Cobby of Armstrongs lease of Bardon mill Inclosed & since I wrote you one Dated the 3d of July but I percieve by yours of the 29 which I Rec[eive]d this morning that neither of my letters came to your hand you write me that beast gave but a slow price at Stanche bank [Stagshaw Bank?] my steward Mr Ward carried above a hundred pound with him to Lay out in Cattle & he saith that they were so Extravigantly Dear that he brought a great part of his money back tho' you write me that it was a very ordinary market I wonder your two Judgments shud differ so much Cattle in this Country was never known dearer in the memory of man I am shure they must give an Extraordinary price with you be sure all the tennants that farms tyths if they do not pay on Lammas day don't allow any of them any thing for the asesments & in case you do I do assure you it shall be out of your own pocket so upon Receip[t] of this Letter give every particular tennant notice that farms any [tyths] so that that they may all have no reason to complaine Tulip designs to bring his rent to Newby so Jacob Peart will have occasion for money for to pay for leading the slaits & so let him have what he has occasion for & take his receipt for it I hope by Lammas you will have rec[eive]d all the land rents for I am sure now the tennants cannot Complian of the times since Corne & Cattle sels so well

6 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James

July 6 1710

The above said is a Letter which I wrote last post to my Cosen Simson so upon receipt hereof go to her & know whether she has rec[eive]d it or not if not you may read it to her Mr Hargrave is in the right in what he told you about Sr Johns proveing the settlement for I took advice upon that matter be sure you do not open your mouth of it to any one

I mightily wonder w[ha]t alderman Fenwick designs to do about the ballance of his acct allwayes when you come to town go to Mr Fenwick & know if he can give you a bill tho it be but for £50 go with my service to Alderman Ridley & know if he can give you a bill either for 50 or £100 & give him money for it As likewise my service to Mr Featherston & know if he can give a bill I hope <... ..>

you may acquaint him he may have 2 <sticks> of wood I will give him the one of them & he may pay for the other I shall not dispose or sel any of my lead til I have a good Quantity together & then Mr Featherston shall have the refusal of it & as for the 5 part of Fallowfield mine I will never let it I hope all 5 undertakers will be [struck out: 'considerable'] great gainers by that Lead mine which I shall be very glad of I[n] case you get a bill Inclose it by Saturday nights post to

Your assured friend

7 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Watkinson

July the 7 1710

Sr

The Bearer hereof Mr Lodge is a peaceable, honest, civil man, & very diligent in his Function & Calling, yet I perceive has been mightily Abused by One John Dickinson, who to my own knowledge is the greatest Villain imaginable, & had been sent for a soldier but upon his poor wife's Acct who notwithstanding he Us'd very ill drawing her about the house by the hair of her head, and at length gave her a bruise on her Breast which prov'd a Cancer & was the Occasion of her Death, I sent severall Warrants out against him but he sculkd from place to place so that he could not be Apprehended, I perceive Mr Lodge has made App[l]ication to your hand to have Dickinson punished for his Wicked & barbarous Doings, but Dickinson instead of Subscription doth unworthily & maliciously contend on purpose to spend Mr Lodge money This is a true Character of Dickinson, so I question not but you'll punish him According to his Deserts & shall take it as a favour done to

Sr your most Faithfull humble servt

For Mr Chancellor Watkinson Yorke

**10 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

July 10 1710

Sr

I Rec[eive]d yours of the 8th and am very sorry to hear that they have assess'd the  $\frac{1}{4}$  p[ar]t of Winlaton Colliery at £9 p[er] Annum & formerly 'twas but six & Eight p[ence] if Jno Robinson be Concern'd as I believe he is for Mr Wilkinson he is the onely person to blame for it, for upon a new assessm[en]t care always must be taken to name their own Tenants or who they can confide in for Assessm[en]t & then no Advance of Assessm[en]t is to be fear'd, pray will you see if my Ld Widdringtons part with Mr Andersons be assessed the same, Pray send me Mart[in]mas Accts for the halfe year, do you sign the one & shall Return you the other Executed by

Your Assured Friend

Mr Tho Brumell att his house in Pilgrim Street in Newcastle

**11 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to William Millington**

July 11

Honest Capt

I writ you the 30 past which I hope came to your hand My Wife fears that Mrs Millington is not well by Reason she has writ three Letters to her since she Rec[eive]d her last so As soon as they comes to hand you must order her to write a line to her

Be fore you Went From hence I told you that Sr Jno Delavall had brought a tryal against me for halfe of the tythe of Seaton, so I desire you'll make all the inquiry that possibly you can whether Hugh Johnson designs to be att Newca[stle] Assizes or not and in case he do I wish any Intrest could be made to keep him att home, And then Sr Jno cannot bring on his tryall And as for Mr Swettenham I dare <Answer> he'll not stir a foot but as for Hugh Johnson I'm affraid of him by Reason Sr John & he I hear are great Acquaintances When you can rightly inform your selfe & the sooner the better be sure you write a line to me

Pray give my most humble service to my D & Mr [Boothe] the same to your selfe & Mrs Millington I am always your Real friend & Faithfull servt

For Capt Millington / <Free> Will Robinson

**11 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

July the 11

D[ea]r Kitty

I perceive you have paid Nedde £5 so lett me know whether youll have a Bill sent for it or Receive it here when you come down my self & friends will make you all the Intrest we can in these parts viz York Leeds Wakefield, Ripon, Dur[ham] Newcastle etc I design God willing to begin my Journey for Newcastle on fryday the 4th of Aug[us]t so give me a line by the very first post when you design to sett foreward & when youll be in these parts as also acq[ain]t me whether your Bro goes to sea or comes into the Country, & when, for I can hear nothing from him tho' I have charg'd him in 20 Letters to write me constantly Every post, all here gives you their kind Remembrance with my Blessing to you I am your Most Affect[ionate] Father

Mr Chr[istopher] Blackett & Comp[any] att the White Hart on Bread Street Hill London

**13 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

July 13 1710

James

I am glad to perceive by yours that my Cosen Simpson has found a houskeeper acquaint me whether all the keelmen be fallen to work againe for I perceive there has been a great uprore amongst them in the town I believe they will never be quiet til a great many of their ringleaders be made Examples of give my service to Mr Alderman featherston & tel him I wish him much joy of his new honour I wonder alderman fenwick is not ashamed to be in my debt so long for the last lead he had of me he promised to pay the money in Aprill so certainly on Saturday 7 night he will not fail to give you a bill so upon receipt of this letter acquaint him with it with my service to him Allwayes write a line by Saturday nights post to

Your assured friend

give my service to my Cosen Simson & tel her I thank her for hearing of a hous keeper

**13 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

July 13

Honest Jacob

I Perceive by yours on the 10th that you have been at warsebourn [probably Warksburn] & designs as soon as geo Dods is at home to be there againe hasten down all the slag lead while the wayes are good would willingly have several bargaines of the wastes let now against the beginning of Sept for about that time we shall have

water Enough & may continue all winter excepting a hard frost when any leases are taken it belongs allways for the tennants to pay for the lease & counterp[ar]t & all other writings that are requisite to be drawn however there is not like to be any Difference amongst for such such a trifle there is a great many of them Concernd so it is but a small matter a price not worth nameing I hertily wish that the forefield may prove as good & better than ever it was in my time for should never grudge their bargains tho they got £10000 each partner you may be Assured what you wrote to me about any Concerne goes no Further

I am your assured friend

**14 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to George Mashrother**

July 14

Sir

I percieve that there is a 100 tile for me by the water side am sorry the boatman did not bring them up when he was at York so I was forced to buy as many here as finishd my building I Desire you if it be possible to Dispose of them for me tho to my loss but perhaps he that you bought them of will take them againe so It will only be the loss of carrying them to the water & back pray let me know by the bearer post buy w[ha]t I am Indebted for tile & shall send the money by Mr Hawton the Dancing master on Sunday next with my service & thanks to you I am

Your obliged friend & servt

I hope Mr & Mrs Tomson got well home pray give my service to them both  
For Mr Geo Mashrother at his house in [Corne] Street  
These [presents]

**16 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

July 16

Good Mrs Gray

I gave you an acct by my last that I have got a hous keeper recommended to me from newcastle she has an extrordionary Carracter so I hope will prove accordingly she will be here on friday or saturday the first week in august so I Desire you will come here the monday after & shall send <.> horses for you let me know at your own Leasure w[ha]t day will be most convenient for you to come to Newby & shall send for you accordingly with my service to your self & Mr Gray

I am Your assured friend to serve you

18 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to John Blackett

July 18

Dear Jacce

I percieve by yours on the 11 that you are in good health pray god continue it to you  
I Design for Newcastle about the 2d or 3d of August & there shall drink your health  
with your friends the merchants in town that imployes you hereafter never send me  
any Claret for we get extrordionary good from Scotland but if at any time you can send  
me schampane or Burgandie do it & let me know what it cost you & shall pay it to  
Alderman Featherston

your brother kit is set up for him self & has his masters Nephew for his partner I  
expect him here in 8 or 10 Days shall make him acquainted with the Grocers at York  
leads wakefield & Ripon & then shall go with him to Newcastle I sent horses yesterday  
for your brother Ned to tadcaster Mr Aislaby & he comes from London together & will  
at Newby <this> night all here gives you there kind remembrance to you with my  
blessing to you

I am Dear Jac Your most affectionate father

C[ap]t[ain] Millington & his wife is are gone to live in Cheshire much against my wifes  
minde & my owne they have promisd to come once every year & stay a month with us  
Mr Jones is in the north & will returne with me from Newcastle

For Mr John Blackett Me[rchan]t in Rotterd[a]m [struck out: 'via London']

18 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to Robert Booth

July 18

Dear Sir

am obliged to you for your last letter & In returne have sent you the true & just  
Carrecter of a great many of your friends I hope in a little time you will see your error  
& so turne over a new leafe & be in the same opinion with our honest dean of Ripon  
who din'de with me yeasterday & enquired very kindly after you & Drunk your health  
he has of late got an extrordionary great stammering in his speech so that some afear  
he will never be able to preach againe

All this family are much your humble servts pray believe me allwayes

Yours most affectionately

for the honourable Mr Boothe Dean of Bristol

Inclod picture drawn to the life of a high Churchman of use to all thos[e] who admire  
originals

20 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell

July 20 1710

Sr

I Return you a Copy of your Acct signed, tho' I believe there is a great mistake in it, for you'll find there is thirty shill[ings] less than the last halfe year so pray acq[uain]t me the Reason of it be sure never suffer the tenants to [vary] part of one halfe year Rent into another, but rather distrain & tell them tis a positive order & that I hope will make them carefull to discharge their Rents two or three months after they're due, I wonder Jno Robinson did not Receive the Window tax of Sr Amb[rose] Crowley's steward, for the Act of Parliam[en]t is positive that the Gents shall pay the Window Tax so pray demand it of him From the Commencement of that Act of Parliam[en]t there is nothing in his Lease of giving £20 a year Extraordinary to be clear of taxes tis only a pretence of the steward in saying so, that he might have the Window sess Allow'd

Am sorry trade should be so very bad, there is none to be blam'd for it but the Coale Owners For if they could Agree amongst themselves as formerly there might be as good a trade as Ever, which I heartily wish

Pray send to Mewburns <host> horse to come to you & deliver the Inclosed

I am your Assured Friend to serve you

Mr Thos Brumell

20 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

July 20 1710

James

I perceive by your last that you did not Receive my Letter Dated the 13 but that it was given to Sr Jno Delavalls servt & he neglected to give you it, hereafter shall always Inclose your Letters to Mr Brumell, so you may call for them there, for I do not approve of Sr John's servts carrying your Letters

I hope Mr Ald[erman] Fenwick will be as good as his word and give you Either money or Bills for the Ballance of my Acct and in case he give you Bills inclose them to me p[er] Saturday nights post, if no Bills in Town to be had you must Receive £100 & sett foreward on Monday morning betimes for Newby, For I must have some discussion with you about our tryal

Go & give my service to my Coz Simpson & that Family, and desire her to aqu[ain]t the House keeper that she may send her Cloaths by the Ripon Carrier any week, if she be not Extraordinary busy, would be very glad to have you come to Newby tho' it be but for a day or two, to discourse you about some Extraordinary Business, I am <then ... f..>

You may acquaint Mr Brumell that the Lease will come under Cover Directed to him & acquaint him the Reason upon second thoughts I would have you Receive £100 & Come with it with all speed to Newby, And you may bring the Balance of Mr Fenwicks Acct <in Bills> be sure or inclose them to me p[er] Saturday nights post, be sure you always write me a line [from you] p[er] Saturday night's post

**21 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to William Jones**

June 21

Honest Mr Jones

I Recd yours this morning Doubt mine did not come to your hand wherein I Inclos'd you a Letter from my son John who advis'd you that he had sent you some holland by a Carefull master who would Deliver it to Mr Featherstone & desird that you would pay him the mony for it. I do not perceiv by yours that you have rec[eive]d it tho you have paid Mr John Kelly for it

I have thoughts of Dineing at Durham on Saturday night in my way to newcastle Where I Design to stay for 4 or 5 Dayes & so to Newby againe should be glad of your Company in my returne, honest Capt Millington has left me All here gives you their kind remembrance believe me allways

Your assured & servt

pray give my service to your mother & sister  
For Mr Wm Jones at Mrs Henries house in Durham

**26 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett**

[Note: The recipient appears to have been a Newcastle merchant, possibly Alderman Fenwick, who still owed EB money, but he cannot be clearly identified.]

Sir

I Rec[eive]d yours with a Bill inclosd for a £100 which I have given you Credit for pray acquaint me if there be any Extrordinary good Claret in town <... ..> percieve the Merchant Will sell at 20 or 30 shillings cheaper to a Vintner than a Gent so you may either Desire Capt Ellrington or Mewburns Landlord to buy a hogshead for me in case you <.....> of it when you <tast it> I hear the Vintners in your town pays £25 p[er] h[ogs]h[ea]d & the Gents 26 in case it be extrordinary good wine I think it not Dear I have got a fit of the gravel w[hi]ch I doubt will hinder me of Comeing to Newcastle so soon as I intended

My Cosen Simson has hired me a houskeeper who I design to send for the first week in August the Governor of the Hostmans Company will oblige me to call a Court

about that time Curtis shall not fail to be at newcastle on Wed or Thursd by 11 or 12 a  
Clock let me know w[hi]ch of these dayes will suit with his convenience

Your Assured friend & humble servt

pray give my service to Mr Governo[r]

**27 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to William Jones**

July 27 1710

Sir

Am very sorry to hear of your Kinsman Mr Bewicks Death it was a great surprise to  
me because I never heard of his sickness

My son Kit will be at Durham on munday next so I Desire you will Introduce him to  
the ablest Grocers in Town I Dispair of my Journey Northward as I Designd for I have  
had lately & has at present a severe fit of the Gravel upon me so I believe shall Defer  
that Journey to a much Longer time all here gives you their service & believe me  
allwayes

Your assured friend & servt

For Mr Jones

**28 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to Mr How**

July 28

Mr How

Sir I had a small present of wine in bottles sent me from my son who is a merchant in  
Rotterdam & I p[er]ceive by your master Willm Watson that he came by Whitby & that  
you & your brother Custom house officer Mr Burnett seized the wine, I know tis  
seizable but such a small present to a Gent is [struck out: 'allwayes'] usually restord by  
any officer that understands Civility so I Desire you will do me the favour to let me  
know by a line directing your letter for me at Newby nigh Rippon whether you will  
returne the small present or not if you think you will come to any Prejudice by it shall  
write to my Kinsman Mr Draper who is you know one of the Chief of officers in Hull &  
desire it of you (in case there be occasion) Have writ by this post the very same letter to  
Mr Burnett for fear you should be from home I don't in the least question but to receive  
a satisfactory answer from you which will much oblige Sr

Your assured friend to serve you

For Mr How Custom hous[e] officer in Whitby

For Mr Burnet Custom hous[e] officer in Whitby

**28 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to William Millington**

July 28

Honest Capt

I heartily thank you honest Capt for giveing me so good & quick an acct of what I Desir'd Am glad Mr Hugh Johnson does not Design a northern Journey & you know I am not very desireous of any Journey particularly to Newcastle about Law business which will save me some Guineas in my Pocket, am not unmindfull of my Promise you may Depend upon a Cupple of my Heffers so take care to get a shippen made for them against winter for I know you keep none of your Catle in the fields in winter be sure you send a Carefull messenger for them at the Latter end of August or the beginning of Sept for shall take care they be both bulld before they go from hence & you may be shure they shall be as good as any that ever was In Lancashere or Cheshire with all our kind remembrances to you both I am

Honest Capt Your Real friend to serve you

For Capt Millington

**30 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

July 30 1710

James

Inclos'd I send you Capt Millingtons Letter so am very certaine that Sr John cannot prove the settlem[en]t in case he bring on the tryal he will certainly be nonsuited, so when Mr Barnes returnes from Durham but not sooner you may acq[uain]t him with it & give him a Guiney his pleading fee he has nothing to say to him but only to bid him prove the settlem[en]t be sure you take great care to Sr John & Inclose that Letter to me which I wrote to Sr John for there will be no occasion to make use of it at this time after you have acq[ain]ted Mr Barnes you may acq[uain]t the Atto[r]ney be sure you fail not to be in Court in case Sr John bring on the action p[er]haps he may think that I will bring Mr Swetenham Which would Encourage him to bring on the tryal but when he sees he does not appear p[er]haps he may let it fall in case Sr John Ask you any Quest[i]ons you may tel him you Expect me in Newcastle in case I be well to manage the tryal I will give my son kit Charge of this Letter so you may Inclose Sr Johns Letter by him give my service to Mr Barnes

Your assured friend

I must have his advice in p[er]using my will w[he]n I come to Newcastle as also the Assignm[en]t which I have of my Daughter Blackets portion

**31 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Ridley**

July 31 1710

Sir

Upon the receipt of your Letter I perused severall rentals of farrowsheilds tythes for many years past & finds that in 1705 it was set for £3 5s but never let under £3 at no time so If you pleas[e] to give that Rent you may Improve your land at farrowsheilds very much & have a lease for 21 Years or for any less or term as you please

Am sorry you find no better Encouragement in the tryals you have made I shud think this place you are now working at shud be Extreemly hopefull seeing you have a large vaine & kindly spa[rr] I hope it cannot mis[s] of proveing well when you get through the limestone which I heartily wish it may I am

Your faithfull humble servant

For [struck out: 'Mr Ald[er]m[an]'] Nich[olas] Ridley Esq Merch[an]t in Newcastle

**31 Jul 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

July 31 1710

Sir

The Postmaster of Borrowbridge had a pack of wine in bottles from Mr Barnado [possibly Bernadeau, Newcastle merchant] , & it is not much approv'd of I would Either have a Choice h[ogs]h[ea]d or none if you can light of a rare kind of wine in town pray buy me one tho I would not have it brought hither til Sept & then the weather will be much cooler

I p[er]ceive it is a little trouble to Mr Governour to call a Court on purpose for Curtis any time betwixt this & michelmas is the same & that time that he served before he be bound will be given him <In>. I have had has for some time past a sever[e] fit of the Gravel & it yet continues with me I hope in a little time will get quit of it I am Sr

Your assured friend & servt

To Mr Brummel

If Mr Barrow know of a h[ogs]h[ea]d better then ordionary I know he will let me have it formerly bought my wine of him

**1 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Theophilus Shalton**

August 1

Sir

I'me Informed that there are 3 or 4 able grocers in Wakefield my son is lately set up in London a Whole sale grocer so I Desire you will do me the favour to Introduce him to them for their Custome he is now at Newcastle but Designs to go to Wakefield & at his returne & will waite on you which will be about the latter end of the next week I Desire you will give him your assistance in this affaire & youl much oblige

Sr Your faithfull Humble servt

For Theophilus Shalton Esq.

**1 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Augt 1

James

The above said is a Cobby of my last as also Inclosed you have a Cobby of Capt Millingtons letter to me I gave them to my son Kit but for fear he should not Deliver them have sent you these Coppies of them know of the free porter how many pieces of Lead I have In the cellar & acq[uain]t me I believe Mr Barnes will come to Newcastle on Saturday Evening so you may stay in town a Little Later then ordionary Desire My Cosen Simpson to let you know what day I should send for the housekeeper & my servant shall not fail to be at Newcastle at the time appointed so you must take care to give her notice & that she comes assoon as possibly she can Upon Second Thoughts I think you had not best go to Mr Barnes til Monday morning show him Capt Mil[lingtons] lett[er] & then you may acq[uain]t me by tuesdayes post with the Discourse you & Mr Barnes had If you cant write me possitively by saturdayes post w[he]n the housekeeper will be here ready against I send for her be sure you send a Carefull messanger to her on Sunday to know possitively from her own mouth w[ha]t day she will be ready to come & w[ha]t place she may be found in there for we are in great want of her let me know if Sr John now Enquires of you w[he]n I will be in town I am

Your assured friend

James Mewburn

**2 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to William Draper**

Augt 2

Sir

I had lately a small present of some four bottles of wine sent me from my son who is a merch[an]t in Rotterdam the master in his Voyage to Newcastle toucht at Whitby & two of Officers of the [struck out: 'Excise'] Custome hous[e] Mr How & Mr Burnet came on board & seizd the wine I wrote a letter to them both so I hope they will returne it however I desire you will do me the favour to write a line to one of them & order them to restore it with my most humble to your self Lady & the Worthy Major I am Sr Yours most affectionately

For Wm Draper Esq

These [presents]

[struck out: 'Marton'] York

**2 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to John Blackett**

Augt 2

Dear Jacce

The above said is a Cobby of my last I did not go to Newcastle as I Designed by reason I have had a fit of the gravel upon me & has it stil your brother kit came here last week & we have got him a great many customers in this County many more then I could have Expected he is at present at Newcastle but will make but a small stay there & so go amongst his customers in his Journey back another road then that he came down he is like to do Extreamply well being his master turned over his whole trade to him & his Nephew Ime forct to raise his whole fortune at present which I did not design he shud had til after my death but such an oppertunity offering made me streach myself to the Utmost

Your present of wine you sent to newcastle was siezd by the Custome house officers at Whitby I realy believe it was the masters fault for I heard he got a parcel of Brandy ashoar at Newcastle & he might certainly have savd the wine as well as the brandy

I will give you a hundred p[iece]s of Lead w[hi]ch I have in the Cellar & if my mine prove you shall have more another year so you may order any of your Correspondents at Newcastle to ship them for w[ha]t place you please & not to sail without Convoy All this family gives you their kind remembrance with my blessing to you I am

Dear Jac Your most affect[ionate] father

For Mr John Blacket Merch[an]t in Rotterdam

**4 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Daniel Thompson**

August 4 1710

Daniel Thompson

I Rec[eive]d your letter this morning & you may be shure assur'd shall do you all the good offices in my power shall write to Sr marmaduke as you Desir'd & have sent this day your Letter by the bookseller of Rippon to your father adam to Desire my brother Yorke to write likewise to Sr Marmaduke in your behalf so not doubting but you will have your request granted

I am Your assured friend

For Mr Daniel Thompson officer of Excise at Spilsby nigh Louth in Lincolnshire  
Post p[ai]d

**4 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to William Thompson**

August 4

Sir

I p[er]used your Letter to my son, w[hi]ch surpriz'd [struck out: 'me very much'] I Enquired several times both of Mr Adams & your self w[ha]t you thought the Charges of the recoveries & fines might come to & Desire you to Inform your self in this matter I was not willing to be at more then about £30 Charge & in case they might not be had for about that sum or little more would let them alone you inclos'd me [struck out: 'Mr Halls'] your Agents letter who writ you that he had prevaild with Mr Sanderson for £20 or £30 not Certain w[hi]ch he thought was very reasonable, tho I own I was not of his opinion because Sr Wm Robinsons the <.....> had fines & recoveries of his whole Estate past for under £20 Charge & how the recoveryes & fines of mine should amount to so prodigious sum of money is beyond my understanding how[ev]er I Desire you will send me a particular of every Individual Charge that I may Informe my self, Am very well satisfied that you would not charge me more then w[ha]t is Just & Right but as for your Agents above I know nothing of him there must Certainly be some great mistake in this business for w[he]n I married my Lady yorks Daughter & mad[e] a settlem[en]t of the same Estate the charge of the fines & recoveries did not amount to nigh one half the sum your father Mr Thompson is very well versed in these Concerns so pray let him p[er]use your agents several bills which will be a great satisfaction to

Your assured friend & servt

For Mr Willm Thompson Attorney at Law at his house in Co[rne] street York  
These [presents]

**5 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to John Delaval**

[struck out: 'July 26 1710'] August 5 1710

Sr

I did design to have been at your assizes to have managed the tryal you brought against me for ½ of the tythes of Seaton but an prevented by a fit of the Gravel so if you think convenient am very willing to refer it to Mr Recorder & Mr Barnes which will save us both moneyes & whatsoever Determination they make shall be submitted to by

Sr

Your Most humble servt

Pray make my humble service acceptable to the Ladies  
For Sr John Delavall Bart

**7 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

August 7 1710

Sir

My last was July 31 wherein I Desir'd you to Enquire out the best H[ogs]h[ea]d of Clarret in town & let me know the lowest price of it but since I have heard nothing from you I would have it a strong boddied wine that wine w[hi]ch Mr Postmaster had of him was in bottles, & but a small wine p[er]haps he may have stronger wine in his Cellar which pray know of him I believe mewburn will Certainly be in town so upon receipt of this letter pray send your servt to his Osthouse to Enquire after him & pray give him the I[n]clos'd

I am Your assured friend & servt

For Mr Tho Brummel at his house in Pilgrim Street

**7 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Augt 7

James

I rec[eive]d yours on the 5th as also the letters which you gave my son Chris[tophe]r I p[er]ceive Sr John & you has had some Discourse about his tryal but you misunderstood him if he told you had offer'd a good sum of money for the settlem[en]t for to my knowlidge he has the settlem[en]t by him but he cant prove it reason he has not Mr Hugh Johnson o[ut] of Cheshire to that was witness to the settlem[en]t so if he bring on the tryal he will certainly be non suited by reason he cant prove the settlem[en]t you must be sure to take care that in case Mr Ord has not given Mr Hargrave notice that he will not bring on the tryal then you & Mr Hargrave must

go to Mr Barnes & give him a fee & acquit in case he bring on the tryal he'l oblige him to prove the settlement w[h]ich I know he they can't do so will be non suited know of Mr Hargrave that in case Mr Ord give him notice that he will not bring on the tryal whether or no he may not bring it on notwithstanding my notice given to the contrary for I doubt they have a mind to play us a trick of possible thinking we shall not see a Counsel to the tryal so far as to make them prove the settlement be sure you Discourse Mr Hargrave & take such measures as will prevent their outwitting you

[struck out: 'I receiv'd the two bill of Exchange & Inclosd you have a receipt for Mr Fenwick for the ballance of his acct']

**7 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Robert Fenwick**

Augt 7

Sr

I returne you by my servt who will be in Newcastle on wednesday morning the bill you gave my servant Mewburn for sixty five pounds it is Dated the 29 July at 10 Dayes date so it cannot possibly be at London til four dayes after it is due I Indors[e]d & sent it to york but no body would take it for that reason you know there is 3 dayes of grace allowd for bills of Exchange but this comes the day after which looks very Ill I wish the ten pound bill be duely paid pray give my servt Mewburne a bill of your own for or pay him £65 at your Conveniency ten or fifteen Dayes after date & youl oblige

Sr your most humble servt

For Mr Alderm[an] Fenwick Merch[an]t in Newcastle

**7 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: Undated and recipient not named, but the content suggests it to James Mewburn, and reference to this post indicates it must have also been sent on 7th August]

Shall send by [Pars] the bill of Exchange you sent me for sixty five pounds ten dayes date tis dated the 29 July so it cant possibly be in London till 4 Dayes after it is due I wonder you would not look at the Date & Consider it before you sent it there is 3 dayes of grace by act of parlim[en]t allowd for bills of Exchange but this could not possibly be there till the Day after which looks very ill I wish the ten pound bill be well paid I have writ Mr Fenwick by this post to the same purpose & Desire him to give you a bill of his own or to pay you 65 pounds in money at his Conveniency

let the housekeeper know that my servt will be in town on Tuesday night or wednesday morning very soon so that they may come a good part of their Journey that day you have a Cobby of this letter directed to be left at the post house

I am your assured friend

Give me a full answer of all this letter by my servt

**8 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

August 8 1710

Good Mrs Gray

We shall have occasion to send to Yorke on Fryday & if it suite w[i]th your conveniency to returne with my servt it would do mightly well, If not pray let me know by a line by the postboy what day you will do us the favour to come hither shall send a servt to bring you to New[by] the houskeeper from Newcastle will not fail to be here on Thursday night so the sooner you can spare time to come the better with our kind remembrance to your self & Mr Gray

I am Your Assured friend to serve you

For Mrs Gray at her house in the Shambles in York

**8 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Samuel Robinson**

Saml Robinson

August 8 1710

Our River has been up at least this 14 dayes, so Expected you every day, let me know by a line by the poast whether I may rely on you or not for shall have occasion for a great Quantity of Coals so If you cant furnish me there is several at Yorke will with the same coals shall Expect to hear from you in a post or too I am  
Your friend

For Samuel Robinson at Wakefield bridge End These [presents] post p[ai]d

**11 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Augt 11 1710

Dear Maria

I perceive by yours that your are returned from [Ember] I have given your brother Kit a bill for £25 for you to Day for your table etc I have also paid him w[ha]t Alethia paid her Apothicary which was [missing] 9d I have writ each of you a letter which your brother will give you assoon as he comes to London so consider well when you read the Letter he Expects to be there on Tuesday or wednesday seventhnight with my blessing to you both I am

Yours most affect[ionate] Father

If you want any coals you may buy them for shall be at no more Charge you cost me £55 a year more then if you livd at Newby w[hi]ch Ime sure my purse cant aff[or]d long

**12 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Aletheia Blackett**

August 12 1710

D[ea]r Alithea

I rec[eive]d yours with your Apothicaries bil[l] Inclosed peoples of that profession here thinks it a very Extravegant one they think it very strang[e] that he shud offer to Charge 10s for bleeding of you twice being you are in his own house the Apothicaries here thinks them selves well paid if they go 100 mile to let Blood & have ½ a Crown given them however I have paid your brother kitte your bill which comes to £3 9s & 7d so paid have paid him £3 9s which is more by a ¼ part then the Apothicary ought to have had, tis now time for you to think of Comeing in to the Countrey you may easily Imagine it is a great Charge for me to Keep you at London, when you would not cost me any thing in case you were with me at Newby so consider this well & I doubt not but you will be of my minde with my blessing to you I am

Your most Affectionate father

**12 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

August 12 1710

D[ea]r Maria

I Rec[eive]d yours by Mr Smirk, I think it is now full time for you to come into the Countrey you know your meat & drink would not cost me much at Newby so there is about £55 a year thrown away by your liveing at another place so I would have you consider it, for the more you spend after this manner the less you are likely to have for your fortune I think your Landlord might very well find you with Coals paying him after the rate of £55 a year for your tables I have given your brother a bill & he will pay you £25 which you may pay your Landlord for your Quarters table Certainly you little Consider w[ha]t charge I am at yearly in maintaining all your brothers all also paying Interest for so great a sum as I raisd for your broth[er] Christ[opher] this all considered me thinks should make you have a Desire to come home with my blessing to you I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

**12 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Aug 12 1710

S[i]r

I Rec[eive]d yours on the 8th & 9th as for haveing wine in bottles from newcastle it will be a great Charge & in case I should have a h[ogs]h[ea]d of Florence drawn off it is ten to one but it will be prict for it is a nice wine to be dealt with

I thank you for the acct you give me of my tryal as allso the trouble you gave your self in getting me the bill exchange & <char> from Mr Fenwick The former bill might be a good bill but not a merch[an]t in yorke would take it

I wrote my Daughters that I would not pay for any coals for them I pay them £25 a Quarter w[hi]ch you know is £100 a year & if that will not maintain them they must come into the Country againe

I am Your assured friend and servt

To Mr Tho Brummel

**14 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to James Scott**

Augt 14 1710

S[i]r

I Desire your care in sending this pipe aboar[d] of a Hull Keel & order the master to put it on board on one of the Hull vessels that Goes for London & w[ha]t Charge you are at shall thankfully be repaid by S[i]r

Your obliged friend & servt

For Mr Scot Crane Master in Yorke

**15 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to William Armstrong**

Augt 15 1710

Hon[es]t will Armstrong

I p[er]ceive by your letter that you have a desire that Mewburne should draw your lease & you would have it done Exactly after your old one so the first time Mewburne comes to Newby he shall draw your leas[e] exactly after your old one only 40s a year <incerter>

I am your assured friend

For Will Armstrong at bardon Mill

**15 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to William Thompson**

August 15 1710

Sir

I Rec[eive]d you letter with the bill Inclos'd I own I am alltogether a stranger as to the charge of the recovery & the proceedings I Desire you will name a day when you will be at newby & bring the recoveries & other things that Concerne me with you & shall Desire my friend who I believe understands these things much better then I do to meet you here that all things may be adjusted give me timely notice that I may acq[uain]t him with the Day & then shall give you notice that he will not fail to meet you at your appointed time with my service to all your good family I am

