1 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W.Blackett Bt MP. at Calverley near Bradford, Yorkshire
Newcastle 1st November 1754

Hon Sir

Mr Stewart's wine is packed up, & will be sent him by the first ship th[a]t sails; there is just 19 dozn & a half of it. I have herewith inclosd his Lre, & also a copy of the petition to parliament for a bill to divide Hexham comon & under another cover have sent the Bill.

I communicated that part of your Lre relating to Mr Fawcet to both Mr Peareth & Mr Simpson, & they are both, especially Mr Peareth, in y[ou]r sentim[en]ts & as the Magistrates are to meet this afternoon upon the Corporation Affairs Mr Peareth will offer it as his own Thoughts, That it will be more politic & adviseable for matters to appear in the Recorder's name.

I am, Hon[oure]d Sir, Yo[u]r mo[st] faithful H[um]ble Serv[an]t JR [Joseph Richmond]

PS Hepple's son in a hopeful way of recovery

8 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W.Blackett Bt. MP. to the care of the Postmaster at Ferrybridge 8 Nov 1754

Hon Sir

The hhd [hogshead] of Claret, wch you ordered to be returned to Mr Stewart, cannot be sent back to London without a deal of difficulty at the Custom house here & every Hazard of having it stopd by the Officers in London, for by some Mistake when it was first down here in March 1753 a Sufference was taken out for it at the Custom house in London as a hhd [hogshead] of Port Wine & the proper officer here passed it as such, as it was directed to you without any Examination w[hi]ch if known to the Comissioners might lose him his place. Mr Stewart must therefore dispose of the Wine here, for it cannot safely be removed to any other place; & Mr Greenwoood tells me th[a]t Mr Rudd at the Kings head is willing to take it & has wrote Mr Stewart to that purpose by this post. If Mr Stewart is determined to have it sent up, he must make an affidavit that the hhd [hogshead] of French Wine w[hi]ch he sold you is part of what he paid all dutie for in London at such time, w[hi]ch affidavit must be sent down hither, & then Mr Greenwood must make Oath th[a]t this is the same hhd [hogshead] w[hi]ch by Mistake was sent down hither under the denomination of port wine; But even then the Officer here will lay under the lash for letting it pass & it will probably occasion all y[ou]r Goods being strictly examined for the future.

I am etc ...

8 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to Ann Gunter

To Mrs Ann Gunter in Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London 8 Nov 1754

Mad[a]m,
Recd your Lre of the 26th past & have got the £5.9.0 of Miss Rutter; for wch I send you herewith a bill on Mr Chr. Denton. My family join in Complim[e]nts to Mr Gunter and yourself and Miss Fenwick with Mad[a]m Y[ou]r etc. JR

Newcastle 8 Nov 1754 £5.9.0
Sir Ten days after date pay Mrs Ann Gunter or Order five pounds nine shillings value recd of Miss Rutter & place it to acct of Sr
Yr mo[st] h[um]ble servant J.Richmond
To Mr Chris Denton in Grays Inn London

8 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton at his Chambers, No.8 in Grays Inn London 8 Nov 1754

Dr Sr
I have drawn a bill on you today for £5.9.0 payable to Mrs Gunter or Order 10 days after date, wch I desire you will pay and place to my acct. I hope this will find you well in London, wch I shall be glad to hear & within my Complim[en]ts to Mrs Denton.

I am D[ea]r S[i]r Y[ou]r mo[st] h[um]ble Serv[an]t JR

11 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to Edward Blackett

To Sir Edwd.Blackett Bt. at Hexham 11th Nov 1754

Sir
I believe there are some of the Winlaton Farms capable of a very considerable advance; if you will therefore be pleased to give Mr Hudson directions on this head I will meet him at any time, the sooner the better, to consider how to Let them to the best advantage against Mayday next.
I wish you many happy returns of this Day
I am Sr etc JR

12 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Denton Greys Inn London 12 Nov 1754

Dr Sr
I enclose you herewith my acct of West Kenton Rents for the yearended at Mayday last, with 3 vouchers for the payments I have made this year for Land Tax & S[i]r Arthr.Hazlerig's Rent, & you will receive by this post under another cover 13 vouchers for the payment of the ballance of my last acct ending Mayd[ay] 1753 excepting Medfordd Bakers proportion of 16.5.0, wch was respited till further order, & is now included in the ballance of this years account. Thos.Allan's term for Blakelaw farm will expire at Mayd[a]y next, I desire you will acquaint the parties therewith, & let me know whether I am to get him to sign a new Article, or let him continue without one. It is also necessary to lay out £5 or 6 now in repairing some of the houses, otherwise it may require thrice that sum to repair them in a very little time. I think it my duty to mention these things, for as I hear nothing how Mr Wilson goes on with the purchase, nor when he is to enter upon the Estate I am at a loss how to act herein. I desire you will advise the receipt hereof & also of the other Vouchers.

I am etc JR

16 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to John Peart

To Mr Jno.Peart at Newhouse 16th Nov 1754

Sir
Mr Errington has been w[i]th me about selling us their Oar at Rispy for which he asks £3.12.0 a Bing, which I think too high as the prece of Lead seems to be on the decline & nobody offers now above £17.5.0 a Fo[ther] & if we have a quarrel with the French, which is very likely, it may fall in 7 or 8 months to £12 of £13 a Fo[ther], however when you have an opportunity I desire you will talk with Jno.Harrison about it and let me have your sentime[en]ts whether I may offer him £3.7.6 a bing for what Oar they now have & can raise in 3 months.

PS: ask Jno.Harrison what sho[ul]d be the difference in price between the Bouse & Cutting Oar, Mr Errington says only 5s a bing

I am etc JR

19 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton London 19 Nov 1754

I recd yo[u]r Lre of the 12 & yesterday I made a demand on Mr Beaumont at his house at W.Denton for the arrears of the Wayleave Rent thro W.Kenton amounting to £900 due at Mayday last, wch he refused to pay, on wch my son who went with me servd him with a Copy of the Notice of Motion & inclo.d you have his & my affid[avi]ts thereof. Mr Beaumont seemd greatly affected w[i]th this unexpected demand & s[ai]d if he was pushd he must run the Country, but wo[ul]d go & advise with Mr Richardson his Attorney what was to be done. He is still possitive he made an assignm[en]t of the Lease to Sr W.Hazlerig, wch he was refusd a Couterp[ar]t of, but you know Mr Lowes made an Affid[avi]t wch you've a Copy of, th[a]t no such assignm[en]t was ever made. I also inclose you a Copy of the last rec[eip]t I gave Mr Lowes for the Wayleave rent, wch I hope is no way amiss for it was at the time understood th[a]t Mr Beaumont had assigned both the Coll[ier]y and wayleave lease to S[i]r Arth[u]r. I askd Mr Rutter what was done between Mr Shafto & Mr Beaumont & he told me, nothing at all; for the matter was referd to Mr Ridley & Mr Collingwood who did not make any award. I find when Sr Arthr.Hazlerig pulled up the Waggonway Mr Shafto imediately entred upon the Steath houses th[a]t were let to Mr Beaumont with the wayleave & has let them ever since wch is lookd upon as a wrong step & much in his disfavour & this leads me to mention th[a]t when the Waggon Way was laid thro W.Kenton Mr Lowes built a hut for a Gatekeeper in Chicken & Mavins farm & I believe those tenants have since the way was pulled up sometimes let that hut to poor people for 6 or 8s a Y[ea]r but without any Concurrence of mine, for I never let it or rec[eive]d a farthing for it, but I hope the step can be taken no advantage of. Mr Beaum[on]t is now winning a Coll[ier]y th[a]t he has taken of the E[arl] of Northumberland wch will be a chargeable affair to him, but who are his P[ar]tners, or whether he has any I do not know: if he has none he must have a deal of money to go thro. with such an Undertaking. I have some Apprehension, tho I dont know it to be so th[a]t he wo[ul]d be willing to compound Matters w[i]th the owners of W.Kenton, for when I told him I wondered he sho[ul]d never make any offers, he expressed himself as if he did not know w[ha]t offer from him would be acceptable but when I askd him why he had never tho[ugh]t it proper to give Notice to determine the Lease, he s[ai]d he was advisd by a Gent[lema]n of the Law not to do it, for as he had never enjoyd the Wayleave he co[ul]d come to no damage, & it is true enough that he never enjoyd the wayleave; for Sir Ar.Hazlerig or Mr Lowes seized upon him for Money advanced him to carry on the Coll[ier]y before the way was laid, & Mr Lowes p[ai]d me the 6 Yr rent I rec[eiv]ed , for I never rec[eiv]ed any money of Mr Beaumont except 6s8d for 73 fo[ther]s & 1/2 of coals led by Carts before the waggonway was laid.

I am etc

PS As to the Charge of attending Mr Beaumont in the Country, & the Affidavits, my son leaves it to you to charge what you think right, & when you let me know what it is, I shall pay him.

19 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt in Curzon Street 19th Nov 1754

Hon Sir

As there is now only between 3 & 4 years to go in the Dean & Chapters Lease of Jarrow Colliery, I am pretty well assured they will let it into other hands if no Agreement is made with them in 8 or 9 months time, for after 18 years of the 21 are expired, they look upon themselves discharged from any Obligation of further Treaty with their old Tenants. You know all the Circumstances that attend this Affair, & I mentioned them again to Mr Denton when last here & it was his Opinion that it was not worth your while to think any more about it, however I think it my Duty to mention this Business again as the term is so near expiring.

I am etc JR

24 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris.Denton in Grays Inn, London 24 Nov 1754

Dr Sr

Mr Beaumont was with me yesterday, & says Mr John Richardson wrote to his Agent last post, to appear to the motion, in order to get Proceedings stopd till next Term, within wch time he hopes matters may be compromisd. I askd him if he would make any Proposal towards a Accomodation, & I would acquaint the Parties therewith, he seemd afraid to mention any sum, & said when I was authorisd to treat with him he would then tell me what he would do, he talkd of paying the money that should be agreed on at annual Payments, but I told him I did not think that would be acceptable, & from the whole Conversation that passed between us, I have Reason to think that he would be willing to pay half the £900 down, provided he could have a Release, & the wayleave Leases given up. So you may communicate this to the Parties, if you think it proper, for their Consideration.

I am etc JR

26 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris.Denton in Greys Inn 26 Nov 1754

D[ea]r S[i]r
Above you receive Sam.Burns bill on Thos.Burn for one hundred & thirty five Pounds, w[hi]ch I desire you will place to my Accts & advise the receipt of.
I am etc JR

To Mr Thos.Burn at the corner of Mercers Court, Tower Street London
£135 Berwick 16 November 1754
Twenty days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or Order One hundred & thirty five Pounds, Value received, & place the same to Account as by advice from Your most H[um]ble Servant
S am.Burn

28 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To S[ir] W.Blackett Bt. MP. London 28 Nov 1754

Hon[oure]d Sir

When the Hhd [hogshead] of Claret you had of Mr Stewart was sent down hither there was no affid[avit] made ab[ou]t it neither did you pay anything on that occasion. All the Mistake is it came here by a Custom house dispatch as Port Wine & now when we want to return it to London, it is necessary to have refference to the time & ship it came down in & to make affid[avit], that it is the same wine; but the Collec[to]r & Comptroller finding by the dispatch that the wine w[hi]ch then came here was called port wine, cannot allow a hhd [hogshead] of french wine to be returned in lieu thereof without the affid[avi]ts mentiond in my Lre of 8th inst being first made & after the the officer that passd it without examination having a severe reprimand. Therefore I do not see how it can be well returned, But Mr Greenwood says that Mr Rudd at the Kings head is willing to take it either of you or Mr Stewart at 36s a doz[e]n. I have not wrote to Mt Stewart about it, but I imagined th[a]t Mr Rudd had wrote him as Mr Greenwood told me he s[ai]d he would do.

Mr Jno.Reed has been w[i]th me & says if you please to let him have £40 it will pay his debts & put him into some way of providing for his family & less than that he thinks will not do. I p[ai]d him £60 in Nov 1752 by y[ou]r ord[er] to compound his debts & put a little money in his pocket, & desire your directions what sum I am now to let him have.

I expect to see Mr Collingwood tomorrow & will then tell him what you are pleased to say about Mr Thos.Brown of Shields

As to the D[ean] & Chapters Coll[ie]ry I am still of opinion th[a]t it would be a very troublesome affair for you to engage in unless you were disengaged f[ro]m your present partners & even then nobody can answer for the success of it.
I am etc JR

28 Nov 1754 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

28 Nov 1754
Sent Messrs Plumbe & Browne their Accts & desired if they found them right to return me one part signed by them, I having signed the other JR

1 Dec 1754 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton in Greys Inn London 1st December 1754

Sir
Thos.Allan's term in Blakelaw farm at W.Kenton will expire at Mayday next & he has been w[i]th me today to know whether he is then to remove or may continue another y[ea]r to w[hi]ch I c[oul]d give him no ans[wer], but I think it incumb[en]t upon me to acquaint you therew[i]th, for if he is to remove it is reasonable he sh[oul]d know it & if he is to continue another y[ea]r he ought to be restrained by a proper Article f[ro]m taking any advantage of the farm, w[hi]ch he may otherwise perhaps do. If you think proper to give me any directions herein, or I can otherwise be of any service I shall readily execute your Commands to the best of my power.
I am etc JR

3 Dec 1754 Joseph Richmond to Edward Blackett

To Edwd.Blackett Esq in Lincolns Inn Fields London 3 Dec 1754

Sir
I have heard nothing from Mathw.Rennison since he was with you at Dukesfield, therefore conclude he has got in all the Lead & sent you the Ticket. I would have your pay fixd for Thursday the 19th instant & desire you will give Notice accordingly, & that you will rec eive the money here on Tuesday the 17th. I shall be glad to have the accts paybill & rental as much before that time as you possibly can, that I may have some time to look over them.
I am etc JR

6 Dec 1754 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris.Denton, Grays Inn London 6th Dec 1754

D[ea]r S[i]r
Mr Beaumont & Mr Richardson have been with me today, & desire me to write you That if the parties will agree to take £500 & give him up the Wayleave Lease & general Released when the money is all paid, he will pay £100 down & the other £400 in quarterly payments; so that the whole shall be paid in 12 months; but to pay all the money at one time is what he cannot do without the greatest difficulty upon him as he is now laying out his money in winning a new Colliery without having any Income from it at present. Mr Richardson and he would write you by this post to the same purpose & they desire this affair may be kept as private as possible, lest it put Mr Shaftoe in Motion again, tho Mr Beaumont seems determined to try the Matter with him.
I am etc JR

8 Dec 1754 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield 8 Dec 1754

Sir

You herewith receive Rennisons tickett for the Lead recd at Blaydon by w[hi]ch you will find that there are 4 P[iece]s short of Dukesfield Lead, 20 P[iece]s short of Allenheads Lead & 1 P[iece] short of Lintzgarth Lead. Jno.Harrison has not been at Blaydon this y[ea]r to compare accts as usual; but I believe we shall fix the P[iece]s wanting f[ro]m Lintgarth upon Jno. Maughan . As for the Allenh[ea]ds & Dukesf[iel]d Carriers I shall insist upon their making Oath before a Justice of Peace of the No. of P[iece]s they have respectively laid down at Apperly Stob before they have any money paid them. If that is not done before the pay I will stop 25s apiece f[ro]m the whole Carriage & let them adjust it among themselves as they can, & therefore you will take care to have this done unless you can clearly discover where the fault lays. for the E.hand carriers are all ready to make Oath th[a]t they have brought in all they have taken up at the Stob. And as to its being any Mistake of y[ou]r Clarks I do not believe it, for that point is easily cleared up when the Smeltings & remaining stock is compared together, but I cannot comp[are them together till I have all the accts bro[ugh]t me in. This Loss of Lead every y[ea]r is so provoking th[a]t some measures must be taken to prevent it if the Carriers can all acquit themselves I must desire Sir Wm. to publish a handsome reward to any person who will discover the theives or any of them if we may banish them the Country, for as Lead is now of a greater value than formerly, it is

a greater temptation to ill disposd people to steal it & makes it almost necessary to have a person fixed at the Stob, to keep an acct of it as it comes & goes, w[hi]ch w[oul]d have been done before this if the Quakers Co. wo[ul]d have agreed to bear part of the expence.

I hope you will be ready to make the pay as soon as you propod some time ago & as I wrote you last post, on thursday senight, the 19th inst. otherwise I do not see how you can make it before New Year day.

I am etc JR

13 Dec 1754 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr.Denton Grays Inn London 13 Dec 1754

D[ea]r S[i]r

I desire you will pay Mr Edmd.Wiseman £23.15.0 when he calls for it & let him sign the inclosed rect. for the money & place it to my acct.

I have shipd in the Duke of Cornwal, Suggit Ma[ste]r, 84 P[ages] of Walling[ton] Leases directed for you, w[hi]ch I desire you will send to be stampd & return to me when done, the sooner the better. You must place the Expence to Sr Wm's acct.