Your assured friend & servt

For Mr Wm Thompson attorney at Law in Corne Street York

**15 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Sellers Thornbury**

Augt 15

Sir

I p[er]ceive by yours that both the bills were accepted w[he]n due pray receive the moneys I Desire you will send down the abovsaid parcels with all possible speed & let them be the very best you have for you shall find me a very good paymaster direct them to Mr Scot Crane master in York for Sr Edwd Blacket my son will not be in London til the latter end of the next week

I am

Your assured friend to serve you

For Mr Sellers Thornbury at the whit[e] hart on bread/ <.....shall> London  
Assoon as you have shipt the goods let me hear from you the master & ships name

**17 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Augt 17

Honest Jacob

I perceive by yours that the 12 men is come from Scotland & that you have let them 7 heaps at £6 12s 6d p Tunn 24 Hund[redweight] to the Tunn which is very well I wish they performe their words in bringing 20 budlers at michelmas & 20 in the spring & that considerd is but a very small number of men to get the 7 heaps drest up in a year or too I wish you could get as many men as would take the remainder of all the heaps unlet that is to say to let one Dead heap to 20 men which would make Quick work & so

through the field with the same number of men to every heap & that would give me very great satisfaction

I perceive there is 210 p[ie]ce[s] of waste Lead gone from the mil I Don't hear that there are come to Newcastle Acq[ui]n[t] me how the slag harth goes foreward & w[ha]t pieces they have maide since they were paid for the last 20 Tunn & the day of month or about the time when the 20 Tun of slag lead was carried to Newcastle

I was in hopes not only the hall but all the out houses was slated & finished long before this I will not have them to do any thing after this month of August so after this month is out turne them off til the spring for I hav[e] been a great sufferer in letting people worke in September for the lime will never <bide> that is wrought up in that month order Loraine to be shure to keep constantly at worke in Dressing the slags & If he don't Employ as many men as can worke you are orderd to assist him in procureing of him more workmen acq[ui]n[t] whether he be very Dilig[en]t in his worke or not By a line by the first post to

Your assured friend

For Mr Jacob Peart at fallowfield nigh Hexham Northum[berland]

**17 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Augt 17

James

The Inclosed p[er]use & send to Will Armstrong I perceive by a letter by the last post from Jacob that he had sent from the mill 210 pieces of my wast[e] lead & the next day would go down to see it was all got to Newburne let me know w[ha]t p[ie]ce[s] of Lead there is in the Cellar & In what the wherrie men may Judge there is at Newburne

The Country keeping of Northumberland is allwayes let the Day the Judges goes from Newcastle acq[ui]n[t] who has taken it & w[ha]t sum they give will Lowes told me he would not meddle with it any more tho I don't know how to believe him acq[ui]n[t] with the price of Lead I am

Your assured friend

To Ja[m]es

**17 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Augt 17

Mr Ward

Inclosed you have a Copsy of the fine that was <sued> out in the Court of Durham for Sockburne Estate, pray make it your business to get acquainted with an attorney or

too that has been practised in passing of fines & recoveries in that Court I do not know what attorney in Durham was Employd in this business you may Inquire but I would not have you Discourse him for he for his own advantage will say tis Just & right I here came very fortunately a Gent here the other day whose sole practise is in passing fines & recoveries above he perusd the bill & said he would make <it> appear it was above double Charg[e] & would have it taxd accordingly but as for fines & recov[eries] past at the Cour[t] at Durham he was alltogether a stranger [to] fees of that Court & so could say nothing to it, you would do me a piece of great service if you could light of a honest man that would Examine this bill & compare it with the fees that is due at that Court upon such occasions Mr Mowbray is my particular friend & mig[ht] be Depended upon but I don't know whether he has been us'd to pass fines & recoveries for such a one must by all means be Enquired after & w[ha]t Charge you are shall be thankfully repayed you by

Your assured friend

To Mr John Ward at Dinsdale Nigh Smeeton p[er] Northallerton bagg

**20 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Samuel Robinson**

20 Augt

Sam Robinson

Your two boats came to burrowbridge on Thursday night I unloaded them boath on fry day & paid your servt for them he might have got to york that evening but I hear the fellow staid at burrowbridge til Saturday noone upon the receipt of this letter get both your boats loden againe & send down with all possible speed for now I have a vacant time to load them so let me know by the very first post about the time you think youl be here that all things may be in readiness against they come I am

Your assured friend

**24 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Ridley**

Aug 24

S[i]r

Assoon as my steward sends me your leas[e] shall Execute it

As for the piece of ground you mention nigh Willimontwick mill am alltogether a stranger to it the present tennant has been a farmer nigh 30 years & he has no ground but w[ha]t Mr Burdet Injoyd some years before as part of Willimontswick Demaine shall send you my writings to newcastle w[i]th your lease for should be very unwilling to see Enjoy my ground that is not my own with my humble service to your son I am

S[i]r Your faithfull humble servt

For Nicholas Ridley Esq Merch[an]t in Newcastle

**24 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

24 Augt

James

I rec[eiv]ed your with the bill for £50 as for the 80 w[hi]ch Will Lowes paid Mr Reah you may Desire him to give you a bill for it and Inclose it to me

I mightily admire that James Clark should tel you that I had no lead at newcastle and that the wherrie men should acq[ain]t you that I had none at Newburne I had a letter last week from Jacob Peart who writes me he had sent down 210 peices of my slag Lead as allso 40 pieces w[hi]ch was my part of w[ha]t lead the undertakers got last pay order James Clarke to look amongst the undertakers lead & hel find 40 pe[ice]s markt with my mark which order him to put into the Cellar as allso order that the 210 pieces be brought down from newburn with all possible speed acq[ain]t James Clarke that I will sell no lead I have given my son John 100 pieces which he will order some of his Correspond[en]t at newcastle to see them weighd of in a little time fail not to go to Newburne as allso to the half way & so to fallowfeild and then youl be able to give me a full acct of w[ha]t more lead is made since Jacob writ me he had sent down the aforesaid <no> of peices give a full acct of all this by a line on Saturday night to

Your assured friend

give my service to Alderman Ridley & give him Inclosd as also give James Clark the Inclosd

**24 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to James Clark**

Augt 24

James Clarke

I was surprizd by a letter I rec[eive]d from my servt Mewburn last post who acquainted me that I had no lead neither at newcastle nor newburne my steward Jacob peart at Fallowfield acq[ain]ted me that he had sent down 40 p[iece]s markt with my own mark with the undertakers lead & 210 p[iece]s of my slag lead markt with my own marke so I Desire you will take care of them & let them be put into the Cellar for I will not sell any at this time I have given my son John a hundred p[iece]s & he will order in a short time one of his correspondents in newcastle to se[e] them weighd off fail not to write me a line where my lead has laid all this time allwayes when I have any lead Comes down be shure you carry it Immediately into the Cellar I am

Your assured friend

**24 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to John Field**

Aug 24

S[i]r

I p[er]ceive you have got a parcel of Choice Florence Red it is a nice sort of Wine & very apt to be prict what wine I use I have from from Newcastle and they never fail of sending me a h[ogs]h[ea]d or 2 of French wine every year or more if I have occasion and do likewise procure 2 or 3 hoghead for my friends yearly from the same place & not much dearer then your Florence wine pray acq[uain]t me by the next post w[ha]t you can have <...> last Deliverd aboard for Rotterdam & If reasonable can help you to a Commission

I am S[i]r Your most humble servt

For Mr John Field Merch[an]t in Hull post p[ai]d

**25 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to William Millington**

Augt 25

Honest Capt

I rec[eive]d your letter am very glad to hear that your are both in good health I hertily wish you may long continue so

You may send for the heffers when you please I hope they will answer your Expectations

Am sorry to hear that Mr Boothe will have trouble given him in his Election I wonder <Tiburne Do> should leave his old friend tho I think not much better could be Expected from him pray give humble service to my Lord and Mr Booth & I heartily wish him success my humble service to S[i]r Samuel Daniel I dare answer he[ll] not leave his old friend as the other has so basely done I am honest Capt your real friend to serve you

For Capt Millington Thes[e] [presents] Dunham

For the Honorable Langham booth Member of parliam[en]t at <...>

**25 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Augt 25

Dear Kitte

I hope this will find you well returnd to your own habitation I hope your Gelding Carried you well however you must not too much trust to Yorkshire Jockeys give my service to your Partner & Desire him to buy me a bagg of the very best hoppes he can Lay his hands on at Sturbridge fare I wonder I have not acct from him of the shipping

of the small Quantity of Goods I sent to him for I Expected they might have been with me ere this provided he had shipt them upon the receipt of my letter all here gives you their kind remembrances with my blessing to you

I am Your most affect[ionate] Father

Upon the receipt of this letter let me here from you if you know where my nephew Blacket is

**27 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to William Norton**

Augt 27

S[i]r

pray do me the favour to write a line to your brother at Nottingham by the very first post & desire him to Inquire out if possible an Extrordinary good Brewer & acq[ain]t you w[i]th w[ha]t wages he Demands he shall have allwayes w[ha]t help he pleases when he brews as allso to assist him in keeping his vessels and hogh[ea]ds Cleane your assistance in this affaure will very much oblige S[i]r

I am Your obliged Kinsman and humble servt

For Wm Norton Esq Junr

I wish you had time to write a line & give it to my servt & shall send it to me post

**27 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to John Sharp**

Augt 27

Dear S[i]r

I heartily congratulate you upon your marriage & hope every Day you live will be as prosperous to you as your wedding day all this family are much your humble servts Desires you will make their service acceptable to your Lady I am Dear Sir

Most affect[ionately] yours

For John Sharp Esq member of Parliament at his Chambers in the Temple London

**29 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Augt 29 1710

Dear Kitte

The Inclosd is a letter which I had from Mr Alderman Lister who gave me the £30 Bill he is a very able rich man & so is his brother that he drew his bill upon so if the Inclosd

be true your partner did very Ill in it if the bill was noted which I hope it was not I will pay the half Crown my self you may remember that I told you I did not much approve of the £10 Bill but as for the other I know it to be as good as any in England be shure you remember your partner to buy me a bag of the vesy best hops he can lay his hands on direct them for me to be left with Mr Scot Crane master in Yorke, assoon as I know the price of the hops shall send you a bill for them, & the parcel you sent me last Mr Jekel will send to your shop a small bundel of paper etc which I bought of him let them be sent with the hops w[he]n you ship them with my service to Mr Pimate & your partner I am

**29 Aug 1710 Richard Smith to John Sharp**

Augt 29

S[i]r

Am much obliged to you for the trouble you please to put your self not only in procureing my wine but your sending your servt with it it came very safely & If I can be serviceable to you in this part of the Country you may Command S[i]r

Your obliged servt

For Mr Ric[har]d Smith at Agton bridge These [presents]

**31 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Augt 31

Honest Will

I rec[eive]d yours on the 24 & as for the rental of the several Lordships ancient rents & the whitsontide half years rental of the several farmes as also the tythe rental you may send them by a Carefull hand to Newcastle to be Deliverd to Mr Brummel shall have occasion to send a servt to Newcastle in 20 Dayes time & w[he]n he returnes he will bring the rentals w[i]th him Am glad you have let Redpeth tyth tis a good Increase of rent as for bardon Mill will Armstrong is willing to give 40s a year more rent so I am Willing the old ten[an]t should have it I rec[eive]d a bill from Mr Featherstons partner for the £80 you paid him & have given you Credit for it as also for the £22 you paid Jacob Peart when you send the rental let me know the difference betwix the Whitsontide and Martinmas rents

I am your assured friend

**31 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Augt 31

Mr Ward

I thank you for the paines you tooke at Durham about the recoverie & shall thankfully repay you for what you are in Disburse upon that acct

I take it mighty Ill from my <ten[a]nt> Thompson that he has not paid you for my horse I refusd five Guineas for him several times before I sent him & that very morning I was offerd more moneys for him I allwayes Expected that Tomson would have made me at Least £10 of him so upon receipt of this letter receive the money that he sold the horse for, for he shall not play the knave with me whatsoever he does with other people, I have now a pretty young Gelding which I thought to have sent to him to have Disposd off but till I see w[ha]t set he has made me of my other horse shall Defer sending of him I Desire you will make an end if possible with Nelson for Ime afraid if he won't pay any thing by faire means we cant compel him by foul

I wish it were in my power to be serviceable to your brother any manner of way here is likely to be a great alteration at Court but who they are to be it is yet uncertaine

I am Your assured friend to serve you

pray acq[ain]t me with the Customers name you got my son kit at Darlington & whether he has sent for any thing from him or not

**31 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Aug 31

James

I rec[eive]d yours the 26 with a bill from Mr Coulson for £<30> which he rec[eive]d of will Lowes & Inclosd is a rec[eip]t for it I rec[eive]d a very full acct from James Clarke & bid them allwayes keep the no of pieces and weigh[t] of w[ha]t Lead comes from fallowfield that belongs to the partners as also all the pieces that has my own marke beshure you order the wherrie men to bring down all the lead that is at Newburne with all possible speed & let me know w[ha]t they brought down this week for they promised you they would not fail to bring it all down give me an acct or Order James Clarke to write me w[ha]t lead Comes down as for when this lead that is already made is come to newcastle it will be a long time before any more comes down Jacobs wholly concerne to be the lead made weighd & sent to newcastle that his business & notheing Else

I had a letter from will Lowes dated the 24 of Aug writes me that he has let redpeth Corne tythe for £6 p[er] year which was formerly let for £4 5s & that he is offerd for Bardon mill and Glendinings little house and Garthe which [struck out: 'all was for both was formerly let for £14 10s'] <£17 p ann> by a good and substantial tenn[an]t for <.....> to be clear every 7 years & that close & Mill you know is al[l] now only let for

£14 10 I believe will Lows has a great prejudice to Wm Armstrong Will Armstrong has now a good opportunity to be even with him in offering a good price for whitshield farne I wish he or you could get me a good substantial tenn[an]t for it for I find hel be very unwilling to give me the worth of it til he find that I have another tennant that bids money for it so when you go up to see your relations at Acomb be shure you send to Will Armstrong to come to you there I wish that Will Armstrong or any friend of his would offer you a good rent for Whitshields You may remember I was offerd a good rent by Geo Barrow I wish either he or any other would give me nigh the rent which I was formerly offerd I know tis one of the Cheapest farmes in the Country at the rent I was offerd for it tho I would be content to take less be shure you Discourse will armstrong assoon as possible you can for the sooner it comes to Will Lowes Ear that somebody is takeing of it will make him offer me much more rent then he thinks to have it for tho I could wish I had a good substantial tenn[an]t in Will Lowses sons roome

give a line by Saturday nights post to Your assured

**31 Aug 1710 Edward Blackett to James Clark**

Augt 31

Mr Clarke

The bearer John Thorp is the boatsman I recommended to you for carrying down your load I know him to be a very honest man & you may depend upon his honesty & Carefullness and I know my brother Yorke cannot be better servd then by him he has at present a Couple of boats & if there were occasion would have another with my humble service to my brother york his Lady and family I am

Your assured friend to serve you

To Mr Clarke Thes[e] [presents] Richmond

**3 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to William Millington**

Sept 3

Honest Capt

I have sent you by the bearer 2 young heffers they are both bulld so I hope they will bring you too fine Calves so in a little time I hope youl be as famous for a fine breed in Cheshire as I am in Yorkshire

there are great Interest makeing all over the nation for Parliam[en]t men tho some are of opinion that we shall not have a new Parliam[en]t this year

I have no news from home to write you but that the major [mayor] of Ripon made an Extrordionary great Entertainm[en]t for a week together I sent him one of the Largest sheep that ever was seen in this Country his four Quarters weighed Each 40 lb

p[er] Quart[er] & his hind Q[uar]ter]s 35 none will believe it but them that saw him weighed all this family gives their services to your self & Mrs Millington and believe me allways

Your Real friend to serve you

pray make my humble service acceptable to my lord Warrington  
For Capt Millington at Dunham Town

**3 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to William Blackett**

[Note: William Blackett was not 21 until January 1711]

Sept 3

Dear Nephew

Rec[eive]d your letter from Burrowbridge I hope you need not in the least Quest[ion] your Interest at Newcastle I would advise you to take Mr Alderman Ridleys advice who I know is the Chief [S]ealing man in town [struck out: '& would advise you will acqu[ain]t you w[ha]t is fit for you [...] to with the freeman'] & then you cant fail of success

In case we should have a new parliam[en]t shortly you know you will not be at age so uncapable to sit in the house of Commons have Discoursed several of my neighbours that are Parliam[en]t [men] in this affaire & they tel me that you may Evade the act of Parliam[en]t by absenting your self from the house til such a time & then to make friends in the house to make your Election voide so a new writ will be sent down in Course to Newcastle to Chuse another member this is their opinion however you may Discourse some other Parliam[en]t men about this point upon the receipt of this pray give a line to

Your most affect[ionate] uncle & humble servt

To S[i]r Wm Blackett Bart These [presents] Newcastle

**3 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

[Note: Refers to the letter of the same day to his nephew Sir William Blackett, so EB presumed Brummell would see WB in Newcastle]

Sept 3

S[i]r

Upon receipt I Desire you will Deliver the Inclosed & youl oblige

Your humble servt

To Mr Tho Brummel

3 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Gray

Sept 3d

Mr Gray

I have sent you down 2 rundlets by the bearer so get them Exchangd and fill them one with the best white & the other with red wine pray desire your wife to go to Mr Gelders & if his anchovies & Capers be good pray send me a pound of anchovies and four pound of Capers I owe a small note there so order your wife to pay for the things & send me their receipt beshure you send your very best wine to your assured friend

7 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Sept 7

James

I Rec[eive]d yours on the 7 & I wish the wherriemen may yet be as good as their wordes in bringing down all my lead on munday or Tuesday last as they promist you I wish they may bring it all down by friday night so that you may give me an acct of the number of pieces by Saturday nights post

I percieve Mr Rogers has been at the Lodge lately for some few dayes it was allwayes my opinion that it would be a <match> at last Acq[ain]t me whether he has been there since let me know who stands for knight this year for the County who for Morpeth & who for Newcastle give my service to Mr Brumel & know if he Deliverd my letter to my nephew Blacket which I Inclosd to him last post & acq[uain]t me likewise whether my nephew lay at my Ladys hous[e] & w[he]n she Designs for London & whether do[es]. S[i]r John & his family go to London this <winter> or not

I am Your assured friend

7 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to John Field

Sept 7

S[i]r

Upon the receipt of your letter I acq[uain]ted my friend at newcastle with the price of Red with you who writes me he will not ship any at that price for shud be a great Looser by it I have writ to my son in holland that there is much more rape growes nigh hull then there is about newcastle or stockton & when it gives a good price in holland that he will acq[uain]t you w[ha]t he can afford to give for it clear shipt aboard pray write him the price of rape by the first post & that w[he]n he wants that Comodity there is much more to be had at hull then about newcastle or stockton so Consequently Cheaper I percieve by a letter from him Lately that he hath sent me a Jug or a bottle of

Culen Juniper which is proper for the gravel he has shipt it on one of your Hull vessels but neither writes the master nor ships name how[ev]er I Desire you will Inquire for it & send it Mr Scot Crane master of in yorke for to be sent to

Your assured friend & servt

For Mr John Feild Merch[an]t in Hull

**8 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

Sept 8 1710

Good Mrs Gray

I give you my thanks for buying the anchovies & the Capers as also for the acct you give me of the Chaire of good fellowship which pray buy me as Cheap as you can & send it up by thorps boat and give him a great Charge of it pray pay for it & you shall thankfully be repayd by

Your assured freind to serve you

**9 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Sept 9

Honest Jacob

I perceive by James Clarke that there is only a hundred peices of my lead Come down & the wherriemen told him that there was no more at Newburne by the acct of the no p[iece]s you sent me about 6 weeks agoe there must be 19 peices a wanting not reckning those that are made & sent to Newburne since so upon receipt of this letter I would have you go to the Carr[i]ers houses & so to Newburne & then to Newcastle & so then make your acct up right with James Clarke & acq[ain]t me where the mistake lies there was 3 peices of the old lead left in the Cellar which was undisposed of let me know if the slayers have done their worke I hope they made use of all the old slate that was good should be glad to hear that the[y] have finisht their worke I Doubt not but you will take care that they do it well Acq[ua]int w[ha]t they are doing both at the mines & mill & whether they have any good worke for I heartily wish the undertakers good success

Enquire of Harry Tulip If he can help me to a purposefull lusty young fellow such a one as is carefull & propper to look to the swine & make fires & do any other worke that he understands If such a man can be light on let me know assoon as conveniently you can I wil give him £3 a year wages & he will be getting moneys besides I wish either you or harry could help me to such a person I would have him to come here a week before martinmas he must be a strong young fellow otherwayes he is not fit for that Imploy assoon as you receive this letter acq[ua]int me whether you think such a man can be light on or not

I am [your] Asured friend

To Mr Jacob Peart at Fallowfeild nigh Hexam Northumberland

**12 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Raper**

Sept 12

Mr Raper

My son was acquainting me Mr Wise usd to have very good Maderas white pray accq[uain]t me by a line the first post if he have any at present & what he sels it p[er] Gallon and if I like the price shall take a H[ogs]h[ea]d of it with my service to your self & Mr Wise I am

Your assured freind to serve you

For Mr Hen Raper at the Queens head on Ludgate Hill These [presents] London

**13 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Sept 13

Honest Will

I perceive by your letter that one Charleton has serv'd a Execution against Geo Dodses goods here is a late act of Parliam[en]t that no Execution shall barr a Landlord of his rent assoon as I get the said act shall Inclose it to you

I beleive my servt will be at newcastle in 8 or 10 days time so be sure you Inclose a rental of all my Estate that you are concerned in to Mr Brummel Directed for me let all the tennants names be incerted and the names of the land which each of them farmes as also the Ancient rents Rack rents & tythe rents & the farmers names that farmes them Inclose me likewise w[ha]t you are in Arrear for the last martinmas rent & w[ha]t you have paid Upon that acct & to whome I Doubt not but long before this you rec[eive]d all the money that was due to you for the wood you sold before the last fall as allso for accq[uain]t me w[ha]t wood you sold since the sum you sold it for & to whome

I am glad you have the Country keeping againe provided it be for your own advantage & I hope you are so Wise a man you would not take it upon other termes As for Bardon Mill I have Disposd of it to Willm Armstrong I allwayes lookt upon him to be an honest man & may be very serviceable to me both as to the repairing of the Dams felling of wood etc fail not to give me an acct of all this assoon as possibly you can by the Inclosd to Mr Brummel I am

Your assured freind

14 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Sept 14

James

I rec[eive]d your last letter & I hope you will find more lead come down since your last which acq[ua]in[t] me in your next

tis now in your power if you manage your business well to get me £<30> I have Inclosd you 20 peices of paper & If there be occasion shall send you more with 2 names seald up in each paper w[i]th my own Coat of Armes which I think will be the two represenatives for Morpeth in the next Ensuing Parliam[en]t & provided this be now Disolvd Endeavour as much as possibly you can to get into Company both amongst Sr Johns servants & Tennants & others in that neighbor[hood] & Wager with them that the 2 Jentlemen that namd within the seald papers will be possitively the 2 represenatives for morpeth in the next Ensuing Parliam[en]t provided this be Disolvd but the papers must be given to a 3d person & not opend til after the Election & put down moneys into the same hand that has the Paper & If they Insist that Sr John must not be one that's namd agree to it but with all you may acq[ain]t them which Lawfully you may do that you do not know either of their names If you manage this business wisely I know you may win 20 however be sure you make no such wager in Morpeth town nor speak the least worde of it in that place w[ha]t you do in this business must be done Quickly & wisely for my Lord Carlile will be in morpeth & Declare it in 8 or 10 dayes time w[ha]t wagers you make be sure you put down moneys that there may be no Disputes hereafter I hope to hear that you have betted some moneys at Newcastle by Saturday nights post to

Your assured freind

I hope in small parcels as 5 – 10 20 shillings or 5 or 10 pound to each person or more moneys if they stand upon it to the sum of £<1>0 but you must make this provisor that in case the 2 Gents be living thats namd in the paper at the time of the said Election otherwayes it is voide

S[i]r Richd Samford Bar[o]n[e]t

My Lord vict Castle Comer

15 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to Posthumus Smith

[Note: Posthumus Smith was registrar to the Dean & Chapter of Durham]

Sep 15

Sir

Am much obligd for the trouble you are pleasd to give your self upon my account am advisd by Councell to Imploy an attorney at Durham who must move for a rule of

Court that the <att[orne]y> bill may be tax'd by the Prothonotary otherwayes hel not abate any thing of it so I Designe to send my steward Mr Ward to Durham shortly about this business & shall order him to wait on you & pay w[ha]t you are in Disburse with all our most humble services to yourself & the pretty Lady I am

S[i]r your obliged humble servt

For Mr Posthumus Smith at his house in the Bayley Thes[e] [presents] Durham post p[ai]d

**16 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Sept 16

Mr Ward

Ime advis'd by Councell to Employ an attorney at Durham who must move for a rule of Court that my attorneys bill may be taxd by the Prothonotary otherwayes hel not abate any thing of it so I must Desire you by all means to come to newby that I may have an houres Discourse with you about this business I have several papers to give you that Concernes it pray let me know by the very first post w[ha]t day I may Expect you that I may not be from home I am

Your assured freind to serve you

**17 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to William Jenison**

Sept 17

S[i]r

I rec[eive]d your letter & as for the Lands house & Gardens at Seaton they are all let till my son or self have occasion to make use of them which I do not know how soon that will be my Wife & Daughter Joyns with me in our humble services to your selfe & Lady & believe me S[i]r

Your humble servt

For Wm Jenison Esq at his house in Newcastle

**17 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Sept 17

Honest Will

I perceive by yours that you have had of late a very great flood & that you have had little or no damage done to your dams which I am glad of they had need be as good as they are for I perceive I am every year at Charge with them which is Intolerable

I have rec[eive]d the several rentals but some of the tennants names are so Ill write I cannot read them there came a tennant to me some time agoe with your letter for my Consent to let him sell one of his houses & that he that bought it should pay either sixpence or 12d more rent let me know his name & w[ha]t Lordship he is in

Acq[ua]in]t me likewise w[ha]t you Designe your son should pay me for Whitsheids this year for you may remember I told you that he should pay no more then w[ha]t I should let it for which is but reasonable I had much rather have your son for my tenn[an]t then any Other so let me know the most that hel give for it a year & so to have a lease of it you know [struck out: 'Geo Dods offerd'] that <C.> Barrow[s] brother in law offerd me £20 a year for it but perhaps it might partly be out of mallice however I do believe it is worth not much less send me a note by the next post w[ha]t was in arrear to me w[he]n you made your last acct for wood fines etc also w[ha]t wood in sold this last year for w[ha]t & to whome & w[he]n payable let me know whether the little Island by the mill has no other name then Grooms Island besure you fail not to answer this letter in every particular assoon as Conveniently you can I am

Your assured freind

For Wm Lowes

### **19 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Sept 19 1710

Honest Jacob

Yours on the 17th gives me satisfaction as to the 210 peices & I doubt not but you will take care to prevent mistakes acq[ua]in]t me by the first post w[ha]t Quantity of Lead Mr Loraine has made since the beginning, & w[ha]t no of peices of his Lead at the mill uncarried in tis needless to weigh any of his Lead off til there be 10 ten tun acq[ua]in]t me Likewise w[ha]t is become of the Lead that came to my share that the undertakers made before the last pay I beleive they Disposd of it with their own or otherwayes they have it with their own for it was never brought into my Cellar

am sorry that the undertakers has had no better success acq[ua]in]t me how Long you think it will be or they get the shaft down which they are sinking at the forefeild as also w[ha]t Quantity of ore you may Judge they have aforehand as allso w[ha]t Lead was smelted of the waste ore in my month

You have done very well in getting the hall and barns slated & I hope w[ha]t is to be done next sumer will be likewise well done

Am sorry the young man whom you would have hired his father was not willing he should come I wish you could get light of a lusty young fellow fit for that business but you must let me know in a post or two that I may not be Disapointed I am

let me know the day of the month you rec[eive]d moneys from will Lowes w[ha]t sum & to whome paide

20 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Sept 20

James

I perceive by yours that you much Question whether you can get any wagers Laide about the two parliament men for Morpeth however be sure you Endeavour it as much as possibly you can I hope the ten peices of Lead is come to newcastle Long before this know of Mr Reay & James Clarke w[ha]t became of my proportion of the Lead which they made the first last pay it has my marke upon it but it was never brought into the Cellar I believe they have sold it when they sold their own If not it lies upon the Key with their own the Lead which made the 210 peices was 182 from Mr Loraines slag lead thre[e] peices which was left last year at the mill & 25 peices made of An[n] Surtesses grove waste so besure you know what is become of that Lead which came to my proportion that was made the first pay the undertakers made give my service to my brother & sister midford and Deliver the Inclosd acq[ain]t me w[he]n my Lady blacket went to London & whether she removed many of the good out of the house I want a Lusty young fellow in black dicks roome that can Look to the house heat ovens & make the Courtaines Cleane Ime willing to give £3 a year wages beside hel be getting money in making strangers shooes & boots cleane make the best & Quickest Inquiry you possibly can for I would not willingly be Disapointed I am

Your assured friend

Memorand[u]m & Letter from Jacob

I writ you that there was	190 p[ie]ce]s of Mr Loraines
Fourth ten tun smelted	182 p[ie]ce]s

the 210 p[ie]ce]s thus made	
of Mr Loraines slag lead there was	182 p[ie]ce]s
Lieing at the mill since the Last year	003
of An[n] surtesses grove waste smelted	025
	210

Go to the Governour of the Oastmans Company with my service and know w[ha]t time after michelmas he Designes to call a Court for I have a young man I Designe to have bound to me at the first Court

**20 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to William Millington**

Sept 20 1710

Honest Capt

I <now> perceive by yours that the 2 heifers came safe to Dunham I hope they will both prove with Calf & If one prove a bull calf you'l be set up for ever with a fine breed I kild a sheep this week of my own breed that weighd 17 pou[nds] a Quarter good weight & all people that see thought him to be the fatest & Largest sheep in England thes[e] parts affords no news at present only that Mr Ridsdales fare Daughter fell into Labour in Dancing a Cheshire round at Mr Todds house at Wath she Laies the Child to my Lord Castlecomer who has taken care of it & sent it to nurse give my service to Mrs Millington and tell her should be glad to hear that the Capt Could do much a brave action in Dunham town & then he will approve himself a right Cheshire man

All this family gives their services to your self & Mrs Millington & beleve me allways Honest Capt

Your real friend to serve you

For Capt Millington these [presents] Dunham towne

For the Honourable Langham Boo[th] Esq member of Parliam]en]t at Dunham via London

pray make my service acceptable to my Lord & Mrs Boothe & tell him I wish him good success

**26 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to Joseph Stone**

Sept 26 1710

Sir

Am obligd to you for the acct you give me of the price of Barley & oats when the price of these 2 Graines are settled I Desire to have a line from you & w[ha]t the Charge p[er] Quarter may be in bringing to yorke shall write to Newcastle the first post whether my steward has occasion for any Wagon wheels & then you shall hear further from S[i]r

Your very humble servt

For Mr Joseph Stone Gainsbrough

**29 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Sep 29 1710

Dear Kitte

In case your partner Mr Thornbury has not bought me a bag of hopps Desire him not to do it & do you go upon receipt of this letter to Doctor Pond an[d] Desire him to buy me a bag of the very Choicest Hopps in Town & do you ship them by the very first Hull vessell Direct for me to be left with Mr Scot Crane master of yorke & Desire the Doctor to let me know w[ha]t they Cost & shall order him a bill for the moneys

Yesterday I rec[eive]d the goods which your partner sent me the ship was in very great Danger of being lost she was forc'd to cut down her masts & all people at Hull gave her for lost but god be thank'd she arrivd safe at last acq[ui]t me with the master and ships name that you ship the hops in I have very great want of them this being the only propper time in the year for brewing in so shall Expect a letter by the very first post after this comes to your hand that you have shipt them with my blessing to you I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

**30 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

[Note: Letter undated, but in sequence between others dated Sept 29 and Oct 1st, so Sept 30 is used here. Wishart had just been appointed a Lord of the Admiralty]

Sr The

pray peruse the Inclosd & returne it I Desire you will write a line to Admiral Wishart & Desire his favour in getting my son ned a Capts Commission I Designe to congratulate him upon his new Employment & shall Desire the same favour of him should be glad to hear when you designe for Newby for if you come not soon I Doubt Ill weather will prevent you all this family are much your humble servts & pray believe me allwayes

Your faithful humble servt

For the Revd Mr Pemberton These [presents] Bedale

**30 Sep 1710 Edward Blackett to Mr Loftus**

[Note: Letter undated, but in sequence between others dated Sept 29 and Oct 1st, so Sept 30 is used here.]

Mr Loftas

I Desire you will come to newby as soon as convenient by you can & let me know by the bearer & shall send a servt and a horse for you & the servant shall bring a Load

saddle to bring your trunk and boxes to newby the reason I would have you come so soon is that there is severall of the men servts which I do not much approve so that we may have time to Inquire after others against Martinmas I want likewise an ordionary servt for [struck out: 'heating'] the ovens and sweeping the back Court etc I would have him a strong lusty young fellow & If he be Painfull & mind his work I will allow him £3 a year that sum I allways allow to one in his place so I wish you could Inquire me out such a frllow send an answer of this by the bearer to

Your assured friend

For Mr Loftas These [presents] Bedale

As for w[ha]t Concernes your self you may be assurd the service you do me shall not be unrewarded

**1 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Dr Ward**

October 1 1710

S[i]r

I have sent my servt with one half years Interest for the fifteen hundred poun[d]s which you were pleasd to procure me of my Lady Hewley I Desire you will acq[ui]ain[t] my servt to whom he must pay the money & in case the person be not at yorke which the moneys is due to I Desire you will please to receive it & pay it to whome it is due & youl very much oblig[e] S[i]r

Your most faithfull humble servt

For Doct[o]r Warde at his house in Yorke

**1 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

October 1 1710

Mr Ward

Am sorry to perceive by yours that it will be 14 Days or more ere there be a Court day at Durham pray Dispatch the business assoon as possibly you can for My Sollicitor Desires to have it the Bill sent up to him before the terme begins that he may get the Northumberland & Yorkshire bill taxd I Desire your particular Care in this affaire & that youl be at Durham the Day before the Court hold that you may have proper advice how to proceed & when you returne to Dinsda[le] I Desire you will hire a man to bring your letter with the bill Inclosd for I would not willingly have it trusted by the post for very often letters Miscarries I am pray satisfie me by a line p[er] post if this came to your hand I am

Your assured friend

**1 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Raper**

October 1 1710

Mr Raper

am much obligd to you for your acct you give me of Mr Wises medera Wine I Desire you will send me a Dozen bottles of Each sort and If I like them shall send for a hogshead pray see them Carefully bottled and the Corcks tyed Down & well pact in a hamper direct them for me to be left with Mr Scot Crane Master of Yorke order them to be carried to my son Kitts shop & he'l ship them in a hull vessel and will request the master to take particular care of it assoon as they are shipt pray send a note of the Quantaty and price to

Your assured freind to serve you

For Mr Hen Raper

**3 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Charles Lister**

[Note: in Ripon Cathedral: 'Charles Lister, Alderman, & thrice Mayor of Ripon, died, ye 14th of Febry. A. Dom. 1730, ætat. 70']

October 3 1710

Mr Alderman

I have sent my servant to you with £50 & Desire you will send me a bill for that sum tho it be 15 or 20 Dayes after date payable to me or my order & youl oblige

Your assured freind & servt

For Mr Alderm[a]n Lister in Ripon

I shall have no occasion for moneys this Long time

**3 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Sampson Smirke**

October 3 1710

Honest Mr Smirke

Inclos'd you have a bill for the £50 you left with me am sorry I could not get one at a shorter date pray order my son Kit to send me down every week a barrel of the newest & Choicest Oysters in town by the Richmond Carriers But not to name my name in the Direction but let them be Directed for Mrs Re[te] shop at Burrowbridge & after he has send 4 barrels with that Direction then he must send me a barrel Every week Directed for my self & what they cost he must Charge to my acct pray buy the apples & order them to be shipt assoon as you can & youl oblige

your assured friend

**3 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Chippendale**

October 3 1710

Mr Chippendale

I Rec[eive]d your letter by your servt & I have made Inquiry after Mr Heavisides greyhound & I hear he had not a Greyhound dog when he died you may be assured Ile make it my Endeavour to get you a good Greyhound if there be any in this part of the Country to be had & beleve me allwayes  
your assured friend to serve you

For Mr Chippendale at the Castle in Yorke

**4 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

[Note: Recipient not stated, but presumably Brummell, to whom EB wrote on 12th Oct thanking him for the £50]

October 4 1710

S[i]r

If it be not Inconvenient to you I Desire you will send me a bill for £50 or £60 pounds tho it be at 30 Dayes date I will not suffer my tennants by any means to run one half year into another & pray acq[uain]t them so & that you have orders to Distraine in cas[e] they do not pay the rents & <past due soon> I hear that Sr John Lawson has let his Colliery to very good advantage pray acq[uain]t me who has undertaken it & what rent they pay for it let me pray know likewise who stands for the County of Northumberland & who for Newcastle if my Nephew be Chosen he cand sit in the house til he be at age in case he do he forfeits £500 I hope he may make friends that will Excuse his in the house during that time tho Ime afraid it will be a little Difficult to do I believe our yorkshire parliament men may be made his friends if there be occasion and there are 30 of them with my service to my nephew I am

Your assured friend & servt

A friend of mine has a good quantity of Wagon wheeles they are about 2 foot over & about 5 Inches thick & he writes me if you have occasion for them I believe they may be had a [penniworth] Delivered at Newcastle

**4 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

October 4 1710

James

I perceive by yours that you have paid Alderman Ramsey £15 when you see him besure you give my service to him Inquire of Mr Alderman Featherstone if he can tel you where you can buy a Cagg of Eas[t] Country Cowecumbers the large Yellow sort & in case a Cag may be had send me it by the first Ripon Carrier in case Alderman Featherstone cant acq[uain]t you then go to Alderman Fenwick & Mr Ridley with my service & know If they can assist you shud have had a letter from me last week but was obligd to be from home let acq[uain]t me whether S[i]r John Delaval goes to London this winter fail not to write by Saturday nights post to

Your assured freind

If you have got in your Corne I would gladly have your come to Newby for a day or 2 that I may Discourse you about <... ..> & the sooner you come the better so let me know by Saturday nights post when I may Expect you & Jo Curtiss shall returne with you & I Doubt not Mr Alderm[a]n Fenwick will call a Court at any time to have him bound know of James Clarke w[ha]t Lead I have in the Cellar & whether he has weighd of the 100 peices for my son

**5 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to William Jones**

Oct 5

John

Honest Mr Jones

your City Election makes a great noise in these parts it is reported here that your party has frighted both the bishop Dean & the whole chapter & that All the Candidates do buy votes as publicly as if they were buying Cattle in a market pray acq[uain]t me by the first post who you think will Carry it & whether there be any truth of what is reported here this next week will put an End to all the Elections in the nation Except the County Elections I heartily wish that this parliam[en]t may be as good as the Last & then I think the nation cant well have a better ther[e] will be no alterations in any of our neighbouring buroug[h]s when your Election is over I hope we shall see you at newby You may be assurd of a hearty welcome from

Your assured friend & servt

**8 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Gray**

October 8 1710

Honest Mr Gray

I thank you kindly for the roule of sturgeon you sent me I Desire your wife will go to Mr Gelderd & Inquire if he have any Large yellow East Country Coucumbers or that he can Informe her If there be any in towne for I would willingly have a Cag bought if there be any in towne pray Informe me by a line by the bearer & youl oblige

Your assured friend to serve you

For Mr Edwd Gray at his house in the Shambles Yorke

**8 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to William Wilson**

Mr Willson

October 8 1710

S[i]r

Before Mr Sanders went to London he told me that seeing his brother was dead that he Desird you that when I had occasion for any salt fish Ling or Codd that you would do me the favour as to procure them for me pray let me know by a line by the post Direct for me at Newby nigh Burrowbridge when will be the propperest time to send for them & my neighbour S[i]r Tho Tankard will Likewise send a servt I am S[i]r

Your very humble servt

For Mr Willson at Whitby

When you se[e] Mr Smith pray give my humble service & thanks to him for the wine he sent me

**8 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to John Field**

October 8

S[i]r

I thank you for the Care you took of my goods pray show the superscription of the Inclozd to your postmaster which will satisfie him of his great neglect in the office in case he doe not give you a very good [treat] Returne me the Inclozd back & shall Inclose send it to S[i]r Tho Frankland the postmaster General with the Your post masters Carectar which Ime sure will hazard his place I am S[i]r

Your obliged humble servt

For Mr John Feild Merch[an]t in Hull

**8 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Stockdale**

[Note: Undated but between others of 8th Oct, so assigned that date. A Christopher Stockdale was elected MP for Knaresborough in 1710, and is assumed to be the recipient.]

S[i]r

I Desire you will do me the favour to send me by the bearer the Cheshire Address & shall returne you it safely againe with all our most humble services to your self & Lady I am

S[i]r your faithfull humble servt

For C<t> Stockdale Esq  
Thes[e] [presents] <Bilfore>

**8 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to William Ogle**

Oct 8 1710

Dear S[i]r

I rec[eive]d your letter by your servt You may Depend upon all the Interest in my power If had known your Designs sooner could have made you much better both at Newcastle & Elsewhere however I shall write by the very first post there & Inclosed is a letter to my steward Will Lowes who I know will do you all that service in his power which you may peruse seal & Deliver

I heartily wish you success & beleive me allwayes

Dear S[i]r

Your real friend & faithfull humble servt

Shall write to Justice willson my brother Midford etc Mr Algood of Hexam & Mr Carr to make all Hexamshire your friends & I doubt not but my nephew will do the like

For Wm Ogle Esq at Cawsey parke

**8 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Forster**

October 8

S[i]r

I have the favour of your letter am sorry shud be Absent when you Designe me a visit & hope you will oblige me with your Company when you go southward I

perceive you stand for the County of Northum[berland] & am glad you take so worthy a Gent[leman] for your partner as Capt Ogle & you may both Depend upon my Interest Could wish had Longer time to make it much better for your service

All this family gives you their humble service & believe me allways S[i]r

Your most humble servt

For Tho Forster Esqr These [presents]

**8 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

October 8

Honest Will

I perceive Capt Ogle & Mr Forster Designes to stand for Knights for your County so I Desire you will make all the Interest you possibly can for them both & make it my request to Mr Algood & Mr Carr to serve them to the utmost of their power I do not in the least doubt but my nephew will do like shall write him by the first post who I hope will give the same orders to them both

I am your assured friend

Your care & Diligence in this will very much oblige

**10 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Roger Wilson**

October 10

S[i]r

I perceive Capt Ogle & Mr Forster Designes to stand for Knights of the Shire for your County so I Desire you will do me the favour to give your Interest to them in case you be not other wayes Engaged which I hope you are not & pray Desire Mr Algood & Mr Carr of Hexam to Do the same & youl very much oblige S[i]r

Your real friend & servt

For Mr Roger Willson Esq at Wallick nigh Hexam Northumberland

**10 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

October 10

Dear Kitte

I perceive by yours on the 7th that you have bought me a bag of super fine hopps and so they had need be for it is a much higher price then ever I know hopps sold for in all my time I know this is a very scarce year for Hops Every where you did mighty well in

shipping the wine & apples & I wish you had sent to Mr Jekell for a hamper of payper & some other small things which I bought of him when he was at Newby & shipd them with the other goods be sure you order Mr Jekell to send them to your shop & give some of the masters of Hull a great Charge of them tis paper & you know if it get any wet it will be all spoild so Mr Jekel must take care that it be pact up so carefully that a little raine will do it no harme shall send you bill for w[ha]t am Indebted to you in a little time with my blessing to you I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

be sure you give my service to Mr Primate when you see him as allso to your partner

**12 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

October 12 1710

S[i]r

I rec[eive]d yours with a bill for £50 which I have given you Cr[edit] for when I see my nephew you may be assurd shall do you all the service in my power & beleive me

Your real friend to serve you

For Mr Tho Brummel at his house in Pilgrim Street Newcastle

**12 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

October 12

James

The above said is a Cobby of my last I perceive by yours on the 7th that it did not come to your hand which I very much wonder at let me know the time when you Judge will be most convenient for you to come over go & give my service to my Cosen Simpson & tel her I orderd you to know how she [struck out: 'her Daughter'] My Cozen Wilkinson & family dose acq[ua]int me likewise how the Election at Morpeth went & <w[hi]ch> stood. by me a Large Dried Salmon you may have very good ones at sheels & send it by the first Ripon Carrier to

Your assured friend

14 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to John Dawks

14

S[i]r

Mr Aislaby & Mr Sharpe are now Chose for Ripon so you may Direct your letters for John Aislaby Esqr Member of Parliam[en]t at Newby near Burrowbridge & when he goes to London you shall have a line from from

Your assured friend

For Mr John Dawks at the sign of the red Lyon at the West End of thames street near Puddle Dock, London

14 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: undated but between others of the 14th and 17th Oct. 14th used here]

Dear Kitte

the above said is a Cobby of my last Inclosed is a bill for £50 which give me Cr[edit] in your book for If my Cosen Jekyl have not sent to your shop the paper which I Desird him to do goe to him & order him to send it assoon as Conveniently he can I gave him 3 Guineas at Newby & w[ha]t it comes to more do you pay him & place it to my acct & take his receipt at the bottom of his note & Inclose it my the first post to With my blessing to you

Your most affect[ionate] father

give my service to Mr Smirke & thanke hin for his letter as allso for buying me the apples he writes me he has brought me 2L of beloney suseges but he does not say by whome he sent then pay him for them & put it to my acct & acq[ua]in]t me how they are sent

17 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray

October 17

Mrs Gray

Your sturgeon you sent me was the best that ever I tasted there was a great many Gent[lemen] & Ladies Dined with me yesterday and they were all of the same opinion that it was the freshest & the sweetest that Ever they Eat so upon receipt of this letter I desire you will buy me a Cag & I wish it may prove as good as that you sent me

I have sent a rundlet by the honest boatman & Desires your husband to fill it with the same white wine he sent me last for it was very good but I cannot give the same Charrecter of the Red wine If your husband will come to Newby assoon as your

Election is over and bring his note with him shall pay him what I am Indebted to him I am

Your assured friend

pray send 1/4 <L> hartshorne by the bearer & 6 Alcemy spoones as allso 6 orenge

**18 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to John Gowland**

Oct 18

Mr Gowland

I desire you will taste & buye me a hogheadd of the best red port in towne I hear Mr Alderman Dawson has very good you must Not name me but buy it in your brothers name for your wine merch[an]t sels 30s in a h[ogshea]d Cheaper to one that draws <wine> then they do to a Gent[leman] & I shall pay your brother for it after you have pickt upon a h[ogs]h[ea]d pray se[e] it filld with good wine & send it to Mr Scots Cranemaster in yorke & my boatman Thorpe will call for it there he is a very honest man & may be trusted I orderd him to call at your house on tuesday so pray upon munday or tuesday let the wine be ready for him but by no means leave it in the merch[an]ts Cellar I am in great haste

Your assured friend

**18 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip**

[Note: undated but between others of 16th and 18th Oct. 18th is used here.]

Honest Harry

I am very glad to perceive by your letter that Mr Loraine is so very Diligent in the Managem[en]t of my Concernes & I hope he will Continue so I hope hel want no water now so that he may set on dubble shift when he pleases I wish you had given me an acct how the mines are for I heartily wish the undertakers good success I perceive you know of an honest sober fellow for a servt for me so acq[ain]t me the very first post his age whether he be a lusty fellow or not & where he liv'd last & then I will order you by the first post the time when he shall be here & If he prove a Carefull fellow Ile be kind to him so besure you fail not to send write a line by the very first post to

Your assured friend

For Mr Henry Tulip at fallowfield nigh Hexham Northumberland

I believe you cannot write so get one to write for you assoon as this comes to your hand Acq[ain]t me likewise which of the old workes are

**18 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to John Van de Wall**

[Note: John Van Meel here might be identified as the John Van de Wall with whom John Blackett corresponded in 1710. A 'padd' was the term for 'a horse with a naturally easy pace, a horse for ordinary riding, a saddle horse' (OED)]

October 18 1710

S[i]r

I had the favour of your letter on the 3d under Cover from Mr Nathaniel Rogers of Hull I am so much obligd to you for your Extrordionary Kindness to my son John & you may be assurd my best Endeavours shall not be awanting to Inquire you out such a horse that is of the height Coulour & shape that you mention in your letter If such a horse be within a hundred miles of my house I have taken that Care as to have him bought tho I must tel you I Doubt such a Coulerd & Shapd horse as you mention is hardly to be found in these parts tho this is the only part in Engand where the best padds are bred & sold but w[ha]t the men of Judgem[en]t in this Country call a true right pad is quite Different both in Coulour & shape from that you writt me this is a Discription of w[ha]t we call a true right padd his Coulour must be Either a black dark browne or bay with some white as a Ratch star blaze or snip or a white foot & some people doe fancy a Dapple Gray but no Gent[leman] whatsoever in England will buy a pad or any other horse for service that has not some white upon him for it is observd by people that has Judgment in horses that horse of What Colour soever that has not some white upon him their Eyes are allwayes naught & will go blind in a short time shall write to my son John in a little time & shall name the height Coulour & every particular shape of a true right English pad & If you would be carried at your Ease & with safety I would advise you to such a one & when you peruse my sons letter lett me have your opinion of it & your Commands which shall be punctually obeyd by S[i]r

Your most obligd and fathfull humble servt

For Mr John van Meel Merch[an]t in Rotterdam

our great fares for [struck out: 'horses'] right pads are allwayes in the spring

**19 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

October 19 1710

James

I perceive by yours on the 14 that no Coucumbers are to be had which I am sorry for Inquire if there be any sturgeon in towne & write me the Lowest price of a Cagg as allso what day I may Expect you at newby I long to hear how the Election went at morpeth which informe my by a line by saturday nights post to

Your assured friend

you need not make the least doubt but there is Dried Salmon Enough to be had at sheels

**20 Oct 1710 Edward Blakett to John Ward**

October 20 1710

Mr Ward

I thanke you for the care you have taken in my Concerne, shall in a very little time thank Mr Jones for his service & respects to you, & what Charges you are at in this business pray Charge it to my account as for Geo Pemberton If he give any of my ten[an]ts Disturbance shall send a warr[an]t for him & punish him according to his Deserts for takeing bribes of severall overse[e]rs of the high ways as the bearer informes me, I think it would be very propper at the sesssions to Indite him & acq[ain]t the bench that the [struck out: 'hig[h] ways about'] Common roads in Girsby Lordship are Only bridle wayes betwixt neighbour and neighbour shall write to Mr Frankland Pembertons Charrecter & as for punishing him I can do it my self the bearer Desires me not to send a warr[an]t for him til I hear further from him pray know of thomson my ten[an]t what he means to do that he does not pay you for my horse tel him I wil not be Cheated out of my horse & if he do not Immediately pay you will will take another Course with him I am

Your ass[ure]d friend

**20 Oct 1710 Edward Blakett to Henry Tulip**

Oct 20

Honest Harry

I perceive by your letter than the man you hired for me will be at Newby the first week on november I hope he is not a married man If he be I must send him back again but in case he be a single man a carefull working fellow he shall find me very kind to him as for the two men servts in your Country they will not be proper for us at Newby they not being accustomed to live in great families let me know the price of all graine with you

I am Your assu[re]d friend

I desire you will [struck out: 'Deliver the 2 Inclosed with your own hand besure you Deliver'] for they are about Extrordionary business you may find him every market day at Hexam for I would not have you go up <tine> water but will rather send a Messenger for him to meet you at Hexam any market day write me a line as soon as you Deliver the letter I Rec[eive]d your letter & My servt Mewburn being here I orderd Him to let you know that he has orders from me to let Whitsheilds so I Desire you will

inquire out an honest & able tenn[an]t & let both Mewburne & me know whats the most rent they will give for it and then Mewburne shall Come up & treat with them so that you shall never be namd or known to have been Concern'd in the business so you may rely upon it shall give Mewburne your old lease so he will draw you one by it

**22 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Oct 22

Honest Jacob

I perceive by yours that Mr Loraine has made his last ten tun [struck out: 'there will be thirty 5 pounds due to him you write'] and that the budlers are very needful so inclosd you have an Order for forty pounds which I know will Lowes will pay in a day or twos notice

be sure you keep Dubble shift goeing at the mill all the next month

I hope there will be no want of water after you have weighed of Mr Loraines ten tunn let it be at the mill for Ile have none of my lead carried to Newcastle this winter that is to say the slag Lead that thats made of the wastes out as for the undertakers they may do with their lead as they please

Am sorry the old bargaines are all so very poor should rejoyce to hear that the undertakers were come to rich worke & that It might Continue as rich as ever fallowfeild was duering the lease which is the hearty wishes of

Your assured

**22 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Oct 22

Honest Will

there is occasion for £40 to be paid to Jacob peart at fallowfeild so in 2 or 3 Dayes time fail not to pay it to him & his receipt shall be your Discharge Acq[uain]t me by the first post how the severall Intrests in your County went for the 3 Candidates & what Difference there was in the Poule of Each of them I am

**30 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

[Note: recipient not stated but similar request had been sent to Thos Brummell, and is assumed here]

October the 30th 1710

S[i]r

My servant Curtus will be in Newcastle either this night <Monday> day night, soe as soon as this Come to your hand, pray goe to Mr Alderman Fenwick with my servis

and desire him to Call A Court assoon as Convenientley he Can that Courtus may be bound to me, he promisd my servant Mewburn that assoon as the young man Came that he would Call A Court, and when his buisness is doon pray hasten him home with all speed

I Rec[eive]d A letter latley from my son from Roterdam who Acquents me that by Mr John hall of Newcastle he hath sent me twelve bottels of Rasberrey brandy and promised to geet them safe one shore, and would send them by Rippon Carr[i]er, I have heard nothing fo [sic] them soe pray Inquire of Mr John Hall what is be Comd of them, and lett me know by a line to your Assured friend to serve you

**30 Oct 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

October the 30th 1710

James when you wear last at Newby I for gott to Acquent you that my son John had sent me from Roterdam, by Mr John Hall of newcastle twelve bottels of Rasberre Brandey, he promisd him to gett them safe one shore, and would send them by Rippon Carrier, he is A young marchant [juct] out of his time soe Inquire of him whether they be sent to Rippon If not see it doon, and give me a line of it

Assoon as you Com to town goe to Mr Fenwick with my servis, and desire him to Call a Court that Curtus may be bound, assoon as it is over hasten him home with all speed I hope that you will not Forgett, A Cagg of large yellow Cowcubers and another of New Sturgon as allsoe a good large dryd sallmond if aney of them are to be had, know what a turn in Newcastle <...ck> the poule for Northumberland, and Acquent me the Number that each of them had by a line to  
your Assured friend

**8 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to William Wilson**

[Note: undated but in sequence between Oct 30th and Nov 8th. Nov 8th is used here]

S[i]r

Am obliged for favour of your letter of the twelfth past I desire you will buy me fifteen Couple of Cod and five Couple of Ling, and give them to the bearrer who will pay you what you are in disburse for them, with A thousand thancks to you I am S[i]r your obliged humble servant

If your occations Calls to this part of the Countrey I should be glad to see you at newby the bearer will inform you what number of fish S[i]r Tho will have ocaion for

For Mr Wm Willson at Whitby

**8 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

[Note: undated but in sequence between Oct 30th and Nov 8th. Nov 8th is used here]

Honest Wm

I perceive by yours Capton <the Fogles> faint I hartaly wish him better fortune the latter p[ar]t of your letter surprises me much for my servt mewburne was att newby the other day who desired to have Wm Armstrong lease to draw Another by it onely <the> Increase forty shillings a yeare more rent soe certainly he was not in earnest you cannot Certainly Imagine that I will let whitsheals farme for the same rent I lett itt to your father for I had much rather have your sonne for my tenant then any other provided he will give me neare as much rent I hope he doth not exspekt to have itt this yeare as his Grandfather paid for I tould you he should pay me les for itt then I should let itt for Afterwards I believe may have about 18£ a year for itt soe lett me know as soone as Conveniently you can the most w[hi]ch your sone is willing to give for itt for [as] I have formerly tould you had rather have him for my tenant then Any other as for Geo Dods busnes you may order An Attorney to Call att Court when you please provided that Dod pay all the Charg thereof

I am Your Assured freind

for Mr Wm Lowes Counterey Keeper at Ridley Hall nigh Hexam northumberland

**8 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to John Sharp**

[Note: Image 2761 The letter is dated 8th October but, given the events mentioned in it and subsequent letters, it is clear that the actual month can only have been November]

October 8

Dear S[i]r

Am very glad to hear that you got well to your Lady I wishing you all the happiness Imaginable here is no news in these parts only that an acquaintance of yours at Newcastle Mr Alderman Eden died on Saturday last all this family are much your humble servts & I am S[i]r

Most Affectionately yours

For Mr John Sharpe Esq Member of Parliam[en]t at Mr Charles Hosiers in Gold Street near Cheapside London  
pray send me the evening <post> instead of your other news

**8 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Denniston**

[Note: The letter is dated 8th October, but it can only have been November]

October 8

S[i]r

I rec[eive]d your letter & as for Mr Benson I have no Manner of Acquaintance with him Mr Aislaby is now with me & perceive by him that he does not Designe to Continue the Admiralty & tho he should he tels me it does not lie in his way to give any manner of preferm[ent] to any one that is worth Accepting I beleive in a very little time he will have an other Imploym[en]t & then perhaps it may lie in his way to do you a kindness & then you shall not want the recommendation of

Your Assurd friend & Kinsman

Mr Edwd Denniston at the blewposts in St Martains Lane near the Church London

**8 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

[Note: The letter is dated 8th October, but it must have been November]

October 8

Dear Kitte

I perceive by yours that the bill I sent you is Accepted but you write me Excepted which is nonsense you must be carefull to write better English for if any one had brought you a bill And you had written Excepted it would have been a great reflection upon you I have given you Cr[edit] for the money you paid Mr Jekyl he sent me much more paper then I bespoke I wish the hopps & the other things you sent me come safe for I can hear nothing of the arivall of the 2 ships as yet we have had some boistrous weather of late which makes me fear the worst

Inclosd is a bill for £25 which you may receive & pay to your sister Maria I have no news to write you only your Cosen Eden at Newcastle died last Saturday so you will loose a good Customer of him alwayes when I send you any bills be sure you own the receipt of them by the next post with my blessing to you I am

Your most Affect[iionate] father

To Mr Christ. Blacket

**8 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to John Blackett**

[Note: The letter is dated 8th October, but it must have been November]

Oct 8

Dear Jacke

I rec[eiv]ed yours on the 4 which surprisd me very much I would not by any means have you to have the least thoughts of marriage till you have many more years on yr back & be in a Condition to Maintaine a wife tis true w[ha]t you write me that you are but the 3d son but if you consider the Idle life your Elder brother lives & the hazard your second brother runs at sea, that in all probabillity you will Heir the Estate so I charge you upon my blessing to observe my Commands

I have no news to write you but that your Cosen Alderm[a]n Eden of Newcastle died last Saturday & that your Cosen blacket & Mr Wrightson are Chosen parliam[en]t men for that town Mr Aislaby gives you his service & has promisd to make your brother ned a Capt who goes to London this next week with him give my service to Mr Van meel & in your next letter Accq[uain]t me whether he rec[eive]d a letter from me lately about a horse with my blessing to you I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

**8 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to John Field**

[Note: The letter is dated 8th October, but it must have been November]

October 8

S[i]r

I have severall small parcels of good shipt on board the Sarah Tho Fairweather master for hull as allso on board of the Violet John Wood master for the same place tis a long time since the goods were shipt & hearing nothing of them am afraid of the worst so pray Inquire for them & give a line to S[i]r

Your most obliged servt

For Mr John Feild Merch[an]t in Hull

pray when the ships arive foreward the goods to yorke

**9 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: As with previous letters saying October, but the sequence it forms part of, and some of the content indicate that the montgh continues to be mistaken for November.]

October 9

James

I perceive by yours that Mr Featherstone & his partners have no occasion for the Cellar as allso that you acquainted my Cosen Simpson with it however fail not to wait

on my Cosen Wilkinson & let him know that seeing the partners has no occasion for it shall Continue it no longer only I Desire that the small no of peices of Lead that I have in the Cellar may lie there till next I can conveniently Dispose of them

I Rec[eive]d your Bill for £25 & am

Your assured

I hear nothing of the rasbery brandy as yet the Custome house officers has been very unmannerly & that they shall knowe

**10 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Captain Burton**

November 10 1710

S[i]r

I Dined with <Cornel ...ly> the other day & Discoursd him fully about what I told you of I perceive he does not designe to part with it til he get a Capts Commission for his son in the same regiment I am

Your very humble servt

For Capt Burton at Leeds These [presents]

**10 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to John Dawks**

Nov 10

S[i]r

Pray go & Inquire at Hurts Coffee house near sumerset house water gate in the strand for Mr Smirke & he will pay you for your Newspaper you sent me I designe for London this winter so you need not send me it down til I Returne into the Countrey I am

Your humble servt

For Mr John Dawcks

**13 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Nov 13

Honest Will

I have writ you 2 or 3 letters lately Concerning Whitsheilds but has rec[eive]d no answer as yet which I wonder at I perceive by a letter from Mewburne that he is offerd above £15 & Expects more rent so in short if your son will give 14 he shall have it so let me hear from you by the first post that neither the ten[an]t nor my self be Disappointed

do not offer me a farth[ing] less for Mewburne can have more rent from 2 several men who are very honest & able men Desires to be my tenn[an]ts for that farme I have often times writ you I had rather have your son for my <...> then any o[ther] so if you loos it tis your own fault I rec[eive]d a letter lately from James Hudspeth who I perceive farmes the fulling milne he writes me that In case I will not allow some thing to wards to repairs he will leave her at May day so besure your speak to him that you may have time to provide another tenn[an]t I am

Your assured friend

let me know in your next what you have done about Hudspeth

### 15 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: undated but between others of 13th and 15th Nov. 15th used here.]

Dear Kitte

I perceive by yours that Alderman Eden was D[e]btor to you seventy odd pounds If it had been twenty times as much it had been very safe for Im Inform'd he died very rich

Am sorry my Lady blacket should under vallue her self soe much as to marry so mean a man as Thompson is I Dare answer before this time she has rued it sufficiently

My Nephew blacket was with me at Newby when I rec[eive]d your letter he told me he was not surprisd to hear it allwayes beleiveing she would Dispose of her self but Indifferently I can hear nothing as yet of neither of the ships that you shipt my goods in Mr Aislaby had goods shipd at London but 14 Dayes agoe & he has rec[eive]d them a day or too since at burrowbridge so that ship had a very Quick passage all here gives you their kind remembrance with my blessing to you I am

Your most Affect[ionate] father

let your sisters [struck out: 'Maria'] know that you rec[eive]d a bill for £25 for them Acq[ain]t me whether my Lady blacket sent you gloves or no

### 15 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to John Benson

[Note: undated but between others of 13th and 15th Nov. 15th used here.]

Mr Benson

Ive Returned you the Collectors letter & pray when you see him give my humble service & thanks to him if the Comissioners had given me Liberty I should not have made use of it for have made a tryal of the Barley it is so bad it will not make malt I am in haste

Your [struck out: 'humble'] servt

For Mr John Benson officer of Excise in Ripon

**15 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Richard Speight**

[Note: undated but between others of 13th and 15th Nov. 15th used here.]