My son joyns in Comp[lemen]ts to you & Mrs Denton & by the same ship have sent you a Ch[est] of Newca[stl]e fish of w[hi]ch we desire y[ou]r acceptance.
I am etc JR

14 Dec 1754 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wa.Blackett Bt. MP. at his house in Curzon Street London 14th Dec 1754

Hon[oure]d Sir

As Mr Liddel's ballast vessels occasiond a great deduction f[ro]m the Income of Mr Hall the late deputy water bailiff he gave the Corporation notice abo[ut] a month ago, that he wo[ul]d give up his place & according to the late regulation he has been paid 666.13.4 being 5/6 of £800 th[a]t he p[ai]d for it. Under the present situation of affairs nobody will chuse to purchase it therefore the Corporation intend to fix a Man in the Station at an annual salary of £60 or £70 a y[ea]r. Mr Hall continues to act till the Common council shall fix on a proper p[er]son, there are sev[era]l Candidates for the post, but none th[a]t are lookd upon to be qualified for it but Hehem[iah] Blaigdon of Shields & Cap[tai]n Chas.Liddle. I am told by Mr Mayor & Mr Peareth th[a]t the former is recomended as being the properest p[er]son, but he was never a friend of yours for both he and his Bro[the]r voted for Mr Ridley & Mr Carr at the contested Election in 1741, as to Capn.Liddle the objection that they make to him is th[a]t he is rather

indolent & of too fiery a temper w[hi]ch may lead him to do some imprudent Action & his Wife's keeping a Shop & selling many sorts of Goods w[hi]ch the Ma[ste]rs of Ships will want is another thing they dislike, as she wo[ul]d probably remove Down to Shields if he succeeds in his Application. These all may be reasons w[i]th some to oppose him, & do not doubt but there may be as strong ones ag[ain]st his Competitor, if his Character was fairly scrutinized, but I know nothing at all of him further than above mencond. I do not think Mr Mayor will place anybody till he hear from you: & I do think Capn. Liddle is best intitled to your favours, if you think it proper to move in the Matter.

I intend to send you all the bills I can procure in ten days time & hope to make them up £2000 before Ladyday, w[hi]ch is all th[a]t I believe can be in my power to do.

I am sorry to find you are indisposd with a Cold, but hope this will find you much better, w[hi]ch I shall be extremely glad to hear.

I am etc JR

14 Dec 1754 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Stevens

To Mr Thos. Stevens (inclosed under cover to Sr Wm.Blacket) 14 Dec 1754

Sir

I recd y[ou]r Lre inclosing the Key of my Lady's Bureau w[hi]ch I here return you, & under another Cover directed for Sr Wm. you will receive, I hope, the key th[a]t her Ladys[hi]p wants in London, Mrs Mary assures me th[a]t it is the right one.

I will send up the breakfast Knives & Forks & the small Coppers next week by the Carrier as you desire, but if the Coppers are not sent back hither you'l want others in their room. I wrote Mr Blackett last post ab[ou]t the Coach & other goods sent away & desire Mr Greenwood will advise me when the plate arrives, as the carriage will be called for here. I am very glad to find my Lady had a good Journey & th[a]t you are all well. My Comp[limen]ts attends Mrs Elmes & all th[a]t sit round your table and I am etc JR

20 Dec 1754 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris.Denton Grays Inn London Newca[stle] 20th Dec 1754

D[ea]r S[i]r

On looking over your acct I find you will not have money in your hands to pay Lady Mansel's Ann[uit]y due 10th Oct Last; have therefore here inclosd you two Bank Bills for £100 Each (as above) w[hi]ch I desire you will place to my Acct. & advise the rec[eip]t of.

My son has p[ai]d me a Guinea, he has rec[iev]ed for Mr Grey's Comission, w[hi]ch I have plac[e]d to your Acct & am etc JR

London 5 Dec 1754
£ @ No.2682 Bank Post Bill
At seven days sight I promise to pay this my Sole Bill of Exchange to Edwd.Collingwood Esq. or Order One hundred pounds Sterling Valuye received of Capt.Rob.Roddam.
For the Gov[eno]r and Comp[trolle]r of the Bank of England
One hundred End[orse]d H. Cowper Elias Timis

London 5 Dec 1754
£ @ No.2685 Bank Post Bill
At seven days sight I promise to pay this my Sole Bill of Exchange to Edwd.Collingwood Esq. or Order One hundred pounds Sterling Valuye received of Capt.Rob.Roddam.
For the Gov[eno]r and Comp[trolle]r of the Bank of England
One hundred End[orse]d H. Cowper Elias Timis

24 Dec 1754 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wm.Blackett Bt.MP. in Curzon Street London 24 Dec 1754

Hon'd Sir

I have herewith inclosed six bills for £1203.10.2, w[hi]ch I desire you will be pleased to advise the receipt of.

Mr Mayor send you his Complim[ent]s & says your giving yourself the trouble of coming down at the Guild, w[hi]ch will be 20 January, is quite unnecessary, he does not imagine there will be any manner of disturbance, but if any of those troublesome fellows sho[ul]d offer to interrupt business, he is determined to exert his Authority. There was no extraordinary business at the Comon council, w[hi]ch was held on thursday last. Mr Ridley intends to be in London about the 8th January.

Dukesfield pay was made on thursday last & it amounted to 2844.14.2¾ We have nothing new f[ro]m the L[ea]d mines, nor any Alteration in the Lead trade. You have had 17 p[iece]s of Lead stolen between the Mils & Bladon this y[ea]r. I desire to know if you approve of an Advertisem[en]t being put into our papers offring a reward to any p[er]son that shall inform ag[ain]st the P[er]son or P[er]sons th[a]t has stolen the same or any p[ar[t thereof to be p[ai]d upon conviction. I think the reward sho[ul]d not be less than ten Guineas.

Yesterday I distributed your annual Charity to above 800 persons w[hi]ch comes to upwards of £90. I wish you many happy years & am Hon'd Sir y[ou]r mo[st] faithf[u]l & h[um]ble Serv[ant] JR

To Mr Jacob Albert in London
Newcastle Nov 9th 1754 £400
Sixty days after date pay to Mr Rob.Pattison or Order four hundred pounds value receivd and place it to accompt as advised by Sir Your most h[um]ble Serv[an]t Thos Airey
No. 1249 Accepted Jacob Albert when due at the bank.

To Mr Christo.Jacob Krauter, Merch[an]t in London
Newcastle Dec 17 1754 £250 Sterling
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order two hundred & fifty pounds Sterling, value rece[ive]d, & place to acct as p[er] advice from Thomas Watson

To Messrs James & Isaac Henckell Merchants in London
Newcastle Dec 10 1754 £150
No. 634
Thirty days after date pay Mr Thomas Yellowley or Order one hundred & fifty pounds sterling value received & place it to Acct as p[er] advice from Thomas Watson

To John Bland & Son London
Newcastle Dec 20th 1754
Thirty days after date pay Mr Jospeh Richmond or Order one hundred pounds value rece[ive]d p[er] advice from Pere Tyzack.

A Messieurs Clarmont & Linwood a Londres
Rochefort 21 Novembre 1754 p[er] £163.11.8 St[erling]
Pre
A Deux Usances payes par celle notre premiere de Change a l'Ordre de Monsieur Ralph Carr Cent soixante Trois livres onze sols huit deniers sterlings value en Compte avec Le d'sieur, que vous passirez a celluy de M P A.f suivant l'avis de Jean & Francois Pelletreau
f.291

A Messieurs Isidore Lynch & Co. a Londres

Rochefort 21 Novembre 1754 p[er] £139.18.6 St[erling]
Pre
A Deux Usances payes par celle notre premiere de Change a l'Ordre de Monsieur Ralph Carr Cent trente neuf livres dix huit sols six deniers sterlings value en Compte avec Le d' sieur, que vous passirez a celluy de PL suivant l'avis de Jean & Francois Pelletreau
f.292

27 Dec 1754 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Strother

To Mr Tho.Strother at Esholt near Bradford in Yorkshire 27 Dec 1754

Sir
Sir Walter writes me by last Post that he probably may be at Esholt in a further few Days, & orders me to send the inclosed to you to keep till he comes or write you to send it to him, If Sir Walter should come down I will be much obliged to you or Mr Harvey to whom my Complim[en]ts if you will make me up one or two dozen of Covers, & desire Sir Walter to frank them, w[hi]ch you will be so kind as send me the first Opportunely, for you see I am quite aground & forced to have Recourse to Mr Ridley. I wish you & all yours many happy years & am Sir Your mo[st]H[um]ble Servant JR

7 Jan 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Ch.Denton Grays Inn London 7th January 1755

Dr Sr
The 13 Receipts w[hi]ch you sent me in your Letters of the 24 & 31 Last Month on acct of my W.Kenton ballance amounting to £310.12.1 are placed to the C[redit] of your acct & I have made you Dr for the family's dividend of 14.19.10. Jno.Bakers proportions for 1753 & 1754 amounting to 27.18.9 I see are respited in my hands till further order.
I think it wo[ul]d have been better if Mr Beaumont had been obliged to make his last paym[en]t about the beginning of November so th[a]t the whole £500 might be bro[ugh]t into my next accts. I am etc JR

12 Jan 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt. in Curzon Street London 12 Jan 1755

Hon.Sir

I am sorry to find you have any Reason to be uneasie about the sale of Esholt & am surprised that Mr Strother behaviour in that affair has not been agreeable to what you expected from him. As to the £2000 which you have lost in [the] Sale it is a deal of Money, but I hope the Lead mines this year will make you full Compensation, for Allanheads goes on extremely well, & Weardale I hope is on the mending hand, so that if the price of Lead do but keep up, I doubt not but this year will be better than the last. I will send Mr Wilson the State of Teller Colliery in a Post or two. I send you inclosed a acct of your several purchases proper to be annexed to the Trust Estate with the Value I think they are deserving of * [as marginal note: the same as sent Mr Denton in my letter 26 April last]. I cannot think Kenton a dear Purchase at £9000 for the net Rental of it now is £596.3.8 & as to the Royalties I cannot take upon me to say what the just value of them is, but I do think they ought not to be estimated at less than £2000, the intrest of £9000 at 31/2 P[er]Cent esceeds the present Rental of the Estate, about £70 but I am of opinion that some of the farms may be considerably advanced when you determine to let leases of them for 9 or 11 years. It is not unlikely that Mr Wilson has bought West Kenton for Sir Wm.Wentworth & if so he ought to give you 20000guineas for the Eastside, if you retain your inclination of parting with it. Mr Munton is dead which is a great loss to the Parish a greater to the School & the greatest to his family, his sermons are to be printed for the Benefit of the Widdow under the Care of Mr Ellison Mr Dockwray & Mr Moises & its expected will raise about £100 for Mr Ellison says he knows one Gentleman, I imagine Dr Tew, that will subscribe 10 guineas. I hope this will find you well. I am etc JR

PS. I think the Bear is as fatt as it can well be, but wee will be adding to it all wee can, till you give further Directions.

17 Jan 1755 Joseph Richmond to William Wentworth
[Note: No addressee or date given - it appears to be a report for Sir William Wentworth; see letter of same date to Joshua Wilson, Pontefract]

The present State of Jarrow Coll[ie]ry first taken by old Sir Wm.Blackett & P[ar]tners in 1691, of which

Sr Wr.Blackett has	4/8
Mess Ledger	2/8
Mr J Wilkinsons Ex[ecuto]rs	1/8
Mr Nathl.Clayton	1/8
	8 Eighths

This coll[ie]ry is held under the D[ea]n & Chap[te]r of Durham by lease for 21 Yrs formerly renewed every 7th Yr without any fine, the present Lease has 3 yrs to go from

March next. It was taken by & in the name of Mr Jno. Wilkinson (in trust for Sr Wr.Blackett & P[ar]tners) who refusd to renew at the end of the first 7 yrs as usual, unless the Chap[te]r wo[ul]d grant the same terms, w[hi]ch they then refused to do & so Mr Wilkinson made no further application. The pres[en]t Lease includes the whole Parish of Jarrow th[a]t belongs to the Chap[te]r and takes in the Towns[hi]ps of Harton Westoe Hedworth Mountain Heworth & the rent is £40 a y[ea]r certain & £5 a ten for 315 coal bolls.

As this colliery is quite wro[ugh]t out till there is a new winning made of her, w[hi]ch none of the other P[ar]tners were willing & one not able to engage in, Sir Wr.Blackett caused a view to be made by the most skillful viewers, whose Opinion is th[a]t the winning will require above 2 y[ea]rs to compleat it & will cost w[i]th the Steath & waggonway about £7000, but that the same might be compleated & earned on to advantage as the price of Coals now is at Newcastle, if no troubles happen w[hi]ch they co[ul]d not forsee. Upon this report Sr W.Blackett took all the other P[ar]tners shares at £160 p[er] year conditionally, if he could obtain a renewal of the Lease, & in Nov 1750 he applyd to the Chap[te]r & offerd them a certain rent of £150 a Y[ea]r for 600 tens & £5 a ten for what he sho[ul]d lead above the Q[uanti]ty, w[hi]ch were the highest Terms he was advised to offer, but they rejected his proposals & wo[ul]d not renew any p[ar]t of the pres[en]t limits, except the township of Heworth only: They also objected to a Clause granted in every Coll[ie]ry Lease "That the Lesee be at Liberty to fetch up his deficiencies in working his Q[uanti]ty, for the certain rent in any succeeding y[ea]r" & made other unreasonable Objections w[hi]ch w[oul]d not be submitted to by any Lessee, & so the treaty dropt.

The same P[ar]tners have also another Coll[ier]y in Gatesh[ea]d Fell adjoining to Heworth towns[hi]p w[hi]ch they lease of Hen.Thos.Carr & Hen.Ellison Esq (who are Lessees under the B[isho]p of Durham) at £150 a yr for 300 Tens, & £40 a ten for all above the Q[anti]ty. This is a concurrent Lease renewable without any variation but this coll[ie]ry is also wro[ugh]t out in the upper seams & as it lies to the Rise of the D[ea]n & Chap[te]r Coll[ie]ry can only be won anew thro them, There is nothing going on in this Coll[ie]ry for the certain rent but a Land sale pit by w[hi]ch Sr Wr. is every y[ea]r a considerable loser, for this Lease being granted in his name, he is obliged to pay all the Rent & some of the p[ar]tners are not able to pay up their proportions notwithstanding w[hi]ch this Lease , w[hi]ch is determinable at any time for bearing to work six months, is still kept on foot as a Check upon the D[ea]n & Chap[te]r because its believed there is nobody will undertake the winning of their Colliery at the worth, without having the B[isho]ps Coll[iery] also, as one must lay the other dry.

If Sr Wm Wentworth has any thoughts of engaging in this affair I think the best way will be to treat with the Chap[ter] imediately for Heworth towns[hi]p only, if he can obtain no larger bounds, for a Lease of 21 yrs to comence from the expiration of the present Lease, w[hi]ch Mr Wilkinsons Ex[ecu]tors say they will not sujrrender but are determind shall run out as young Ma.Wilkinson wants 3 or 4 y[ea]rs of being of age Unless the Chap[ter] wo[ul]d renew upon the old terms, wch they will never do.

You see by all this that Sir Wr.Blackett has done everything with regard to these Collieries th[a]t can be expected f[ro]m him, & I have set the whole affair to you in as clear a light as I am able to do.

17 Jan 1755 Joseph Richmond to Joshua Wilson

To Mr Joshua Wilson at Pontefract Yorkshire Newcastle 17 January 1755

Sir

I have rec[eiv]ed a Letter f[ro]m Sr W[alte]r Blackett ordering me to send you the state of Jarrow & Gateshead Fell Coll[ier]ys, wch I have herewith done, for Sr Wm Wentworths consideration, whether he will endeavour to obtain a new lease of the D[ea]n & Chap[ter] of Durham for Jarrow, to comence at the expiration of the present Lease, or suffer the same to fall into other hands for Sr W[alte]r, you will see by the inclosed, has done all th[a]t lay in his power to obtain a renewal, but f[ro]m the unreasonable stifness of the Chap[te]r, & the situation of Affairs with his P[aer]tners, he has not been able to get it done tho for the last seven y[ea]rs he has had a great deal of trouble about it. I am sir Yr most h[um]ble Servt JR

17 Jan 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr Wr Blackett Bt.MP. London 17th January 1755

Hon[oure]d Sir

Herewth inclosed is a Copy of the state of Jarrow & Gateshead Coll[ie]rys wch I have sent Mr Wilson & is a true state of the case w[i]thout laying more to the charge of the late Mr Wilkinson, wch I might justly have done; for the Lease might have been got renewd at the end of the first 7 yrs at the old rents, if he wo[ul]d have agreed to the exception of the 3 towns[hi]ps of Hartyon, Westoe & Heworth, wch all the p[ar'tners thought it prudent to submit to. But he wo[ul]d never agree to any reduction f[ro]m the pres[en]t boundaries, in hopes th[a]t you wo[ul]d take his share upon his own terms.

Richd.Liddells petition to parliament has rousd the Corporation, & a petition is now handing abo[u]t to be signed by the Justices of No[rthumber]land & Durham. setting forth the bad consequences wch will attend the use he makes of his Vessels in the River Tyne, wch will be sent you in a post or two.

I have s[ol]d Mr Rudd 19 Dozn of Mr Stewarts Claret at 36s a dozn & have rec[eiv]ed the money £34.4.0.

Mr Robson has been here since last Sunday much indisposed wth w[ha]t Dr Cooper says is an Ague in his head. The Dr has prescribed the Bark etc wch do not

seem yet to answer the intention, for I think he is much worse today, but Dr Cooper says he is in no danger. I am etc JR

PS Ann Smiths wages wch is 2.10.6 a y[ear] I paid in full to the 2d June. Mr Robson says her bro[ther] in London has the best right to receive w[ha]t is due to her.