Honest Mr Spite

I thank you for your kind offer about my horse tis not only that horse but all the rest of them are much of the same Condition so I Designe to turne farrier my self & try what I can with them I wish you could recomend a sober and understanding Coachman to me against the spring & youl oblige very much

Your assured friend to serve you

For Mr Spite <burro> at his house in Yorke

I was in hopes of seeing you at Newby

**15 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Mr Armistead**

Nov 15 1710

Mr Armistead

I am mightily obligd to you for Inquireing me out good drie barley shall send my servt tomorrow to see it & in case you go from home leave word where he may see it & you[l] very much oblige

your assured friend to serve you

**15 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

Nov 15 1710

S[i]r

I rec[eive]d yours with my book am very sorry to hear that your old Distemper is come upon you againe but I hope both your good health & your neices will be restored in a little time which this family heartily wishes

S[i]r The Wine apples & other goods which I orderd from London is not yet Arrivd & am Afraid of some misfortune for Mr Aislaby had several hundred trees sent from London which came safe to yorke in 14 dayes & mine has been shipd above 5 weeks but when they Arive you shall have a Last both of the Madera and the apples (& the price) & as you approve of them shall send for what quantity you pleas All this family are much your humble servts & beleive me allwayes S[i]r

Your faithfull humble servt

For the revd Mr Pemberton at Bedale

**15 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Nov 15 1710

Honest Jacob

I Rec[eive]d yours on the 13th but this day which should have been with me the post before I thanke you for the good news you sent me & I heartily wish it may continue both for the undertakers advantage and my own

My workman Frost has done very foolishly but I doubt not but Captaine Harcourt will release him you did mighty well in telling him you would get him another man & Inclosd is a letter to Willm Lowes to acq[ain]t him that he gave him that man in Liew of him as allso a letter to the Captaine which if you see convenient may give it him shall Long every post to hear how the new vaine proves I am

Your assurd friend

p[er]use & seal both the Inclosd in case you Deliver them

**15 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Nov 15

Honest Will

I perceive one of my workemen at Fallowfeild very foolishly listed him self under Capt Harcourt & my steward promisd him to get him another man in case he would release him I perceive you got him a man so I Desire you will acq[ain]t him that that man was in Liew of My workeman that Listed himself so I hope he will release him I am in very great haste

Your assured fr[iend]

**15 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Captain Harcourt**

Nov 15

S[i]r

I perceive by my steward at Fallowfeild that one of my workemen Benjamin Frost has Listed him self under you he is an Extrordionary good workeman it Will be a very great Loss for me to part with him besides he has a wife and famiy which will be a Charge to me in case you take him I must own your great Civility to my steward Mr Peart & when you come into yorkeshire shall be mighty glad to see you at Newby

which is the Direct Road to London If I may be serviceable to you in this County you may Command your obliged humble servt

For Capt Harcourt these [presents] Hexham

**15 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

[Note: recipient unstated but content suggest it was to Brummell, who sought the position of chief agent to Sir Wm Blackett, but Blackett favoured Wilkinson ('W')]

Nov 15

S[i]r

I rec[eive]d your letter with the Inclosd my nephew came to Newby & staid with me 2 or 3 Dayes so I had a oppertunity to Discourse him fully about his Concernes I beleive that in case Mr W will serve him no other must be concernd but who he pleases for he has a most Extrordionary opinion of him I would not have you Depend upon any thing more then you have from him If you doe Ime afraid youl be disapointed however I think it would not be amiss if you writ him a letter assoon as he is at age & lay his affairs plainly before him & then let him Act as he thinks fit I perceive by him that there was £8000 lately paid to the lead mines & that there is much more lead above ground then will Discharge what is due to the workepeople besides whats shipd abroad provided that it be sold which he makes no Doubt but it will be in the spring I wish it had been in my power to have servd you & should have done it Effectually being

I am Your assured friend to serve you

**16 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Nov 16

James

I rec[eive]d yours on the 4th & I perceive Mr Wilkinson would have half a years notice about the Cellar I should think 3 months notice was very sufficient and so you may tell him acq[uain]t me when you paid him the last rent Am glad Mr Brummel can recamend a fit person to view <and> vallue my woods I beleive will <Armstrong> should understand the vallue of them as well as any man whatsoever so you may likewise have his Judgement of them on the otherside you have a Copy of his letter as allso of a copy of <one sent> last post to <Will ...> which I lately rec[eive]d I did write a letter by the last post of Will Lowes Concerning whitshei[lds] & Assoon as I have his answer of whats the most hel give then shall order you to let it you may perceive by will Armstrongs letter that he thinks Will Lowes has cut down much more wood then he has given an acct of & it must Certainly be soe If he has cut down a great deal of young wood after sap time as armstrong writes me so be sure when you goe up take

particular care to find it out If he has cut down any wood after sap time then there will be the loss of the barke which is considerable let me know the price of lead

I am Your assured friend

**17 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to William Garforth**

[Note: undated but in sequence between others of 15th and 17th Nov. 17th used here. There was a William Garforth, merchant in York in 1710]

S[i]r

I rec[eive]d yours & had got a little before a h[ogshea]d of Claret from Yorke the h[ogshea]d of White w[in]e which I Desird the postmaster of Burrowbridge to buy for me cost me £15 but was not worth £5 all people that tasted it said it was 2 parts in 3 syder & indeed had the very same taste shall have occasion for a h[ogs]h[ea]d of white in a little time & shall desire Mr Gowland to taste yours & I hope you will make me a good Mend for that h[ogs]h[ea]d I had of you

Your very humble servt

For Mr Garforth Merch[an]t in Yorke

**17 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to William Thompson**

[Note: undated but in sequence between others of 15th and 17th Nov. 17th used here.]

S[i]r

I have got the bill taxd at Durham for the Bishopbrick recovery & assoon as my son goes to London which I hope will be next week or any other safe hand that goes sooner shall send it up to my friend at London to have the other recoveries taxd the Court at Durham did not at all Concerne them selves in your fees thats Chargd but let them stand as they were nor doe I beleive you will get any thing thats worth nameing by it tis your friend the Attorney above as Ime Informd that has the advantage of it with my humble service to all your good family I am

Your Assured friend & humble servt

For Mr Wm Thompson

**17 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Colton**

[Note: Colton was a trustee of the estate of Lady Sarah Hewley]

Nov 17 1710

S[i]r

I had the favour of your letter by my servt, & had ownd the rec[eip]t of it long before this but have not been well of late

Before the fifteen hundred pound was taken up of my Lady Hewley, she was made acqu[ain]t[e]d upon what acct it was, & that it could not be conveniently paid in for some time, which her Ladyship was very willing to agree to, for I would not have put my self to the Charge in giveing such security, & to have the moneys recalld in a short time out of my hands, you have undeniable security & Ime sure cannot have yours moneys better plac'd not to any that will pay you your Intrest more punctual then S[i]r

Your most humble servt

For the revd Mr Colton at his house in Yorke

**20 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Leonard Bentham**

Nov 20 1710

Mr Bentham

Tis a very long time since I rec[eive]d a Letter from you I Desire you will let me hear from you by the first post & acq[uain]t me how Cattle rules with you as allso all manner of Corne I have not heard from Mr Loraine this long time let me know whether he & his men keeps close to their worke at the slag harth & tel him I take it ill that he never writes me an acct how they proceed as allso w[ha]t Quantity of Lead they have made since he was last paid I heartily wish the undertakers good success I hear they proceed but very sloely I was in hopes you would have sent me the olive branch before this however when ever you send it it will be very Welcome to

Your assured friend

For the revd Mr Bentham at St John Lees nigh Hexam Northumberland

**20 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Nov 20 1710

Honest Will

I am very glad to perceive by yours on the 15th that you have Disposd of the Mill & will Armstrong Consents so you may Make him a Lease at your own Conveniency I am Likewise very well satisfied that your son is my ten[an]t for Whitsheids & I

heartily wish him much benefit by his farme acq[ain]t me whether Mr Ridleys workmen are come to any <qts> or noe & w[ha]t opinion they have of it for I heartily wish them success I am

Your assured friend

**23 Nov 1710 Edward Blakett to James Mewburn**

Nov 23

James

I perceive by yours on the 18th that you could not find Mr Wilkinson make it your Endeavour to find him when you are in towne & tell him that a Quarters notice is sufficient but if he & the rest of the undertakers will pay their proportions Am willing to continue it their being at present great hopes of good worke at Fallowfield for Jacob about a Week agoe wrote me thus these comes to acq[ain]t you with the good news that we have cut a vaine with a cross cut from our new shaft at the forefeild a large vaine & some ore in it which is quite to the <sum> of forsters workes & the workemen & I has had great Clashing about it particularly Ger[ar]d Dobson tho I have Dial'd it 3 times which I bless good for it their opinion never out did mine as <yet> neither at this Juncture tho they made them selves Cocksure that they were in the right of it but it provd quite other wayes

I doubt not but the undertakers has heard of this good news which Informe your self of & acq[ua]in]t me in your next know of the Gen[era]l whether he will part with his green Parrot & what he askes for it & let me know if he speak very plaine & what the wordes are that he does speak.

Am glad Atkinson the Gardiner is removed soe I hope you will get a good ten[an]t for his house you may acq[ain]t him If he has Either taken glass or Doors out of the house I will Certainly sue him for he can take no thing away that is fast to the free hold tho he him self was at the Charge of them acq[ua]in]t him With this & give me his answers and if he doe not Comp[lie] shall order him to be sued he may Informe him self by any Attorney which will save him a great deal of money whether he can take any things away that are fast to the freehold on the other side you have a Copy of John Lowes Letter as allsoe my answer to it so you need not goe to Williementswike till about Christmas in case you can have the mens company that will set a vallueation upon the wood at that time however know of Mr Brummel w[ha]t time will be most convenient for them give my service to him & tell him I rec[eive]d his Letter & that I Desire him Inquire if there be any Large Yellow East Country Coucumbers to be had in the last [fleet] in case there be I Desire him to buy me a Cag I am

Your assured friend

For Mr James Mewburne

**30 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Pickering**

[Note: undated but in sequence between 23rd and 30th Nov. 30th used here]

S[i]r

Inclod you have the attorneys bill for Bishopbrick Land Taxd by the Prothonotary at the Court at Durham I Desire you will spare for no Charge or paines to get the bill for the Northumberl[and] Estate taxd as moderately as possibly can & w[ha]t Charge you are at shall be very thankfully repayd by S[i]r

Your obliged humble servt

For Mr Pickering at his C

**30 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to William Millington**

November 30

Honest Capt

I rec[eive]d yours on the 11th am very sorry for the Ill success you had at your Election, however patience must be had

have rec[eive]d your Noble present for which I thanke you Am sorry you should put your self to the trouble & Charge, you may remember you gave me one last year but by the Care less[ness] of my servts it was Quite spoild my wife has given them a great Charge in their Care of this & I Doubt not but it will prove Extrordionary good

the poor old Brewer Died at Ripon the other Day he had been married to betty Cook a long time as appears by many of her Letters to him & had got a good sum of money of her however Dolly my wifes Chambermaid went to see him at Mrs Kirbys & told them that he had his promised hir Marriage he had actually taken the Ship in & had all his ale from Crake he promisd to marry her very shortly & that they should live there she was mightily concernd at his Death I hear he had got moneys of her likewise all services from hence to your self & good Mrs Millington I am

Your assured friend & humble servt

For Capt Millington at Dunham  
p[er] Knuttsford bagg Cheshire via London

**30 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

[Note: recipient not named but in other letters to Pemberton EB referred to his godson and Mrs Trotter]

Nov 30

S[i]r

Am very glad to perceive by yours that my godson is in so hopeful a way of recovery I wish I could give you so good an acct of my Daughter Blacket whom I look upon to be in a very Dangerous Condition I Designe to have have Doctor Johnson to Drane her <Corne> & send it to Mr Aislable to take Dr Ratclifes opinion for Ime sure if care be not taken she cannot possibly live many months

I have sent you a cask of my Apples which I beleive you will not approve of I wish they had sent me such Golden Rennets as you got me last year altho I orderd Non Parelles they did not send me one nor a Winter pearmane as youl see when you taste then the wine perhaps may please some pallats tho I own It does not doe mine my Daughter Blacket Constantly Drinks of it & I beleive shall send for some more upon her acct so pray let me know which of the seals you like best or that bottle that has no seal It was a very small parcel they sent & some of the bottles were broke but If I send againe shall send for a h[ogs]h[ea]d & you may have w[ha]t part of it you pleas with all services from hence to your self & Mrs <Trott> I am S[i]r

Your faithfull humble servt

**30 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Nov 30

Honest Jacob

I was very well pleasd to read your letter by the first post Informe me how many fathom this vaine lies from any other part of the field that was formarly wrought where they got ore as allso w[ha]t fathom of Levell they may have when the came to the vaine also acq[ua]int me how many washers you have at the Dead heaps & w[ha]t progress Mr Loraine makes let all my lead lie at Fallowfeild but w[ha]t the undertakers will have lead for that I can best reckon with them at Newcastle for they have now water enough at the Mill & I doubt not but you will see them go forward with their business

**30 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Nov 30

James

I perceive by yours that my Cosen Wilkinson is willing to Discharge me of the lead Cellar give my service to him & tell him that if the undertakers will contribute for their proportion I will continue it which I think will be much for their Advantage & seeing

that fallowfeild is likely to prove Extrordinary well I think you have best take the key from Atkinson & let his house assoon as possibly you can to one that will keep all which will be an advantage to them I can sue him at any time for w? [what?] he has taken out of the house let me know how Mr Rogerses Match goes on I am in great haste

Your assured friend

**30 Nov 1710 Edward Blackett to William Millington**

Nov 30

Honest Capt

Since my last which went under cover to my lord Warrington my Dear Daughter Blacket has been very Dangerously Ill & continues so that the Phisitians Dispaire of her life she puts all this family into great Consternation my poor wife is so mightily concernd that she Dispaire of any Consolation or Comfort in case her poor Daughter dies she Desires youl give Mrs Millington leave to come to Newby when our servts comes for her they were orderd to goe as this day but god be thankd last night she had a pretty good night so the Docters has some more hopes of her but god knows I Doubt the worst for I never see so great an alteration in any person in three or four dayes time have orderd the servts to come as Easy Journeys as she pleases & I hope you will come with hir to Newby where you may be assured of a most hearty wellcome from

Your real freind & servt

in case there be any hopes of my Daughters recovery we shall not give Mrs Millington the trouble of a Winter Journey

**1 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Decem 1

Dear Kitte

I had no Oysters came by the last carrier & them you formarly sent was so bad & the Carriage so dear so shall not give you the trouble to send any more I wonder you give me no acct whether you see my Lady Blacket since she married & If she gave you & your sisters gloves Your poor sister Blacket is so weak that the Docters Dispaire of her life which makes all this family in very Mellancholly condition, my poor wife never to be comforted in case she loose her dear Child, so with my blessing to you I am

Your most affec[tiona]te father

since I order you to send oysters the carriers has mist twice

**3 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

Dec 3

Dear S[i]r

This family has been in a very great concerne for the Weak & Dangerous condition my poor Daughter Blacket has been in The Docters thought for 4 or 5 Dayes that she could not possibly live, but god be thankd she got 2 nights good rest & is much better & the Docters hopes that she is past Danger tho most people thinks she is in a Consumption & will require better advice then this Country Affords so in the spring my wife Designs to goe with hir to London & so to Bristoll to Drinck the Waters there which they say is the only waters in England for her Distemper

My son set foreward this day & will be in Towne on Saturday night & I hope need not put you in mind to use your Intrest to get him a ship assoon as possibly you can for he does but loos[e] his time on shoar I am

Dear S[i]r

Your obliged humble servt

For John Aislaby Esq Member of Parliam[en]t These [presents] London

**3 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to William Millington**

Dec 3

Honest Capt

This brings you the good news that my Daughter Blacket is in a very hopefull way of recovery so I hope there will be no occasion to give your wife the trouble of a Winter Journey I must own she was in so weak and Dang[erous] condition that I though[t] she could not possibly have livd & when I write you it was the Docters opinion likewise but now I hope she is past Danger & In the Spring my Wife Designes to goe with hir to London & soe to Bristol to the Waters which they say are the best in England for hir Distemper with my service to you both I am

**3 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Robert Booth**

Dec 3

Dear S[i]r

I had answerd your letter before this but been in such a Concerne here upon the acct of my Dear Daughter Blackets weak and Dangerous condition the Docters for some Dayes thought she could not possibly have lived but god be thankd she got 2 nights good rest & is much better & the Docters hope she is past Danger tho most people thinke she is in a Consumption & will require better advice then this Country

affords so in the spring my wife Designs to goe with hir to London & there consult w[ha]t is best to be done with hir

Am sorry the great glorious actions done by the noble Duke should be so soon forgot in our own Nation we are a sort of ungratefull people & never satisfied when we are well I heartily wish that he that commands in his room may have the same success tho I very much Question it for the Allies will trust the command of their forces to none but to the best General in Europe the Duke of M my wife & Daughter Blacket gives you their humble service & pray beleive me dear S[i]r

Most affect[ionately] your

For the Honourable Mr Boothe Dean of Bristol at the bell & Dragon near old Toms  
Coffee house London

**4 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett**

Dec 4

S[i]r

I rec[eive]d but the wine the other day & several of the bottles were broke the wine is very good but it is allmost Impossible to get a Quantity safe hither so pray shew my son Christopher this letter & hel pay you for the smal quantity you got me with my thanks to you for it I am

Your assured friend to serve you

**4 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Dec 4 1710

Honest Will

I rec[eive]d yours concerning Mr John Shaftoe the last bargaine he & Mr Loraine took is not out til Augt next give my service to Mr Justice Blenkinsop & acq[ua]int him that his son in Law Mr John Shaftoe shall have the bargaine sooner then any other man provided he take it as Cheap which I don't in the least Question but he will I am in haste

Your assured friend

**7 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

December 7

James

I rec[eive]d yours with a bill for fifty pounds I know tis a very good one have given you Credit for it I perceive Mr Wilkinson is willing to keep my part of the Cellar in his

hand. Upon rec[eip]t of this go to Feathstone & Reah & acq[ain]t them that if they will goe sharers with me & pay their proportion I will continue the Cellar & in case they will not I do not know well how I can doe without it because the scales Beams & weights are my owne Inclosed you have the foule draught returned have p[er]used it & like it very well only there is one Clause which I doe not well understand that is am obliged to pay for 200 Load of Lime & Coals to burne it withall & they are only obliged to Lay on 120 but whether that 120 be to be paid for their own Charge or be part of the two hundred do not well understand

**7 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

December 7 1710

Honest Mr Ward

Am glad you have let Harry Wilkinsons farme & as for James Robsons I refer it solely to your self for I would not have you part with a good ten[an]t for a trifle so you may make him a new lease for w[ha]t terme he pleases I have not as yet let Newby nor Mulwith & If John Robson have a mind to take them am very willing to it Will only reserve some meadow closes for my owne use & as for w[ha]t pasture gates I have occasion for shall take them of the tenn[an]ts when we come to agree I have lately limd & Manured all the arrable ground which is in Extrordionary good condition & If you will bring Robson over with you will Discourse you both further about it should be very glad of such a ten[an]t & shall make him a lease for 21 years & at a moderate rent

As for <Widdow Sancells> farme you may Dispose of it as you thinke fit for if she be not able to pay the rent it is not convenient she should continue

I am your assured friend to serve you

**7 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

Dec 7

Sr

My Wife is so much out of order that she begs your pardon that she cannot write to you my poor Daughter Blacket has been very Dangerously Ill but I thanke god she is somewhat better tho Extrordionary am glad my godson has got so well through the small pox wilh my blessing to him I am in very great haste

Sr Your faithfull humble servt

For the revd Mr Pemberton at Bedale

**7 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Mr Lloyd**

[Note: Undated but between 7th and 11th Dec. 7th used here.]

Sr

When I was last with you I took out a wrong paper I put in a Codicill & should have taken out the other and instead of that I took out my will so I desire you will send me the Packet & shall rectifie the Mistake & returne it & Desire your usual care of it & youll very much oblige Sir

Your most Humble Servt

For the rev Mr <F> Lloyd Ripon

**8 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to William Blackett**

[Note: Undated but between 7th and 11th Dec. 8th used here to allow time for receipt of letter of 5th from London.]

Dear Nephew

I have the favour of yours on the 5th would advise you by no means to appear in the house I cant beleive the house will be calld over till after Christmas & then you may get any friend of yours to acq[ain]t the house that you are in towne & not well which Ime sure will be satisfaction to the house [~~struck out: 'perhaps the house may not be calld over till sometime after Candlemas'~~] & will save you a Northern Journey for if any should move into the house when you are there your Election will certain<ly> be made void

[~~struck out: 'My wife Joyns in'~~] all this family gives their humble services to your self & my neices & pray beleive me allwayes

Most affect[ionately] yours

My poor Daughter blacket has been most dangerously Ill tho I thank god she is some what better tho I cant say past Danger

For Sr Wm Blacket Bart House of Parliam[en]t

**8 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

[Note: Undated but between 7th and 11th Dec. 8th used here.]

Dear Nedde

I rec[eive]d yours from Stamford am sorry you could not light of an oppertunity for your servt I have Capt. Smith a Roule of Brawn so you must order Mrs Smith to get Pickle ready for it it will be at the Carriers house on Saturday in the affternoon so send your servt for it upon rec[eip]t of this letter goe & Inquire out your Cosen Blacket & tell him I write him this post but did not know how to Direct it so he may send his servt to the Lobey Where all members of Parliam[en]ts letters are Carried assoon as you Discourse Mr Aislaby let me hear from you by the very first po[s]t with my blessing to you I am

Your most affec[tiona]te father

### 11 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to John Wilkinson

December 11 1710

Sr

By John Chapman the Ripon Carrier I have sent you a Roule of Brawne which I hope will prove good I[t] has been 3 or 4 Dayes in sauce pray order your Servt to have sauce ready to put ite in against it come the Carrier will be in towne on thursday or Fryday next he lodges at the George at the foot of the Butcher bank assoon as you have tasted it pray let me know how it proves with my service to your self and all my Cosens I am

Your affect[ionate] Kinsman and humble servt

For Mr John Wilkinson Merch[ant] in Newcastle

My poor Daughter blacket is so weak in a Consumsion that the Phisitians thinks she cannot possibly live many Dayes & hir Death will [struck out: 'most Certainly'] Ime afraid will shorten my Wifes life

### 12 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Robert Booth

Dec 12 1710

Dear Sr

My wife is in so great a Concerne for the Dangerous Condition hir of hir Dearest Child that she begs your pardon she cannot write to you we have the best advice this Country affords the Phisitians never Prescribed hir any Phisick, hir Distemper Ime afraid is a deep Consumption she is so very weak that in case the roads were good she is not able to travel but if please god to recover hir strengthe she shall try both Bath & Bristol Water in the Spring she has a most terrible Cough & If that would abate should have great hopes of hir recovery my wife & Daughter blacket gives you their best services & I am

Dear Sr Intirely yours

For the Honourable Mr Booth Dean of Bristol at the bell & Dragon near old Toms  
Coffee House London

**12 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Joseph Green**

December 12 1710

Sr

I rec[eive]d the picture very safe to Newby as allsoe your letter this morneing I  
can assure you it is no orrignall but only a Copy & not done by Sir Peter lille [?Lely] my  
wife [struck out: 'saw the money paid for the Drawing of it and it cost'] knows very  
Certainly that it cost no more then five pounds so when you come to Newby my wife  
will satisfie you further

I am Sr Your very humble serv

For Mr Jos Green Merser in Wakefield

**14 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Leonard Bentham**

December 14 1710

Honest Mr Bentham

I rec[eive]d your letter and the Olive branch with great satisfaction am glad Mr  
Lorraine followes his business so very Closely he cant complaine for want of Water so I  
hope he'l make up ten tunn against Christmas when you have any spare time should  
be very glad to hear from you pray know of Ger[ar]d Dobson how wide the vaine is  
and how wide she bears ore and how many fathom she is of any other shaft in the feild  
where Ore was got in my time and give me an acct of how the old workings in the feild  
are and youl very much oblige

Your assured friend to serve you

**14 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

December 14 1710

Honest Jacob

Yours on the 7 gave me great satisfaction pray acq[ua]int me how many fathoms the  
new forefield where you got ore is from the burne side as allso what wideness your  
vaine is and how wide she bears ore

I know Mr Featherston will let me have the harth so many dayes in Janury as will  
Levell up all the my waste ore that is lies ready Drest and the undertakers may have  
the same time in my month I thinke If you write a line to Mr Featherstone to the same

purpouse [purpose] and shall order mewburne likewise to speak to him which I know he wont deny

I am Your assured friend

**14 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: Undated between two others of 14th Dec]

Decem

James

I rec[eive]d yours on the 9th and I hope Mr Featherstone and Reah and he rest of the undertakers will be wiser then to deny <being> their proportions to the rent of the Lead Cellar which will be very Inconsiderable beside my scales and weights are at their service which are my own

Give my service to Mr Featherstone, and acq[uain]t him that I had a letter lately from Jacob peart who writes me that I shall have a small Quantity of waste to smelt up when they make their pay and that I cant make a pay at that time unless they give me liberty in January being their month for four or 5 Dayes and they may have the same liberty in my month which will be in march, for it will be very Inconvenient for the poor worke people unless the payes come nigh together and acq[uain]t them that they shall have the same favour from me at any time so I do not in the least question but they will readily grant it there is Certainly Large Yellow East Country Cowcubmers in towne if you would make it your business to Inquire my poor daughter Blacket continues so very Dangerously weak that all people thinks it impossible she should live which will be a great misfortune to this family fail not to write a line by Saturday nights post to

Your assured friend

**14 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett**

December 14 1710

Sr

We are all very much obligd to you for the concerne you have for my dear daughter Blackets Illness who is so Extream weak that all people thinks it Impossible she should live long I thanke god last night she had a better night then she's had for a long time for on Munday and Tuesday last she was more likely to die then live am very sorry that you should happen to have the Gout at this time for in case my poor Daughter should die as I thincke she cant possibly live long your Company would be absolutely necessary to Comfort my wife in her great affliction Am Concerned for Mrs Trotters weakness as allso for the great affliction you are in, pray god Comfort us all I am Sr

Your obliged humble servt

**15 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Dec 15 1710

Dear <Kitt>

The <abovesaid> is a Copy of my last I doubt it did not come to your hand because the last carrier brought a barrel of Oysters be sure you send no more for this open weather they will not Keep and the Carrier is very unreasonable for the bringing of them

Your Sister Blacket I thanke god this two dayes has been something better then she was which makes us have some hopes of her recovery I designe in the spring in case she live so long to send hir to the bath and that may perhaps perfectly recover hir upon rec[eip]t of this letter be sure you give a line to

Your most affect[ionate] father

**15 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to John Blackett**

December 15 1710

Dear Jacke

I rec[eive]d yours the 2d and I shall not be hasty in buying Mr Van Meel a horse to whom give my most humble service I have made very great Inquiry all over Yorkshire and Bishoprick but not such a horse to be found of that Colour and shape that Mr Van Meel would have <own> I hope his own horse may be brought of his tricks then no doubt but he will pleas him

Your poor sister Blacket has been so very Dangerously Ill the Phisitians thought she could not possibly have livd but within this two dayes god be thankd she is somewhat better which makes us have some hopes of hir

I Expect Every post to hear that your brother has got a ship he went from hence about 14 dayes since and Mr Aislable promisd me without fail he should have one Acq[ain]t me whether Mr Wilkinsons Ships all his lead to you my Nephew Blacket was here lately in his Journey to London who promisd me assoon as he was at age you should have the Disposal of all his lead he should send to Rotterdam let me know every particular Merch[ant]s name in Newcastle that Imployes you that I may take an opportunity to own their Kindness to you all here gives you their kind remembrance

I am allwayes Dear Jacke

Your most affect[ionate] father

For Mr John Blacket Merch[an]t in Rotterdam

17 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Dec 17 1710

Mr Ward

You writ me sometime agoe that John Robson is Inclineable to take Newby and Mulwell If he continue in the same mind I Desire you will come over with him Ime resolved to let it all Except for 5 Meadow Closes and a <Course> pasture they call the Carrs I did write you to this purpose in a former letter but never rec[eive]d any answer from you If he happen to be my tenn[an]t will buy all my Beef and Mutton of him will allwayes bye a score of Sheep at a time and a half Dozen Oxen or more as I have occasion and shall <...ews> and you shall set down the price give him the Market price for all the <hard> corne Oats and Beans that I shall <...e> as alls[o] the Country price for Straw which will make his rent not considerable

<between> us pray give a line by the first post

Your assured friend to serve you

18 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart

[Note: undated but between 17th and 20 Dec. 18th used here.]

Jacob

the above said is a Copy of my last since I rec[eive]d a letter from Ja Mewburne who acq[ain]ts me that he spoke to Mr Featherstone and he told him I was very wellcome to make use of the Mill in January to Smelt up the Small Quantity of Waste ore which I shall have aforehand let me know what moneys you have rec[eive]d of Will Lowe and the dayes of the month; you must give him notice to have moneys ready against my pays and acq[ain]t me what you Judge it may come to I heartily wish Success to the undertakers with all my heart and should rejoyce that they get Many thousand pounds by Fallowfield

I am Your assured friend

18 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: undated but between 17th and 20 Dec. 18th used here.]

Honest Will

pray make it your business to get up all the Moneys that is standing out for wood as allso all the rents and Arrears of rents assoon as possibly you can and youl oblige

Your assured friend to serve you

**18 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge**

[Note: undated but between 17th and 20 Dec. 18th used here.]

Sr

I have sent you a roule of Brawn which I hope will prove well

My poor Daughter Blacket is in a very weak condition the Phisicians think she cannot possibly continue long she being in a very deep Consumption and a terrible Cough with it God Almighty Comfort us for hir dear mother I doubt will not be long after hir but we must all submit to god Almighty's will and pleasure

I perceve Mr High Sherrif Designes to give a Gray Livery so you need not bespeak me any Blue Cloth in case you have pray Contradict it for I shall not have occasion for Blue Cloth so soon I desire you order a Couple of Liveries to be mad[e] for me at the same place and by the same hand that the rest are all here gives you their kind services and Desires your Constant prayers for my poor Daughter Blacket and you very much oblige

Your real friend & servt

When you see the high <shreeve> pray give my humble services to him in case he had given a Blue Livery I had given Many

For the revd Mr Lodge at his house at Leeds

**20 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Decr 20 1710

James

Before the rec[eip]t of yours of the 16 in which I rec[eive]d your Bill of Exchange for £100 I gave a small Bill upon you for Eleaven pounds payable to Mr Walter Tackred or his order I cant well Deny Sr Thomas Tanckred a bill twice a year for ten or fifteen pounds and If at any times You be not in cash you may get the moneys of Mr Featherstone the undertakers owes me 44 peices of lead which they sold or shipd with their own lead that came from fallowfeild I do not desagre to take money for them but to have so many prices againe in lieu of them Ime mighty glad to hear from Fallowfeild that the mines are likely to be as good as ever they were in my time pray god continue them I hope to have in the Cellar at least 500 peices of lead which is & will be made of the dead heapes and slags by mayday and a good Quantity from the undertakers give my service to Mr Featherstone and Reah and tell them that I wish they could let me have an <Anchor> of Extraordinary good Brandy and at a moderate[e] price you may likewise speak to Mr Kelley & tel[l] him the brandy I had from him was the best that Ever I tasted and I wish he could helpe me to an anchor of the same but I would not have ordinary Brandy put into my hand my Daughter Blacket

is very much better tho tis though[t] she can not possibly be of long life acq[ain]t whether Sr John goes to London this winter and whether the match goes forward with Mr Rodgers I am

Your aff<ectionate> <friend>

**21 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett**

Dec 21

Sr

Inclosed is my Daughter Blackets case drawn up by Doctor Johnson hir Phisician at York I Desire youl do me the favour to Inclose it to the Old G<.nd> & that hel be so kind as to give his Judgement what is fit to be done in hir dangerous condition & youl very much oblige Sr

Your faithfull humble servt

**21 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to William Millington**

[Note: undated but between others of the 21st Dec]

Honest Captain

My poor Daughter Blacket is somewhat better than she was tho so weak that she cannot stand by hir self and most people thinks she cannot possibly live long she has a great Desire to see your wife so my wife Desires you will let hir come to Newby & shall send horses for hir on Munday the 2d of January so they will be with you the day after it is a very dead time of the year so that you can neither build nor bowle and should take it as a favour if you would accompany hir with all kind remembrances from hence to yourself & Mrs Millington I am

Your assured friend to serve you

**21 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Dec 21 1710

Dear Kitt,

Our Chockalet is almost all gone so my wife desires you will send her down 20 pound by the post carrier it must not be all <Nutt> nor <p'fumed> but the ordinary sort that is made up well biggar which she likes the best. When you come into the Country bring my acct with you that we may set straight let me know about what time you designe to be here. Your poor sister Blackett so dangerously ill that most people think she cannot possibly live long with my blessing to you I am

Your most affect father

Pay to your brother Nedde <...> for <...> small things <which> be bring <..>

**21 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

Dec 21 1710

Dear Nedde,

At last I rec'd a letter from you I wonder what great business you possibly could have that you did not write to me sooner you wrote me that Mr Aislalie told you that all the Govt that had the Queens Commands for Comissions were provided for and hopes that your turn will be next it is in his own power to get you a Comission when he pleases and I very much wonder that he has not done it before this. let me know by the first post whether he did not tell you he had securd a Ship for you & that you should have a Comission very shortly so upon your ltr will write a line to him my Self for you do but loose time and Spend moneys at London being out of Employment. I have writ to your brother Kitte this day to pay you £1 7s6d for what you are in Disburse for Buckles &c the letter case you sent me was not such a one as I told you of I would have had a letter case that was made in Turkey with Turkish letter Imbroydered upon it they are Extraordinary dear & very hard to be not withal however tis all one shall make this serve

Your poor sister Blacket is some what better than she was tho I believe she'l not be a woman of long life

With all kind remembrances to you from here

I am your most affect. Father

Delivery the Inclosed as soon as it comes to your hand

**21 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett**

December 21 1710

Sr

I have the favour of your letter and the next terme will be time Enough to get my bill taxd I Desire your great Care and Diligence in it and youl Infinitely oblige

Sr Your most faithfull servt

All this family gives their humble services To your self and Mrs <Ho>ckring

**22 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

[Note: No addressee but as the letter is about Winlaton and Thomas Brummell had been appointed agent there, it is assumed to have been for him.]