20 Jan 1755 Joseph Richmond to John Mayer

To Mr Jno.Mayer Attorney at Law in York Newc[astle] 20th Jan 1755

Sr
Above you have a bill for 3.5.1 in lieu of the acct you sent me in y[ou]r Lre [letter] of the 18th four 4 y[ea]rs sent out of the Geo[rge] Inn in Gatesh[ea]d due to Ld Feversham at Mich[aelmas] last & I desire you will always oblige the tenant to pay it for the future as has been usual, who will have it allowd when he pays his rent. I am etc JR

To Mr Chris Denton in Greys Inn London
Newcastle 20 jan 1755 £3.5.1
Sir
At sight pay Mr John Mayer or Order three pounds five shillings & a penny value rec[eiv]ed & place to account as advised by Sr Yr most h[um]ble servant J.Richm[on]d

20 Jan 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Greys Inn London Newc[astle] 20 Jan 1755

Dr Sr

At last I have got Pr.Hastings rent & herewth you receive the acct & vouchers he has for the last 4 y[ea]rs refused to pay Mr Jno.Mayer the fee farm rent, tho he knew it wo[ul]d be allowd, & therefore Mr Mayer wrote to me abo[u]t it & sent me a rec[eip]t for the money 3.5.1 and this day I have drawn a bill on you payable at sight to Mr Jno.Mayer or Order for 3.5.1 to answer the s[ai]d rec[eip]t , wch I desire you'l pay & place to my acct.

Richd. Liddels petition to parliament has put the Corporation upon their metal, & I hope it will prove the readiest way to get the matter determined in their Favour. I am etc JR

24 Jan 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr.Blackett Bt. MP. at his house in Curzon Street London
Newc[astle] 24th January 1755

Hon Sir

Mr Ellis writes that Mr Shafto Downs has begun to work Coals at Stublock in yo[u]r Liberty by the order of Messrs Walton & Boag the hospitals Agents, & desires to know w[ha]t steps are proper to be taken to pu a stop to their working there. For if he is allowed to go on for any time, the whole ground in dispute, being above 336 acres will be lost. On the other side (see above) you have a particular state of the case for your consideration. To present & amerce Mr Downs at Hexham Court Mr Ellis says will be to no purpose. Perhaps the Com[missione]rs of the hospital will agree to refer this Dispute, & give orders to stop Mr Downs' working till it is determind. If they will not something else should be done to stop him as soon as may be.

I hear today that John Gibson is dying, so that Mr Peart will want an able assistant in Weardale. Sedling Grove gets Oar pretty well; but there is little got anywhere else in that Country. but we are in hopes that Elmford & Great Slitt will turn out well in a little time, & repay the great expence you have been at.

Mr Robson is still here under Dr Coopers care, who cannot yet get his disorder removed. but he seems rather better. his constitution seems to be impaired, so that he cannot go through business as he has done. I sho[ul]d therefore think it proper for you to have some body bringing up at Wallington under him.

Mr Ralph Headlam has done with the Merchants business; & I find you are to have sev[era]l applications by this post to recomend him as Secretary to Mr Littleton, who is going Governor to Carolina.

I have rec[eiv]ed 28 boxes with Goods f[ro]m Esholt, wch will remain unopened, till you come into the Country. I am etc JR

Case for S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett's Consideration

In 1730 you let High Stulock Coll[ie]ry to one Jno.Brown for £6 a y[ea]r, who wro[ugh]t her for 5 yrs without any interruption & then have her up; in 1737 she was let again to Abm.Teasdale & Thos.Westgarth for 14 yrs at £7 a yr for the first 6 yrs & £12 a yr afterwards. In 1739 the Agents for Greenwich hop[ita]l alledged that nthe Gro[un]d where Teasdale & Westgarth were working was in the Barony of Langley, & at a Court for that Barony they presented Teasdale & Westgarth for sinking pitts on Stublock Edge, & amerced them in £30 wch their Bailif came to Levy, but was prevented by the workmen; in a few days after, he returnd with more force, & carried away the Ropes & Tools to Haydon bridge & sold them in an hours time, but y[ou]r tenants were orderd to bring new materials to the pitts & carry on the work. In June 1740 you were served with a subpoena out of the Exchequer & a copy of an Injunction to stop the working. The Subpoena was deliverd to Mr Ord, but never anything more was done since wch time the Coll[ie]ry has lain unwro[ugh]t till now, that Mr Shafto Downs the Hospitals

Tenant for Gregs shield Coll[ie]ry, wch adjoins Stublock, has begun to work Coals in the liberty (or at least what has always been lookd upon to be within the Manor of Hexham) & says he has orders f[ro]m the hospitals Agents to do so. I find by some copies of Lres in my Office, & other papers that there was a dispute about this matter in 1690, between the Earl of Darwentwater & Sr Wm.Blackett, & it was referd to arbitrators to settle the boundary; but those chosen by the Earl, when they came upon the spot & viewed the gro[un]d, declined to enter into any Discussion of the matter; on which Sr Wm.Blackett proposd a friendly tryal at the next assizes, & in one of his letters he says he was determined never to give up an inch of the Gro[un]d till it was determind one way or other. But Gregshield belonging to the Dilston family , as above, being let to one Willey, & Stublock belonging to Sr Wm.Blackett let by him to one Bittlestone, those two p[er]sons entred into p[ar]tners[hi]p in both Coll[ie]rys & wro[ugh]t them for many y[ea]rs so that the dispute dropt between the two families. The Question is whether an Injunction can be obtained to stop Mr Downs working, or what other Method must be taken to support y[ou]r right in 336 acres of gro[un]d wch the hospitals tenants or Agents lay a Claim to . I desire you will be pleased to let us have y[ou]r directions herein as soon as convenient. I have herewith inclosed Copy of the Injunction they servd you with in 1740.

25 Jan 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr.Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 25 Jan 1755

Dear Sir
Above is a bill for £100 wch I desire you will give acct for & advise the rec[eip]t of . I have this day recd of Mr Jno. Ord 30.7.6 for y[ou]r use wch I have placed to y[ou]r acct. I am etc JR

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London
Newcastle 25 Jan 1755 £100
Sirs
Fifteen days after date pay Mr Chr.Denton or Order one hundred pounds value rec[eiv]ed & place the same to acct as by advice f[ro]m JR

25 Jan 1755 Advisd Messrs Plumb & Brown of the above bill for £100 drawn on them. JR

31 Jan 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart. in London 31 Jan 1755

Hon.Sir

Mr Roberts tells me he writes you this Post to desire a Tack of a Vein a friend of his has lately discovered near to Allenheads, & that his terms are 40s a bing for the first 100 Bings & 25s afterwards, wch are the same proposal he made you about 12 months agoe. He mentioned this to me about a month agoe & I referrd him to Mr Caleb Hunter, from whom I have heard nothing since about it. I do not know any Reason why he should not be granted a tack provided the place is not within 2 miles of Allenheads (for I think no tack ought to be granted within that Compass) nor is near to, or part of any discovered wein, Only the 40s a bing is a new thing & what is not practisd either in y[ou]r own Liberty or the Bishops, & I believe you wrote him on his former Application that it was what you did not chuse to agree to, as it was a bad precedent which all other tackers would expect.

Mr Peareth will sett forward tomorrow & propose to be in London on Tuesday Evening. You must have a great Deal of Trouble about this Affair, but I hope it will end in favour of the Corporation.

I am etc JR

1 Feb 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

[Note: File note. Sequence in volume indicates a date of 1-4 February 1755]

February 1755

Wrote Mr Denton that I had received £40 of Mr Thos.Hall of Hatherick for Mr Harrison & placed it to his Acct

4 Feb 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr W.Blackett Bt. in London Newc[astle] 4th Feb 1755

Hon Sir

Mr Jno.Gibson id dead & yesterday Mr Peart was here & shewd me a recommendatory Lre signd by sev[era]l p[er]sons in behalf of one Jno.Peart a Relation of his & Son in Law to Jno.Gibson, to whom he has been assistant during his Illness; wch Lre you will receive by this post. Mr Peart says the young man is a good Grover, & the properest p[er]son you can fix on to put in Thos.Maughans place, who he wo[ul]d have preferd to Jno.Gibsons. I do think it wo[ul]d be very right to advance Maughan, & as to the young man recommended to his place, I believe he may do as well as any other. I know nothing of him myself but he appears to be very modest & sober, writes a good hand, is about 28 y[ears of age, & Mr Peart says has an Estate in Weardale of abo[ut] £40 a y[ea]r, wch I do not think any bad Qualification. As I saw Mr Hunter of Allanheads had joind in the recomendacon I askd Mr Peart why Mr Rd.Allgood had

not also signd it, he said he declined it: In wch he apprehends he designs to apply for his son; who Mr Peart says wo[ul]d be of no service as he is a Stranger to both the Groves & people in Weardale. He also says th[a]t the Person he recomends to Maughans place, expects no more than £20 a y[ea]r wxh is £5 less than you now pay. As the time for sending the Oar to the Mils is coming on an assistant sho[ul]d be appointed before Ladyday in Weardale; but as to Allanheads, they may dispence longer without one; if your Agents there keep their health, but if either of them sho[ul]d be taken ill, your Affairs wo[ul]d probably suffer. I think it wo[ul]d therefore be right to determine, who you will also please to place there. You will remember the p[er]sons who applied to you for the vacancy are Chris.Vickers recomended by Mr Aynsley, who Mr Hunter & Mr Allgood said was of a hasty temper; Joshua Dodds, who I believe is some way allied to Mr Hunter & Rd.Allgood for his son; any of the 3 you shall please appoint will in my opinion do very well while Mr Hunter lives.

The Apprehensions of a Rupture with France puts a full stop to the Lead Trade; & if matters are not made up, that Comodity must drop very considerably; you have abo[ut] 8000 p[ieces] at Bladon, mostly come in since the middle of Octo[ber], since wch time we have had no demand.

Mr Robson is pretty well recoverd & intends to go to Wallington in 2 or 3 days, he says Thos.Hepple & sons have taken the farm & signed an Article for one y[ea]r at £100. The younger son who is one of the Lives in the B[isho]ps Lease on some Difference has left his Father & its said intends to go to sea.

I had some talk today with Mr Walton about Stublock & he says as you did not proceed & bring the Matter to a Tryal when servd with the Injunction they have Orders to work the Coll[ie]ry; & if you bring an Injunction to stop them, the hospital will try the Right with you.

I think the Boundaries of Hexham ought to rode this Year.

Liddle's Affair is the chief subject in all Companies; & most people apprehend th[a]t tho the Hoppers may be laid aside, yet something or other will fall heavy on the Corporation. But I hope it will prove otherwise.

Our Butchers say the Bear is as fat as it's possible to make it.

I will send the White Bear Skin by the first ship that sails.

I am Hon Sr Yr most faithful h[um]ble Servt. JR

PS I have shipd the Bear Skin in the Blackett Cap[tai]n.Suggit

18 Feb 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr Wr Blackett Bt. London Newc[astle] 18 Feb 1755

Hon Sir

On the other side you have an Acct of the Money I believe you have had of Mr Bowes & of the int[ere]st I have p[ai]d Mr Leaton for it.

Lead is fallen at Stockton & Hull & there are great Q[uanti]tys at these Markets. I sho[ul]d be glad to know whether a War is expected in Europe this summer, that I may regulate my conduct in the Lead trade accordingly; for if we sho[ul]d have a war the first Market th[a]t offers will be the best but I hope an open rupture will not happen this year.

The friends of the Hoppers seem to be in great spirits, they say all goes well so far on their side, & they are under no apprehensions th[a]t any thung will be done this Sessions ag[ain]st them. I shall be very sorry if they do not meet with a disappointment.

PS there is 23/4 y[ea]rs int[ere]st now due to Messrs Lascelles for the £118000. I presume I am to remit it as soon as I can get bills for it. I am Hon Sir Yr etc JR

1751 May 2 Borrowd of Mr Bowes at 4 P[er]C[en]t	1500
1752 Jan 29 more	1200
	2700

1753 June 2 Pd Mr Leaton 2yrs intst on the 1500 due 13 May 1753	120
Ditto pd do 1yr do on the 1200 due 9 feb 1753	48
	168

By 11 days Alteracon in the Style makes the times of interest becomes due, to be as above.

28 Feb 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr.Denton Grays Inn London 28 Feb 1755

Dr Sir

I have put on board the Generous Friends Jacob Remington Mas[ter] a Kit of Salmon directed to Wm.Powlet Esq. in <Beutton> Street by Berkley Square done by the same hand as what Mrs Hymers sent Mr Wynne, wch I hope will prove very good, it is the best Salmon our market will afford & comes to 13s10d wch I have placed to your acct. as I have £5.5.0 for your bill on one to Mr Robt.Fenwick.

I wish some of Mr Childs people wo[ul]d call for my last half years dividend, for I may perhaps order the Stock to be sold before another half year becomes due; whatever charges attend it I desire you will place to my acct.

Some of our Hopper Folks are still very pert & give hints as if there is still something in <pette> to be offered against the Corporation, wch is little thought of; but I look upon this as the last Snuff of a Candle & hope to see in a few posts a Report f[ro]m the Comittee in favour of the town; but however that may be the town ought always gratefully to remember the great trouble & pains Sr Walter & Mr Ridley have

taken in the Affair & I hope they will gratify you well for the share you have had therein.

I desire to know how Mr Wilson goes on with his purchase; & if there is an Order made in Mr Beaumont's Case.

I have sent a kit of salmon in the ship before mentioned directed for you, wch I desire you will accept of from Dr Sr Yr etc JR

4 Mar 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr.Blackett Bt. MP. at his house in Curzon Street London
Newca[stle] March 4 1755

Hon Sir

You have, in the Case I sent you, the best acct I am able to give of the Enjoyment of the Royalty of the Gro[un]d in dispute between Hexham & Langley, & as to the Herbage Mr Ellis informs me, that the Tenants within the manor of Hexham, have during the Memory of Man enjoyed it without any Interruption that he ever heard of but on the other hand, when any Goods belonging to the tenants of the Barony of Langley came on to that Ground they never met with any disturbance f[ro]m your Copyhold Tenants, not had your Tenants Goods ever any disturbance, when they went beyond yo[u]r boundary: for it is a large tract of Gro[un]d & a good distance from any houses, so no Notice has been taken of the Goods trespassing on one Another. I think this dispute might be best determined by a Reference, if the hospital will agree to it; wch I somewhat question from the Countenance of their Agents.

John Dawson the Serjeant had an odd accident happen to him last fryday night; for riding up one side of the Flesh Market he was caught under the jaw by a large Butchers hook & his horse going f[ro]m under him, left him hanging about a foot f[ro]m the ground, in wch Condition he continued some minutes before he was releived. Mr Lambert was apprehensive the Inflamation occasioned thereby wo[ul]d have choaked him, but he is likely to recover.

I hope to remit you abo[u]t £1000 before the End of the Month; we have no demand for Lead, for no ships can be yet got to go to any port in France. I am Hon Sir Yr mo[st] faithful H[um]ble Servt JR

7 Mar 1755 Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 7 March 1755

Sir
My father is from home, but I rec[eiv]ed y[ou]r Lre [letetr] in relation to Mr Wm.Erringtons casting a Trench in Broomhaugh Gro[un]ds, in order as pretended to

new win Sr Wr.Blacketts Coll[ie]ry & in answer thereto have sent you, inclosed herewith, a Copy of the Article (for I never heard that a Lease was executed) for letting the Coalmines in the Parish of St John Lee & Chapelry of St Oswald to Mr Errington for 21 y[ea]rs f[ro]m 25 Dec 1735. But whether he has a right to make the trench you mention to win the s[ai]d Coalmines & whether his view in doing it, at this time of his especially, may not more likely be to drain his own Colliery of Oakwood, you will as you know the situation of the s[ai]d Places & other Circumstances, be best able to judge. If the latter is his design he sho[ul]d not surely be allowed to proceed; for it is a usual Clause in all Coll[ie]ry Leases that the Lessee shall not make, or suffer to be made, any Watercourse thro[ugh] the demised premises for draining any other Coll[ie]ry without consent of the Lessor. But my father will write you further about this matter when he returns. I am etc HR

9 Mar 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr Wr.Blackett Bt. MP. Curzon Street London 9 March 1755

Honrd Sir

On fryday I attended at Cambo, but the weather was so very bad th[a]t Mr Allgood co[ul]d not come, & a sufficient No. of the Com[missione]rs did not meet to do any business, so that another meeting will I believe by appointed in about three weeks. I have inquiored as far as I co[ul]d into all the Circumstances th[a]t can attend the fixing a Bar at cambo, & am satisfied th[a]t it will be attended with very little hards[hi]p or inconvenience to your Tenants, for if the Trustees sho[ul]d not allow a very easy Composition, they may have their Lime etc to any p[ar]t of the Estate without ever passing the Bar, as Mr Robson will particularly inform you, so th[a]t I think it is much the best way to let the Trustees take their own way & fix a gate where they please, wch I beleive they will soon find reason to remove; for Mr Robson is very confident the toll will never pay the gatekeeper. The Road as now laid is certainly most advantageous for the public, I generally allowed so, & to consent to alter it to humour two or three of the Subscribers, wo[ul]d probably in the end be bringing greater Inconveniencies upon yourself & Tenants. I have reason to apprehend f[ro]m Mr Browne that the Trustees have no intention of laying your tenants under any hards[hi]ps, if they co[ul]d do it; but th[a]t they will very likely allow them to pass toll free, for your agreeing to keep in repair the road from Wansbec to Gallowshill, wch I think wo[ul]d not be unreasonable; for th[a]t will be laying no expence upon you, as the tenants 6 days work will more than sufficiently do it. But if they sho[ul]d not make you this proposal, it is not at all material for the reason above. As to the people coming f[ro]m Elsdon & th[a]t Quarter, they may very well afford to pay at Cambo; for as there is no Bar at Elsdon they will have no other bar to pay at till they come to Kenton. Mr Allgood sent the substance of your Lre to him, to be cominicated by Mr Brown to the Gents if there had been a Meeting.