December 22

Sr

Inclosed you have the may day Acc[oun]t for Winlaton Rents signd I perceive you suffer every half year greater and greater Arrears to stand out which you charge to my debit you very well remember our agreement was that I was to pay you half yearly and you were obligd to pay me the rents three months after due from the ten[an]ts tho not paid by them & below you have a Copy of the Letter which I Writ you upon our agreement tho Mr Wilkinson be Dillitory in makeing pays I know no reason that I should suffer for his remissness

I am of opinion that it is not like to be otherways till we have a peace but when that will be god knows If you think the raising of money for makeing good the differences of Winlaton rents be any Inconveniency to you pray acq[ain]t me for should be very unwilling that any affairs should make you uneasy for I Expect to have my rents paid punctually according to our agreement and no arrears hereafter Chargd to my acc[oun]t I sent my servant over on purpose to be E[n]rolld in the Oastmans books which I Desire you will see Done & youl oblige

Your assured friend

Pray give my service to Mr Alderman Fenwick whom I beleive is the Governour

**22 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

[Note: Recipient not stated but possibly also Thomas Brummell despite it being the second letter to him in one day if so. Joshua Curtis, son of Robert of Newcastle, gentleman, was enrolled as the apprentice of Sir Edward Blackett, hostman, on 4 Jan 1711: Dendy, *The Company of Hostmen of Newcastle, SS*, Vol 105, (1901), p.292.]

Dec 22 1710

Sr

I have rec[eive]d & returned you the Inclosed I think you have done very well in Laying the state of my nephews affairs before him I must own tis my opinion that he'l follow the same method as to the management of the lead mines as has been done since his fathers death but whether it will be for his advantage or not time will Discover it I wish him well and faithfull and honest Stewards

Curtis will at Newcastle on Monday by whome shall write to you and send you the Counterpart of your acc[oun]t signed I orderd Mewburne to Acq[ua]int Mr Fenwick

some time agoe that I Designed to send my servt over against the first court & he told him he would take care that he should be Enrolld & that the Court day would be the 4th of January shall desire your Assistance in it Am sorry Mr Carr should meet with such a publicke affront you know very well that he is not <in debt to> Mrs Lilbourne so it is only out of mallice about Kenton Colliery she would never have mad[e] <six pence> if my brother had not taken it of Mr Carr which is the only thing she and her children would have had to have livd upon

I am Your assured friend to serve you

**28 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

December 28

James

Inclosed I returne you John Burnes Lease signd be sure you take care to see the Court p[ar]t Executed

When you see Mr Kelley give my service to him and tell him that I think it is a very great price to give 12s a Galon for Brandy unless it be as good as that which I bought of him which I must own was the best that ever I tasted in all my time If I thought it were as good would have a small Quantity but how to get it by the Carrier would be hazardous unless I took a whole Anchor and had it double caskd. my servt Curtis will be in town on Monday night so get 2 pint bottles for a taste and pay for it and he will bring it <If find I> like it shall have an anchor to be double caskd the Court is to be on Wednesday & so he is to be Enrolld in the books as a free Oastman am glad Mr Wilkinson is willing I should lay my lead in the Cellar so it is much better then to pay rent for it My poor Daughter Blacket is so far from being well recovered as you write me that all people thinks her every day weaker and weaker and I think she Cannot possibly be a woman of long life allwayes write a line by Saturday nights post to

**28 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

December 28

Honest Jacob

I perceive by yours that you think the whole pay will come to nigh £350 let me know by the first post what fothers of Lead I may have lieing at the Mill which was made by Mr Loraine as allso what foddors of Lead I may have lying at the Mill that was made out of the dead heaps I Expect there should be a very great Quantity that the pay should come to that Sum. acq[ua]int me likewise how many Budlers you may have in the field could heartily wish you had 3 times as many that you might soon get all the waste run through you write in your last that the Lower vaine at the forefeild was gone out I hope it is come in againe by this whether are you sinking of a shaft on the top of

the bank on the East side of the burne what do you judge the undertakers pay will come to and what lead you think they may get made by the pay all which Informe

Your assured freind

**28 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Leonard Bentham**

December 28

Honest Mr Bentham

The above <said> is a Copy of my last I doubt it did not come to your hand because I never heard from you since pray give me an answer of it as also how many fothers of Lead Mr Loraine may have made lieing at your mill as all what fothers are lieing at the mill made out of the old waste Ger[ar]d Dobson will Informe you how the forefeilds is and what hopes he has of hirall which pray informe

Your assured freind

**29 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

December 29 1710

Dear Sr

I Expect Every post to hear that You had got nedde a ship, I perceive by him that the Queen has lately recommended 4 or 5 to the Admiralty so I hope you will use your Endeavours that he be the next

My Daughter Blacket continues mighty weak she gives her services to you & hopes you have bespoke her strikeing Watch when it is made let me know & shall returne you a bill for the money the Cap[tai]n & Mrs Jones are both with us they give you their most humble services & pray beleive me

Most affect[ionately] yours

For the Honourable John Aislabie Esqr Member of Parliam[en]t <Thes> London

**31 Dec 1710 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

31 December 1710

Dear Neddy

I rec[eive]d both your letters this morning one dated the 26 the other the 28 Inst, and by the Mark of the post office, w[hi]ch cannot faill they were both putt in the same day

I would not have you by any means to think of goeing Leiuft [Lieutenant] if you leave not before this waited on Mr Sharp (as I desir'd Mr Jones to write you) be sure you fail not to goe with all possible speed and desire him to introduce you to his

Lordship, and likewise to desire his grace to move the Queen on your behalf for a ship which I beleive he will willingly doe

I wrote Mr Aislable last post & desir'd him not to be forgetfull of you & to use his utmost endeavours to gett you a Ship, which I question not but he will Lett me know every post how your business goes forward for I am still in opinion that the Commissioners may give you a ship notwithstanding the Queens frequent recommendation of others

As soon as you have gott three or four Impressions of the seal of of my Bro[ther]s toothpick case, carry it to Mr Sharp and he will gett it cut on Crystall

My poor daughter Blacket is every day weaker and weaker my wife takes it very kindly your concern for her & says if it ever be in her power, will doe you a kindness one time or other

With my Blessing to you I am  
Your most affect[ionate] father

To Capt Edward Blacket

**1 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Newby p[ri]mo January 1710/11

Honest Will

I perceive by yours of the 23 past that you have had great floods, w[hi]ch has done much harm, w[hi]ch I am sorry for, as also that you have not yett lett the Walk Mill, and that the Tenn[an]t will not stand to her, unless he has some small allowance for repair of the house, it cannot be much he can desire, soe pray doe for me as if it were your own, and shall be satisfied therewith, I am

Your assured Freind to serve you

To Mr Wm Lowes at Whittsheilds nigh Hexham  
Country keeper of Northumberland

**1 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to John Wilkinson**

Newby p[ri]mo January 1710/11

Sr

I am very glad to hear the Brawn prov'd well, and am much oblig'd to you, for your kind enquiry after my daughter Blacket, she is very much from being perfectly recovered as you write me, but on the contrary every day weaker & weaker, we all think its impossible she should live long and I am afraid her death, will goe very hard w[i]th my poor wife, god Almighty prepare us all for our latter end I am to you & yours

Your faithfull humble Serv[an]t

To Mr Jno Wilkinson Merch[an]t in Newcastle

**5 Jan 1711    Edward Blckett to Maria Blckett**

[Note: Lady Brown was EB's sister-in-law Dorothy Barnes, married to his brother Michael who died in 1683]

Newby the 5th January 1710/11

Dear Maria

I perceive by yours that my Nephew Blckett has forgott, which of the Seales I would have the impression off, its the seal where the coat is raised & not flatt, which is upon his fathers gold toothpick Case, order your Bro[ther] the Cap[tain] to gett 3 or four good impressions of it upon fine wax, & give it to Mr Sharp & he will gett it cutt on Crystall for me

You write me that my Lady Blckett visitts you, but you doe <not> say whether she sent you any gloves at her marraidge, acquaint me if my Lady has made a bargain with her son for her house and furniture at New Castle for her life, which he told me he was ab[ou]t agreeing with for, Is it not yett known for certain whether my Nephew be marryed or not, and what children she has had & how many liveing, and if they live publickly together

When you see my Lady Brown give my service to her & my Lord of Ely, your poor Sister Blckett is soe dangerously ill, that all people are of opinion she cannot live long, we have sent her Case to the two of the most eminent Phisicians of London, who are both of the same opinion, and am afraid that her Death will much shorten my wifes days with my blessing to you both I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

Miss Maria Blckett   Mr Bridges

I wonder Mr Aislabie has not gott your Brother a ship long before this be sure you faile not to write me by next post

Tell your Brother that if Mr Sharp thinks another couller better then Crystall to use his own discretion

**8 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Isabella Wyvill**

Jan 8 1710/11

My Cosen Wyvill would have sent you your money long before this but had not an opportunity shall have occasion to send to yorke shortly then shall order my servt to wait on you for a rec[eip]t my Dear Daughter Blacket lies so weak that we despair of her life

Your kinsman Mr Dean of Ripon Died yesterday he Dined with me last Wednesday & he eat his Dinner very heartily with my service to all your relations

I am Your most humble servt & Kinsman

For Mrs Isabella Wyvall The  
Yorke

**8 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Mrs Cuthbertson**

Jan 8 1710/11

Mrs Cuthbertson

I have sent you your moneys by the bearer shall have occasion to send to yorke shortly

shall order my servt to wait on you for a rec[eip]t for it my Dear Daughter Blacket so Dangerously weak that we Expect her death very shortly pray god almighty prepare us all for our latter End with my humble service to all your good family I am

Yor faithfull humble servt

Mr Dean of Ripon Died yesterday he dined with me on Wednesday last & eat very heartily

For Mrs Cuthbertson

**9 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

January 9 1710/11

Dear Nedde

Am glad to perceive by yours of the 8th that Mr Aislabie has spoke to the Queen on your behalf I hope your next will acq[ain]t me that you have actually got a Commission which should be very glad to hear

Am mighty sorry can give you no better Acc[oun]t of your dear Sister Blacket who I believe will not live over this day you may Imagine w[ha]t a great concerne both my

dear wife & self are in for her god almighty prepare us all for our latter End for none of us all knows how soon it may be with my blessing to you I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

you write on so thick coarse paper that your letter is allways chargd Double at the post house

**9 Jan 1711 Edward Blakett**

January 9

Dear Sr

Am obliged to you for your kind Inquiry for my dear Daughter Blakett am sorry must give you so Mallancholly an acc[oun]t of her for we all think she cannot possibly live many houres you may Imagine w[ha]t a great concerne both my dear wife & selfe are in for her god Almighty prepare us all for our latter End for none of all knows how soon it may be

I am Sr Your assured friend to serve

Mr Dean of Ripon Dined with me last Wednesday and Eat as plentifull a meal as ever I see him in my life & died the Sunday after

**9 Jan 1711 Edward Blakett to John Sharp**

January 9 1710/11

A particular freind of Mine has Desired the favour of me to write to my Acquaintances that are in the house to be assisting to one Mr Levingstone who has a Contested Election with one Mr Scot the hearing is to be on the 23d Instant & I Desire the favour that you wil be there & to do him what service you can I have not had a line from you for some time neither has your Servt sent me of late the Evening post which I Desire he will Continue to do

My poor Daughter Blakett is at the point of Death which are Sensible makes us all very Mallancholly I wish you & your Lady a happy new year I am Sr

Your faithfull humble servt

For John Sharpe Esqr

**9 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Thomas Livingston**

[Note: Possibly Thomas Livingstone 1st Viscount Teviot (see letter March 1711 to Mr Livingston).]

January 9 1710

My Lord

I rec[eive]d the favour of your Lordships of the Currant & am very Ambitious to serve your Lordship upon any acc[oun]t & I have this day wrote to severall of my Acquaintance that are parliam[en]t men that I shall take it for a particular favour their Attendance at the house of Commons on the 23 Instant & to Assist your Kinsman Mr Levingstone what lies in their powers Am glad of Any oppertunity wherein I can render your Lordship the least service to Assure you that I am with all respect

Your Lordships Most faithful humble servt

**10 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Thomas Yorke**

[Note: Thomas Yorke was EB's brother in law]

January 10

Dear Brother

Am sorry this should be the messenger of the Mallancholly news of my dear Daughter Blackets death we designe to Bury her next Saturday about one a clock and shoud Esteem it a favour if your health would permit you which I heartily wish to accompany her to her Interm[en]t

My Wifes affliction & my own god Knows are great which is the reason I cannot Enlarge but shall ever be Sr

Yours most Affectionately

To Mr Tho Yorke Esq[ui]re at Richmond

**10 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge**

January 10 1710/11

Honest Mr Lodge

I wrote you last tuesday by your servt when advised you how Dangerously Ill my dear daughter Blacket was it has since pleased the Almighty god to take her to himself so I Desire you will Attend her funerall next Saturday god knows my wife & self are in great Affliction so pray pray fail not to come to

Your assured friend

For Mr Lodge

**10 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Walter Calverley**

[Note: Calverly was married to Julia Blackett, daughter of Edward's deceased brother William]

January 10 1710/11

Dear Nephew

I am sorry this should be the messenger of the Mallancholly news of my Dear Daughter Blackets death we designe to bury her next Saturday about one a Clock & should Esteem it a favour If you would accompany her to her Interm[en]t

My Wifes affliction and my own god Knows are great which is the reason I cannot Enlarge but shall ever be Sr

Your most Affect[ionate] Uncle

To Mr Calverly

**11 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

January 11 1710/11

James

I rec[eive]d your Letter yesterday which should have come on monday you formerly advised of something that was sent by the Carrier to my daughter Christian from her Aunt Mitford theres no such thing come to hand & he has never rec[eive]d any thing so be sure you Inquire after itt

Yesterday my dear daughter Blacket dyed which is a great affliction to thiss poor family

I am your assured freind

Give my service to Sr J Delavall & acq[ua]int him with the death of his neice likewise my cosen Simpsons family & my sister Mitford

**11 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Jan 11 1710/11

Sr

I rec[eive]d both your Letters with the 3 bills of Exchange for £150 which I have given you C[redit] for

My Dear Daughter Blacket dyed yesterday which is a great Affliction to this poor family & is the reason I cannot Enlarge

I am Your assured freind & servt

For Mr Tho Brummell

**12 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to John Blackett**

Jan the 12 1710/11

Dear Jacke

This brings you the mallancholly news of your dear sister Blackets death who Departed this life on Wednesday morning which is a great affliction to this poor family & I doubt will shorten the dayes both of my poor Wife & self for never a better Creature was upon the face of the Earth which makes our loss the greater god Almighty prepare us all for our latter End with my blessing to you I am Dear Jack  
Your most Disconsolate father

**12 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

January 12

Dear Kitte

I rec[eive]d your of the 2d as allso the Chocolet & your present of Oranges & Lemmons to my wife for which she thanks you this

this brings you the Mancholly news of your dear sister Blackets death who departed this life on Wednesday morning which is a great affliction to this poor family & I doubt will shorten the days both of my poor wife & self for never a better Creature was upon the face of the Earth which makes our Los[s] the greater god allmighty prepare us all for our latter End with my blessing to you I am

Your most Disconsolate father

be sure you bring my acc[oun]t with you when you come into Yorkeshire give my blessing to Nedd & tell him his Sister Bella will give him an acc[oun]t of his dear sister Blackets death by this post this morning I rec[eive]d your letter

**12 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dear Maria

This brings you the Mallancholly news of your dear Sister Blackets death who Departed this life on Wednesday morning which is a great affliction to this poor family & I doubt will shorten the dayes both of my poor wife & self for never a better creature was upon the face of the Earth which makes our loss the greater god allmighty prepare us all for our latter End with my blessing to you both

I am Your most Disconsolate [father]

**12 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

Jan 12 1710/11

Nedde

I rec[eive]d yours this morning & am glad that Mr Aislable has at last got you a ship & If he has not as yet bespoke the watch he may let it alone or give the man that he bespoke it of what he thinks fit it was Designed for your dear sister Blacket who Departed this life on Wednesday morning which is a great affliction of this poor family & I doubt will shorten the dayes both of my poor wife & self for never a better creature was upon the face of the Earth which makes our loss the greater god allmighty prepare us all for our latter End with my blessing to you

I am Your most Disconsolate father

**12 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Shem Bridges**

[Note: Dated 12th Jan but found in copy letter book after one dated 12th Feb]

January 12

Dr Brother

Tis a long time since I gave you the trouble of a line & am sorry It should be now upon so Mallancho[lly] an occasion as to Acq[ain]t you with the unexpressible loss we have had in the death of my dear Daugh[ter] Blacket who Departed this life last Wednesday morning She was a person of that singular virtue & piety that makes our loss the greater & is much Lamented by all that knew her & will Certainly shorten my poor wifes dayes god almighty Comfort us both & prepare us all for the like Change

The great Kindness & Civillities you shew to my daughters shall allwayes be ownd by Sr

Your most Affect[ionate] Brother

For Shem Bridges Esqr In Ember Court

**14 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett**

January 14 1710/11

Sr

Am obligd to you for the Concerne you have for our great loss I must own She was one of the best and peourest [?purest] young woman that ever I heard of but gods will must be obey'd

Inclos'd I send you the bill of Exchange Accepted as allso Inclosd a letter which I rec[eive]d from Mr Hen[ry] Selby pray shew it Mr Wilkinson & acq[uain]t him that I hear that Mr Selby is very poor & has nothing but that Small Anuity to live upon my

proportion you may pay him & Desire him order the paym[en]t of it by the first post I am

Your assured freind & servt

**18 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

January 18 1710/11

James

I perceive by yours that the woman you delivered the box too gave it to Chapman which he absolutely denyes so You must tell the woman that if she do not Deliver the box to Chapman you have orders to Arrest her If you don't take particular care you will find it will be lost betwixt them for Chapman has a very Indifferent Charrecter & I doubt the woman has no less

Desire Mr Kelley to get me ten gallons of the very best Brandy in town & let it be double Caskt & given to Chapman You do very well not to take any bills of those two people you name in your letter nor do not do it for the futer [future] by any means I doubt one of them as in very Ill Circumstance which am sorry for you cannot place the money better then with Mr Featherstone I'de rather have it to lie there then to take bills Either at 20 or 30 dayes date from any one may have occasion to send to newcastle in a short time

let me know w[ha]t Sr John said to you when you acquainted him with the death of his niece & whether he and his faimily put them selves into mourning or not

tis now the best time for bespeaking of dried Haddocks for now they are best in Season I would likewis[e] have you to buy me some beadnell Codling & let them be sent any time within fourteen dayes or a three weeks which will be very usefull in <lent> for beef and mutton here is most Intollerably dear almost double the price that ever I know it in my time P[er]use & burne the Inclosed I am

Your assured friend

**18 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

January 18

Mrs Gray

Since you went from Newby I have had several Complaints against that Idle fellow that drove the hearse I hear that he & his partner got most of the paper Scutcheons that were upon the Hearse and sold them to severall people both at Burrowbridge & other places, pray bring them all down as low as possibly you can & then Inclose me a particular of Every thing I hope the Polsterer will not be unreasonable nor the painter that made the Scutcheons let Mr Hall that made the paper scutche[ons] only have

Eighteen pence a peice for them for that is the usuall price with my service & thanks to you for your Company I am

Your assured friend to serve you

**21 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

January 21 1710/11

Dear Nedde

I rec[eive]d your letter of Condolance with great Satisfaction I read it to my poor wife who is in a great Concerne for her Irrepareable loss god almighty be her Comforter am afraid it will very much shorten her dayes for she gets very little rest at nights If please god she live youl find she be a very good freind to you for the great respect you allwayes showd to her daughter

Should be very glad to hear that you had got a Ship I think if Mr Aislabie had Exerted his Interest we might have done it long before this Could wish it might prove a fifth rate but I doubt that is not usuall upon the first remove from a Lieutenant & by the first safe hand shall send you my large Gold Strikeing Watch which cost my father forty Eight pounds it will be very propper for you when you get a ship my Wife gives you her kind remembrance with my blessing to you I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

I Every post long to hear that you have gott a ship

**21 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

Dear Maria

January 21 1710/11

I rec[eive]d yours with Inclos'd letter of Condolance to my Wife which was Extreemly well done of you and she took it mighty Kindly I doubt her Irreparable loss will shorten her dayes very much for she has yet got very little rest at night nor can see any of her dear daughters acquaintance but she Immedeatly falls into a passion of Weeping god almighty be her Comforter

let me know whether my Lord Warington visited you as often this Winter as he did the last I long to hear that your brother had Actually got a Ship if Mr Aislabie would Exert his own Interest Ime sure it is in his power I hope the letter Inclosed to you would come safe to my Brother Bridges his hand with my service to him when you see him and blessing to your self and sister I am

Your most Affect[ionate] father

**23 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Thomas Thompson**

January 23 1710/11

Sr

I rec[eive]d your letter & am much obligd to you for your kind Enquiry & Concerne, you have for my poor family, the unexpressible loss my dear wife has had of her only child makes this a very mallancholly family & I doubt will surely shorten her dayes

I heartily Condole with you in the loss of so good and hopefull A son his death very much Surprisd me hearing nothing before of his Indisposition I hope those that remaine will be so many Comfort to you both and nothing here Elevate our sorrows but the pretty Child my dear Daughter has left behind her

Mr Gowland acquainted me with the reason why you could not come to Newby I should take it for a great kindness If your self Mrs Thomson & Mrs Cuthbertson would come to tarry with us 8 or 10 days & I will send my Coach to fetch you for your good Companies would be very Acceptable to us both heartily wishing you all health & happiness I am

Your most obliged humble servt

For Mr Tho Thomson  
These Yorke

**24 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

January 24 1710/11

James

The box you sent me by Chapman is at last come safe to hand, I hope may Expect the brandy by him next week, be sure you fail not to speak to James Blacket about the dried haddocks and beadnell Codlings there need <but> be a Small Quantity of Each of them

Fallowfeild lead mines I thank god proves Extrordionary well & likely to be a rich & Lasting mine as Jacob writes me they put down a Shaft on the East side of the burn & has come to an Extrordionary vaine which has a Sill on Each side there never was a Sill found at fallowfeild Lead mines before which made people call fallowfeild lead mines only a Coal dike for no right Lead mines are without Sills, Inclosd you have a Letters from Wm Armstrong, which you may answer by the first post, I <p[er]c[ei]ve> he would gladly see you when you go to your freinds at Acomb you may make a stop there I believe youl think your Journey well bestowed to see the men work at fallowfeild

My Wife is mightily Concerned for the death of her dear daughter and Mrs Millington is so kind as to come & bear her Company which Diverts her a Little for I

cannot tell what she would do without her, Capt[ain] is likewise here, Always write a line by Satur[day] nights post to

Your assured freind

**24 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

24

Honest Jacob

I rec[eive]d your Letter with the welcome news that Fallowfeild is likely to prove a lasting mine which Ime very glad of both for my own sake and the undertakers and I wish she may prove ten times as rich which I should never grudge

When you designe to take up the Ginn send for the man that made it for he can take it in peices without the least prejudice to it

I could have a Good tenn[an]t for fallowfeild house but am unwilling to let it so I will not hereafter be at any charge Either for Coal or Window sess I ought to have the window sess allowed me ever since I payd it because the Act of Parlia[ment] sais positively that duty shall be paid by the tenn[an]t & not the Landlord

Assoon as the pay is over let me know how many peices of lead is made and what their whole pay came to I am

Your assured friend

**25 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

January 25 1710/11

Dear Kitte

Ime at present very well furnished with a Cook who is a very sober & understanding man in his business & as for Cook Sudell Ide better have given £100 then Ever have seen his face for he spoild severall of my horses in rideing out at night to the unknowldg[e] of the whole family but at last was happily discovered it was much to be wonderd at that his frequent going out at nights I gave not an opportunity to severall Idle fellows to Rob the house

If your brother had got a Ship which he Expects Every day perhaps he might take him himself or recommend him to some Capt[ain] that might Employ him

Your Customers at Ripon has all their moneys ready for you & would be glad to see you down, with my blessing to you I am

Your most Affect[ionate] father

**28 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

January 28

Dear Nedde

I p[er]ceive by yours on the 25th that you Expect dayly to be sent for to the Admiralty, I think youd do mighty well if you went there once or twice a day which would put them in mind of you, for often times out of sight out of mind

Mr Aislable sent to me word that I must not Expect a Letter from him till he could send me good news that you had got a Ship which I Expect Every post & by the post after shall send you an order where to receive some moneys with my blessing to you I am

Your most Affect[ionate] father

**29 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

January 29 1710/11

Honest Will

I rec[eive]d yours on the 22d Jacob Peart has no orders to receive all the moneys in your hand till a day or 2 before there be a pay & I hope much Less will pay w[ha]t Ime Indebted to the Workemen & then I would have you to come to Newby that we may set all things to rights both for wood Rents &c I don't beleive there will be a pay til March for I p[er]ceive there is a great Quantity of waste ore to be smelted have writ to Jacob this post to let me know w[ha]t moneys he has rec[eive]d of you & how he has Disbursd it for Except the repaireing of Fallowfeild house & some small sum to Mr Loraine I don't what occasion he had for more upon my Acc[oun]t for the Workemen has allwayes Cr[edit] of Hen Tulip for Corne write me by the very first post w[ha]t moneys you have paid Jacob and the days of the month when

If Will Armstrong has sold his Manor which should have been <lade> on the ground contrary to the Custome of the Mannor he must make the tenn[ant]s satisfaction I have some household stuff at Fallowfeild which I would Dispose of as Linnen vis Napkins towels <&> sheet 2 downe beds Puter brasse etc In case I could get a good price for them rather then bring them home so give me your opinion whether it is better to bring them home or Dispose of them there I am

Your assured freind

**29 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

[Note: undated but between 29th and 31st. Assume 29th, ie same as letter to Lowes]

Honest Jacob

I writ you the 24 which I hope came safe to hand let me know w[ha]t moneys you have rec[eive]d of Wil Lowes and the days of the month when & w[ha]t you have Disbursd in repaireing of Fallowfeild house be sure at the pay you do not lend any of the Workemen one farthing for I will never suffer them to be in my debt but as the lead is made & carried to Newcastle I will pay them tho it be every month let me know how many peices of Mr Loraines lead lies at the Mill & how many peices are made of the dead heaps for I cant Comprehend that its possible that my pay should come to any such sum as you write me

You advisd me formarly to send for the bedding and Linnen I had at fallowfeild for it would be spoild so Give me your opinion whether I might not better sell it there then be at the Charge of bringing it home I have a particular of Every thing that was left there at first as (viz) a down Bedds Quilts Linnen Puter Brass Iron etc

If the Workemen have much waste ore to smelt I doubt the pay will not be made till Aprill which pray acq[uain]t me by a line to

Your Assured freind

**29 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

[Note: undated but between 29th and 31st. 29th assumed here]

Mr Ward

I Desire after the faire at Allerton is over that you will come to Newby & set streight for the last struck out[ 'Martin' ] mas rent for I have severall sums to pay upon the late Mallancholly occasion with my service to you and yours I am

Your assured freind to serve you

**29 Jan 1711 Edward Blackett to Charles Hall**

[Note: undated but between 29th and 31st. 29th assumed here]

Mr Hall

I have sent you your money by the bearer being my old Workman I did Designe you to have the cheif part of the Work upon the late Mallancholly occasion Pray acq[ain]t me what is usuall given a peice for Silk Escutcheons & what for Buckram Escutcheons as allso w[ha]t for sheilds a peice <frontlets> and Pendants a peice for I

think the other painters Lets me down very unreasonably for them so pray give a line  
by the very first and youll oblige

Your assured freind

For Mr Charles Hall Painter  
at the three Cranes in Thursday market

**31 Jan 1711 Edward Blakett to Mrs Gray**

January 31

Good Mrs Gray

I rec[eieve]d your Letter with the severall notes Inclosed Ime well satisfied that the Upholdsterers note and your Cosen the Painter are very unreason[able] for I have found what was formarly paid upon the same occasion I have orderd my servt to bid to come to Newby & shall pay them w[ha]t I know is usually paid up on the same occasion I have orderd my servt to bid them come to Newby & shall pay them w[ha]t I know is usually paid upon such occasions my servt will pay you £4 for the Hearse & I have orderd him to pay Mr Hall for his Work let your Kinsman know I Designd to have Employd him in a <.....> <good> business at least in painting the Ballesters of my house this summer but seeing he is so unreasonable shall think of another however I would have you acq[ua]int him with it which p[er]haps may make him make good abatem[en]t in his bill I heartily thank you for the trouble you have given your self on this Mallancholly occasion & beleive me allwayes your

Real freind to serve you

My wife gives her service to you & will write to you next post

**1 Feb 1711 Edward Blakett to Philipp Leece**

Feby 1 1710/11

Honest Mr Leece,

I'm very much obligd to you for the Acct you give me of my Mines, tis more full than any Acct I have yet had, for I did not know how many people was Employd in working up the dead heaps. Tis a very great price he gives p Tunn considering the lowness of the price of lead for the most lead is sold at is £8 15s & three or 4 months Cr. However a small mattr is bettr than nothing but if they were unwrought till it gave a better price it were more Encouragm't to worke them than you have give none os plaine or so full an acct in every particular that I must desire you to walke amongst all the Workpeople once a month to let me know how all things are by a line to

Your assured friend

For Mr. Phillip Leece at his house in Hexham Northumberland

Let me know every man's name that took the severall bargains in working up the dead heaps & how many men they employ under them at each Bargaine & wt you give to the severall undertakers pr Foster & how many heaps each undertaker has & at wt shafts they are. This Lettr is so full that I need not give you the trouble of another of a long line so before you fail not to answer it in every particular

**1 Feb 1711 Edward Blakett to Jacob Peart**

[Note: undated but between others of 1st Feb]

Honest Jacob,

The other side is a copy of my last I doubt this frosty weather will deter the pay a long time. Acqt me how many people you have at work in working up the dead heaps & how long you judge they are all in getting as much ore as will make a fodder of lead.

Acqt me likewise how many Tunns of Mr Loraine's Lead will be lying at the mill & how many tunn may be lying that was made of the dead heaps as was as you can <think> when the pays will be made.

If Fallowfield prove rich as I hope she will the undertakers may soon ad on another hearth at a small charge for askle tree of the Mill – you know is an Extraordinary good one. Let me know wt moneys you have rec'd of Will Lowes and the dayes of the month when & how you have disposd of it for I'me always against lending moneys to the Workpeople knowing they have Cr enough for Corne buttr Cheese &c amongst the neighbourhood. Acqt whether I have not a <p...> many more washing tubs & sive bottoms there I shall have occasion for. I writ you formerly the price of wt the Sive bottoms cost now & the Charge the Carriage cost from hence to Newcastle & so to Fallowfield. Send me a particular of the work gear and the weight of them that was left to the undertakers you had much bettr have sold them for ready money than to have them Delavverd 21 years hence which was a very odd bargain for you know £20 in hand will more than <treble> the sum 21 years hence provided it be put [struck out: 'in good hands'] to out to advantage be sure you take care that the workman that made the Ginn be sent for when you think convenient to take it up for by no means be it not lost

I am Your ass

**1 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to John Kelly**

Feb 1 1710/11

Sr

I did not hear before the rec[eip]t of yours of Mr Alderm[a]n Ridleys death which I me heartily sorry for his familys sake

I beleive if application were made to my Nephew by any of his freinds in Town he would not refuse standing alderm[an] Yesterday I re[ceive]d your 2 Rundlets of Brandy & I hope they will prove good shall order my servt Mewburne to pay you for them I am Sr

Your obliged humble servt

For Mr John Kelley Merch[an]t in Newcastle

**1 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Feb 1 1710/11

James

I rec[eive]d yours of the 27th & you may pay Mr Wilkinson the Cellar rent I doubt not but I may have Liberty if I have occasion to put a little in it now & then which will not be much for I Designe to Dispose of it as it comes to Newcastle

I have a 110 p[ie]ce[s] of Lead in the Cellar I wish you could sell it Either to Mr Fenwick Mr Featherstone or Mr Kelley

I hope to have to have a good Quantity at Newcastle against Aprill then trade will begin to <str.> let me know the price of Lead I have rec[eive]d the brandy which Mr Kelley sent me it comes to £6 4s 9d which you may pay at your own conveniency p[er]haps he may buy the 110 p[ie]ce[s] of Lead I wish you could sell it because shall have occasion in a short time for money upon this mallancholly occasion for my dear daughters funerall will cost me severall hundred pounds Assoon as you get the fish send then by Chapman for lent is nigh at hand I am

Your Assured freind

The Seales and Weights in the Lead Cellar are my own so let them stand there I can Easily Guess at the Discourse Sr John Delavall had with you however Acq[ui]n]t me in your next

5 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie

Feb 5

Dear Sr

Both my self and family are Infinitely obl[iged] to you for the great favour you have done us in the a ship for my son tis a good livelihood for him & I hope hell have the grace allways to own his rise from you for my own part shall allways be sensible of the great obligations I owe to you upon his Acc[oun]t

I heartyly thank you for the Concerne you have for the loss of my dear Daughter Blacet my poor wifes greif is unexpressible & I doubt will not live long after her She sees none that knew her daughter but she falls into a passion of Weeping Immediately I hope time with little Misses Company may some measure mittigate her greif which pray god grant you did very well not to bespeak the Watch. when you come into the Country will be time Enough to adjust matters betwixt us Capt Millington & Mrs Jones Desires their humble service may be acceptable & pray believe me allways D[ea]r Sr

Most Affect[ionately] yours

For the Honourable John Aislabie Esq

5 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett

Feb 5

D[ea]r Maria

I rec[eive]d yours this morning as also one from Mr Aislabie who acq[ui]n[t]ed me with the good news that he has got Nedde a Ship & will in a short time make Intro[ductio]n for a <Post > or ship for him which Ime infinitely obligd to him for be sure w[he]n you see my Brother Bridges give my most humble service & thanks to him for his obligeing kind letter which I shall allways own as a particular favour from him with my blessing to you I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

Acq[ui]n[t] Nedde that I will send him up a bill shortly

5 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett

[Note: undated but between others of 5th Feb]

Sr

I p[er]ceive by yours the price of Barley & oats with you Considering the times both the Graines are Cheaper here I have no occasion my self for Waggon Wheels but if youl send them to Newcastle you need not in the least Question a Chapman for them

I am Sr Your very humble servt

**5 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

Feb 5

Dear Nedde

I p[er]ceive by Mr Aislabie this post that he's signd your Commission to Command the Phenix a sixth Rate & you are designed for the Channell Service & after you have servd some time in her he'll take the first opportunity to advance you so you may see w[ha]t obligations both you & I have to him be sure you be both Diligent & Carefull & I hope you need not Question in a little time better preferm[ent]s

have writ to y[ou]r Bro[ther] Kit by this post to pay you fifty pounds & in a little time I hope shall be able to spare you more shall send him a bill for y[ou]r moneys in a very little time with my blessing to you I am

Your most Affect[ionate] father

be sure you take care to returne Mr Aislabie a great many thanks & also wait upon Mr Paton

**5 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Feb 5

Dear Kitte

I rec[eive]d a letter by this post from Mr Aislabie that he has got your Bro[ther] a ship & in a little time he hopes to Advance him into a better so pay him fifty pounds & shall order a bill to be sent you from Newcastle in a post or 2 for that sum with my service to Mr Primate & your partner

I am Your most Affect[ionate] father

**6 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Feb 6

Mr Ward

I am very sorry to hear that you have not been well of late I hope tis only some small fit of the Gout or the like tis a very sickly time not only in this part of the Countrey but all over England with my service to your self and family

I am Your assured freind to serve

the moneys you sent by your servt came very right. Pray take care to get Fawcets farme let

**6 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Matthew Featherstone**

Feb 6

Sr

I p[er]ceive by my servt Mewburne that he logd some time agoe £50 in your hand so I Desire you will do me the favour not to fail to procure me a bill for that sum and at a short date made payable to Christ[opher] Blacket & Com[pany] &c Inclose it to him at the white hart on broad street hill by the very first post & youl much oblige

Sr Your very humble servt

For Mr Ald[erman] Featherstone N Cas[tle] Merch[an]t

**8 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

Feb 8

Good Mrs Gray

I'me very sorry to hear you continue so Ill of your Cold I would advise you by all means to come to Newby & stay 4 or 5 months for if you Continue at yorke you'l soon be past recovery so you had best take my advice in time

If Mr Geldart have any Extrordinary good <Pille> Sturgeon I desire you will buy me a Cagg but may tast[e] it first that it be not salt if it be do not meddle with it,

If there be any Extrordinary good red herrings in Town Pray send me by the bearer 3 penniworth if I like them shall send for a hundred or 2 this lent

with my service to Mr Gray I am

Your assured freind to serve you

my wife will write you by the bearer so pray take rec[eip]ts for w[ha]t you pay have paid your Kinsman & have made a bargaine with him for some painting

**9 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

Feb 9

Honest Jacob

I rec[eive]d your letter which gives me very great satisfaction in every particular I have & allwayes had a very good opinion both of your honesty & Judgm[en]t for am very Certaine you never gave me the least reason to think otherways, when I reckon with Will Lowes shall take care of your notes & Inclose you them You do not write me

whether the Undertakers has made a pay let me know what lead they have made since the beginning for I have not had any reckoning with them I doubt not but you will take care to get all the lead to Newcastle in March & then I Question not but to make a clear pay I am

Your assured freind

**9 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Feb 9 1710/11

James

I writ a Letter last post to Mr Featherstone to Desire him to send a bill to London for £50 & Inclose it to my son Christ[opher] & Com[pany] he is to pay it to his Brother Nedde who has at last got a Man of Warr which will maintaine him very well If he has not done it be sure you make it your Endeavours to get one & Inclose it to My Son Kitte & Com[pany] &c fail not to give a line by Saturday nights post to

Your assured freind

**11 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to John Sharp**

Feb 11

Dr Sr

Am Infinitely oblig'd to you for the Concerne you have for the unexpressible loss in the death of my dear Daughter Blacket my Wife is so mightily Concern'd that I doubt it will much shorten her dayes nothing can be a Comfort to her but your little playfellow who has not been very well of late but Doctor Johnsons Advice I thank god has perfectly recovered her who was here 2 or 3 dayes lately you may Imagine my wife is in Continual fear for her she having never had the smallpox & they are very much stirring in the Neighbourhood

I heartily thank you for the good service you have done my freind Mr Livingstone if my poor lord Teviot had been liveing he would have owned his great obligation to you upon that Account

All this family gives their humble service to your self & Lady & pray beleive me allwayes

most affect[ionately] yours

For John Sharp Esqr Member of Parliam[en]t

**11 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Captain Beale**

Feb 11 1710/11

Honest Capt Beale

Am very glad to p[er]ceive by yours that you are in good health tis a long time since I had the satisfaction of a line from you According to your Desire have Inclosed you a letter to my freind Com.r Ogle which you may peruse seal & Deliver & I doubt not but he will do you all the service in his power be sure you fail not to write me a line assoon as you have Delivered the Inclosd I am Sr

Your assured freind to serve you

For Capt Beale at L[on]d[on]Derry Ireland  
Via London

**11 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Samuel Ogle**

Feb 11

Dr Sr

Ime Infinitely obligd to you for your great Kindness to my friend Capt Beale who is very sencible of it & I Desire the Continuance of your favour to him & If in any thing I can be serviceable to you in these parts please to Command Sr

Your most obligd humble serv

For Sam[ue]l Ogle Esqr

**12 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Matthew Featherstone**

Feb 12

Sr

I rec[eive]d both your letters and thank you for the bill you Inclosd my son you may be sure to have the refusall of Fallowfeild household goods before I Dispose of them Ime very glad to hear that fallowfeild is like to prove so well I wish it were ten times better both for your sakes & my own tis impossible to set a Just vallue on the slags & dead heaps & In case Fallowfeild prove as I wish it you will have made a Considerable Quantity in a little time of both sorts let me know w[ha]t youl give me for the old slags & old dead heaps for I shall not Dispose of them that shall be got in your time you may work them up at your own Conveniency as you do the ore, pray let me know by the first post the price of lead & whether there be any Demand for it & whether you think the free Commerce which we are likely to have with france will not much advance the price I am

Your assured friend to serve you

For Mr Featherstone & Com<pany> Newcastle

**15 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

[Note: undated but between others of 12th and 15th feb. 15th used here.]

Dear Maria

Beneath you have a bill of Exchange for £25 which you may send to your Brothers partner & <hel> receive the moneys for you when due you must allwayes take care to Answer Every letter I write I write you one the 6 of this month & might have had an answer of it this day know if of Mr Aislable with my humble service to him has rec[eive]d my Letter with thanks upon my son Neddes Acc[oun]t with my blessing to you both I am

**15 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to John Shaftoe**

Feb 15

Mr Shaftoe

My Steward Mr Lowes Inclosed me your letter with your proposalls about working out the old black slags I cant say but your proposals are pretty reasonable but must take some time to Consider of them you know your bargaine is not out till August & am very willing you should be sooner Concerned then any other provided you will do them as Cheap as for the new slags I have nothing to do with them they belong to the undertakers

When Mr Loraine was at Newby I perceive my servt & he made soe sort of a b<lind> bargaine he set my name to it but it is no way binding being neither upon stamp paper nor no security given from him for his P[er]formance as He & you has formerly been partners I would by all means have you Continue so & shall let you a leas[e] for 2 5 or 7 years as we shall agr[ee] & the more people you Employ the more lead youl <work> & so consequently the more your Advantage & Inclosed is a letter to Mr Loraine which you may P[er]use seal & send to him upon the rec[eip]t of this Letter give a line to your assured freind you may direct for for me at Newby in Yorkeshire

Mr John Shaftoe Merch[an]t in Hexham Northumberland

**15 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Feb 15

Honest Will

I rec[eive]d yours with Mr Shaftoes letter I gave him an answer of it this post however have sent a Copy of it their bargaine is not out till August I would by all means to have Mr Shaftoe and Mr Loraine as they have been partners to Continue so & shall let them a bargaine for 2 5 or 7 years & when I come to Newcastle in June will order them both to meet me there & take their security for their <part> & there conclude it & <hand> them a lease which you may tell Mr Shaftoe <then> I hope by this time you have got up all the moneys that is due you for rents & arrears wood &c ass soon as the weather is good I would Desire you to come to Newby that we may set all things straight.

I don't doubt but you have heard long Ere this the Mallancholly news from Newby of the death of my dear daughter Blacket who was one of the most senciblest & finest young women in England which is an unexpressible loss to this family & I doubt will much shorten my wifes dayes she being the only child that Ever she had

be sure upon rec[eip]t of this letter let me know w[ha]t weather you have in the north for at present we have a very great snow here & mighty scarce of hay for it has & will cost this year above a £100 in hay

I am Your assured freind

**15 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Ralph Loraine**

15 Feb

Mr Loraine

I p[e]rceive the mem[oran]d[um] of a bargaine that you & my brot[her] made you have shewd it to severall people and Call it a new leace of all the old Waste & Slags about the mill if you look upon it to be so youl be mightily mistaken tis true My servt owns he set my name to it but when I make a lease it must be upon stamp paper otherways it is void & besides I must have Security when any takes a leace for their P[er]formances & that must likewise be upon Stamp papers I do beleive that Mr Shaftoe has been your particular freind so I would not by no means to have you & him to Differ but to Continue in partnership as you began & shall let you a Lease of all the old wast[e]s & slags about the mill for what terme of years you please I will treat with none about this bargaine bur Mr Shaftoe & your self so you may Depend upon it I am  
Your freind

To Ralf Loraine these [presents] Fallowfeild

15 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart

Feb 15

Honest Jacob

I rec[eive]d your letter with an acc[oun]t w[hi]ch p[ie]ce[s] of lead is due to me from the undertakers & let me assure you once againe that nothing pleases me more then the flourishing of Fallowfeild lead mines both for my own sake & the undertakers for twas allwayes my great Desire rather to have a £200 a year without trouble then three with trouble

Phill[i]p Leece I perceive had some [bus]iness nigh newby so he Came in the Evening <to. see me for should take it very Ill if any old servt <of> mine should come within ½ a mile of me & <not> call to see me I must do him that Justice that he never namd fallowfeild grove out of his mouth for severall houres till I askd him if he knew how it was he told me had not been there for severall years only heard some people talk that it was pretty good & that he was resolvd to go & see it in a little time I know so much of Phillip that he shall be the very last man in the World that I should Employ for a Steward knowing very well the real diffirence he made amongst my brothers work people as likewise amongst my own w[hi]ch was the reason we both <turned> him of<f> I must own I never had a Steward in my life that I have so great an opinion of both for Judgement & honesty as your self never Designs to part with you out of my service provided you will be moderate in your sallary which I do not Question but you will I perceive in your letter that there is a rep[or]t that I give you but £10 a year & that I offerd Phillip £20 you must not give Cr[edit] to those foolish Idle reports & pray do not write me any more of them for it does but vex me when I hear them below you have a Coppy of a proposall I had lately which give me your opinion of & w[ha]t you think fit to be Inserted in it I am

Your assured

16 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Note: undated but between 15th and 20th Feb. 16th used here]

Honest Mr Ward

When you see Mr Pepp<er> you may acq[ua]in[t] him that he may have a Whey Calf but you must acq[ua]in[t] him they are double the price I usd to sell them at & are allmost all bespoken I <can..> by an ordionary Calf for selling here under 20s meat is at so Extravagant a price I Designe to sell all my Stock & must Desire your Assistance I p[er]ceive several noble men Designes to buy some of my Cowes & young Cattle & my Neighbouring Gent[lemen] are likewise Desireous to do the same am very glad to hear that you are pretty well recovered but by no means come to Newby till the Weather be better am sure there is very little liklehood of it at present Am very sorry for poor Mr Lamptons Illness I never in the least thought he was Inclineable to a Consumption & I

hope his Phisician is mistaken in his Judgm[en]t pray let me know w[ha]t his name is for I doubt you are Ill provided & w[he]n you see Mr Lampton let him know the Concerne I have for him you may depend upon a Calf & so may your brother upon all the Intrest I have to help him to a place with my service to all your good family I am

Your assured freind

**16 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Mrs Cuthbertson**

[Note: undated but between 15th and 20th Feb. 16th used here]

Dear Mrs Cuthbertson

My Neighbour Mr Hinks has been with me & shewd me 2 sever[a]l letters from you that in case he did not pay your money in July you would throw him out of possession of his Estate he is promisd your sum as Ime Informd of two severall persons in my Neighbourhood & likewise does Engage to me to clear your Intrest by mayday or soon after so I desire youl give him no trouble & youl oblige

Your assured freind to serve you

pray give my service to Mr Thompson & family I wish they would table my self & a Dozen of my family for a month after the <Races> & should give him their own rate & if it stood w[i]th their Conveniency would table with them all next winter

**16 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Matthew Featherstone**

[Note: undated but between 15th and 20th Feb. 16th used here]

Sr

I perceive the Offer you make me by your letter is to work up my Slaggs & give me a 1/5 when at this very time I lett them at £3 10s Pr Tunn & clear of all Charges so you may well Judge of my profit have all ready made severall hundred pounds of this the proposall I made to you was w[ha]t you would give me in money for the old slags & dead heaps I dont Question but to make some thousand pounds of them I dont think it possible they should be wrought up in many years, for often times in <summer> they want Water so that they cant wash the waste so let me know w[ha]t sum youl give me in hand for all the old slags & dead heaps, & then you may work them at your own time, I might[ily] rejoyce to hear both for your sake & my own that Fallowfeild is likely to prove as good as she has formerly been I wonder you do not make another hearth in the Mill for Ime sure the Axlletree will Carry it & your Charge will be Inconsiderable We shall now have a Free trade with france so that lead must needs rise in price Considerably let me know whether you have occasion for that lead I have in the Cellar otherwayes shall dispose of it to Mr Ald[er]man Fenwick I am

Your humble servt

For Mr Alderm[a]n Featherstone

**20 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to Walter Calverley**

Feb 20

Dr Sr

Am very much obligd to you for your kind Invitation to my daughters they shall not fail to pay their respects to you & my dear neice the beginning of the next week with all service from hence to your self & Lady I am D[ea]r Nephew

Most Affect[ionately] yours

For Walter Calverley Esqr At Calverly nigh Bradford

**21 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Feb 21 1710/11

Honest Will

These are to Desire you not to faile to come to Newby assoon as Conveniently you can & bring with you as much money as will set all things streight betwixt us shall make no pay at fallowfeild till the Lead be sold at Newcastle so let me know by the very first post w[hi]ch day I may Expect you I have more then ordionary occasion for money at this time being lately at a very great Expencc about my dear daughter Blackets funeral

I am your Assured freind

For Mr Wm Lowes

**22 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Feb 22

James

I rec[eive]d your Letter on the 17th as allso the fish on Tuesday last by Chapman the Carrier, they are the very best that Ever I did see & I do not in the least Question but they will prove very well. I would willingly have Will Lowes to come over that we may set straight for there is a very long reckoning betwixt us so do you write a letter to him by the first post to hasten his Journey as much as possibly you can

**23 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to William Livingston**

[Note: Wm Livingston was MP for Aberdeen between 8th Feb 1711 and 1713, 'seated on petition in February 1711, drawing support from English Tory interests as well as from business' (D.W.Hayton, History of Parliament 1690-1715). Undated letter but between 22nd and 26th Feb. 23rd used here.]

Sr

I have the favour of your letter & am very glad to perceive that my Intrest has so good success Mr Sharp & severall other yorkshire [struck out: 'Gent'] Members gave me an acct of it before yours came to my hand

pray acq[ua]in[t] me whether my good freind my Lord Teviot rec[eiv]e[d] my letter before he fell sick wherein I assured him I would write to all my freinds on your behalf being Sr

Your faithfull humble servt

For Mr Livingston Esqr Member of Parliam[en]t <these> <presents> London

**26 Feb 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Feb 26

Honest Will

this is a Copy of my last so be sure you come to Newby with as much money as will set all things streight betwixt us & the so[o]ner you can possibly come the better I wish you could speak to parson Bentham & he would Acq[ua]in[t] you how fallowfeild Leadmines is before you come for I beleive they are Extrordionary rich

**1 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

March 1

Mr Ward

Am sorry to perceive by yours of poor Fawcets misfortune I hope will only be the loss of one of his fingers for if the Mel had hit upon his whole hand it might have ruined him

I have at present a very fine Whie Calf & If Mr Pepper will send for it you & he must adjust the price

I have a good Quantity of Lead aforehand If I could sell it & receive the money betwixt this & June Will Walker may Depend upon his sum but that is not positively to be relied on but the half year after he may depend upon it so I Desire you will take care of it

Inclod is a Letter which I rec[eive]d last post out of the north which peruse & returne & pray let me know how poor Mr Lampton Does I am

Your assured freind

**1 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Leonard Bentham**

March 1 1710/11

Mr Bentham

I heartily thank you for your letter of the 26th I have not rec[eive]d a Letter that pleasd me better this many years I wonder the Undertakers does not set on another hearth for they may do at a very little Charge the Axlletree being so very good

Pray know of Ger[a]rd what bings of Oar he may Judge the severall bargainers may get betwixt the takeing of there bargaine & the 25 of March, I know tis Impossible to be Exact in it but to the best of his Judgm[en]t I shall not faile to let you know when I hear my Nephew will be at Newby

what you Disburse for your Letters & mine shall be thankfully repayd you by  
Your Assured freind to serve you

For The Revd Mr Bentham At St John Lees nigh  
Hexham Northumberland

**1 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

March 1

Honest Jacob

I rec[eive]d yours on the 22th with your advice Concerning letting of the slaggs I do so Intirely Depend upon your Judgem[en]t that I shall not Concerne my self in the letting of them bur refer them to you

What washing Tubbs sive bottoms &c which I shall not have occasion for my self, sell them to the undertakers You know they have made use of them above 12 months so If they anything worse for their using it is but reasonable they should make them good, I wonder in your letters you never name Fallowfeild groves I hear by severall hands that she is much richer then ever she was Either in my fathers time or mine, which pray god Continue her a long time so for I am as glad of it as the undertakers can be let me know in your next Letter how far from the day the ore has & how broad the vaine is & how many shafts they work it I am

Your assured friend

**1 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

March 1

James

Inclosed I send you Mr Hargrave the Attorneys bill in English being you know there was little done I think it is very unreasonable however give my service to him & pay him but tell him that I hope hel use me well for I may in a little time be a very good Customer to him & get him to make w[ha]t abatem[en]t you possibly can I have Inclosed you likewise my Attorneys letter & you may see w[ha]t reflections he makes upon his bill which you may make use of when you discover Mr Hargrave but do not shew him your Letter Acq[ua]in[t] Will Lowes that I orderd you to write to him to hasten his Journey with all possible speed for & that I expected him at Newby long before this Acq[ua]in[t] me w[ha]t a Coale & salt trade Mr Rodgers has had this last year & whether he be often at your lodge & If Sr John & his daughter be in mourning or not I hear that Mr Alderm[a]n Featherstone hes dangerous[ly] Ill but I hope it is not so

**2 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

March 2d

Dear Nedde

This is a Copy of my last, since I have not heard from you, write me as often as Conveniently you can & let me hear where your ship is in <France> whether in Com<pany> of some other ships or by your self, if you can borrow £300 I will be bound with you for it, & Charge your portion with it, as I have done with your two Brothers, for the moneys which they have had, tho I think you'd better have a little patience the more you have now the Less you'l have to take hereafter & If I could sell my Lead which I hope to do In a short time would raise you the moneys my self with my blessing to you

I am

I have sent for a Piper for you which I Expect to here in a Week shall send him to Mr Smirk & you must order him where to send him to & send him a Ticket his name is John Gallant

**2 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Thomas Pickering**

March 2d

Sr

I long to hear w[ha]t you have done in my Concerne pray Acq[ua]in[t] me by the very first post & youl oblige Sr

Your Humble servt

For Mr Tho Pickring

**5 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to John Shaftoe**

March 5

Mr Shaftoe

I rec[eive]d you letter with your proposals & when your bargaine is nigh out you may Depend upon it my Steward Jacob Peart shall give you the refusall of the bargaine of the slaggs & wasts at the Mill w[ha]t bargaine my servt made w[i]th Mr Loraine I do not know but only that it was Conditionall provided I was pleasd with it I am

Your

**6 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Jack Scott**

[Note: Scott was the crane master at York]

March 6

Mr Scot

I rec[eive]d yesterday two h[ogs]h[ea]ds full of bottles markd on EB & the boatman saith you told him they were for me I have had no advice of them so pray let me know by the post b[o]y (who is the be[a]rer hereof) If you know from whence they come pray Informe me w[ha]t the Knaresbrough people pays p[er] Tunn for freight water idge & Craneidge from London Excuse this trouble from

Your Assured freind & servt

For Mr Jach Scot Yorke

**7 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Julia Calverley**

[Note: assumed to be addressd to Julia Calverley (formerly Blackett) EB's neice (daughter of his brother William Blackett)]

March 7 1710/11

Dear Neice

Your request to me is shall allwayes be an absolute Command so my Children will trouble with their Companies till my Nephew Calverley returne from Yorke

P[er]ceive I have the good fortune to be your Valentine & have sent you by the bearer a Couple of hancker[chiefs] which is all I have left [struck out: 'that are unwashed that came'] that were never used which I had from holland If had more of them they should be heartily at your service & pray believe me allwayes

Most Affect[ionately] yours

**8 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Isabella Blackett**

[Note: undated but between 7th and 9th March 8th assumed here]

Dear Bella & Christ[ian]

I rec[eive]d both your letters my Neice Calverly Desires you may stay with her till my Nephew returns from Yorke so let me know w[ha]t time he Designs to returne & shall send for you the day after am sure you have been troublesome Enough allready with my blessing to you both

I am Your most affect[ionate] father

**9 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

March 9 1710/11

Good Mrs Gray

Mr Mawde told Doctor Johnson that he though[t] Mrs Squires would let that part of the house they dwell in & In case they did that Sr Edwd should have the first profer of it but in case they should alter their minds should be willing to take Sr Hen Goodricks house provided it be large Enough for our family which I hope it is we shall find all puter & Linen & the beds & furniture will be no worse for standing for we shall leave everything in as good order as we found them pray let me know at your own Convenience how many beds there is in the house

Sr Edwd Desires you will give his humble service & thanks to Mr Tomlinson &c but he is unwilling to buye a house

we have rec[eive]d the Casks & the Cag of Sturgeon but have not as yet tasted of it

Sr Edwd wants some white wine so send by his 2 servts half a Gallon of your very best in 4 pint bottles for a taste & he will send for a horse load the week after you must likewise send the price of it

Pray give Sr Edw[ard] service <sincere> to Sr Henry Goodrick & his Lady when you see them

Pray call upon Mr Collon & know if my gloves be done which I sent for a good while since am afraid he has forgot them tis so long since If they be done I Desire they may be send thence by our servts tomorrow I hope when Assizes are over we shall see you here & then I shall give you a further answer to your Letter

is all from Your assured freind to serve you

**10 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

March 10

Honest Jacob

I p[er]ceive Mr Loraine offers to do all the slaggs Cheaper then any has yet so you may make an agreem[en]t with him let it be upon stamp paper & Inclose it to me & shall signe it I am

Your assured freind

**10 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Philipp Leece**

March 10

Mr Leece

I rec[eive]d yours on the 27 for which I thank you for as for w[ha]t you write me about Jacob peart it is a very Idle report for I never heard a word of it Either from him or any other person till this day Mr Loraine told me that an Apothecary in your town one Mr Ellet told him that I had sent a Letter for you & offerd you my business at fallowfeild & that you refused it so you may Judge they are nothing but lies & stories so you must take no notice of them I am

Your assured freind

**11 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to William Thompson**

March 11

Mr Thompson

I last post rec[eive]d Mr Hall your agents bill Taxd London you have an opportunity please to come to Newby & I will discharge it pray remember me Kindly to your father, mother & Mrs Cuthbertson I am

Your humble servt

To Mr Wm Thompson Yorke

**11 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Thomas Pickering**

March 11

Sr

I rec[eive]d yours with Mr Thompsons Bill Taxd which I was in hopes would have been more I am sencible your did your utmost to serve me & I thanke you for the trouble you have taken & I Desire you will give me a line what I am Indebted to you which shall be duely Dischargd by

Your humble servant

To Mr Tho Pickering at his Chambers in Bernards Inn Near Holbourne London

**15 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to John Wilkinson**

March 15 1710/11

Sr

I p[er]ceive by my son Christ[opher] that you have a large Coarse black stond horse you would gladly part withall & have occasion for such a one for my Waggon so pray let me know by the first post how many hands high he is by the standard & what white he has one him whether a star or a <snip> or a white foot & If he be a smooth Lim[be]d horse & his very lowest price

with my service to all your good family I am Sr

Your assured freind & Kinsman

pray Acq[ua]int me the price of Lead & whether there be any Demand for it

**15 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

March 15 1710/11

James

I rec[eive]d yours as allso one from Mr Hargrave who I look upon to be one of the honestest Attorneys that Ever I dealt withall, & when you see him be sure you give my service to him & Acq[ua]int him that I Rec[eive]d his letter & when I have occasion shall allwayes make use of him

I p[er]ceive you designe for Acomb on Monday so be sure you Discourse Ger[ar]d Dobson & do you & he Judge w[ha]t Quantity of Ore there may be above ground & may Judge they may get before their bargaine be out which is the 25th, I had a Letter last week that 3 men got a 100 bing in one Week so she must be prodigiously rich

give my service to Mr Fenwick & know if he[']ll bye 30 40 or 50 Fodders of Lead of me & shall only receive the moneys as I have occasion by a bill of a £100 at a time make this proposall to Mr Featherstone first

I wrote by this post a Letter to Mr Wilkinson about a Coarse black horse he has so go & give my service to him & see him & let me know Exactly how many handfulls high he is by the standard & w[ha]t white he has upon him & whether he be a strong smooth lim[be]d horse or not for I have occasion for such a one for my Waggon & his very lowest price & his <shapes> as you can Discribe him whether a good forehead good Eyes a short Joynted horse & strong smo[o]th Limbs when you go to my go to my Cosen Wilkinsons let my Cosen Simson know I orderd you to give my service to her & know how she does I am

Your assured freind

Acq[ua]int me whether he be a jet black horse or not give my Service to Mr Bentham  
acquaint him I rec[eive]d his Letter

I p[er]ceive the undertakers has left of Working the old works so order Jacob to send  
for the man that made the Ginn to take it in peices & to <draine> it & do you likewise  
speak to him that made the Ginn & send him to Fallowfeild for he lives nigh Newcastle  
give me a full answer of this by Saturday nights post to

**16 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

[Note: The Bishop of Ely's lady was EB's sister-in-law Dorothy Barnes, once married to  
brother Michael]

March 16

Dear Nedde

I rec[eive]d your Letter this morning Alderman Lister is now with me who Declares  
to me that he has no moneys but as much as will Car[r]y on his own trade about a year  
or two agoe he bought a Considerable purchase of Land & about a month agoe has  
bought the house & shop he lives in at Ripon of Mrs Gill so he cant possibly spare any  
moneys If your sister Maria speak to the Bishop of Ely lady to know of any Lord if he  
have £300 to put out its ten to one but hel lend it you & Ile be bound with you for it, for  
after you have signd the bond tis but Inclose in it to me & shall signe it here & returne  
it so acq[ua]int your sister with What I write with my blessing to you I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

**19 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to John Wilkinson**

[Note: Recipient not named, but since this concerns the purchase of the horse  
previously mentioned, is assumed to have been John Wilkinson]

March 19 1710/11

Sr

I have sent the bearer my servt for the horse I perceive he is a very Course one so I  
do Not doubt in the least but you will make the price accordingly with my best services  
to your self & good family I am

Your affect[ionate] Kinsman

**20 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Isabella Blackett**

[Note: Undated but between 19th and 25th March. 20th used here.]

March

Dear Bella & Christ[iana]

You now have give my Nephew & Neice Calverley sufficient trouble with your Companies so tis full time for you to returne be sure you give my most humble service & thanks to them both

You may Acq[ua]int the housekeeper my wife will depend of her & assoon as her time is out she may come when she pleases she may send her trunk at any time by the Leeds Carrier to Ripon Directed to be left at Mr Alder[man] Lister with my blessing to you both I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

**23 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

[Note: Undated but between 19th and 25th March. 23rd used here.]

Honest Will

I rec[eive]d yours by the bearer am sorry to perceave by the Inclosed that Dodd should be such a Notorious rogue as to Mortgage his land twice be sure you let me know whether it be so or no & whether his land be sufficient to make both the Mortgages good

When the sap Goes remember to sell me a good Quantity of Wood as much as possibly you can I wonder you should have so <pr> weather with you for we here have never had better at this time of the year Hay is mighty scarce with us yet Corne & Chattell keeps at very good prices let me hear from you assoon as possible in

I am Your assured freind

**23 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

[Note: Undated but between 19th and 25th March. 23rd used here, allowing enough time for a letter of the 19th to have arrived from Northumberland]

Honest Jacob

I rec[eive]d yours of the 19th & do let Mr Loraine his bargaine he is a very honest poor man & I think his proposalls are not unreasonable but if you think any of them be you may Alter it as you think fit but I would by all means have that poor man Employd & be sure you <tell> him <use> that he make no Idle days when water & weather serves I would have you to go to Newburn when the first of my Lead goes down & shew

them where to Lay it & order them not to Lay the undertakers lead where mine lies I think it is but very reasonable that my Lead should go in first being I made the bargain at first with the Carriers

I p[er]ceive by yours the No. of peices I have at the Mill but you made a Mistake in the Undertakers lead for you say they have lieing at the Mill 435 p[ie]ce[s] & that my 5th p[ar]t is 85 but if you divide it rightly by 5 youl find it comes to 87

I know Mr Featherstone or Mr Mowberry will willingly Lend you a Coyle of Rope so give the man notice assoon as possibly you canto come to Fallowfeild I draw up the Ginn & do you Dispose of the Ginn & the Chaine at as good a price as you can I leave that & all other my Concerns to your prudent Manedgm[en]t

It is now the time that there will be demand for Lead so the sooner both mine & the Undertakers are at Newcastle the better you may hire so many more draughts for a week or ten days in case there be occasions for the speedy Carriage of it down for you must tell the Carriers it is upon a <force put> & if they will not hire them you must so I hope They will not in the least Scruple the hiring of them when they know the reall Occasion I am

Your assured freind

be sure you fail not to write me a line

### **23 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Isabella Blackett**

[Note: Undated but between 19th and 25th March. 23rd used here.]

Dear Bella & Christ[iana]

I had sent for you last tuesday but that I rec[eive]d your Letter Am sure you have given my Nephew & neice Ca[l]verley sufficient trouble with your Companies besure you give my most humble service & thanks to them both

yours

### **23 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: Undated but between 19th and 25th March. 23rd used here.]