The Town is in high spirits for the victory gained over Mr Liddle; but act with a proper decency, without making any public rejoicing. they have great reason gratefully to acknowledge the trouble you have had in the Affair. I am etc. JR

21 Mar 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 21 March 1755

Dr Sr

Inclosed is james Wilkinson's bill on Anthy.Todd for £200 wch I desire you will place to my acct & advise the rec[eip]t of, & when Lady Mansel calls for her half y[ea]r ann[ui]ty due 6 April you will please to pay her & send me her receipt. I thank you for yo[u]r advices ab[ou]t Liddle's Machine, his Friends here still keep up their spirits, & pretend there are two new hoppers coming down, but I find some of the Masters begin to demur upon the case & are not willing to part with their money.

My Daugh[te]r sends you her Compliments & thanks for y[ou]r kind pres[en]t & I am etc JR

To Anthy.Todd Esq. at the general Post Office London
Newcastle Feb 18 1755 £200
Forty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order Two hundred pounds, value received, & place it to acct as advised by James Wilkinson

28 Mar 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt. MP. at his house in Curzon Street London
Newcastle 28 March 1755

Hon Sir

Inclosed are three bills for £990.0.0 (as above) wch I desire you will please to advise the receipt of. Ald[erma]n Robt. Sorsbie is broke up by Geo.Blenkinsop who has seized on his Goods by an Execution for £180. I believe his debts amount to upwards of £2000, but what Effects he has to answer that sum I do not yet certainly know; but I doubt matters are very bad with him. I see he has given you in a cred[ito]r for £100 lent him. Whether his Cred[ito]rs will come into a Composition, or some of them will sue out a Comission of Bankruptcy is not yet known, but it is likely the latter will be the case, rather than Mr Blenkinsop shall get all his money.

Mr Liddle & Mr Bird have sent down a No. of printed papers, engaging themselves to keep indemnified all Masters of Ships, who shall make use of their Machine, one of wch Mr Mayor sends you by this post. this encourages the Ma[ste]rs to

be as obstinate as ever, but its reason[a]ble to think they will alter their measures, when they find in what manner the Corporation intends to proceed with them.

I hope Mr Collingwoods Lre abo[u]t the roads etc at Wallington is quite satisfactory, another meeting was advertised to be this day at Cambo but as it is Good Friday Mr Robson writes me he does not expect a sufficient No. of the Comiss[ione]rs will attend, so th[a]t nothing will probably be done before you come home. I am etc JR

To Mr George FzGerald Merchant in London
Newcastle 18 March 1755 £390
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order, Three hundred & ninety pounds, the value in acct. with Sr Walter Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

To Mr George Langstaff Merchant in London
Gateshead March 21 1755 £200
Forty days after date pay Messrs Peareth & Sorsbie or Order Two Hundred pounds value rec[eiv]ed & place it to acct as advised by George Stephenson. Endoresed Peareth & Sorsbie, Jos.Richmond

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London
Newcastle 28 March 1755 £400
Sirs
Twenty five days after date pay Sir Walter Blackett Bart. or Order four hundred pounds, value received, & place the same to acct. as by advice from - Sirs Your most h[um]ble Servant Jos. Richmond

1755 March 28 Advised Messrs Plumbe & Browne of the above bill for £400 drawn on them pay[a]ble to Sr Walter Blackett etc. JR

29 Mar 1755 Joseph Richmond to Daniel Lascelles

To Danl.Lascelles Esq. MP in Mark Lane London Newcastle 29 March 1755

Inclosed are two bills for £1475.0.0 as above, in part of the 2 Y[ea]rs int[ere]st due f[ro]m Sr Wr.Blackett the 26 of Last Month, wch I desire you will place to his acct & advise me on the receipt hereof. I will remit you the remainder as soon as I can meet with good bills, wch at present are not to be got here. I am Sr Yr etc JR

To Mr Peter Simond Merchant in London
Newcastle 18 March 1755 £950.0.0
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order nine hundred and fifty pounds, value in acct with Sir Walter Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Stainbank & Truman Merchants in London
Newcastle 18 March 1755 £525.0.0
Forty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order Five hundred & twenty five pounds, the value in acct with Sr Walter Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

31 Mar 1755 Joseph Richmond to Elizabeth Blackett

To Lady Blackett in Curzon Street London 31 March 1755

Hon.Madam
I will take care to get the drawing Room done agreeable to your Ladyships directions with all Expedition, the paper th[a]t will be sufficient to hang it is as below. The panelling must be taken down the surbase, for the paper cannot be put upon it. I have examined the boxes that came out of Yorkshire, but cannot find the red & white cotton y[ou]r Ladyship mentions. The Pew in St And[re]ws Church is new Lined & the Curtains are the lightest blew we co[ul]d get, the Uphold[ster]er says the pew will look best to be painted a Mahogony Colour, but if you prefer any other Colour I desire you will be pleased to let me know. I am Yr Ladyships Mo[st] faithfull h[um]ble Servt.

	Feet	Inch	
32 breadths	7	2	long
9 breadths	1	8	long
4 breadths	5	3	long

6 Apr 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr WrBlackett Bart. London 6 April 1755

Honrd Sir
Mr Davison of Ferryhill is still living, but Dr Askew thinks he cannot continue long. I will send you the earliest advice I receive of any alteration.

The Hoppers go on as briskly as ever, & wee are told two addit[iona]l ones are expected named the Defiance & Revenge which is extreamly insolent, but I hope the Corporation will very speedily take measures to induce the Ma[ste]rs of These to consider better of it.

The Subscription going on for the Relief of the Families of Volunteer Seamen is lookd upon by some Gentlemen as very imprudent as it may hereafter lay the Government under some inconveniencies, by obligeing to give addit[iona]l Bounties, but our Zeal at present is so great that there is no restraining it, about £180 is already subscribed, Mr Ridley has subscribed five guineas, & tomorrow I shall agreeable to your Directions subscribe your £50 wch will make the whole subscription to that time £230. Mr Bell, Mr Reay, Mr Carr & Mr Jos.Ord are appointed to be a Comittee for the disposal of the money, & the Bounty is to extend to the families of all Volunteers that have entred or shall enter with Capt[ai]n Wheeler regulating Capt[ain]s here, but no more than one single paym[en]t is intended to be collected.

The horses are here ready for a journey & on fryday next Jno.Ogle will set forw[ar]d with 11 saddle horses & 3 coach horses & will be in London about the 19th.

I am not able yet to draw an exact State of y[ou]r Affairs to Xmas for I cannot have all the Stew[ar]ds accts till about Mayd[a]y, but I will do it as soon as I possibly can. I will take care to observe all the other directions of y[ou]r Lre.

PS Mr Sorsbie's C[reditor]s have mostly agreed to take what effects there are among them, how they will turn out I cannot yet tell. As he has done with Trade, I think yo[ur] orders for Corn to the Mines had better be divided, Viz Messrs Clark & Scurfield to have Weardale & Mr Harbottle to have Allanheads. The other Corn Merch[an]ts are Mr Surtees Mr Harry Peareth & Mr Bt.Greenwell. I desire you will please to let me have yo[u]r directions herein. I am etc JR

8 Apr 1755 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield 8 Mar [sic] 1755

Sir

On making up the Mil accts I find there has been extream bad Management last year at them all, & the worst at Lintzgarth, where very near 5 Bings have been smelted for every fod[der] of Lead, & the slags notwithstanding lessened f[ro]m what they were at Xmas 1753. I desire on rec[eip]t hereof you will inquiore very exactly into the cause hereof, wch is a loss of many hundred pounds to S[i]r W[alte]r. Order all the Clarks imediately to make out an acct of wht produce they have made f[ro]m the Oar, after all the wastes are deducted between xmas 1753 & xmas 1754 & send me them in with your observations thereon, to lay before Sr W[alte]r when he comes home, wch will be in about three weeks; for I have his orders last post to have the same ready for his

Inspection. You know it is your province to look into this affair with the greatest circumspection & I wonder you have not observd it before this.

I am Sir etc JR

11 Apr 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris.Denton Greys Inn London Newcastle 11 April 1755

Dr Sir

Inclosed are two bills (as above) for four hundred pounds, wch I desire you will place to my acct & advise the receipt of. I shall be obliged to draw on you in a little time for this money payable to Messrs Lascelles, when I can meet with bills to make up the last 2 y[ea]rs int[ere]st, but these bills grow & near due makes me give you the trouble of them.

The Hoppers go on so far as briskly as ever; but as the Corporation will very speedily proceed against the Masters, that employ them, according to the advice of their Council, I hope a stop will by degrees be put to their Carreer. I am Dr Sr Yr etc JR

To Mr Francis Wynantz Merch[an]t in London
Newcastle April 4 1755 £200.0.0 sterling No. 669
Thirty days after date pay Mr Jos.Richmond or Order Two hundred pounds Sterling value in acct & place it to acct p[er] advice from Thomas Waters.

A Monsieur Paul Metisier a Londre
A Rouence dix huit fevrier 1755 £200 sterlings [18 Feb 1755] No. 661
a Deux usance Payer par cette premiere de Change, a l'ordre de Monsieur J Lambent Deuc cent Livres Sterlings, valeur recevu du dit Sieur, que passerer suivant l'avie de Payer <Cor. dessur> Alexandre Hellot
Acceptd payable when due at Messrs Honeywood Fuller & Co. Paul Metivier
Endorsed J. Lambent, J Lambent freres, Thomas Waters, Jos.Richmond

15 Apr 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr Wr.Blackett Bt. Curzon Street London 15 April 1755

Honrd Sir

I am very sorry for Mr Stevens's bad Conduct, but hope you will be no great loser by him. I find by Mr Harveys Lre to his wife th[a]t he is alive.

Mr Geo.Simpson who was Mas[te]r of a Collier last year, & was at Ipswich in Sep[tembe]r, is now Mate to Mr Jno.Wall Ma[ste]r of the Swallow of Sunderland, wch ship is now in the River Thames; if you please to order Mr Denton to enquire after him on rec[eip]t of hereof, he will probably meet with him in London, before the ship be discharged; if not, I will endeavour to get his information when he returns to Sunderland. I desire Mr Denton will let me kn ow if he meets with him.

As to Messrs Pearce, Price & Co's proposal to furnish you with Gunpowder, you will please to consider by what follows, whether it is worth your while to engage with them. You use for y[ou]r Lead Mines about 40 barrels a y[ea]r of the sort marked C & F wch they offer at 70s a barrel. The price you last paid Mr james Wilkinson was 72s a barrel, but I am informed it is lately advanced 5s a barrel, so we shall now pay 77s a barrel till there is some alteration.

40 barrels at 77s a barrel will come to	154.0.0	
40 barrels at 70s as offerd by Messrs Pearce & Co		140.0.0
Freight & Charges will be abt 2s6d a barrel		5.0.0
a Wareho[use] must be rented at 4 <or>		5.0.0
		150.0.0
Remains to answer all hazard of fire etc	£ 4.0.0	

So that in my opinion it is the better way to buy it here in town as you have always done, for the saving will not counterballance the hazard & insurance but if you chuse to oblige Messrs Pearce & Co. I do not see you are under any obligation to Mr Wilkinson or anybody else here, to deal with them contrary to your inclination; & I do not think they can have any reason to take it amiss. The Quakers Co. buy their Gunpowder in London, but their Agents charge the workmen 2d a fod[der] more than your workmen have ever paid, who have never been charged more than the first Cost & carriage.

The hoppers go on as usual, but the Corporation is determind to begin with the Ma[ste]rs this week, & w[ha]t effect their proceedingd a[gain]st them will have, a little time will shew. Mr Collingw[oo]d is doubtful as to the Consequences, but he says he will write you on this subject by the next post.

L[or]d Darlington & the other Lead Owners at Stockton continue to drop the price of their lead, so th[a]t I must either conform to the market or sell none. The Stock you have now at the Mils has cost you £11.16.0 a fo[dde]r so th[a]t I fear you will have but a poor acct. of yo[u]r mines this year.

Dr Askew tells me this morning th[a]t Mr Davison is much better.

Mr Ogle set forwards on Saturday with only 9 saddle horses & 3 coach horses.
I am etc JR

25 Apr 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr.Blackett Bt. M.P. at his house in Curzon Street London 25 April 1755

Honrd.Sir

The 2 P[er]sons undermentiond are Wherry men at Bladon & sometimes employd in yr Service, but dare not follow their business for fear of the press; if you think it proper to apply for protection for them, it wo[ul]d be a particular favour to them & of some advantage to yourself. The Agent to the Quakers Co. here has represented to their Gov[erno]rs the necessity of procuring protections for their Wherrymen, who bring down all their Lead to Newcastle Key, where it is d[elivere]d to you]r Merch[an]ts, but as y[ou]r Lead is d[elivere]d at Bladon, the undermentioned p[er]sons are only made use of on particular occasions, & you are not under the same Necessity of getting them protections. They have an Old Father upwards of 80 y[ea]rs of age, who depends upon their Industry.

The Hoppers seem to be quite laid off at present, & its apprehended that Peter Vardel, Mr Liddle's Agent, will very soon inform ag[ain]st the Keels being made use of. The Goods distraind f[ro]m two Ma[ste]rs who wo[ul]d not submit, were publicly sold yesterday. I am etc JR

Jno.Watson the younger, small faced 5 foot 5 inches high, 46 y[ea]rs of age

Geo.Chilton, pale complexiond, pitted with the smallpox, 5ft 5 inches high, 42 yrs of age.

29 Apr 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wa.Blackett Bt. MP. in Curzon Street London 29 April 1755

Honrd Sir

S[i]r Charles Loraine died this morning of the Gout in his Stomach. Mr <Alderman> Clayton is very ill, & Mr Mayor tells me this morning, he is informed he cannot live many days, so th[a]t in all probability there will be a vacant Gown very soon. the Gent[lemen] at Katy's Coffee house assign it to Mr Bell, but he will be agreeable to very few of your brethren, the Question therefore seems to be whether Mr Watson or Mr Wm.Clayton. Mr Watson is the senior peer. You will therefore please to consider to wch of them you incline to give y[ou] preference. Mr Mayor seems rather to lean towards Mr Clayton, but he says his inclination will depend upon yours.

The Hoppers continue quite idle but we are told that Mr Liddle will certainly bring an action against Softley the Serjeant who has made the distresses & give the Cosporation a Tryal this year.

Mr Davison of Ferryhill is recovered beyond all Expectation. I am etc JR.

2 May 1755 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Rd. Wilson Jun[ior] Esq. at Leeds May 1755

Sir
As two of the W.Kenton tenants ie Luke Weatherburn & Jos.King are by their Articles to have 12 Months Notice to determine their term, I think it right to acquaint you th[a]t if you do not give them Notice on or before the 12th inst. they will expect to continue 2 y[ea]rs longer at the present rents, Wm.Clarke & Jno.Forsters Articles are determinable on 6 months warning, Chicken & Mavins term will expire 12 May 1756 as will also Thos. Allan's, who has taken his farm for one y[ea]r at 10s advance. I am etc JR

16 May 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr Wr.Blackett Bt. MP. at Walter Wade's Esq. at New Grange near Leeds Yorkshire
Newcastle May 16 1755

Honrd Sir

Pursuant to your directions in your Lre of the 3rd inst. inclosed are two bills for £500 as above, wch I desire you will be pleaased to advise the receipt of.

We have no manner of trade, so that I fear shall not be able to get the Lead Mines paid this year. The Wallington Tenants pay their rents very indifferently, & there was above £500 to pay there last week for one thing and another.

I wish you may get Calverley Estate sold to your satisfaction; for if we sho[ul]d have a War, it will probably lower the value of Lead in a little time. The prices of Corn & Butter here are greatly fallen & the tenants begin to make heavy Complaints.

Mr Clayton continues much in the same way. I am etc JR

To Mr Chris.Denton in Grays Inn London No. 83 £300
Newcastle May 10 1755
Thirty days after date please to pay to JohnSimpson Esq. or Order Three Hundred Pounds value received as dvised by Sir Yr very humb[le] Servt John E Blackett
Endorsd Jno.Simpson, Jos.Richmond

To Mr Chris. Denton in Grays Inn London No.84 £200
Thirty days after date please to pay to JohnSimpson Esq. or Order Two Hundred Pounds value received as dvised by Sir Yr very humb[le] Servt John E Blackett
Endorsd Jno.Simpson, Jos.Richmond
Bank Post Bill No 2 3441

16 May 1755 Joseph Richmond to Daniel Lascelles

To Danl.Lascelles Esq. MP. in Mark Lane London Newcastle 16 May 1755

Sir
Inclosed are a bill & a Bank Note for five hundred & ninety pounds to clear off the last half years intrest on Sr Wr.Blacketts Mortgage due 26 Feb last, wch I desire you will be pleased to place accordingly & advise me on the receipt hereof. I am etc JR

London 6 Mar 1755
At seven days sight I promise to pay this my sole Bill of Exchange to John Simpson Esq or Order Two hundred pounds sterling Value received of Mr Isaac Warner.
For the Gov[erno]r and Compt[roller] of the Bank of England Jno.Berrisford
Endorsed - pay to Mr Jos Richmond or order. Jno. Simpson. pay to Dan.Lascelles Esq. or order, Jos. Richmond
Ent[ere]d Hen.Welton

To Mr Chris.Denton in Grays Inn London
Newcastle 16 May 1755 £390.0.0
Sir
Twenty five days after date pay Daniel Lascelles Esq. or Order three hundred & ninety pounds value received & place the same to account as by advice from Si Yr etc
Jos.Richmond

16 May 1755 Joseph Richmond to William Daling

To Mr William Daling at Danl.Lascelles's Esq in Mark Lane London
Newcastle 16 May 1755

Sir
Lest Mr Lascelles sho[ul]d be out of Town I send this to acquaint you that I have by this post sent him a bill & a bank note as below for £590, wch wit £1475 remitted the 29 March will clear off the 1/2 y[ea]rs int[ere]st on Sr Wr.Blacketts Mortgage due 26 Feb last, the reason of my giving you this trouble is on acct of the bank note, that if any Miscarriage sho[ul]d happen you may stop the payment at the Bank. I am etc JR

My bill on Mr Chris.Denton 390.0.0

Bank post bill No.23441 dated 6 Mar 1755 payable to Jno. Simpson Esq. or Order, endorsed by him to me & by me to Daniel Lascelles Esq
200.0.0

16 May 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris.Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 16 May 1755

Dr Sr
I have this day drawn a bill on you for £390 payable to danl.Lascelles Esq. or Order 25 days after date, wch I desire you will accept & place it to my acct.
I rec[eive]d Lady Mansels rec[eip]t for her last 1/2 y[ea]rs Annuity & my bill on you pay[a]ble to Mr Jno. Mayor & have given yo[u]r acct C[redi]t for the same.
Six hoppers are laid up by the walls, they have had no Employment for the last 3 weeks & I hope will have no more in this River. I am etc JR
PS I have paid your Subscription to the Infirmary, 2 Guineas.

23 May 1755 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd.Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 23 May 1755

Sir
Inclosed is copy of a Lre I have re[eiv]ed from Mr Rt.Lowes, wch, as he says, I think looks very like trifling, you see he has lent the Money sho[ul]d have been p[ai]d Sr W[alte]r. last year, & now desires the payment may be put off till the first week in August, but says, if it is insisted on, he will pay it on any day that shall be fixed after the 15th next month. The sooner the money is paid in the better, as you say in yo[u]r Lre of the 27 March that with the int[ere]st & charges it now amounts to near the value of the Estate. But I fancy Sr W[alte]r will be content to take the principal at lamas, provided Mr Lowes will now pay the intrest due to the 1st of March last, wch I think will be as below. As I have not wrote to Mr Lowes, I desire you will make my Complim[en]ts to him, & settle this matter with him according to your own discretion; & as the money will most conveniently be paid to you at the same time that Sr Walter resurrenders that estate, I desire you will prepare a Letter of Attorney & send me for Sr W[alte]r to sign, that you may be ready to receive the money, when ever Mr Lowes is disposed to pay it. I am etc JR

	£ s d
29 pd Sir E Blackett for intt due on £400 to that day	27.11.6
3 Years intrest due 1st March 1755	60.0. 0
	87.11.6
Charges	" " "

23 May 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr.Blackett Bt. MP. at W.Wade's Esq at New Grange near Leeds Yorkshire
23 May 1755

Honrd Sir
Ald[erma]n Clayton died yesterday afternoon & the talk now is that either Mr Bell or Mr Wm.Clayton is to have his gown; for as to Mr Watson I do not find anybody ever thinks of him. I hope you will be at home before Mr Mayor will proceed to an Election. In my Lre of the 16th inst. directed to Mr Wades I sent you two bills for £500 as below, wch I hope are come safe to hand. Mrs Hunter, sister to Mr Mayor died on Sunday last. I am etc JR

Jno.E Blacketts bill on	Chr.Denton	300.0.0
do.	on do.	200.0.0
		500.0.0

5 Jun 1755 Joseph Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm. Robson at Wallington Newcastle 5 June 1755

Sir
I have delivered Sir Walter all the Wallington & Berwick leases & also four pair of Leases not yet signed, wch sho[ul]d be executed as soon as you can, & inclosed is an acct of the rents now due f[ro]m the Berwick Tenants, when you settle with them you must take their receipts for the allowances th[a]t are to be made them agreable to their Leases & make the same rec[eive]d of Sr W[alte]r by my hands & you must certify that they have performed what intitles them to those allowances, for as I am chargeable with the gross rents I must have proper discharges for the allowances that are made them. I am etc JR

7 Jun 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr.Denton, Grays Inn London 7th June 1755

By Sr W[alte]rs order I send you inclosed a rental & valuation of his purchased estates, & an abstract of the titles, in order th[a]t those estates may be annexd to the trust Estate as it will be most convenient to those in remainder that it sho[ul]d be so. Mr Edws.Ords £400 I presume must be p[ai]d out of the sale of W.kenton, & I think the rem[ainde]r of the money ought to be applied towards the refunding Sr W[alte]r the expence he has

been at on acct of Hexham & Shildon divisions, wch comes to upw[ar]ds of £300, besides the fencing wch comes to £140 more.

You know th[a]t Mr Wm.Watson makes a claim of £200 intr[es]t under old Mr Midfords will, wch £200 was p[ai]d Mr G.Allgood by Sr Wm.Blackett in 1723 as appears by the stated acct between them, & he has been so troublesome to Sr W[alte]r about it, that he seems inclinable to give him £150 on his executing a release to discharge the trust estate f[ro]m any further demand on th[a]t head, but I cannot understand how Sir W[alte]r will ever get the money replaced, pray what is y[ou]r opinion? Old Ald[erma]n Clayton is dead & his son William was chosen Alderman in his room on thursday last.

I will be obliged to you for your thoughts whether it is better to sell out my £500 <SS> ann[ui]tys at this time, tho I shall lose £30 by doing it, or to let the same continue till we see a little further.

PS Mr Daling writes me th[a]t the new mortgage deeds executed by Sir W[alte]r require th[a]t the int[ere]st shall be p[ai]d to the 13 or 14 February instead of the 26th to wch day I understood all the int[ere]st to be settled, & it is p[ai]d for the £118000 to the 26 February last, so this must be rectified in the next payment. I imagine the alteration of the stile occasions the difference. I am etc JR

I cannot discover what surplus there will be to pay Sir Walter for his purchased Estates.

9 Jun 1755 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd.Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 9th June 1755

Sir
I rec[eiv]ed your Lre by the Bearer of thiks & as to Mr Lowes's Money, if you can depend upon his paying it altogether at lamas I imagine Sr W[alte]r will be satisfied therewith, but we must have it then at the farthest on acct of the Leadmines pays, & if he will pay it sooner, it will be the better. Sr W[alte]r is in the North & I do not know that I shall see him here before our races, therefore whatever you think necessary to be done at the Abbey in the meantime I dare say he will have no objection to it. As to the tithes I cannot tell what to say about them, farther than that I think you must let them for a short time on the best terms you can; for the keeping them in hand I doubt wo[ul]d be a very troublesome thing. As to the ground converted to Gardening Sr W[alte]r when he considers it will certainly never suffer it to go any longer tithe-free, as by the opinions he has taken it is undoubtedly liable to pay. I desire you will send me what is necessary for Sr W[alte]r to sign with regard to the resurrender of Dalton estate. I am etc JR

13 Jun 1755 Joseph Richmond to Edward Roberts

To Mr Edwd.Roberts Attorney at Law at Hexham Newcastle 13 June 1755

Sir
Your Lre of this date surprises me much, for two days after Mr Johnson was here I rec[eive]d a Lre from Mr Armstrong inclosing Copy of a Tack note wch he says he has granted to you Mr Heron, Edwd.Fairless, Wm.Harrison, Geo.Robison & Mary Sams at 25s a bing, wch terms he also says he offered first to Mr Johnson, but he refused to accept thereof, so that I cannot tell what to say to it further; than if you cannot settle the matter among yourselves, you must lay it before Sir Walter for his determination.

PS If Mr Johnson has not comunicated his discovery to Mr heron or some others of the above persons, how could they know the place? It is all a Mistery to me. I am etc JR

17 Jun 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris.Denton Gray's Inn London 17 June 1755

Dr Sir
As I wrote you in my last I cannot find any surplus there can be to pay Sr W[alte]r for his purchases, for I take the matter stands as below, & that Wallington & Kenton will just clear the Trust estate of all incumbrances . I have had some talk with Sr W[alte]r about it & if you find I am right he desires you will proceed no further in regard to his purchases, but get all other matters setled as fast as you can, & as he has thoughts of selling Kenton again, he thinks it wo[ul]d be the best way to charge Wallington with Lady Blackett's £5000 & the £1000 Legacy to St And[re]ws so tha]t he may sell Kenton when he pleases clear of all incumbrances. This he orders me to mention to you for your consideration. When the Money th[a]t Calverley is sold for is p[ai]d Mr Lascelles he will have Wallington in security for the remainder of the £118000 till Kenton can be sold & the whole paid off. I hope you are well & am etc JR

The Trust estate is De[btor]	contra	Cr[editor]	
To Guys mortgage	77000	By sale of Wallington	70000
To Lady Buchans money	6000	By sale of Kenton	19000
To Lady Blacketts do.	5000		
To the School etc	1000		
	89000		£89000

17 Jun 1755 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd.Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 17 June 1755

Sir

Sir W[alte]r is now here & orders me to desire you will let Mt Lowes know he expects the money to be p[ai]d in at Lamas.

Sir Wr. is determined to proceed against all your people that refuse to pay tithe for their Garden ground & has orderd me to give Mr Scott instructions acordingly; I think it wo[ul]d be right to give them all notice, to try if any of them incline to submit. You must send me all their Names, sometime this week; the Case will be tryed in the Exchequer.

Sr Wr. desires you will do what ever is thought necessary to be done at the Abbey; & that you will let the tithes on the best terms you can, till the dispute about the Gardens shall be determind. Pray what is your opinion of this matter? had it not better be tryed in some other body's name than Sr.W[alte]rs, tho at his expence? I am etc JR

PS In your next pray let me know if Mr Downs is still working in the disputed Ground at Stublock.

21 Jun 1755 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd. Ellis at Hexham 21 June 1755

Sir

I have spoke to Mr Walton since I rec[eiv]ed yo[u]r Lre of the 19th & he tells me he does not think there will be any objection to the paym[en]t of the quitrent since the y[ea]r 1748 when the Darwentwater estate was vested in Trustees, but advises to make out the whole demand f[ro]m the y[ea]r 1736, wch he will send up to the Com[missione]rs for their directions. I desire therefore you will make out & send me a particular acct sometime next week. As to the suit and service to Hexham Court I tho[ugh]t it was better not to mention it now, but you may take notice of it if you think proper. I see by the Act the Darwentw[ate]r estate is held of the King as part of the Manor of E[as]t Greenwich. Sr W[alte]r spoke to the Com[missione]rs of the Hosp[ita]l about Stublock & they promisd to consider the matter & give an ans[wer], but Mr Walton says he has heard nothing f[ro]m them. As Sr.W[alte]r will be here all next week I desire you will send me what is necessary for him to sign for the resurrender of Dalton that you may be ready, when Mr Lowes is ready. I am etc JR

27 Jun 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris.Denton in Gray's Inn London Newcastle 27 June 1755

Dr Sr
I always understood that it was insisted on by Mr North &c that the Trust Estate sho[ul]d be disengaged of all incumbrances; wch occasiond my Lre of the 17th; But if the £5000 & the £1000 can be left a Charge thereon, it will be better for Sir Walter to get his purchasd Estates disposd of for part thereof & to get what other allowances he can out of the remainder agreeable to yours of the 14th; so then you will proceed according to that Plan for it can, I think, require no further consideration. I am etc JR

1 Jul 1755 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Rd.Ellis at Hexham 1st July 1755

Sir

I rec[eiv]ed yo[u]r Lre of the 26 ult. & have deliverd Mr Walton Sr W.Blackett's Claim for the Feefarm rents due out of the derwentwater estate.

The farmers of the corn & hay tithes you say are willing to take a new Lease for 3 y[ea]rs at £70 a yr if they may have an allow[an]ce for the Gardens, if not recovered, & have the advantage of w[ha]t can be recovered at Sr W's expence for the time past : I sho[ul]d be glad to know w[ha]t allow[an]ce they expect, if nothing shall be recovered; & for how long a time past they expect the advantage of w[ha]t may be recoverd, wch I shall lay before Sr W[alte]r for his consideracon & answer. Mr Scott is to be employd in carrying on this affair ag[ain]st the Gardeners & as I apprehend they are all foreigners I imagine it may be full as well to let the suit be carried on in Sr W[alte]r's own name; therefore desire you will send me all their names & whatever else you think necessary on this occasion, that proper notice may be given them before a siuit is actually comenced. And as to the corn & hay tithes I desire to know if yo[u]r Serj[ean]t Oliphant or some other friend cannot be got to draw them for one y[ea]r, but if that cannot be done the best way is to let them for 2 or 3 y[ea]rs as well as you can, free f[ro]m allow[an]ces on acco[unt] of the Gardeners &c If you think otherwise of the matter I desire you will give me yo[ur] thoughts thereon I am etc JR

10 Jul 1755 Joseph Richmond to Alderman Clayton

To Mr Ald[erma]n Clayton, Newcastle Newcastle 10 July 1755

Sir

Above Mr Kiles acct. & I herewith send you his bill on Mr Baker & his several Articles & his Lre to me in wch he promised to pay £14 for the Gin at Mayday last wch I think is all you will want. I am etc JR

Willm.Kile Dr. to Sir Wr.Blackett & partners

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For Coals wrot in Gateshead Fell fm Nov 1753 to 2 May 1754	44.17.11
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For a Gin sold him	14. - -
Towards the paym[en]t of wch sum he drew a bill on	_____
Mr Baker payable the 1 May 1755 herewith sent you	72. 2. 3
For Coals wr[ough]t f[ro]m 7 Nov 1754 to 1 May 1755	8. 8. 5 ¼
	_____
Cr[edi]t	80.10. 8 ¼
By a Note for Land tax poor Cess &c given in	3.14. 6
	76.16. 21/4

20 Jul 1755 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield Newcastle 20th July 1755

Sir

I rec[eiv]ed your Lre of the 17th & doubt not but you will manage the Rookhope carriage so as to get the Lead bro[ugh]t down at the old price; but if that cannot be got done the Lead must be sent away imediately on the best terms you can; for as we are on the Eve of a French war the sooner it is at Bladon the better; therefore the Carriage must be be set on imediately, that the Lead may not remain at the Mil or in the ways over the year. You do not tell me what I desired you to inquire into, whether Thos.Parker or the Edmondbiers Men have ever rec[eiv]ed any acknowledgem[en]t f[ro]m any of the Carriers for coming thro their gro[un]d; if they have never rec[eiv]ed any such thing, they cannot make any stop now; for it must be become a highway by uninterupted enjoym[en]t, but if the Case is otherwise you must either comply with their demand, or get the Lead sent some other way, for as I said above, we must have it to Bladon without delay. I am etc JR

26 Jul 1755 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd.Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 26 July 1755

Sir

I have a Lre from Sr W[alte]r today, in wch he says Mr Soulsby has applyed to him about the tithes of Hallington Mains for wch he wants a new Lease & I am ordered to write to you to know what terms sho[ul]d be set him; for Sr W[alte]r has promised to give him an answr at the Assizes. And Sr Wr also desires you will draw up a State of the Case ab[ou]t the Garden tithes & send me the names of all the persons refusing to pay, before our Assizes, that further advice may be then taken so as to put that matter in suit. Inclosed is Sir Walter's Letter of Attorney for the resurrended of Dalton estate. I am etc JR

16 Aug 1755 Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Rd.Ellis, Hexham Newcastle 16 August 1755

Sir

I have wrote to S[i]r.W[alte]r about the Mils & Mr Soulsby's tithes; & as he will be at Hexham in two or 3 days, you will have directions about them. Mr Scott thinks it will be right to let the farmers of the tithes a Lease for a short time & that both Sr.Wr. & they be made parties to the intended bill ag[ain]st the Gardeners. When you see Sr.Wr. mention this matter to him and follow his orders.

Inclosed is the Copy of the Surrender & Mr Grahams Note for charges in howing & stubbing his share of the comon. I am glad you have got yhe Money of Mr Lowes, if you meet with a proper Opportunity you may send it me to Newcastle; if not let it remain in y[ou]r hand till the pay when I shall want it ^ as much more as you can raise out of the rents, I sho[ul]d be glad to kn ow how much you think that may be, whether you can get £100 of it in silver & whether you can conveniently send the money to Allanh[ea]ds the Evening before the pay, or you had rather I sho[ul]d order Mr Caleb Hunter to call for the money as he comes down to Newcastle, wch he may do if you chuse it.

There was one Swinburn, who was very desirous of taking Hexham Mils abo[u]t a y[ea]r ago, whom I had a very good Character of from Mr Peart but I do not know where he lives.

I am etc JR

NB wrote Mr Ellis abo[u]t Geo.Carr & inclosed him a note of the brandy he got of Geo.Headlam HR

29 Aug 1755 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield Newcastle 29 Aug 1755

Sir

Mr Silvertop has apply'd again for S[i]r W[alte]rs Custom for Coals to the Mils & says he will furnish you with better Coals at 8d a fo[the]r than you now pay 9d for to Leighton & that the Leading will be the same; if so, pray let me know why you do not deal with him; for I want to give him an answer. I hope you have got all the Lead f[ro]m Lintzgarth, as you wrote me wo[ul]d be done this week. I am etc JR

19 Sep 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bart at Wallington Newcastle 19 Sept 1755

Hond Sir

Mr Mayor says that the day after the Common Council will be a <part> day, & there will be some Towns business to be dispatchd, so that he thinks wednesday the 1st of next month, or the day following, will be a proper time for your Entertainm[en]t, if convenient to yourself. William the Gardener says he expects to have 20 pine apples ready at the Time.