James

I p[er]ceive by your last Letter that you Designe for Fallowfeild so I long to hear w[ha]t Charreacter you give of the Mines be sure you write to Jacob to hasten down my Lead w[i]th all possible speed to Newcastle for I can Dispose of it all it were there I am

You

**25 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

March 25

Dear Nedde

I rec[eive]d yours of the 22th I do not know any one person that I can write to in London upon such an affaire as you Desire, I believe if you spoke your self to Mr Bateman he p[er]haps might furnish you with one hundred pounds & assoon as I have sold my Lead which I hope will be shortly shall send you a bill

Parces brother who plays very well of the pipes is now at Newby he is about 15 or 16 years old let me know by the very first post whether you would have him sent up by the Carr[i]er or not he Designed to have gone on thursday next but is Disappointed, so shall have time Enough to hear from you before the next Carier go you make up your Letters after so odd a manner that they come double chargd to me with my blessing to you I am

Your most Affect[i]onate] father

**25 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Dr Johnson**

March 25 1710/11

Sr

Am very much obligd to you for the favour of your Letter as allso the Inclosd I perceive the young Ladys are unwilling to let the house furnishd so shall have no further thoughts of it the furniture which I would had left would have been no worse for useing but better that is to say beds tables glases stands Chairs Chester drawers &c for all manner of Linning, puter, & other small things, might send from Newby, pray my humble service to your bro[ther] Dawson when you see him

Sr Your obliged humble servt

For Doctor Johnson at his house in Yorke

**29 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to Leonard Bentham**

Mar 29 1711

Hon[e]st Mr Bentham

Since I rec[eive]d your last I hear the Ill news that the Shaft where the 3 men are working is very much faild pray let me know by the first post whether it be so or no

when your Occasions calls you to york should be very glad to see you at Newby If I hear when my Nephew comes down you shall be sure to have timely notice I am

Your assured freind to serve you

Acq[ain]t me how many shafts in the feild they draw ore at

**29 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to John Wilkinson**

March 29 1711

Sr

My servt Brought the horse very Carefully home he did but walke him all the way but the day after his legge swelld very much he never haveing any Exercise was the occasion of it then I hope to have him well againe in a little time I have given him one Purge & am advisd to give him another next week

Pray give my service to my Cos Simpson & acq[ain]t her that for some months past I have had a great Dizziness in my head & a trembling and shakeing all over my body I beleive my mother was so some time before she died for her Distemper lay much in her head, I have had advice from London I hope if pleas god when warme weather comes shall be perfectly well again with my service to all your good family I am

Your affect[ionate] Kinsman & humble servt

pray acq[ain]t me where my Nephew Michael Mitford is whether in Flanders or Spaine

**29 Mar 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Mar 29

James

I p[er]ceive by yours on the 26th that the grove w[hi]ch was very rich where the 3 men wrought att is much faild which am very sorry to hear be sure you let me know by Saturday nights post how she was when you left her & w[ha]t opinion the men has of her & how many other shafts at the feild they get ore at for Jacob never writes me one syllable how the groves are fail not to write to Jacob by the first post to hasten down my Lead assoon as possibly can be for the Russey fleet will go from Newcastle shortly & they carry a Considerable Quantity of Lead w[i]th them give my service to Mr Alder[man] Ridley & tell him I am very sorry to hear of his fathers death & that I desire when he has any occasion for Lead that hel buy of me and give my service Likewise to Mr Fenwick & Desire the same of him & order James Clarke to weigh it off when they have occasion for it Acq[ua]int James Clarke that my Cosen Wilkinson gives me leave to Lay my Lead in the Cellar as formarly I usd to do one pair of seale & Weights I bought of My Bro. Michell which is in that Cellar Pay Mr Alderman Ramsey & let me see you at Newby at your own Conveniency give my service & thanks to my sister Mitford for her kind Enquiry after my health I have been very much out of order ever since my dear daughter Blackets death have a great Dizziness in my head & a trembling & shakeing all over my body I hope to God when warme weather comes shall be perfectly well againe accq[ua]int me w[ha]t Mr Ridley & Mr Fenwick said to you by a line by Saturday nights post to

I wish you had Lett the Carriage of My Lead when you were at Acomb in Case the old Carriers would not have brought my Lead down before the undertakers & be sure you to all the Carriers to the same purpose

**2 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

[Note: Undated but between 29th March and 6th April. 2nd April used here]

Mr Ward

I have sent by your servt a Calf which is very much <at> your service I perceive my ten[an]t Thomson has made a very Ill Let of my horse for I was offerd seaven pound ten shilling for him before he went of the stable so you may receive w[ha]t he saith he sold him for however put him to no Charge for Ile not pay him one farthing for the Quarter of beef he sent to me when I was at Newcastle without order

Acq[ua]int will Walker that I will pay him w[ha]t am Indebted to him when my bond is due which is the 7th of June & pray do you take care that the ten[an]ts raise the money against that time & If you think they Cant let me know & shall order the money from Newcastle however acq[ua]int them that I have more then ordinary occasion so I doubt they'l not faile to raise their half years rent by that time

Acq[ua]int your Kinswoman that I will Certainly pay w[ha]t am Indebted to her the next half year so that she may have timely notice to lend it to some other person

pray acq[ua]int Mr <H>enneson that I will Dispose of a great many of my Chattle some time after mayday when they are got into a Condition to be sold

I am Your assured freind

**2 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Mr Oxley**

[Note: Undated but between 29th March and 6th April. 2nd April used here]

Mr Oxley

on Tuesday last I was taken with a very Extrao[r]dinary] trembling as If I had been in a high Ague & such a Diziness in my head that I could not stand upon my legs which made my wife send Imediately for Doctor Chambers but before he came it went very much of the next Morning he sent me a Little bottle to be taken 2 Mornings & should give me a stool at noon which accordingly it did tis the very same purge you usd to give me only a less Quantity he sent me likewise a bottle of Spirit of Lavandar so many drops of it to be dropt into my drink & a little box of powder which I do not know the name of for Strengthening my Stomach which all ready I find a great deal of good in as allso another little bottle of drops which I do not know the name of I hope in a very little time by gods blessing I shall be very well againe my daughter Bella is very

much out of order so pray go down to my daughter Wises & let her blood & place your trouble in blooding of her to my Acct

I am Your Assured freind & servt

**2 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Leonard Bentham**

[Note: Undated but between 29th March and 6th April. 2nd April used here]

Honest Mr Bentham

I thank you for the plaine & full acct you give me & pray Continue it when there is any thing <more> to write I

I perceive you had some thoughts of comeing to Newby within fourteen days which I would not have you to do by reason I shall be at york about that time & shall make some stay there but when I returne you shall hear further from

Your Assured freind to serve

**4 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: Undated but between 29th March and 6th April. 4th April used here, allowing enough time for letter of 31st March to reach Newby]

James

I rec[eive]d yours of the 31 with the acct you give me of Fallowfeild mines am very glad they prove so well

have been of late very much out of order but I thank god am now very much better I would have you Come to Newby by next week by reason my wife & I goes to yorke very shortly for ten or fifteen days time give me a line by Saturday nights post w[ha]t time you think youl be at Newby know of James Clarke w[ha]t Quantity of the undertakers lead is come down & whether any of mine be come down or not know likewise of Mr Featherstone w[ha]t Quantity of my Lead wh they sold with their own as allso Enquire of James Clarke which I beleive he can Informe you

**6 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

Apr 6 1711

Dear Kitte

Ime very glad to hear you got well to London Ive have been mightily out of health since you went from Newby but this day I thank god am much better be sure you take particular Care to get a Large bottle of the very best Oyle that can possibly be had in town & ship it in the very first hull vessell the Oylemen knows best how to put it up

Carefully in a strong basket & likewise ship me 2 <cwt> of the best sugar you can afford for about 4<?s> p <lb> or thereabouts send me down by the first Carrier 6lb of P Barley & six pound of French Barley & 6lb of your best Almonds as likewise a pound or two of Dates & a little Quantity of Pistatios Nuts I do not know how they sell them whether by w[eigh]t or measure

The horse you bought for your freind has got a great many warbles in his back so is not fit to be sent up in 8 or 10 days time I hope you will take care to get Will Barker some small place Against he come up the 2 horses you had to Newcastle you rid them so hard back that they are both not worth any thing the C[l]arke of the Assizes stone blind & the other horse can hardly stand upon his legs so I shall be forced to knock them on the heads [&] give them to the dogs when you come into the Countrey againe must take care to be better mounted for you Quite lost your Cr[edit] in borrowing horses

give my humble service to my brother bridges & to honest Mr Harry as also to your p[ar]tner & Your old Master Mr Primate with my blessing to you I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

Acq[ain]t me whether my Nephew blacket owns his marriage or not write me a line by the first post & the Carriers name you sent the oranges by

#### 6 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to William Millington

[Note: from mention of Dunham [Massey] this must be Captain Millington]

Apr 6 1711

Honest Capt

We are very uneasy here till we hear w[ha]t a Journey you had to Dunham the weather was here Extreably good & I hope it was so with you all your journey

I was Extreably Ill that day you went from hence being taken with a severe trembling & shakeing all over & such a great Diziness in my head that I could not stand upon my limbs so they sent Imediately in all haste for the old Doctor who gave me severall things which did me much good & I hope to god in a very short time shall be perfectly well againe

My poor Daughter wise is so dangerously Ill that the old Docter thinks she cannot possiby live long he is her Cheif Phisician by my perswasion she has quite left of the other who you know she had so great an opinion of Mr Jones gives you his humble service he was at Skelton Yesterday to Assist in Drinking the Crown which I lost to Sr Tho Tanckred you may Imagine he was very merry & got a fall in comeing home but was not a farthing worse I much wonder that Considering his bulk he does not hurt himelf when he falls with our kind service to you both hoping to see you both at Newby very shortly I am

Your assured freind to serve you

**8 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to John Stephenson**

Apr 8 1711

Mr Jno Stephenson

rec[eive]d yours as likewise one from Mr Baines of your City about a week agoe to the same purpose Mr Scot sent <his h[ogs]h[ea]ds> & said the master Declard they were for me & I did Expect a parcell from London which made me open them & my butler found many of them broken being very Ill Pack'd If Mr Bradshaw will send a person to repack them he shall have w[ha]t remains whole again for my butler not well understanding it is unwilling to undertake it so pray Informe Mr Bradshaw of this w[i]th my service to him I am

Your servt

To Mr Jno Stephenson Merch[an]t in Yorke

**9 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Apr 9 1711

Honest Will

I <percieve> by yours of the 4[th] that you have Employd one Edwd Dod a Customary ten[an]t for my Ba[i]liff at Warksburne Whoever you think fit to make my Ba[i]liffs am very well pleasd withall for shall not at any time Concerne my self in the least in it

Here is a man that lives nigh me of very great Judgm[en]t in Waterworks If I can prevaile w[i]th him to come I shall & in case he do come let lie at your house & make very much of him & place the Charge to my acct, you will find him a man of Extrordinary Judgement in all business he is a man of Extrordinary good Estate Which makes me doubt shall have much adoe to prevaile with him to go so far however my best Endeavours shall not be a wanting could wish the ways the ways were much better before he begins his Journey I shall give you notice when hel be at your house that you may no[t] be absent If this fine weather Continue youl have sap to go sooner then formarly so be sure you sell as much wood as possibly you can & the more the better & shall take it mighty well if you could dispose of a great <pt> Inclose me the particulars of the last Disbursements by the very first post for I cant tell how to Charge them in the book without them I wonder you should offer to take them away with you I know youl be at the sessions which makes me direct this letter to Morpeth you shall have a Copy of it sent by the Post after to Ridley hall for fear this should Miscarry I am

For Mr Lowes at Morpeth

The Postmaster is Desired to Deliver this Letter

**10 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Mr Browell**

[Note: undated but between others of 9th and 10th April. 10th used here]

Mr Browell

According to your Desire I sent to my Steward Wm Lowes to give me the best Information he could about your concerne with George Dodd & you have herewith his very words wrote me as for Geo Dodd all I cou[l]d learn Concerning him if only by his neighbours that is no witnesses to the bargaine & they say that he had formarly Mortgaged his land for £160 & as they really believe he hath p[ai]d a 100 of the money to Read but that the 60 with some use if yet unpaid I shall god willing see Dodds self at the Sessions & then I beleive will tell me the whole truth when I hear more from my Steward you shall hear further from me I hope after all youl be no looser by him I am

Your humble servt

**10 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

Apr 10 1711

Good Mrs Gray

I give you many thanks for your letter pray let me know by a line by the post w[ha]t day nex[t] week you think will be most Convenient for you to Come to Newby & Sr Edwd Will not fail to send horses for you

I am Your Assured freind

**10 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

[Note: undated but between others of 10th and 11th April. 10th used here]

Honest Will

The above said is a Copy of my last which I sent to Morpeth being you wrote me you Designed to be at the sessions assoon as I see my Neighbour that understands fencing rapid Rivers of the Land & that I can prevaile w[i]th him to go into the north shall give you a timely just notice w[ha]t day he will be w[i]th you that you may not be absent I wish you could Dispose of 2 or 3 hundred pounds of wood & you would do me speciall service for am about bying a house in yorke where <we> Desire allways to live in the winter

**10 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

[Note: undated but between others of 10th and 11th April. 10th used here]

Honest Jacob

I Rec[eive]d yours p[er] Mr Loraine & am Infinitely pleasd with your good managem[en]t have signd him his Lease & I take him to be a very honest poor man & I dare answer will performe his work if pleas god to Continue him his health

I hope you will Dispose of the <Ginn &> chaine to Mr armstrong of hexham for you had better take 19<s> of him then 20 & be at the trouble & Charge of Carrying it to hexham & besides youl loose a waine Carriage of Lead & am very glad to hear that the mines proves well pray god they Continue for I do assure you shall never grudge what the undertakers gets & heartily wishes them all the success Imaginable in their Undertakeings for am sure the more they get the more my Profit pray your Diligence in getting my Lead down assoon as possibly you can for I doubt not the Disposing of it assoon as it Comes to Newcastle we have here Extrordinary good Weather & I hope tis so w[i]th you so that the ways in a little time will be Extrordinary good

I am Your Assured freind

**10 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Leonard Bentham**

[Note: undated but between others of 10th and 11th April. 10th used here]

Honest Mr Bentham

I Rec[eive]d yours of Mr Loraine & I thank you over & over for the plaine & good Acct you give me of my mines which pray god Continue when any thing happens at the mines be sure you give me an acct of it however let me a have a line from you once in 14 days

Acq[ui]t harry Tulip that it is my order that he give you w[ha]t wood you have occasion for to make Gates & have orderd Mr Loraine to tell harry the same have given Mr Loraine a shilling to drink my health with you I am

**10 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

Apr 10 1711

Sr

I rec[eive]d yours of the 5th & am glad you got safe to London I thank you for sending me a Copy of the Clause for Wayleaves I heartily wish you the Desird success which I very much doubt for where a persons Freehold is Concernd the parliam[en]t was allways very Cautious how they Acted

I Observe my Nephew is gone to Newmarket Informe me w[ha]t you hear of his marriage to Mrs Ord I am

Your humble servt

To Mr Tho Brummell at Mr Adsons at the Crown over against Salisbury Court in Fleet Street London

pray Acq[ua]in[t] me what Lead Mr Wilkinson has sent to holland the latter End of the last year & the beginning of this & how much to my son John for my Nephew promis'd all his Lead should go to him

**13 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Thomas Davison**

[Note: Thomas Davison was the son of EB's sister Elizabeth, who married Timothy Davison. Undated but between others of 10th and 14th April. 13th used here]

Dear Nephew

I have sent you by the bearer my servt a Copy of my last Will & Testam[en]t as also 3 Copies Annuities for my 3 younger sons which I Desire your particular Care of as also of the assignm[en]t of my daughter Blackets portion which is in your Custody with my most humble service to your bro Davison when you se[e] him I am

Your most Affect[ionate] uncle

To Mr Tho Davison Newcastle

**14 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

Apr 14 1711

Mr Ward

My son had last half year ten pound more then his allowance & the half year befor 5 which he promis'd to allow in his next half years Allowance but he did not so be sure you Deduct it out of the first moneys you pay him & then hereafter you may allways pay him whats his due for he can Expect no more

pray Acq[ua]in[t] me by the first post how poor Mr Lambt[on] does I am

Your assured freind

**16 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

[Note: Undated but between 14th and 19th April. 16th used here]

Apr

Mr Ward

I thank you for the fish This is the first I have seen of the Kind this year we all Differ here much as to what sort of fish it is some saith it is a Salmond Trout & some a Burne Trout & Others saith it is Quite of an another specie but Let them call it what they will Ime sure it is Extrordionary good fish for I have made my supper of it this night I have seen & eat of a trout which was taken out of Driffeild beck which was sent to my lord archibishop which weighed 5 pound more then this & as <read> as any salmond Pray tell Thomas Thomson that Ile receive no moneys from him but that I order him to pay it to your it self when you send the 2 Leaces they shall be Executed & returnd them pray give me an Acct assoon as possibly you can how poor Mr Lambton does If he have only an Ague shall send him a plaster which will most Certainly Cure him I am

**16 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

[Note: Undated but between 14th and 19th April. 16th used here]

Honest Will

this is the 3d Letter I wrote to you & can receive no answer which I very much admire at be sure you fail not to sell a Considerable Quantity of wood & take care it be to good men that there be no Danger of the paym[en]t I am

Your Assured freind

**19 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

[Note: This possibly refers to John Armstrong, who was a partner in a lease of Hill Close on Alston Moor from 1704 (TNA ADM 75/69). A John Armstrong was mine agent at Allenheads from 1725.]

Apr 19 1711

Honest Jacob

Mr Armstrongs servt was at Newby to see his Relation which is my servt he tels me that he beleives his master has occasion for a Ginn for his Mines at Alston Moor in case he have youl have a good opportunity to sell mine I hope you have got it up before this if not let the Workmen be sent for with all speed I am in great hast[e]

Your Assured freind

**19 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Apr 19

James

I hope you got well home be sure you fail not to send me a bill by Saturday nights post for the ballance of Mr Featherstones Acct & let me know Certainly whether ever there was Difference in the Marke of the lead that was made by the Undertakers it is much better if there be no Difference for then they may Dispose of my part with their own we had here yesterday the severest raine that Ever I see in this time of the year in my life & the ways are as deep or deeper for a Carriage then they were any time in winter I hope you have no such wet weather in Northumberland If you had Ime afraid there will little Lead Come in for some time

Acq[ua]int me whether any is come in this year spring & what Quantity I am  
Your Assured freind

**22 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

[Note: Undated but between 19th and 25th April. 22nd used here]

Dear Kitte

I rec[eive]d yours of the 6th with the particulars of the Charges of the small parcels you sent me down I Expected them here on Tuesday last but he told my servt he had nothing for me so upon rec[eip]t of this letter order your servt to go to the Warehouse & perhaps he may find them unsent away & may be kept there till Simpsons returne so the Oranges may be all spoild by the Cariers neglect when you send any goods hereafter you should order your servt allways to see them packd otherways they often lie till the same Carrier returne if he have loading Enough thats more Considerable Acq[ua]int me the Cariers name that you send the other small parcels by I think the Pistatia nutts is Extreeme dear of 4s I though[t] you told me you had a freind that dealt in thes[e] nutts that you could by pretty reasonable Know of your sisters whether your Cosen Blacket own his marriage or not & acq[ua]int me with my blessing to you I am

Your most Affect[ionate] father

**22 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

[Note: Undated but between 19th and 25th April. 22nd used here]

Dear Kitte

Your Letter on the 6th advised me that you sent me down a small parcell of goods by Simson the Carrier & that you would send me down by the very next Carier after the rest of the small things which I ordered to be sent I spoke to the Last Carier my self

whose name was Mr Pillin he told me he had no goods for me & that he lookt over all the warehouse & there was nothing Directed for me so you had best look what is become of them for If they dont come to hand I assure you Ile not pay a farthing for them so you must arest the warehouse keeper for them the Oranges Certainly will be all spoild the last Carier told me that he beleived that if any goods were sent to the warehouse the York Carier had taken the so your Carelessness in this business putts me to a deal of Charge & trouble for must be forcd to send to York this day to know if that Carier know any thing of them

I hope will parker brought up silvertopp h<orse> (is the name of the horse) in good order & that the old Gent likes him well which you bought him for acq[ain]t me what sort of place you have got for Will Parker for he is a good honest sober young man

know of Your sisters whether your Cosen Blacket be comeing to their sisters in Yorkeshire or not & whether my nephew Blacket owns or Disowns his marriage with my blessing to you I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

**22 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett**

[Note: Undated but between 19th and 25th April. 22nd used here]

Sr

I rec[eive]d your[s] with a bill for £50 which have given your acct Cr[edit] for as allso yours or the 24th the small things which I have to send my son John is of Extrordionary vallue so I will not have them to go Without Convoy shall send them to you by the first safe hand but be sure you do not give them to any master that does not goe with Convoy I am Sr

Your very humble servt

**25 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

Apr 25

Honest Will

I rec[eive]d yours of the 16th Am sorry my Letter did not come to your hands before you parted with the wood monger be sure you sell me what Quantity of wood you possibly can both at brayar wood bank & the Common bank as allso the remainder of the wood which is at Chesterwood I pe[r]ceive Will Barrow a Customary ten[an]t is dead & that he was heir to three small parcells of Customary land if any Customary ten[an]t die & have not a beast better then 40s he must pay 4s in silver assoon as this Letter comes to your hand give a line to

Your Assured freind

This is a Copy of my last I hope you sent for the Woodman long b[efore] this should be glad to hear you had sold a Considerable Quantity of wood give acq[ui]t me by a line by the first post

I can't prevaile to with the man to come so soon as the beginning of may

**27 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

[Note: Recipient unstated but from context was probably John Ward. Undated but between 25th and 28th April. 27th used here]

Sr

Inclosed you have Fawcetts Lease returnd you as for Abbots farme I leave it solely to your Discretion to let it as to whom you think fit Indeed I must own I do not think that Abbots daughters are proper tenn[an]ts for me for in a little time they will marry & fill the town full of beggars I doubt not but you may get a substantiall ten[an]t for it for I fear it is very Eas[i]ly rented

I heartily thank you for your fish they are the freshest & best that ever I see be sure what they Cost Charge to my Acct & shall thankfully Allow it

You write me that Fawcets money is due the 7 of June but you are mistaken it is not due till the 17th so youl have sufficient time to receive the rents to Discharge the bond & as for Mrs Wards money shall pay it when due (viz) the 16 of December next this wett weather has hinderd the Carriage of my Lead to NewCastle but assoon as it is brough[t] In I do not Question the Disposeing of it I have to the Vallue of above Eight hundred pounds worth which I hope in a very short time will be put into money

I perceive John Pearson of Girsley is very poor so you may write what you think Convenient in my name to Mr Dean of Durham & perhaps he may grant my request I wish it were in my power to do your brother any service I did speak to Mr Aislabie about him & when he comes into the Countrey which will be shortly shall Desire him to make use of his freinds to get him into the salt Concern which will be a very proper place for him I am

Your Assured freind to serve you

I do by no means approve of Abbots daughters for my tenn[an]ts so pray let the farme to some substantiall man

**28 Apr 1711 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

Apr 28

Good Mrs Gray

I perceive by your Letter that Mrs Weddall is unwilling to table any but young Ladies

I beleive Mr Wickham has the Key of Sr Hen Goodricks house p[er]haps hel be unwilling to let us come to it before he hear from Sr Henry you may tell him it is only for a Week & we shall bring our own Linnen & not use any manner of their goods Excepting beds & shall have our meat from the Cooks If you find that Mr Wickham is least unwilling I would by no means make use of the house you may Acq[ui]t him that youl hire one to make it clean when we come out of it & that youl lock the door & returne him the Key againe If we can<d> have that house I know we may have Mr Gowlands where we were when we were last in town you know it will be but for a Week so it is not much matter where we be with my service to your self & Mr Gray I am

Your assured freind & servt

I have sent to <Carrow> for <2> dozen of Piggeon if the post boy can Carry them

**1 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

May 1 1711

Dear Kitte

I wrote you four Letters but rec[eive]d answers none of them which I take mighty Ill I rec[eive]d this day the <T> Barley & P Barley Jorden Almonds Dates & Pistatia Nutts but as for the former Parcells of Oranges Lemmon & Jam[aic]a Ginger I hear nothing of them & the Carriers saith there is no such thing in the warehouse so upon rec[eip]t of this Letter order the book keeper of the warehouse to be arested for them for they are never like to come to my hands I hope you are more Carefull in your other Concernes for you have been very negligent in this write me a line by the very first with where the neglect is I am

Your most Affect[ionate] father

**2 May 1711 Edward Blackett to John Ward**

May 2d 1711

Mr Ward

I rec[eive]d yours this morning & that which made me mistaken was your own Acct for you say paid Walker the 17th of June £1:10s for a half years Intrest which I will shew you the first time you come to Newby. Immediately upon rec[eip]t of your Letter

I went & lookt for Walkers receipts & I find that you are very much in the right for it is the 7th of June so rather then you shall be put to any Inconveniency shall pay the Intrest [struck out: 'of one hundred pounds'] for that sum for three monthes If this wet Weather had not happened there would have been no occasion for then my Lead would have been got to Newcastle & sold and money rec[eive]d before the 7th of June

Am sorry to p[er]ceive by yours that Mr Lambton is not perfectly well againe pray tell him that I heartily wish him his health & that when he is perfectly recovered should be glad to see him at Newby

After I had wrote my last Letter to you I p[er]ceive that my housekeeper had paid the man for the Fish he brought & gave him & his sister a Couple of shillings for bring[i]ng them allways when you send any fish send word what they Cost & the housekeeper will pay for them as allso give them something for their panes, the only fish that is a rarity here are soles salmonds sparlings & Lobsters when any of those sort of fish can be had very sweet shall p will w[ill]ingly pay for them & the messenger for his paines pray Acq[ain]t me by a line that the Letter Came to your hands I am

Your assured Freind to serve you

**3 May 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

May 3d 1711

James

I p[er]ceive by yours of the 28 that the Wherrieman told you that Jacob had orderd my Lead to be pild up at Newburne so be sure you Acq[ain]t the Wherriemen that Ile have it brough[t] to NewCastle Immediately after it comes to Newburne & speak to James Clarke that he likewise order the wherriemen to bring it down with all possible speed & that he take Care to put it in the Cellar as fast as it comes down give my service to Mr Alder[man] Ridley & tell him I Desire when he has occasion hel take my Lead & Likewise to Mr Alderm[an] Fenwick for now it will be Comeing down every day you must tell any one it is made out of the slaggs or old dead heaps for that Lead which is made so is much Worse then the other Lead but none Can Discerne it but them that uses it my dear Daughter Blackets funerall was so Expensive that I doubt I shall have occasion for for a bill before you can receive any moneys of the ten[a]nts but however shall put it of as long as possible I can so Desire Mr Fenwick to give you a bill for the 77 p[ie]ces of Lead & Inclose it to me by Saturday nights post to

Your Assured Freind

Mr Brummel does not deal well by me in paying me my rents go & know of his wife when she Expects him home & whether <she> think he will call at Newby in his returne & let me know if he be returned how long it is since

**3 May 1711 Edward Blackett**

May 3

Sr

I desire you[r] wife do me the favour to come to Newby on Saturday next by Eleaven a Clock & bring the writeing which I left in your hand with you I have write to your brother Cha: to the same purpose & Mr <Alderm[an]Lister> & Mr Oxley will not fail to meet you to be witness to a deed of Concerne which I shall Execute I am

Sr Your obliged friend & servt

**3 May 1711 Edward Blackett**

[Note: undated but between 3rd and 4th May. 3rd used here.]

Sr

I desire you will do me the favour to come to Newby on Saturday nex[t] by Eleaven a Clock have Desird the same favour of your Bro[ther] as also Mr Ald[erman] Lister & Mr Oxley will not fail to meet you to be witness to Deed of Concerne which I have to Execute & youl much oblige

Your assured frend to serve you

**4 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Edward Blackett**

May 4

Dear Nedde

I rec[eive]d yours of the 29 & I do assure you that if I possibly could have recd money you should have had it long before this We have had so much raine in the North which has hinderd the Carriage of my Lead to newcastle there has not been one peice brought down as yet by reason the ways is so Extreemly bad for Carriages assoon as I have sold my Lead will send you a bill for what I can possibly spare tis Impossible to borrow any money here for them that has money sends it to London & putts it into the Lottery or Funds which they make much more of then Common Intrest

Mr Aislaby has promisd to give you a much better station in a short time [W]ith my blessing to you I am

Your most Affect[ionate] fath[er]

For Cap[tain] Blacket Com[mander] of her Maj[esties] Ship the Phanix In Portsmouth harbour via Lo<ndon>

**4 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

May 4 1711

Dear Maria

I rec[eive]d your Letter & I hope Mr Aislabie in a little will get Nedde a better station be sure when you see him give my most humble service to him & tell him I do make it my request that he will put him into a good station assoon as Conveniently he can & be sure you write me w[ha]t answer he gives you when your Quarter is due I have orderd Kitte to pay your £25 I wonder you should not desire to come down long before this, let your Let your Brother Kitte Know that the box of Oranges & Lemmons which he wrote me he had sent to the Carriers Store house never Came to hand have Discoursd three of the Carriers my self who Declares there was no such box in the Warehouse so he must Immediately order the Warehousekeeper to be arrested or otherways the goods will be lost I very much Question whether the man that he bought the oranges of ever sent them to to the Richmond Carriers Warehouse which he must be Informd of assoon as possibly he Can tell him likewise that I have wrote 4 Letters to him but rec[eive]d answers of none of them which I take mighty Ill with my blessing to your self & sister I am Your

**7 May 1711 Edward Blackett to John Thornton**

[Note: Undated but between 4th and 11th May. 7th used here]

Sr

Your Servt you sent is a man of Judg[e]m[en]t for he <Chusd> out two of the best Cows in England If I had Designd to Continued my breed I assure you I would not have taken 50 Guineas for them, Ime glad the<y> Come into your hands you need not Question in case you take Care of them to have the best breed in [struck out: 'England'] the nation I am Sr

Your faithfull humble servt

For John Thornton Esqr att his house at Witton

**10 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Christian Laidman**

[Note: She was a daughter of EB's sister Christian Mitford]

May 10

Dear Neice

I rec[eive]d your Letter am altogether a stranger to the Duke of Sommerset, & as for my nephew Blacket he is not a proper person at all for his Intrest went Intirely against the dukes son att the Election for Northumberland If you could make any Intrest with

young Mr Rodgers he might Easly procure your husband that liveing with my humble service to you both I am

Your most Affect[ionate] uncle

To Mrs Christ[ian] Laidman at Whalton nigh Morpeth Northumberland

**10 May 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

May 10 1711

James

I rec[eive]d yours of the 5th I p[er]ceive my Lead comes but slowly down which Ime very sorry for am glad Alderm[an] Fenwick & Ald[erman] Ridley will take my Lead when they have occasion, order James Clark to weigh it of when ever they pleas[e] to order him, I hope alder[man] Fenwick will give you a bill for the 77 p[iece]s of Lead which you may Inclose me or give to my servt who will be at NewCastle on Saturday about two or three a Clock so he may as well bring your Letter as to send it by the post I thank you for the offer you make me in sending me a bill before you receive money of the ten[an]ts but at present shall have no occasion haveing sold some of my Chattle lately let me know w[ha]t business Mr Brummell follows at present for I beleive he does not sell any Coals for Mr Monticue or any other at present shall depend upon Mr Fenwicks bill I am

Your assured Freind

**11 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Charles Tancred**

May 11

Sr

After an Ill Journey I hope you got well to town pray give Doctor Ratcliffs fee with my most humble service & acq[ua]int him that for six or seaven months past I have had a great Diziness in my head & shakeing in my hands & limbs & no manner of stomach which I beleive was Inceasd by the death of a nigh relation I have been bled in the Hemorheid vaines which I found great benefit by have been severall times purgd with proper stom[ach] Medicines have taken the Peptick powder severall times in the day as allso Elixer sulphate & Comp[oun]d spir[it] of Lavander frequently in white wine I now seldom drink any malt Liquor & have been vomited three times within this twelve months

Pray desire the Doctor to Consider my Case & Inclose me his prescription what he thinks proper for me to take, Ime told that German Spaw water will be very proper for me so pray know of the Doctor whether it will be proper for me or not I am Sr

Your obliged humble servt

To Mr Cha Tanckred Wollen Draper in Covent Garden

**11 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

[Note: Undated but between 10th and 13th May. 11th used here]

Dear Kitte

I rec[eive]d yours with a bill Sr Wm Robinson is yet at York but Designs for the Countrey shortly and you shall give him the bill I very much Question whether he'l pay it or not

I must now acq[ain]t you with a peice of very Ill news your goods which you shipd for your Customers came very safe to hull & was put on board of a hull Keil & within six or 8 miles of Yorke by the Carelessness of the men run the Keil upon a pile & so sunk her, I p[er]ceive by a Letter from Mr Scot that all the suggars are absolutely spoild so that I have orderd them to send my suggar to London & do you Dispose of it to a suggar boiler for there is none in york I beleive all the rest of your Customers will do the same there is great Lamentation amongst them both at Ripon Ripley Knarsbro & York & I beleive some of them are very unable to bear the loss the greates[t] suffers are Mr Baine Mr Hen Camplishson Mr Wm Thomas & Mr Leo Thomas I thank god my bottle of oyle is safe I can hear nothing of my oranges so send me a note under the Warehousekeepers hand that he Deliverd them to Simpson the Carrier Ime a thousand times more Concernd for your Customers loss then my own

**13 May 1711 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie**

May 13

Dear Sr

I cand Express the obligations I have to you upon my sons Acct for I p[er]ceive by a Letter from my daughter Maria this day that you were so kind as to send my son your orders for the Linn Station I hear it is one of the best that he possibly could have desird which I heartily thank you for so I hope hel have the grace allways to own his rise from you

Here is nothing of news in our neighbour[hood] I have been mighty Ill with a great Diziness in my head for some months past which did mightily Increase by the death of my dear daughter Blacket for I could not walk over a room without hold & in the morning could not stand by my self I rec[eive]d great benefitt in the old Doctor am very well at present thank god however the last week I sent my Case to Doctor Ratcliff & Expects in a post or two his advice upon it My poor daughter Wise is so dangerously Ill that I do not think she can possibly live long in this world god almighty prepare us all for the next I am D[ea]r Sr

Most Affect[ionately] yours

For the Honourable John Aislabie Esq Commissioner of the Admiralty London  
These [presents]