The 3 pay bills for Weardale, Allenheads & Coalclough come to £12000 & I am doing all I can to raise the money against the 15th of next month, I see Mr Peart charges 27s, 28s, 30s & 35s a Bing for oar got in Sedlin grove, I understood you had given Directions not to exceed 25s a bing even to the Tackers. I am , Honrd Sir, Your mo[st] faithf[u]l & obed[ient] Servt JR

23 Sep 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett Bt. at Wallington Newcastle 23 Sept 1755

Honrd Sir

The Cook sho[ul]d be sent in on Friday Evening or Saturday Morning very early to make provision for Wednesday.

I never was so put to it to raise the money for a pay. I am getting in all the money th[a]t is owing in Town as fast as I can & yet am much afraid shall fall short. I was forced thic day to send the B[isho]ps Stew[ar]d away without his rent, wch I durst not part with till I find myself strong enough to comp[leat the Grove pays, wch as I mencond before is abo[u]t £12000 besides wch there will be near £3000 due to the Mills at Mich[aelma]s wch sho[ul]d be p[ai]d before Xmas & there is also 1/2 a y[ea]rs intr[es]t due to Messrs.Lascelles . I have not been offerd any price for Lead for the last two months. You have now at Bladon ab[ou]t 14000 p[ieces] L[ea]d all come down since 20th June last. I am etc JR

26 Sep 1755 Joseph Richmond to John Peart

To Mr John Peart at Newhouse 26 September 1755

Sir
Y[ou]r pay is now fixed to be on Wednesday 15 Oct & you must therefore be here to receive the money on the 13th so you will give Mr Wharton Notice that he may acquaint Mr Lee therewith. I find the pay bill exceeds the ball[an]ce of the acct. w[i]th S[i]r W[alte]r near £300. I think it right to acquaint you th[a]t all my Accts. are now under Examination, & that I cannot take upon me to advance you above £100 more than the ball[an]ce of yo[u]r General Acct. unless you will send me a P[ar]ticular how the difference arises, the week before the pay, to lay before Sr.Wr. for his directions; for I was blamed the last pay when your ballance was only £230. I understood Sr.Wr. had ordered no more than 25s a bing to be given upon tacks, so that 27,28,30 & 35 a bing p[ai]d severall for bargain oar, where Sr.Wr. pays all the dead Charges is unreasonable, & brings all the Oar rais'd in Weardale this y[ea]r exclusive of kelhope & Wolfcleugh to 55s a bing. I do not imagine you w[oul]d get it wro[ugh]t cheaper But as the price of Lead is greatly fallen, & like still to fall much lower, we must take Sr.Wr.s directions in this point, for I think he had as well want the oar as pay full as much as its worth.
Wth my Complim[ent]s to Mrs Peart & the rest of y[ou]r family I am etc JR

26 Sep 1755 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Armstrong

To Mr Thos.Armstrong at Coalcleugh 26 Sept 1755

Sir

This comes to acquaint you that Weardale pay is fixed to be on Wednesday 15th next Month; & Allanh[ea]ds & Co[al]cleugh pays on the day follow[in]g so th[a]t I expect you all down to receive yo[u]r money on Monday the 13th.

Y[ou]r father wo[ul]d inform you w[ha]t passd when here & I doubt not but he will assist you w[i]th the money you want, as he half promised me he wo[ul]d; for tho I wo[ul]d very willingly serve you in anything in my power, I cannot consistent with my duty to S[i]r W[alte]r leave above £30 in y[ou]r hands, at the pay: for he expects th[a]t all his Stew[ar]ds accts. shall be nearly ballanced at that time.

PS You must take care to send in before the pay a P[ar]ticular of the £48 odd, said to be in arr[ea]rs f[ro]m the workmen for Corn etc.

I am etc JR

Sent him a particular of the sev[era]l Mistakes in his Qua[rter]ly accts.

26 Sep 1755 Joseph Richmond to Caleb Hunter

To Mr Caleb Hunter at Allanheads 26 Sept 1755

Sir
Weardale pay is fix'd to be on Wednesday 15 Oct & y[ou]r pay & C[oal]cleugh the day following, so you must be here to receive the money the 13th & I desire you will send the inclosed to T.Armstrong, wch is to acquaint him w[i]th the time, & also that public Notice may be given in the Country. I have examind your Accts & find them allright except as below
PS There does not appear to be any profits by the Corn Mil - Pray forwd the inclosd to Mr Peart. I am etc JR
Sent him a particular of the mistakes in his accts.

26 Sept. Sent the above Lre to Caleb Hunter inclosd to Mr Isa[ac] Hunter at Dukesfield to be sent by a careful hand to Allanh[ea]ds ... JR

30 Sep 1755 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Rd.Wilson Jun[io]r Esq. at Leeds 30th Sept 1755

Sir
Agreeable to your Directions in your Lre of the 5th May last, I gave the West Kenton servants notice that their articles were to expire at Mayday next, & I was in hopes you would have got matters concluded before this & have been here to treat with them upon new terms, they are all very uneasie to know what they are to expect, & I am afraid if they are kept any longer at at [sic] uncertainty that some of them will leave their Farms, I therefore think that tenants whose articles are not expired, ought to be assured of their continueing another year from Matday next unless you intend to be here very soon to treat with them. I acquainted you that Thos.Allan had taken his Farm again for one year from last Mayday at £10 advance, & he is willing to continue it another year at the same rent if you approve of it. Chicken & Part[ne]rs article will expire at Mayday next, & they seem willing to advance £8 for another year, but no farther unless they may have a longer term, which I do not think reasonable to grant them till you consider the value of that Farm, I desire your Directions herein as soon as possible, for I have promised to endeavour to get them an answer in 10 days. I have done nothing yet towards repairing the houses some of which wants it very much, & it should be done before winter. I have made an estimation of whats necessary to be done for the present, & I think it will some to about £12 for the laying out of which sum shall wait your Directions. I am Sr. Yo[u]r most obedient S[ervan]t JR

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9 Oct 1755 Joseph Richmond to John Beaumont

To Mr Jno. Beaumont Newcastle 9 Oct 1755

Sir
In answer to y[ou]r Lre of the 7th, it is not in my power to do you any sservice, or obtain for you any indulgence w[i]th respect to the payment of the Money for the wayleave rent; but I have talked with Mr Denton ab[ou]t it, & give it you as my Opinion, that you ought to take care to pay at least the £100 due last Mids[umme]r before my Accts are sent up, wch will be very shortly; & then the parties may perhaps on a representation of yo[u]r case, indulge you with sometime for the payment of the remaind[e]r. I shall therefore hope to hear from you in 14 days & am etc JR

17 Oct 1755 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Rudd

To Thos. Rudd Esq at Durham Newcastle 17 Oct 1755

Sir

I hope Mr Denton did not forget to acquaint you on wednesday last, that Sir Walter Blackett desired you would please to draw the Assignment to him, from Mr Vane, of his twelfth part of Stella Grand Lease Colliery & get it engrossd & executed as soon as can be done conveniently, & when you please to let me know it is done, I will wait upon you for it at Durham. I am etc JR

21 Oct 1755 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

21 Oct 1755 Advised Messrs Plumbe & Brown of a peice of Silver being sent this 17th inst.

30 Oct 1755 Joseph Richmond to John Beaumont

30 Oct wrote again to Mr Beaumont that I should send away accts the 10 next Mayday

31 Oct 1755 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd. Ellis 31 Oct 1755

Sir
Sir Walter Blackett has let Wm.Robson the tolls again for 21 years from Mayday next at £50 a year, & he has let the mils to Mr Robt.Lorraine & John Midford for 21 years from next Mayday at £250 a year. You have a copie of Mr Lorraines article inclosed, but there was none drawn for the tolls. Sir Walter goes for London on Sunday, but intends to be here again at Chr[ist]mas, against which time, you are desired to get the Leases drawn for both the Tolls & Mils. Mr Lorraine is to give a Bond for the performance of Covenant with such Surety as you think sufficient. I am etc JR

2 Nov 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris.Denton, Greys Inn London Newcastle 2 Nov 1755

Dr Sir
I hope this will find you well in London, wch I shall be glad to hear; I find by Mr Peareth & Mr Smith that they have struck the 20 Guin[ea]s off the bill, for they say the Mayor & most of the Ald[erme]n were present & tho[ugh]t it right. Sr W[alte]r was not among them. They have struck £160 from Mr Cuthbertson's bill viz £45 f[ro]m his charge for the Lres, 50 Guin[ea]s being half of w[ha]t he charges for Loss of Time, ab[ou]t £30 for what he charges the bill more than you do yourself, & the rest for

sundry Articles wch I cannot recollect, tho[ugh] they were mentioned to me. Mr Smiths advice is to take the money that is ordered & you may apply afterw[ar]ds for the 20 Guin[ea]s. I therefore desire y[ou]r directions whether I am to receive what is ordered to be paid, or otherwise. I think the best way is to be taking: But you are the better judge.
Lady Blackett has two ticketts in the Lottery No.1652 & 1653, wch she desires you will send to enquire after & Let me know their success. I am etc JR
PS Sr Wr set forward this morning, but will stay 2 or 3 days in Yorkshire he has along with him the Acct of Matters as I think they stand w[i]th regard to the Trust Estate & his own purchases; copy of wch I shall send you if wanted. - When will my W[es]t Kenton accts be wanted ?

4 Nov 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr W[alte]r Blackett Bt MP at New Grainge near Leeds Newcastle 4 Nov 1755

Hon. Sir
Last post I rec[eiv]ed the inclosd Lease f[ro]m Mr Ellis; wch Mr Scott advises to be executed before any proceedings are comencd ag[ain]st the Gardeners; you will therefore be pleasd to execute it before two Witnesses & return it to me, & I will send you up a Dra[f]t of the Bill as soon as I can get it prepared by Mr Rudd. I omitted to take your Directions about Mr Todds farm, wch Mr Robsons values at £30 a Y[ea]r more than he pays; this is the time to treat with him; for his term expires at Mayd[a]y next, therefore I desire to know w[ha]t advance he must pay & w[ha]t term you chuse to grant him. he pays now £130 a y[ea]r.
Swinhoe's & Curry's farm & Mr Rutters, will be to Let ag[ain]st6 Mayd[a]y 1757 & I expect they will together advance £30 a yr at least. I am etc JR

14 Nov 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr. W[alte]r Blackett Bt. Curzon Street Newcastle 14 Nov 1755

Hon. Sir
You receive herewith inclosed a Copy of the paper you left with Mr Wilson. I have paid off John Malthouse got his Cloathe fitted for your new Servant Fran. Brunton & have sent him for London this day by the Waggon. he says he has had the smallpox. I have heard nothing further yet about Miss Rutters money. Here is no manner of demand for Lead at any price so that I have no prospect of either paying the mils or remitting Mr Lascelles Int[res]t tho you have now above 16000 pieces of Lead at markett all paid for to the mines. Mr Ridley says Mrs Ridley is much indisposed & he does not think of

setting out forwards till after Christmas I hope this will find you very well & I am etc JR

14 Nov 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton London Newcastle 14 Nov 1755

Dr Sr
I have rec[eiv]ed of the Corporation 432.10.0 & placed the same to your Acct & inclosd you receive as above three Bills for £750 wch I desire you'l place to my Credit & advise the rec[eip]t thereof. Inclosd is also my Acct of West Kenton Rents & under another cover I send you by this post 16 Vouchers for the payments as charged therein. I have not been able to get more than £200 of Mr Beaumont tho he has not wanted suff[icien]t applications for the payment he says he cannot possibly pay any more money at this time the Coll[ie]ry he is now winn[in]g has quite draind him But if the new Engine he has just now erected will win the Coll[ie]ry he makes no doubt but shall be able to pay the whole Rent next summer so the parties will Consider wh[ethe]r they will grant him that Indulgence I hope they will not think amiss of my charging £10 for the [rec.t] & Remittance of the £200 for I have had trouble enough about it & expect to have Bills to send you for the ball[an]ce of this acct due 18 December. But if that will not do I must be obliged to send you the money by the Carrier or sell my S S Stock therefore pray let me know w[hi]ch Bills then due will be acceptable. Sr W[alte]r left the Acct of the Trust Estate &c w[hi]ch Mr Wilson (who I find does not approve of it) ordered me to send him a Copy thereof which I have done by this post. Presume he will give it to you. If not I will send you another But I much doubt you will ever get the rest settled on this footing for if they would agree to take the purchased Estates w[hi]ch they ought to do & allow the o[the]r Articles they may perhaps ask whats to be done with the Ballance of 848.6.33/4 & the £700 for West Kenton wch wo[ul]d remain in Sr.Wr's Hand. I shall be glad to know how you get forwards w[hi]th these m[atte]rs & with my Compliments to Mrs Denton I am etc JR

To Messrs Stainbank & Freeman Merchants in London
Newcastle 17 Oct 1755 £300
Forty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order Three hundred pounds the Value in acct with Sr Walter Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Stainbank & Freeman Merchants in London
Newcastle 17 Oct 1755 £260

Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order Two hundred and sixty pounds the Value in acct with Sr Walter Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Stainbank & Freeman Merchants in London
Newcastle 17 Oct 1755 £190
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order One hundred and ninety pounds the Value in acct with Sr Walter Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

14 Nov 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Johnson Att[orn]y at Law, Durham 14 Nov 1755

Sir
Inclosed is Messrs Peareth & Sorsbies bill on Messrs Stainbank & Freeman for two hundred & fifty Pounds to answer the two receipts you sent me last Post for my L[or]d Bishops Rents I am etc JR

23 Nov 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton London Newcastle 23 Nov 1755

Dr Sr
I have only to write you th[is] post th[a]t I've rec[eive]d on the 17th of Mr Shafto Downs 9.5.0 on your acct & have p[ai]d my son John 10s 6d agreeable to y[ou]r order. Our Correspondence runs very little into politics, but I sho[ul]d be glad to have y[ou]r sentim[en]ts whether there is any probability th[a]t matters can be made up between France & England this winter. for Hull & Stockton are selling their Lead at any rate & our Mts [Merchants] here have no Com[missio]ns to offer any price at all, so th[a]t some Method must be taken to get p[ar]t of the great stock disposd of wch S[i]r W[alte]r has now at Market. They sell now at Stockton their fo[the]r of 22 cwt under £16 & I wish Sr Wr has 5 or 6000 Pieces sold at £16 a fo[the]r. I have got Messrs P[eareth] & Sorsbie to write to Messrs Stainbank & Freeman to know w[ha]t they will offer for a Quantity but I find they are backw[ar]d in offering any price at all, affairs are in so ticklish a Situation. If Sr Wr shho[ul]d think proper to make them an offer of 5000 P[iece]s at 19.5.6 or if th[a]t will not do at £15 a fo[the]r & to ship it without com[missio]n it might perhaps do, but then our M[erchan]ts here wo[ul]d take it amiss, but I think at this time th[a]t sho[ul]d not be much regarded. I desire you will take St Wr's directions in this matter. I am etc JR

25 Nov 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bt MP Curzon Street London Newcastle 25 Nov 1755

Hon. Sir

Yesterday I rec[eiv]ed Miss Rutter's £800 & the intr[es]t f[ro]m the date of the Bond to this day £1.1.0 wch Money I have made my self D[ebto]r to you for, & therefore I desire you will please to advise the receipt of the 3 enclosed Bills for £652.13.7 wch are all in my power to remit you at present. I have also rec[eiv]ed of Dr Cooper £100 in part of his Note & £12 for intr[es]t & have taken his Note for the remaining £100, wch I shall send you in my next, or keep till you come to Newcastle, as you shall direct.

On receiving the Wallington Rents, there was £850 to pay, so th[a]t very little money comes in f[ro]m th[a]t quarter, tho the tenants have p[ai]d up pretty well, except the Thompson's.

They are selling their Lead at Stockton & Hull at any rate, but our M[erchan]ts here have no Com[missio]ns to offer anything; so th[a]t some Method sh[ul]d be taken to get part of the great Stock disposed of that you have at market - Messrs P. & Sorsbie have wrote to Mr Stainbank to know the best price he will offer for 4 or 5000 P[iece]s but I find he is very shy ab[ou]t it, as a War seems now unavoidable. I wish you could get 5000 P[iece]s sold at 15.5.0 or even £15 a fo[the]r, to enable you to pay Mr Lascelles Lady Mansel & the L[ea]d Mils. - To apply directly to Mr Stainbank I apprehend wo[ul]d be taken amiss bu our M[erchan]ts but that ought not to be much regarded at this time. I have desired Mr Denton to advise with you & take yo[u]r Directions in this matter - They sell their fo[the]r of 22 cwt at Stockton for 15.15.0 wch is equal to £15 at our Market & the price seems to be still declining. so they will yield you very little profit this year.

Mr Harvey sent me two Lres last post d[irecte]d you by Tim Puncheon son of Jno Puncheon Uphold[e]r in this Town, the father never voted for you, says he knows nothing of the Lre his son has d[irecte]d ; but as to the affair abo[u]t Elmes the paper stainer, it is true enough. I have spoke to Mr Brewster the Coll[ecto]r of Excise ab[ou]t it, who says he believes it was a malicious contrivance by Elmes ag[ain]st the young man & he will take care to prevent any damage being done him, on th[a]t score (as far as lays in his power). - Mr Brewster desires me to return you his thankful acknowledgem[en]t for the favour you have confered on his son, wch he wo[ul]d have done in person if he had not been f[ro]m home . I am etc JR

To John Bland & son London
Newcastle 25 Oct 1755 £105.0.0

Fifty days after date pay Messrs Peareth & Sorsbie, or order, one hundred and five pounds value receivd p[e]r advice p[e]r Pere Tyzack
Endorsed Peareth & Sorsbie

No.174
To Messrs Gabriel D Vebre & Co. in London
Newcastle Oct 28 1755 £357.13.7
Sixty days after date pay to Mr Rob.Pattison or Order three hundred & fifty seven pounds thirteen shillings & seven pence, value receivd & place it to acct as advised by , Sirs, Your most h[um]ble Serv[an]t Thos. Airey
Accepted pay[a]ble in <parts> Gabriel D Vebre & Co.

To Messrs Plumbe & Brown, Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London
Newcastle 25 Nov 1755 £190.0.0
Sirs
Twenty five days after date pay Sir Walter Blackett Bt. ot order, one hundred & ninety pounds value receivd & place same to acct as advised by Srs Yo[ur] most h[um]ble servant Jos Richmond

1755 Nov 25 Advised Messrs Plumb & Browne of the above draught on them for £190 payable to Sr Wr Blackett. JR

25 Nov 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton London Newcastle 25 Nov 1755

Dr Sr
I have not yet got Mr Hastings y[ea]rs rent due Lamas, but his goods are now selling & I expect it in 10 days. It will not all put the ho[use] into repair for any new Tenant to enter But you have herew[i]th 3 proposals for taking the ho[use] & I desire an ans[we]r by the return of the post wch of them are most agreeable to Mr Rugge, for if the ho[use] is not let now I do not know when a ten[an]t may be got for it. It is in a dismal condition, & all the materials within doors th[a]t were left in 1733, when T.Potts entred, are two dressers a dog wheel & a close bed. The brewing vessells, Grates &c were fixd by T.Potts, who left them to Hastings child[re]n & therefore they have a right to sell them. The post will allow me no more time than to subscribe my self &c JR
PS I like Marley best for a Ten[an]t.

2 Dec 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr.Denton Greys Inn London Newcastle 2 Dec 1755

Dr Sr
Inclosed you receive back my Kenton acct. with my Affid[avi]t thereon for wch I paid Mr Widdrington 2s & desire you will charge the same in your bill. I am much obliged to you for getting the £10 allowd for Beaumonts money, for two fine hares sent me by Mr Hutchinson & for the Nonpareils, wch are not yet arrived. You may be assured of having a remittance for the ballance of the W[es]t Kenton accts pay[a]ble 28 inst., but as to the Corporation's £2000 I have no Money to remit, tho Mr Lascelles wants 1/2 y[ea]rs int[re]st due 26 Aug last, wch I see no probability of being able to return before the other 1/2 y[ea]r will become due. As to Lady Mansels £225 due 10 Oct I will endeavour to return you that money in a little time. I am etc JR

5 Dec 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

Dec 5 Wrote Mr Denton to send Mr Rudd instructions whether Sir Walter,or Mrs Rastall or both are to be made Parties in the intended bill against the Hexham Gardiners.

It[em] Advised Messrs Plumble & Browne of sending them 832 oz fine Silver by Ma[s]ter Lee

12 Dec 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton in Greys Inn London Newcastle 12 Dec 1755

Dr Sr
Inclosed are two bills for £600 wch I desire you will place to my acct & advise the receipt of. This remittance will enable you to pay the Ballance of my W[es]t Kenton acct & I expect to make you a further return in a few posts to pay Lady Mansel. But as to Mr Lascelles I see no likelyhood when I can make any provision for their 2 y[ea]rs intr[es]t due 26 Aug so th[a]t you must settle the Matter as well as you can. Not one pig of Lead to be sold here at any price. I heartily wish th[a]t matters were compromised w[i]th France on any reasonable terms : th[a]t trade may revive for at present it is asleep here. I am etc JR

To Messrs Gabriel D. Vebre & Co. in London
No. 172 Newcastle 28 Oct 1755 £300

Sixty days after date pay to Mr Rob.Pattison or order Three hundred pounds value received & place it to acct as advised by, Sir, your most h[um]ble servt Thos. Airey
Accepted p[aya]ble in ports Gabriel D Vebre & Comp.
Endorsed Robt.Pattison, Jos. Richmond

To Messrs Gabriel D. Vebre & Co. in London
No. 173 Newcastle 28 Oct 1755 £300
Sixty days after date pay to Mr Rob.Pattison or order Three hundred pounds value received & place it to acct as advised by, Sir, your most h[um]ble servt Thos. Airey
Accepted p[aya]ble in parts Gabriel D Vebre & Comp.
Endorsed Robt.Pattison, Jos. Richmond

12 Dec 1755 Henry Richmond to Churchwardens

12 Dec 1755
This day sent the Letters to the Churchwardens of the 4 parishes fixing the distribution of S[i]r W[alte]rs annual Charity on the 22nd inst - see Lres in Dec 1746. HR

14 Dec 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bart. in Lond[o]n 14 Dec 1755

Hon. Sir
I waited on Mr Ord yesterday agreeable to your Directions & desired to know his Resolution about Kenton estate, but cannot find he is resolvd one way or other. he desired me to send him a Rental which I shall do tho I gave him one 12 months agoe, & says he will examine into the Estate & give you a definitive Answer when he comes to London which will be the latter End of Jan[ua]ry. He talks as if he still has some Expectation of getting West Kenton, which he says will be an inducement to his concluding with you, for as the Colliery is undivided he thinks it would be best that the Estate should all be in one hand, I do not think he will buy Kenton tho it would be a very cheap Purchase at £20000. I am very glad to find the Disaster at Lisbon is not so bad as was at first represented, & that there are some Reasons to hope for an accomodation with France, as the same would revive the Lead trade in which nothing att all is done here, for I cannot get a Pig sold at any price. It is a hard matter to know who to trust at this time, & I do not know what End it might answer to apply directly to Mr Stainbank as he has declined giveing any Answer to Messrs Peareth & Sorsbies repeated Letters. I therefore now think it would be better to forbear takeing this step till wee see a little further, if it were not for your wanting money, & Messrs Lascelles their intrest, which I doubt will lay you under some difficulties, I am endeavouring to raise

money to pay the Lead mils, which should now be done, for the People are pressing for their money, & I hope to be able to pay them before Candlemas, but then I do not see when it can be in my Power to make you any Remittance, I therefore desire your Directions whether I am to make this Pay as soon as I can, or postpone it, I have sold a h[ogs]h[ea]d of Clarkes wine to Mr James Atkinson for £28. I am etc JR

19 Dec 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bt M.P. London Newcastle 19 Dec 1755

Hon. Sir

The dispute between Wray & the Ropers is at present suspended for he has got one Stephenson a free Roper & carries on the Business in his name; but how long this Expedient will keep Matters quiet among them is very uncertain. Cramlington's men have been very riotous, & the Mayor has granted Warrants ag[ain]st them; wch he co[ul]d not refuse to do & this is w[ha]t they complain of , & want the Magistrates to countenance them in a Matter not to be justified. Wray married Wm.Sissons the Roper's wid[o]w & on that pretence took upon him to carry on the Business in his own Name to the prejudice of the Co[mpanie]s in general and of Sisson's son in particular. Wray is but an idle sort of a body, & not able to dispute this point with the Co[mpanie]s. They applyd to Mr Ridley & he sent for Wray & Lecturd him upon the case, wch pleased the Co[mpanie]s tho it had no Effect upon Wray. And with submission I think yo[u]r best answer wo[ul]d be that the Ropers & other free Co[mpanie]s in Newcastle may always rely on yo[u]r assistance tow[ar]ds the support of their respective priviledges.

Lady Blackett is now here. she has not said anything to me about the time when she intends to move So[uth]wards. But I find f[ro]m Mrs Elmes that Monday or Tuesday senight is the time talked of; if her Ladys[hi]p finds you are not for coming down before that time. I do not know of any call you have to take th[a]t trouble, either on the Corporation's or y[ou]r own business, unless it suit yo[u]r own inclinations.

PS : Mr Robson writes you this post in relation to Lucker, & w[ha]t ans[we]r he has for f[ro]m L[or]d North[umber]l[an]ds Agents on th[a]t head - this matter seems to require some imediate step being taken in it, for it is two y[ea]rs since the moor was inclosed - I think Mr Forster has not considered yo[u]r intr[e]st in this affair. The Agents this Morning charge the whole affair upon him & promise the Matter shall be inquired into & that you shall have right done you. I am etc JR

[note in margin:] PS I have just now receivd advice that Gabriel D. Vebre on whom I sent you Mr Thos.Aireys bill in my Lre of the 25th ult. for £357.19.7 has stopd Payment, but Mr Airey desires the bill may be sent to Messrs Hyde & Lawson & Co. Merchants in Cornhill, who has orders to pay the Bill when due.

19 Dec 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris.Denton in Grays Inn 19 Dec 1755

Dr Sir
I have received advice to Day that Gab[rie]l D. Vebre, on whom I sent you Mr Thos. Aireys two bills for £300 each in my Lre of the 12th inst has stop'd Payment. Mr Airey assures me if the Bills be sent to Messrs Hyde, Lawson & Co. Merchants in Cornhill they will be paid when due, but if it should happen otherwise, pray return them protested for non Payment, & sell my So.S Annuities as you can for you will want the Money to pay my West Kenton Ballance. I sent Sir Walter sometime agoe a bill of the above Tenure for £357.13.7, & have wrote him this Post that D.Vebre has stoped Payment & desired him to send it when due to Messrs Hyde, Lawson & Co. as above & if it is not punctually paid, I desire you'l be so good as let it have a regular protest & be returnd with the others. I look upon Mr Airey to be very sufficient for the money. I am etc JR

23 Dec 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr Wr Blackett Bt. MP. London 23 Dec 1755

Honrd.
The Trustees for the Sailors Charity have given Notice to the Com[missione]rs for the Elsdon turnpike road, th[a]t if they do not imediately pay in the Money advanced on the Security being £500 or deliver up the gates they will file a bill for the recovery thereof. The Trustees say some of the Com[missione]rs tell them, they beleive you will advance the Money, wch I hope you do not intend to do, as you can never get either the £200, already advancd, repaid you, nor any intr[es]t for it for the toll will not pay the Gatekeepers, Clark, & repairs . Jno.Dawson the Serj[ean]t is very ill, & one will be to be chosen very soon in his place, there will no Doubt be several applications made to you & among them will be Mr Reed the Taylor Please to let me know whether you think him a proper person to recomend to the Electors. Some of the Ald[erme]n I find have no great opinion of him - Mr Mayor sends his Comp[limen]ts & desires the votes may be directed to him, to the care of the postmaster of Durham; by wch means he will get them as soon as the post comes in here - Yo[u]r Lre to Mr Cramlington is extreamly satisfactory to the Magistrates & also to the sev[era]l Companies. I am etc JR

23 Dec 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris.Denton London 23 Dec 1755

Dr Dr
You may remember when you were here th[a]t S[i]r W[alte]r signed a paper signifying his approbation of giving up the D[ea]n & Chap[ter]s Lease of Jarrow Coll[ie]ry & Messrs Carr & Ellisons Lease of Gatesh[ea]d Fell Coll[ie]ry. All the other Parties interested in these Coll[ie]ries have signed the same paper within the last week, & as Sr Wr is the surviving Lessee in of Gatesh[ea]d Fell Coll[ie]ry, Mr Rudd says, Notice must be given in his name to Messrs Carr & Ellison; wch need not be done in writing but by word of Mouth before 2 or 3 Witnesses. I therefore desire you will talk this Matter over again with Sr Wr., & let me have directions if I am to give notice accordingly. The state of these Coll[ie]ries was sent Mr Wilson of Pomfret in January last to lay before S[i]r Wm. Wentworth & Sr Wr had a Copy thereof sent him to London at the same time, but I do not remember to have heard whether Sr Wr rec[eiv]ed any ans[we]r. there is a certain loss of £150 a y[ea]r rent till this Notice is given I desire an ans[we]r as soon as you can. I am etc JR

PS I have rec[eiv]ed the W.Kenton acct & vouchers.

27 Dec 1755 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr Wr Blackett Bt London 27 Dec 1755

Hon. Sir
I am extreamly sorry to find there sho[ul]d be any intention of laying a further duty on Lead exported; wch wo[ul]d be a heavy Load & discouragement to all Lead mine adventurers in general, & not ans[we]r the ends th[a]t may be proposed by the Government, for sev[era]l reasons th[a]t may be set forth if occasion require. I have mentioned to the Agents for Greenwich hosp[ita]l & the Quakers Co. that I had rec[eiv]ed intimation f[ro]m a Friend of such a thing being talkd on, & they write by this post to their respective principals, for their directions how to proceed, if its apprehended there will be occasion. & if so, we intend to meet the Lead owners at Stockton next week to consider of the most effectual measures to oppose such a bill. If any further duty sho[ul]d be imposd it ought certainly to extend to Scotland, otherwise it wo[ul]d be throwing the whole trade into th[a]t part of the kingdom, wch has already to much advantage, by being free of the pres[en]t duty of £20 a ton by the Act of Union, but what reason can be alledged for their being exempt f[ro]m any additional duty I cannot apprehend. the laying on any further duty on Lead exported must be impolitic in the Governm[en]t, as it wo[ul]d be turning the ballance of trade more ag[ain]st us both with France & other Kingdoms & put them upon searching for that Comodity in their own Territories as we did for Iron in the Plantations, when the Swedes laid a higher duty on the Exportation of th[a]t Article; wch they have reason to repeat. To say th[a]t the price of Lead has been so high of late, that the proprietors may well bear an Add[itiona]l duty, because the duty of £20 was p[ai]d 50 y[ea]rs ago when Lead was at

half the prices is saying nothing; for most of the Lead mines in England are now wro[ugh]t at treble the Expence they were then, occasiond by chargeable Levels, Engines &c, wch there was little occasion for when the Oar was got nearer the surface, & therefore the laying on any add[itiona]l Duty will necessarily occasion most of the Lead Mines in the No[rth] of England to be laid in & turn many thousands of poor people adrift, who know not in w[ha]t other way to get their bread. I know of no Species of Goods th[a]t pay more than 12d in the po[un]d value on Exportation & why it sho[ul]d ever enter into the heads of the Ministry to think of loading this Article w[i]th a higher duty is inconceivable they may imagine it will raise the Government £40000 a y[ea]r, but by the reduction it will occasion in the demand from abroad, I dare venture to say they will find themselves greatly mistaken. Lastly, If this duty sho[ul]d be carried it ought not to comence in a short time or not be laid on stocks now in hand. The above is w[ha]t occurs to me at pres[en]t , but no doubt many more & stronger reasons may be tho[ugh]t of when the matter comes to be thoroughly considerd.

As to Stubblock Coll[ier]y there can nothing be proposed but a reference; wch I imagine they will never agree to. thewrefore if you cannot procure an Injunction to stop their working I do not see w[ha]t can be done. I sent you the whole state of the affair in my Lre of 24 Jan last. I heartily wish you many happy y[ea]rs & am etc.

PS Lady B[lacket]t is here & not yet determined when she will set forwards, I will send yo[u]r suit of cloths by the waggon next week. Mr Airy says Hyde & Lawson will certainly pay the bill when due, & desires it may not be returned nor protested, for care shall be taken of its being p[ai]d very soon if they sho[ul]d not do it; but if they do not, please to give Mr Denton to do as he thinks is right. I am etc JR

28 Dec 1755 Joseph Richmond to William Sleigh

To Mr Wm.Sleigh M[erchan]t in Stockton 28 Dec 1755

I have rec[eiv]ed a Lre Last Post f[ro]m a friend in London who says he has it f[ro]m good Authority th[a]t the Ministry intend to move this Session for an additional Duty of £40 a Ton being laid on Lead Exported. I have mentiond this to Mr Tyzack & also Mr Walton & Boag who are concerned for Greenwich hosp[ita]l & we all write to our principals by this post for their instructions by the return of the post, w[ha]t methods are proper to be taken to oppose such a Bill, if any such is really intended. & if you have any intimations thereof, we sh[oul]d be glad to meet you & any other of your Neighbours, who think themselves concerned, at Durham any day in the next week; to consider w[ha]t representations are most proper to draw up ag[ain]st it. For we think such a duty wo[ul]d be a heavy load & discouragem[en]t to all Mine adventurers in general & not turn to the advantage to the Governm[en]t th[a]t may be expected, for many reasons th[a]t may justly be set forth. I shall be glad of y[ou]r answ[e]r hereto as soon as possible & if you think proper to give us a meeting at any place in Durham & Wednesday or Thursday senight we will not fail to attend you. I am etc JR

28 Dec 1755 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton in Grays Inn London 28 Dec 1755

Dr Sir

Inclosed is a Bill for two hundred pounds as above, which I desire you will place to my Credit & advise your Receipt thereof.