**14 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

May 14

Honest Jacob

I p[er]ceive by yours of the 10th that the undertakers has set on a new hearth which  
I me very glad to hear pray god grant they may never want Ore to keep all their hearths  
going am sorry to hear that the Ways Continues so bad with you I hope the Carrier  
that <h[i]r[e]d> his oxen will in a little times rest have them in as good a Condition as  
they were before let me allways know how you let your severall bargaines & then can  
Judg[e] whether the mines be good or not

I hope you have taken up the Gin before this I wish you could get a Chapman for it  
p[er]haps the man that made it would bid money for it

Acq[ui]t me what weight the Chaine may be & how many severall bargaines you  
have let at the old dead heaps & the severall prices you give p[er] Fodder I am

Your assured freind

**14 May 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

May 14

Honest Will

I p[er]ceive by yours of the 8th that you have made a bargaine with some of the  
Woodmongers I wish you could Dispose of much more wood as likewise that at  
Chesterwood I wonder you have given them so long time for the paym[en]t of the  
money I think a year or a little more is full sufficient time Wm Armstrongs Leas[e] was  
the same as the last was for Bardon Mill, I being obliged to send Milston<es> Iron & to  
lay wood at the spot & Will Armstrong to be at all Charges in Workeing the wood lying  
on the Mil<stones> etc Leave the mill in as good repair as when he Enterd which he is  
obligd to do so take an oportunity to speak to him & acq[ui]t him that I Expect he shall  
her so you may order him to shew his Lease & if it be otherways you will be satisfied if  
not he must Expect to be obligd to p[er]forme his lease

Hard Corne in al[l] our severall Market rose 12<s> p[er] Bushell & all other graine  
rose likewise very much for both at Stocton Burlington & Scarbrough they are shipping  
of Corne which occasions the riseing of it, let me know after Tine green faire how Cattle  
and Especially the Largest runts about 5 or six year old for I shall have occasion to buy  
above a score at Stanchey bank [Stagshaw Bank?] so be sure you receive what moneys  
you possibly can of the ten[an]ts to pay for them I think harry Tulip will buy them and  
bring them to <Newby> as Cheap as any I can send from hence assoon as your tine

green faire is over fail not to write a line by the very first post the price of such runts as abovesaid

I am your assured freind

**15 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

May 15 1711

Dear Maria

Was very glad to p[er]ceive by yours that Mr Aislabie had sent orders to your Bro[ther] Nedde to sail to the Linn Station I believe tis one of the best that your Brother could possibly have desird so it behoves him to behave himself well in it

Upon rec[eip]t of your Letter I gave Mr Aislabie thanks for the favour he had done him when you see Mr Aislabie give my service to him and know whether he rec[eive]d my Letter or not I hope in a short time we shall see him in the Countrey which shall be mighty glad of

I wonder w[ha]ts becomed of my Nephew Blacket & in w[ha]t manner he lives in town he denies that ever he was married to Mrs Ord & sent to her mother lately to take care of her daughter for he would have no more to do with her I hear he has lately got a very fine Coach whether does she visit in it or not which acq[ain]t me

When you see my Bro[ther] Bridges give my humble service to him with my blessing to you both I am

Your most affect[ionate] father

let me know w[ha]t sort of Company my nephew Blacket diverts himself with

**16 May 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: Letter dated 6 May, but comes between one dated 15th and another dated 16th , and the enclosure to Bentham is also dated 16th]

May 6

James

I rec[eive]d yours as also the £48 16s which you rec[eive]d of Mr Fenwick which I beleive will be in full for the 77 p[ie]ce[s] of Lead he had lately of me I shall have no occasion for Bills or moneys for some time so do not send me any till you hear from me I beleive youl be at Hexham faire on Saturday tho you did not take notice of it to me in your Letter however have Inclosd you a Copy of this under Cover to Parson Bentham If you should Chance to be at Acomb be sure you go and see w[ha]t Quantity of Ore they have at the mine as allso at the Mill & Discourse Ger[rar]d Dobson and severall other Workmen w[ha]t opinion they have of the Continuance of the mines I p[er]ceive

the undertakers has set on a new hearth pray god grant they may get ore to keep them all going I am

Your Assured friend

Discourse Jacob & do you & he prevaile for as many draughts both at Acomb & Elsewhere so that all my Lead may be got to Newcastle assoon as possibly you can

**16 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Leonard Bentham**

May 16

Honest Mr Bentham

Have not had a line from you this long time nor from Mr Loraine which pray tell him I do not take well from him for he promisd to give me a line every 14 days to acq[uain]t me both of his own work and how the rest of the works in the feild went forward I p[er]ceive the undertakers has set on a new hearth god grant the mines may Continue so good as to keep them all going which I very much doubt for I heard that the mines are very much faild of late pray discourse Ger[rar]d Dobson & the rest of the Workmen & let me know the truth of it by the first post as allso w[ha]t Quantity of ore there may of the undertakers both at the Works and at the mill as also how cattle sold with you at tine green faire pray Dil[i]ver the Inclosd to James Mewburne I am

Your assured freind to serve you

**17 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

[Note: Undated but between letters of 16th and 17th. 17th assumed here.]

Dear Kitte

My servt spoke this day to Simson the Carriers man that has driven his horses for some months past to & from London he Declares possitively that at that time he had no box from the Clerks of the Warehouse directed for me and that I may soon satisfie my self whether he has had the box or no tis but your going to the Warehou[se] & Desireing the book keeper to shew you the book and the Copy of the bill of p[ar]cells that was sent by Simpson the Carrier on that day of the month & if it was in his bill of p[ar]cels he is willing to pay for the box & what was in it if not the warehouse keeper must make it good It & shall cost me a hundred pounds before I be Cheated betwixt a Couple of Knaves so let no stone be unturnd to find out their Knavers & shall willingly be at the Charge of it,

I hope you rec[eive]d mine of the 10th shall send you an order for some goods in a little time I Designe to send my servt to Yorke some day this week & shall send the bill by him to Sr Wm Robinson but as I wrote you before do very much Question the paym[en]t of it

Your poor sister Wise is so very dangerously Ill that Doctors Dispairs of her recovery, God almighty prepare us all for that great Change with my blessing to you I am

Your most Affect[ionate] father

I long to hear w[ha]t you have done with the Warehouse Keeper

**17 May 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

[Note: Undated but between letters of 16th and 17th. 17th assumed here.]

Honest Will

I have prevaild with a very understanding to go & view w[ha]t is Necessary to be done at your Water banks as allso shew him all that your did last year Ime Informd by severall that he is a mighty understanding man in his way so do not let him pay any thing for his meat & drink while he is with you I think the best way will be to make a bargaine with him & he will returne and take a workm[a]n or two out of this Countrey with him back so will bargaine with as many of your neighbours as he has occasion for at his returne in case you agree

I p[er]ceive you Question the security that will be given me for the wood you sold If there be the least doubt or scruple do not sell it for I can have plenty of Chapmen at NewCastle & they will make much shorter paym[en]ts as to for the nameing my son in the Articles is to no purpose for I will give them my bond for their security at such time as you agree with them for takeing away the wood for I will allow them but two years for it

acq[ain]t me assoon as Conveniently you Can whether when the sap returns in harvest it be not as good felling the wood as at this time If I had a thousand pounds worth of wood to Dispose of I could sell it to a freind which I have who is at NewCastle making two waggonways shortly which will be in much above two thousand pounds & Ime told that my wood is very propper for that purpose however if you think You may Depend upon their security let them have their bargaine Let me know how the best runts about six or seaven years old sold at Stachey [Stagshaw Bank?] I was mistaken in my Letter to you for I thought the fair at Witson Even

I am

**17 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

May 17

Honest Jacob

I wrote you on the 14 which I hope came to your hands pray deliver this Letter to Will Lowes in case he be at the faire if not Desire henry Tulip to go with it him self to

Will Lowes home & deliver it with his own hand for tis of Concerne I Long to hear how all your work goes forward at fallowfeild & what Condition the severall shafts are in we have had here Exceeding hott weather I never knew hotter in my time If you had the same am sure the ways must be Extreemly good I am in great hast[e]

Your assured freind

Pos[t]cript to Lowes Letter

Honest Will

This is a Copy of the Letter which I sent by a work man who was allways Employd in secureing the banks ag[ainst] the river the man which I Designd to have sent had undertaken a Considerable peice of work so I could not possibly prevaile with him to go so far this man which i sent has been Employd all his time as a Workman in secureing the bank<s> I p[er]ceive by him that this is not the right season of the year for such work Either Michelmas or March is the only time that all this Countrey repairs their breaches in their dams which I p[er]ceive they allways do by Letting of Willows which they approve to be the only way be sure you Discourse him very fully in every particular If I though[t] you could not have sold a good Quantity of wood would have sent up a servt of mine [struck out: 'from Bladon'] who would have carried up two buyers with him that would have bought w[ha]t Quantity I would have disposd of let me know by the very first post w[ha]t you have done & If the season of the Year be not far spent will order them to go up upon rec[ei]pt of your Letter If you do not bargain with these people sell the barke of the whole Quantity & fell half off it this sap & the other half next sap time for I do not in the least Question the Disposeing of it let me know what they were to have of the tanners for the barke I am

Your Assured freind

Shall Expect a Letter from you by the very first post w[ha]t you have or Designe to do

**18 May 1711 Edward Blakett to George Mashrother**

[Note: undated but between 17th & 20th May. 18th assumed here.]

I had sent you the money for the Coals long before this but had not an oppportunity I designe to be in Yorke on Wednesday next for a Week or ten days & then shall pay you and many thanks with my humble service to all Mr Thompson and his good family I am

Your assured freind & servt

To Mr Geo Mashrother  
These <presents> Yorke

**18 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

[Note: undated but between 17th & 20th May. 18th assumed here.]

Dear Kitte

I have at Last found out the roguery of Simpsons man the Carrier he open'd the box & sold most of the oranges & Lemmons then that was return'd was worth very little however the master is very willing to make me satisfaction which is all I can Desire If I had not made so much ado about it should never have heard anything of it

Your Customers at Ripons Loss are not so great as they thought at first Mr Wood had a hundred w[eigh]t of sugar and Eight hundred of the ten was not Damaged at all them that had sugar Candy it was all lost but them that had other goods as Ginger Pepper etc would be little worse for we have had Excessive hot weather soe they dried them all in the sun in the market place there was one of your Customers at Ripley that lost more then any three of the others with my blessing to you I am

Your most Affect[i]onate] father

**18 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Henry Stephenson**

[Note: undated but between 17th & 20th May. 18th assumed here.]

Mr Stephenson

The Cooper you sent has <p....d> the wine very Carefully I wonder you did not order the Milby Waggon to come for it pray order it assoon as you can for the wine may receive damage by standing in the sun I heartily wish it safe to Mr Bradshaw let me know by the first post whether you have any Extrordionary clean deales & the length & bread[th] & the thicknesse of them I am

Your Assured freind to serve you

**18 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

[Note: undated but between 17th & 20th May. 18th assumed here.]

Good Mrs Gray

We designe god willing to be in York on Wednesday night next nothing can hinder us but my dear Daughter wisers death tho I hope she'l our live that time but her Physician thinks she cannot be long in this world god almighty prepare us all for the next with my service to yourself & Mr Gray I am

Your

We shall bring bed linning for our selves & servts my Wife has rec[eive]d her Chocolet and gives you her thanks

**20 May 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

[Note: undated but between 17th & 20th May. 20th assumed here, allowing time for Lowes letter of 17th to arrive]

Honest Will

I rec[eive]d yours of the 17 with the Articles Inclosd which I do by no means approve of for in one of your former Letters you write me that you had sold 160 Trees being part of the wood at Common bank & bryar wood bank & by this article you sell all the Oak Ash & Elme wood that are fit for timber, standing growing & being within the mannon of Ridley between Raven Cragg & bryar wood burne al[ia]s hudsburne being p[ar]t of the Common banks also Ridle[y] Common banks as also all the Oak Ash & Elme Trees fit for timber being upon Bryar wood banks between the way Leading to Plankey & the grounds in the posession of old Simon Wilkinson & besides he to have his Choice of thirty timber trees of Oak Ash or Elme to be feld & Cutt down in any place or places within the precincts of Willimontswck Domaine, the Shaws Wows al[ia]s woolhouse, burn house, beltingham, & Ridley as also within the North side of Bryar wood feilds in the said County with their & every of their Appurtenances this very article neither should I ever agree to if I should signe such an Articles I should be the greatest blockhead that ever set pen to paper Just now there is a woodmonger from NewCastle with me who pr<oposes> to b[u]y all the wood that I will Dispose of & this summer will go up and view it & bargain for it & tells me that in case I had three times as much he would Either buy it himself or send me a Chapman for it so you see I need not make the least Question of the Disposeing of it as for Ash & Elme will have that wood always sold by it self this not being the time of the year for Cutting Ash wood for that wood ough[t] allways to be cut Either in January or the beginning of February when I sell any Oak will knowe the Certain number of trees that dispose of If I thought we should have had so much to do about bardon Mill I would never have turnd Will Armstrong of w[ha]t his Leas[e] obliges him to he knows the Law will oblige him to make it good, so Inclosd is a letter to him which you may p[er]use seal & Deliver Inclosd is likewise a note to Harry Tulip to order him to suffer Mr Fenwick to Win & Carry away a hundred fother of lime stone you may pay the Clerke for draweing the Articles & shall allow it you, fail not to let me know w[ha]t the very best runts about 5 or 6 years old was sold for at your faire shall have occasion to buy 20 at next Stagshaw faire so fail not to receive moneys of the ten[an]ts ag[ains]t that time I am

Your

**20 May 1711 Edward Blackett to William Armstrong**

[Note: undated but between 17th & 20th May. 20th assumed here]

Wm Armstrong

I hear you left the mill very much out of reparaire you may be sure I will oblidge you to p[er]forme the Covenants of in your Lease so p[er]use it & youl find that you are to leave the Mill in as good reparaire as when you Enterd so If you would Continue in my frein[d]s[hi]p do it without being forcd to it by law you may shew it to any Attorney or any rational man & If they do not tell you that you are obligd to it shal acquies I did not Expect that Wm Armstrong would have dealt so w[i]th me I haveing allways had a Kindness for you I am

**20 May 1711 Edward Blackett to William Millington**

May 20 1711

Honest Captain  
this is a Copy

I rec[eive]d yours this day & do very much wonder that my Letter should miscarry when you have a Copy of on the other side my wife tells me she has writ two or 3 Letters to your wife & is surprisd to know how they should miscarry

My poor daughter wise is yet liveing but so weak that all people think she cannot possibly live many days

Am glad to hear that your new house is in such forwardness that we may Expect to see you both shortly

I hope you'l Dispose of your 2 heffers at a good price for I sold two old Cows the other day for £28 & gave not a farthing againe since you went from hence I kil[le]d a Weather there was some wagors laid upon his weight old Doctor Chambers was desird to see him weighd he did weigh 37 ½ pound good w[eigh]t pr qtr one with another which is lookd upon here to be Extrordionary have often killd weathers or 30 or 2 or 3 & 30 per Quarter Round but not more only this last Weather I have no news to Informe you from hence but that the Capt has got one of the best stations which is the Convoying the NewCastle & Linn fleet there was a great Contest about it in the Admiralty some of them being for the duke of Arguiles bro[ther] or Kinsman however your old acq[ain]tance carried it & he told my daughter maria at London that his Nephew Capt Robinson made yearly 6 hundred pound a year of it

all this family gives their kind services to your self & Mrs Millington & beleive me allways

Your real freind to serve you

pray make my humble service acceptable to my Lord Warrington & Mrs Booth

**21 May 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

[Note: Recipient not stated but from the topics addressed would seem to have been William Lowes. Undated, but between 20th & 23rd May. 21st used here]

This side is a Copy of w[ha]t I wrote you last post as allso Inclosd you a Letter to Wm Armstrong & a note to Harry Tulip to suffer Mr Fenwick to win & Carry away a 100 fother of limestone I hope it Came safe to your hands, I mightily wonder that you did not name the No. of trees that you would have sold to Erwin for the bargaine you did make with him might be a 1000 trees at Least for any thing I know to the Contrary I Designe to have all the p[ar]cells of Wood Numberd in these severall places you mention tho It Cost me some moneys for I will know the Cert[ain] number of trees allways which are sold for am not so very hasty of Disposeing of my wood as to sell all in one lordsh.p

I long to hear w[ha]t bargaine you have made with the man I hope you'l bind him up to keep it in repaire for as long a time as you think Convenient

Pray let me know in case this bargaine had gone forward w[ha]t no. of trees I might have remaining in that Lords[hi]p that was valluable I am

Your Assured freind

Pray Consider & let me know if the bargain had gone forward w[ha]t no of trees he might have had for his moneys & wt he had sold the Barke for

**22 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Maria Blackett**

[Note: Undated, but between 20th & 23rd May. 22nd used here]

Dear Maria

I wrote you the 15 which I doubt not but it came to your hand assoon as you have seen Mr Aislable let me hear from you

This brings you the mallancholly news of your Dear sister Wises death acq[uain]t your Brother Kitte with it she died this morning a Quarter after 3 a Clock god allmighty prepare us all for our great change with my blessing to you both I am

Your most Affect[ionate] father

**22 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Charles Tancred**

[Note: Undated, but between 20th & 23rd May. 22nd used here]

Sr

I rec[eive]d yours of the 19 am sorry to hear you had so Ill a journey in your returne am much obligd to you for Discourseing Doctor Ratcliff upon my acct pray give my most humble service to him & acq[ain]t him that a day or two after you went from hence my Diziness in my head & the shakeing in my hands & limbs Intirely left me so I thank god at present I am p[er]fectly well as ever I was in my life only I have a very Indifferent stomach if the doctor pleas to order w[ha]t I shall take to create me an appetite shall be mightily obligd to him

I p[er]ceive you sent my sent the Cloath by the richmond Carrier but you do not write his name had a box lately miscarried from London by the Carrier which was great Inconveniency to me tho I mad the Knave make good what the severall things Cost me Mr Jones gives you his service & pray beleive me allways

Your faithfull humble servt

For Mr Cha Tanckred Wollen Draper in Covent Garden

**23 May 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

May 23 1711

Honest Will

I p[er]ceive by a Letter from Will Armstrong this day that he bought a score of trees of you about a year agoe & honestly paid you for them & that there was one tree & severall peices of timber which he had not wrought up so i give him his own time to worke them up & Carry them away when he pleases which have wrote him so by this post as allso if he have occasion for 20 or 40 trees or more I orderd you to let him have them & not a dear penneworth for I have a kindness for the man

Last night I rec[eive]d your Letter by the Engineer & he thinks you have taken the right way in Defending the ground from the water he advises that the places that stands more need may be done this summer & that Cannot be very much because haytime and harvest will come on in a short time however I would have you to be doeing as much as possisbly you can

when ever you sell any wood be sure you name the no. of trees for ile not Dispose of all the wood in a Lordship without knowing the No. of them I wish you could sell a 100 or 200 trees this sap time to Defray the Charges I shall be at in Defending the ground, for it is too late this year for any wood mongers to come from NewCastle never sell any wood without Extrordinary good security If Will Armstrong have occasion for 50ls worth of wood or more he shall have it upon his own word without

any security whatsoever for I have a very good opinion of him have write him to this purpose by this post I am

Your Assured freind

**24 May 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

May 24 1711

Honest Will

When I rec[eive]d your Letter with the Articles inclosd I was in great Concerne for the Dangerous Condition my dear daughter wise was in which occasioned the writeing of that Letter & since God Amighty is pleasd to take her to himself which is a great trouble to me God prepare us all for our great Change

You may tell Erwin that I will p[er]forme the bargaine you made with him & accordingly have Inclosd you the Articles & shall give him my bond for the p[er]formance of them am glad you have sold 60 old trees more when you make any bargaine never make my son a party in the Articles for there is no occasion for it for shall Either give my bond or Land Security for the p[er]formance of them I am

Your Assured

**24 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

May 24 1711

Good Mrs Gray

I doubt not but you have heard Long before this of my Dear Daughter Wises death which was the reason we did not come to Yorke at the time appointed & this day my wife had the Mallancholly news of her younger brothers death which is a great trouble to her however we designe to be in Yorke god willing upon Tuesday sennit being the [left blank; would have been 5th] of June & I hope nothing will prevent us so you may at your own Convenience acq[ain]t Mr Bolderson of it

I got the wine very safe & like it very well shall buy a <h[ogs]h[ea]d> of you when I come to Yorke with my service to you both I am

Your Assured freind to serve

**26 May 1711 Edward Blackett to William Armstrong**

May 26

Honest Will Armstrong

Upon rec[eip]t of your Letter I wrote a line to Willey Lowes that you should take your own time in working up that wood & Carrying it away as allso if you had occasion for twenty or forty trees or <.....> I have orderd him to let you have them &

not a dear penneworth & I will take your own word for the paym[en]t without any security

Will Lowes wrote me that £10 would not put Bardon Mill in reparaire which you left acq[ain]t me by the first post whether it be so or not your obligd by your Lease to leave her in good reparaire as when you Enterd Excepting Millstones & Iron Work so if there be anything at the Mill amiss be sure you do it without any more adoe shall Expect a line from you by the very first post I am

Your Assured freind

### **26 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip**

[Note: Undated but presumed to be the saem as previous]

Honest Harry

Inclod is a Letter of Concerne to Will Armstrong who lives a[t] Crowhall so I Desire youl take your horse & Deliver it with your own hand tell Jacob Peart that I desire hel get as many draughts as possibly he can to hasten down my Lead for we cant possibly have a pay till it be disposd of I am

Your Assured freind

### **27 May 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: Undated but since it refers to one recd on 24th is assumed here as 27th May]

James

I rec[eive]d your of the 24 & I cannot Imagine why you should doubt getting Limestone at Whitley Quarry at the same price as formarly (viz) 1<.> p[er] fodder If any of my Lord dukes servts should tell you that my Intrest went ag[ain]t my Lord Hartford at his Election for the County if it was so it was without my knowledge for I did not know that it would be a Contested Election, I formarly promisd my lord Duke that my Intrest in Northumberland should allways be at his Lords[hi]pps Command & if there were occasion would go into Northumberland my self & represent my Lord Harford at the Election

Inclod is a Letter to Mr Brummell which be sure you Deliver with your own hands he does not at all p[er]forme the agreem[en]t I made with him in the paym[en]t of the rents of Wilinton Lords[hi]p I doubt shall be forcd to Employ some other let me know w[ha]t Quantity of Lead is come down & write a Letter to these Carriers & order them that In case they cannot bring it down as fast as it comes to the half way that they hire draughts to Assist them should be mighty glad to hear that Mr Fenwick Alderm[a]n Ridley or any other had occasion for a thousand peices of Lead for the Disposeing of that Quantity would make me mighty Easy this summer give my service to my Cosen

Simpson & her family & Acq[ain]t her that my Dear Daughter wise died on Tuesday Morning last god almighty prepare us all for our great Change I am

Your assured freind

Would willingly have you Deliver the Letter with your own hand & let me know what answer he gives you

**27 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

[Note: Recipient not given and undated, but context and previous letter in book to James Mewburn indicates that it must have been to Thoams Brummell on same date, assumed to have been May 27th]

Sr

Am sorry to remind you [struck out: 'of your agreem[en]t'] but my occasions requires it, you are in arrears according to our agreem[en]t for May 1710 50: 5: 11 ½ so I Desire youl Either send me a bill for it or pay the sum to Mewburne I much admire you have not send me my Martinmas rentall long ere this pray do it by the first & send me the ballance of that Likewise for since I gave you so Considerable a sallary for receiving so small a rent I Expected our agreem[en]t should have been punctually p[er]formed for you may remember I wrote you upon that in cas[e] you wanted a £100 for 3 months at any terme to p[er]forme our agreem[en]t the Intrest would be but thirty shillings which is a very Inconsiderable sum so if the receiving of my rents be any Inconveniency to you & that for the future you think you cannot punctually Comply w[i]th your agreem[en]t pray acq[ua]int me that I may provide my self I Desire youl give me a full answer to this assoon as possibly you can & youl oblige

Your assured freind & servt

**27 May 1711 Edward Blackett**

[Note: undated; probably between 24th and 28th May. 27th used here]

Sr

Inclod is a Letter from my son which I desire you will answer in a line to me assoon as Conveniently you can & youl much oblidge

Your troublesome freind & humble servt

**28 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

May 28 1711

Sr

I rec[eive]d yours with the bill for 57: 15: 0 ½ which I thank you for tho it be at a very long date

Inclod I returne you a Copy of your Acct signd, all the Copies I formarly sent you was allways signd with my own hand with my humble service to yourself & Mrs Brummell I am,

Your assured freind & humble servt

To Mr Tho: Brummell

**28 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart**

May 28 1711

Honest Jacob

I p[er]ceive by Mr Jones that you designe to be at Newby about the beginning of June I would by no means have you to come at that time because shall be from home, assoon as Stagshaw bank faire is over & all my Lead at NewCastle shall be glad to see you I had a Letter from NewCastle this day that as yet I have very little Lead come down to NewCastle as yet which I very much wonder at make it your business to get all my Lead sent away assoon as possibly you can & then I hope in a Little time we shall have a pay Let me know w[ha]t your best runts between 5 or 6 years old gave at your last faire for I beleive shall have occasion at the next faire to buy ten or twenty shall be very glad to hear that the mines are Comeing very good againe which acq[ain]t me by a line by the first post to

Your Assured freind

To Mr Jacob Peart

**29 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett**

May 29 1711

Dear Kitte

Inclod I send you a bill for 57: 15: 0 ½ which give me Cr[edit] for, I wrote you in my last the great sufferers were Mr Baine Mr Hen Camplishon Mr Wm Thomas & Mr Leo: Thomas My wife & I designes for Yorke next week & will stay there 8 or 10 days so by the first post let me know the names of the people in york that you shipd goods for & what sort of goods they were shall Informe my self as well as possibly I can w[ha]t Loss each of them might sustain

I p[er]ceive there is not much Loss amongst your Chap[men] either at Ripon or Pately bridge only them that had suggar candy it was all lost I sent my servt to Yorke w[i]th the bill w[hi]ch Sr Wm Robinson paid very readily with my blessing to you I am  
Your most Affect[ionate] father

**31 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton**

May 31 1711

Sr

Im much obligd to you for your kind Enquiry after my wifes health I thank god she is very much better then she was when you left her

We Continue our resolution of going to York on Tuesday next & I hope nothing can hinder us as my wife goes out every Evening for an hour or two in the Chariot to take the Aire & she finds her self much better for it she gives you her kind service & thanks I am Sr

Your faithfull humble servt

For the revd mr Pemberton these [presents] Bedall

**31 May 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

[Note: undated; between 31st May & 3rd June. 31st used here]

James

I rec[eive]d yours of the 26 as allso one from Mr Brummel with a bill Inclosd for w[ha]t he was <marred> which pleasd me very well tho it was at a long date

Am sorry you did not see James Clarke I wonder I cannot hear what Quantity of Lead I have at NewCastle did Expect to have had at Least 800 p[ie]ce[s] by this time I have wrote so often to Jacob to hasten down my Lead as allso to hire a great many more Carriages but cannot hear a syllable from him what he has done be sure you faile not to write a line to him to hire as many draughts as possibly he can to hasten it down to Newburne

Acq[ain]t me whether there at Stagshaw faire at Midsummer Eve <is small or> pretty large runts about 5 or 6 year old & pretty forward in flesh & w[ha]t you judge one may buy them for a peice for I shall want at Least a score our pastures being so Extrordinary good this year the like Quantity of grass was never known in the memory of man fail not to let me know w[ha]t no. of p[ie]ce[s] of Lead the Undertakers has got done this spring as allso w[ha]t no. I have in the Cellar I am Your assured fr[iend]

**31 May 1711 Edward Blackett to Leonard Bentham**

[Note: undated; between 31st May & 3rd June. 31st used here]

Honest Mr Bentham

the other side is a Copy of my last which I doubt did not come to your hand because I heard nothing from you since pray answer it in every particular as allso acq[ain]t me how you judge the best runts about 5 6 or 7 year old may rule the next Stagshaw faire and whether one may light of such that are in pretty good Case for I have occasion to buy twenty or twenty five in case they be pretty reasonable pray give me a line by the very first post & youl much oblige

Your Assured freind

pray order Mr Loraine to write me likewise for I wrote him a Letter the same time I wrote yours but never rec[eive]d any answer

To the revd Mr Bentham At St John Lees nigh Hexham

**31 May 1711 Edward Blackett to William Lowes**

[Note: undated; between 31st May & 3rd June. 31st used here]

Honest Will

Our pastures are so Extrordionary good that the like plenty of grass has not been known in the memory of man beasts are here Extravegantly dear so I designe to send a servt to S[t]agshaw bank on the next Midsummer Eve to buy me twenty runts that are pretty good Case & about five 6 or 7 year old pray Let me know by the first post w[ha]t such sort was sold for last Stagshaw faire fail not to have a hundred pound ready ag[ains]t that time & shall a man to receive it a day before the faire

I am Sr Your Assured freind

**3 Jun 1711 Edward Blackett to Marmaduke Wyvall**

June 3 1711

Sr

Am become the Petitioner on the behalf of one of your officers Daniell Thompson who your Kinsman Late dean of Ripon had a particular Kindness for he has been for some time Employd in Lincolnshire & soon after removd by his Collector into the Marsh nigh Brough which I p[er]ceive is the very worst part in that Collection in the whole County shall Esteem it as a particular favour if youd pleas to order him to any

Collection in this County Either Leeds Richmond or to what other place you please & shall always own the obligation I am Sr

Your most faithfull humble servt

For Sr Marmaduke Wyvall Bart at the Excise Office London

**3 Jun 1711 Edward Blackett to Daniel Thompson**

[Note: date assumed same as that written to Sir M. Wyvall]

Daniell

Upon the rec[eip]t of your Letter I wrote to Sr Marmaduke Wyvall on your behalf & I make not the Least doubt but he will grant my request beneath you have a Copy of it so I heartily wish you success in all your undertakings being

Your Assured freind

assoon as this Letter comes to your hand let me hear as from you as likewise when you remove

For Mr Daniell Thompson officer of Excise at Burgh nigh the Marshes in Lincolnshire nigh Boston

**3 Jun 1711 Edward Blackett to Mrs Gray**

June 3

Good Mrs Gray

We designe god Willing to be at Mr Boldesons on Tuesday next by 5 a clock & Desires you will not fail at the time appointed to meet us there

If widdo[w] Johnson have Close Stalls for 6 [struck out: Coach'] stoned horses they shall be sett up there with my service to your selfe & Mr Gray I am

Your assured freind to serve you

To Mrs Gray at her house in the Shambles Yorke

**4 Jun 1711 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell**

June 4 1711

Sr

Upon rec[eip]t of your Letter I Lookd up the Counterpart of Sr Ambrose Crowley Lease & I find that we were to allow him all assessm[en]ts Except hearth money so you

know now is at an End but since the date of his Lease there is a late act of Parliam[en]t which does oblidge all ten[an]ts to pay the wind[ow] money assessment pray p[er]use that Act of Parliam[en]t & youl see it very plaine I p[er]ceive his Lease of Winlaton hall will be out the 8 of Aprill next so that Ime altogether of the mind that its best to defer all the disputes till that time I am Sr

Your Assured freind & servt

To Mr Brummell

**4 Jun 1711 Edward Blackett to Christian Laidman**

[Note: Undated but between two others of 4th June]

Dear Neice

I p[er]ceive by your Letter that Mr Rodgers refuses to ask the liveing for Mr Laidman because he was Infor[me]d that he voted ag[ains]t my Lord dukes son you must make it your business to satisfie him that it was not so being he was not Quallified to give a voat my Nephew Blackets Intrest as I wrote you before went Intirely ag[ains]t my Lord so hes not a proper person at all to do you service nor do I beleive he has the least acquaintance in the world with Mr Rodgers but all together a stranger to him, as for my self I never see Mr Rodgers If you Expect preferm[en]t you should Contrive to make an Intrest with some of the Bishop of Durhams particular freinds & then your husband cannot fail of p[re]ferm[en]t in a little time which I heartily wish him with my service to you both I am

Your Affect[iionate] Uncle to serve you

To Mrs Christ Laidman At Whalton Nigh Morpeth Northumberland

**4 Jun 1711 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn**

Newby June 4 1711

James

I p[er]ceive by yours that James Clarke told you there was but 101 p[iece]s of Lead in the Cellar & that the wherriemen brought down lately 11 p[iece]s with 40 & fifty formarly

You may remember last year I had 210 p[iece]s in the Cellar and a hundred of them was sent to my son John as James Clarke can Informe you & 77 sold to Mr Fenwick so that there must then remaine 33 p[iece]s so be sure you satisfie me in it in your next for I know this to be right fail not to send me a bill for £50 at 10 or 15 days after date & acq[ain]t me whether Mr Rodgers be at London or not & how his <match> goes foreward as allso whether you designe for Stagshaw bank I am In hast[e]

Your assured fre[in]d

To Mr James Mewburne