I would not have you return Mr Aireys two bills, for he assured me yesterday if Hyde & Lawson & Co. did not pay them when due, which he was confident they would do, they should be paid imediately by another hand, you are the best Judge whether its necessary to protest them, if they are not punctually paid, therefore pray do what is right & be so kind as take the same Care of the bill in Sr Walters hand, & let me know what is done by the Return of the Post. If these bills are paid, the inclosd will enable you to pay Lady Mansels £225 due the 10th Oct & also £100 to Lady Blackett which I presume I must draw on you as usual when her Ladyship moves Southward. Last Post I received six vouchers for payment of part of the ballance of West Kenton account, when you send the Rest, pray send the Masters Report apportioning the Payment I desire you will also send me an acct how matters stand with Messrs Lascelles when the same is settled, I wish you many happy years & am etc JR

To Mr Thomas Burn at the corner of Mercers Court Tower Street London
£200 Berwick 3 Dec 1755
Thirty days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or Order two hundred Pounds, value received, & place the same to acct. as p[er] advice from Your most humble Servt Saml. Burn

1 Jan 1756 Joseph Richmond to Carr & Ellison

To Hen. Thos. Carr & Hen. Ellison Esqs Newcastle 1 Jan 1756

Sirs

Please to take Notice that S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett & P[ar]tners intend to discontinue working any more Coals in gateshead Fell Colliery from this day, in order to determine the Lease, wch I have in command to signify to you & am Sirs your etc Jos. Richmond

NB : Delivered the above Notice to Mr Sill Mr Ellison's Steward this 1st Jan 1756 Hen.Richmond

2 Jan 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr .Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. London 2 Jan 1756

Hon Sir

The paragraph in the Newspapers, that a party of Soldiers were ordered to patrole the Streets in the night time was occasiond by some new recruits having insulted several of the inhabitants & killed a Pitman, on the Side about 10 O Clock at night, but the Guilty persons could never be discovered.

As to the Lucker Affair, I do not know when the Auditors will rectify their Mistake, unless you will be pleasd to sp[eak to L[or]d North[umber]land ab[ou]t it. Mr Thynn, one of the Auditors is come up to Town, & Mr Isaac Thompson, who divided the Moor, will be in London in a few days; they both know the case, wch is, That they have not set off any proportion of the moor to you, for Lucker free Lands, & ten Stints in the Innpasture, wch we say is one farm, & intitled to a proportional share of the moor, wch contains upwards of 1300 Acres. the Tenants of that Farm having always enjoyd a right to put what Goods upon the moor they thought proper without any interruption, & its surprising Mr Forster did not take care of this at the time when the division was made.

I find Mr Reed is not lookd upon as a fit person for the Serjeants place. I doubt it cannot be easily carried for him, & as you do not chuse th[a]t any struggle sho[ul]d be made for him I believe he must drop his pretentions. the P[er]son who is now most thought of, is one Jno. Surtees a Butcher, & I think a relation of Mr Rowels, but at the Election in 1741 he voted for Mr Carr & Mr Ridley, wch I cannot help looking upon as a just objection ag[ain]st him, unless he or some of his friends make application to you, & you think proper to grant him yo[u]r intrest; for if he is to have the place he ought to know to whom he owes the obligation. I desire to know if any such application is made by this podt, for sev[era]l of the Electors will not vote for him w[i]thout yo[u]r approbation.

Lady Blackett set forwards this morning.

There is no demand for a pig of Lead at any price.

I am much obliged to you for yo[u]r kind Enquiry after my health, wch I thank God is indifferently Good, except for some fits of Rheumatism, wch makes my fingers so stiff & contracted that it is sometimes with great difficulty I can write my name. I am etc JR

11 Jan 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bt MP. London 11 Jan 1756

Hon Sir

I find by some of the Lead Owners at Stockton, who Mr Pere Tyzack, the Quaker's Agent, & I had a Conference with last week at Durham, That L[or]d Darlington was apprised before he left London of the Ministry's Intention of moving this Session for an add[itiona]l Duty on Lead exported. We drew up at the Meeting the heads of such Argum[en]ts as occurd to us ag[ain]st laying on such a Duty, wch are here inclosed; & those Gent[leme]n design imediately to apply to all the members they think they have any influence with to oppose it. The Agents for Greenwich hosp[ita]l I find do not think they ought to concern themselves in the Affair, tho if any Duty sho[ul]d be laid on, the hosp[ita]l must suffer in the value of their Duty Oar in proportion.

Mt James Scott tells me he has sent for Mr Forster about the Lucker Business & finds th[a]t Mr Robsons representation of the Affair is not well grounded. For Mr Forster tells him he has farmed Lucker tithes & free Lands of yours before for about 40 years, & never injoyd any Eatage upon the Moor in right of the Farm. For the Liberty he had of pasturage in the moor was always in right of his own three Farms. He says the 10 stints you have in the Inpasture you still enjoy, but cannot be intitled to any share of the Moor in right thereof & that all the claim you can possibly have, in his opinion, is for the free Lands, wch contain ab[ou]t 4 or 5 Acres, for wch yo[u]r allotm[en]t cannot be 1/5 part of w[ha]t Mr Robson claims, for he thinks th[a]t in right of y[ou]r free Lands& the Stints wch he calls a farm, you ought to have ab[ou]t 50 Acres of the Moor set of. But Mr Scott says this Matter shall be more strictly inquired & that Justice shall be done you. I have not seen Mr Robson since.

I have applyd to some of our Monied Gent[leme]n here; but they will not own with any Money that they have to lend at present.

Mr Hunter was here yesterday & says people are very uneasy for the Lead Mils Pay, wch I have been obliged to fix for the 5 Feb (29 January instant), in hopes of raising Money to comp[leat it ag[ain]st that time. I am etc JR

16 Jan 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton, Grays Inn London 16 Jan 1756

Dr Sr

Yo[ur] Lre of the 1st inst. bro[ugh]t me the rem[ainde]r of the rec[eip]ts relating to W. Kenton & I have given the acct. C[redi]t for £499.2.2 the amo[un]t of the paym[en]ts, & made you D[ebto]r for £42.14.9 Sr. Wr's Dividend; wch I think you will find right.

I have sent Sr.Wr. by this post under 2 covers Mr Rudds dra[f]t of the bill to be filed ag[ain]st the Hexham Gardners, as setled by him & Mr Ellis, the 3rd Sheet is much interlined; but to prevent any mistake it is all wrote fair over upon ano[the]r sheet annexed to it; you must correspond with Mr Scott in carrying on this Suit; He knows

the thing is in agitation, but has not seen the dra[f]t for I have had no Oportunity of shewing it him since it came to my hand.

I am very Glad Mr Aireys bills are all p[ai]d.

PS. I wrote you th[a]t Mr Ord advised to proceed in the Excheq[e]r, but Mr Rudd says in Chancery will do full as well; so th[a]t must be left to your Option. I paid Mr Rudd for the Draught. I am etc JR

16 Jan 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr. Wr. Blackett Bt MP at his ho[use] in Curzon Street London 16 Jan 1756

Hon Sir

I send you the post under 3 covers Mr Rudds Dra[f]t of a Bill to be filed ag[ain]st the Hexham Gardners & Mr Ellis thinks it ought to be done in hillary term wch begins the 23rd inst; for these people are not to be bro[ugh]t to reason by any other means. The tithe in dispute is computed at between £30 and £40 a y[ea]r, if you order the Bill to be filed you will please to order Mr Denton to correspond w[i]th Mr Scott in carrying on the Suit.

Mr Thos. Airey says he & some other Gent[leme]n here wrote to you some time ago desiring yo[u]r assistance in getting the Sailors in the Coast trade put under the same Regulation with those in the foreign trade, to wch they have not been favourd with an Ans[we]r. I beleive you wrote to Mr Mayor on this subject, but that does not seem to satisfy Mr Airey.

Mr Simpson says he expects some money to be paid him in at Ladyday or before, & will let you have £1000 at £4 P[er] C[en]t as soon as he receives it. He tells me you were pleased to promise him some Elms f[ro]m Wallington; but Mr Robson when last here s[ai]d he had no orders about them. I am etc JR

23 Jan 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr.Wr.Blackett Bt London 23 Jan 1756

Hon Sir

You will no doubt have many Lres this post, w[i]th an acct. of Mr Cuthbertson the Town Clerks death, who died at Scorton of a Fever last Wednesday night; this place is in the disposal of the Comon Council, & I find many of them are inclined to shew all the favour to the family th[a]t can be done consistent with the late regulation, by wch the Corpora[tio]n is only obliged to pay 1000 Guineas being 1/2 of the money Mr Cuthberston p[ai]d for the place. Some seem inclineable to let Old Mr Cuthbertson enjoy the place for his Life for the benefit of his Sons family, if it can be done, he finding a P[er]son to act in the Office, th[a]t will be agreeable; others think it will be

better to make a Complim[en]t of some P[ar]t of the other 1000 Guineas & to dispose of the place imediately to the proprest p[er]son th[a]t offers; but nothing will be concluded without your approbation.

Mr Wm Gibson is solliciting the Comon Council today to become the purchaser, if they do not think proper to transfer the Office to Old Mr Cuthberston; wch I imagine will not be done; & tho nobody else yet stirs about it, Mr Jno. Richardson, Mr Hen. Wilkinson, Mr Jos. French & Mr Wm. Lowes, its beleived will all be Candidates for the place; it is reckoned to be worth better than £300 a Year to any P[er]son that's well qualified & will give constant attendance.

I am etc JR

6 Feb 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr.Wr. Blackett Bt London 6 Feb 1756

Hon Sir

The petition herew[i]th inclosd was sent by Mr Ellis; who says w[ha]t is therein desired is a very reasonable request.

The Subpoenas are servd on the 3 Hexham Gardners, & Mr Ellis apprehends they will not appear, but send you a petition, desiring you will excuse w[ha]t is past, & not charge them with any costs, & th[a]t they will propose to pay ab[ou]t 18d in the Po[un]d for the future, on the rent they pay for their Gro[un]d wch is ab[ou]t £3 an Acre. But to accept of [th]a]y he says will be doing nothing for it is only 4.6 an acre & the Corn tithe of the Gro[un]d they have in Gardens is well worth £10 an acre & the tithe of w[ha]t they produce in thier gardens is worth double that sum. But if you please to grant them any favour he thinks 15s or 12s6d an acre is as little as you ought to agree to take. & as to the Costs if you do not oblige them to pay at least some part thereof you will have a bill to file every y[ea]r ag[ain]st one or other of them. As to Garland he has p[ai]d no tithe for near 20 y[ea]rs & is reckond to be worth £1000 & the two Rennicks mentiond in the bill are in very good Circumstances. there are several more Gardiners at Hexham who are poor, & therefore are not put into the Bill; but they will submit to pay as the above persons are obliged to do.

I have made Dukesfield pay; wch has reduced the cash to a very low Ebb, & as here is very little owing in town, the reflux is likely to be very slow; for the Lead trade seems still to decline, nobody chusing to buy any quantities, the public affairs having at present so indifferent an Aspect.

I find th[a]t no resolution will be come to ab[ou]t the Town Clerk's place till you come into the Country.

I am etc JR

7 Feb 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr.Wr.Blackett Bt in London 7 Feb 1756

Hon Sir,

Since my Lre by the last post I have rec[eiv]ed the inclosd from Mr Ellis by wch you will please to observe the Def[endan]ts submit to yo[u]r pleasure & do not intend to appear; therefore I desire yo[u]r directions herein & that you will please to order Mr Denton to forbear sending the Attachm[en]ts ag[ain]st them or otherwise as shall be thought proper.

On Fryday we had the highest Wind that I can remember, wch has done a deal of damage by blowing down Chimneys &c but I do not hear of any other harm done. I am etc JR

25 Feb 1756 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Rich. Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 25 Feb 1756

Sir

Sr.Wr. Blackett came here yesterday & orders me to desire you will tell yo[u]r Gardiners, that he expects they will give him no further Trouble or Application ab[ou]t their Tithes, & in that case he excuse all that is past but insists on their paying £10 an Acre for the time to come, & also all thecosts that has hitherto accrued, & you are to let me know as soon as you can, whether they submit to these terms, & have given such Assurances as you think proper to require for the performance. I p[ai]d Mr Rudd 2 Guineas for drawing the bill & have write to Mr Denton to send me the Costs above to wch is to be added Mr Scotts & Mr Kirsops bills. I cannot imagine who possessed the Gardners w[i]th the notion that no tithe is due for their Garden Gro[un]d. You can tell them that Sr.Wr. has had the best Opinions in England & is determined to support his right, as they may have reason now to beleive he will do. & as he is so indulgent to give up all that is past I hope they will be so wise as to acknowledge the Favour & that an End will be immediately put to this affair.

Sr.Wr. desires to know whether the Butchers have made the submission required, & that you will let me know as soon as you can what the hospital is doing at Stublock. I am etc JR

5 Mar 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr.Denton Grays Inn London 5 March 1756

Dr. Sr.

Some of the houses at West Kenton, are in so bad a Condition, occasioned by the stormy weather we have had since Mart[inma]s last, th[a]t the ten[an]ts cannot possibly

subsist without their being repaired. I have already been obliged to lay out 4.8.6, in doing w[ha]t was imediately necessary to prevent further damage & have made an estimate of w[ha]t ought to be done this spring as soon as possible, wch will come to £10 or £12 more. As I do not hear how Mr Wilson goes on w[i]th his purchase I desire you will acquaint the parties herew[i]th, & let me have their directions, whether I am to do any more or not. Thos. Allans Article expired at Mayday 1755 & I let him his farm again for one y[ea]r at £10 adv[ance]. Chicken & Mavins Article will expire at mayd[a]y next, & I have let them their farm again for one y[ea]r at £8 adv[an]ce. The tenants find themselves at so great an uncertainty, th[a]t they neglect their husbandry & I have enough to do to keep them upon their farms, but I hope matters will be setled one way or another in a little time.

PS I can get nothing further yet f[ro]m Mr Beaumont than what I have accounted for. I am etc JR

[There is a marginal note at the end, the start of which seems to be in shorthand. It ends :...ing John & Richd. - Jno. Carr Ma[ste]r]

9 Mar 1756 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd. Ellis at Hexham 9 March 1756

Sir
Mr Walton says they are ready to pay the fee farm rents for the same time they pay L[or]d North[umber]land, wch he thinks is for 7 or 8 y[ea]rs; but they expect the Landtax to be allowd, wch the Earls agents will not agree to; alledging his rents are not liable to pay the same; so the matter remains at pres[en]t in suspence. Mr Walton says they have wrote to the hospital for instructions therein: & they will not require the allow[an]ce f[ro]m Sr.Wr. unless they have it f[ro]m the Earl. Below you have an Acct. of the Costs attending the suit w[i]th the Hexham Gardiners as far as the same is come to my knowledge. I am etc JR

	£ s d
Pd. Mr Ord for his opinion	1.1.0
& pd. Mr Rudd for drawing the bill	2.2.0
Pd. Mr Scott for his trouble	1 1 0
Mr Denton's charge - Mich. term 1755	
Fair copy of the bill for use	4s
Copy sent	4s,
parchmt & duty	3s
Ingrossing 24 sheets	8s.
<affiling & rule>	5s4d

Term fee 6s8d 1 11 0

Hillary term 1756

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Term fee 10s

Lres & posters 2s 6d 0 17 0

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Mr Kirsop for his trouble & expence -

19 Mar 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bart in London 19 March 1756

Hon Sir

Herewith is inclosed Mr Ellis's state of the Case about Stublock with copie of the Injunction you were served with on 1739, the case is much the same with what I sent you last year, which I beleive was laid before Mr Ord, but whether he gave any opinion upon it I do not know. Yesterday morning early the regulating Capt[ai]n with the Assistance of our Greenland men got about 50 Sailors at Sunderland, & might have got many more if they had had a ship or House to secure them in, for want of which many made their Escape from them. I have been at Morpeth three days this week attending the Refference to Mr Ord, & I hope the matter will be settled as well as wee can expect, but when the Money will be paid I do not know. Mr Ord will make his award before the 25th. I hope you are well after y[ou]r Journey. I am etc JR

20 Mar 1756 Joseph Richmond to Robert Lisle

To Mr Robt. Lisle at Morpeth Newcastle 20 March 1756

Dr. Sir

Your Bro[the]r has shewn me yo[u]r Letter to him, by wch I find something has happend since wee left you yesterday that you do not well like; I do not expect that the Lessees will send in a Bond for the Ballance of the acct. as it is settled & agreed to by all parties, therefore I hope Mr Ord will make an Award & put an End to this troublesome affair as he thinks consistent with Justice to all Parties, whcih will be satisfactory to Sr. Walter Blackett who desires to have an End made of it. I apprehend the last half years Rent cannot be included in the award, because it became due only on the 12th instant, which is after the date of the Bonds, & if the award should take in the acct. to the 12th Sept last, the ballance will be £100 more than the Penalty of the Bonds, wch I apprehend the Lessees as they are not a little littigious may dispute the paym[en]t of, but if it is consistent with the Arbitration Bonds, for Mr Ord to award the ballance as it

stood the 12th Sept. 1754, exclusive of all Rent become due since that time the Ballance then will be less than £500 as below, & in my Opinion would prevent any Dispute that could arise afterwards, but of this you are a better judge than I can possibly be. I am etc JR

The Ballance of the acct as settled under 1st agreemt ending 1st March 1750/1			£81.15.7 ½
To 3 years 1/2 Rent from that time to the 12th Sept 1754		£420.0.0	
By a years Landtax of 3s in the Po[un]d due Ladyday 1752	5.12.6		
By do due Ladyday 1753	5.12.6		
By do due Ladyday 1754	3.15.0		
By 1/2 yrs Landtax Mich. 1754	1.17.6	16.17.6	
			403. 2.6
a yrs Rent due 12 Sept 1755		£120	
Landtax	3.15		
Ballance due to the Lessors 12th Sept 1754			484.18.11/2
Mr Rudd to say the Award must be made to 12 Sept 1755			116. 5

2 Apr 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton London 2 April 1756

Dr Sr
I have herew[i]th inclosed you a bill on Messrs Plumb & Brown for £30 wch I desire you will place to my Acct. We are busy recruiting but volunteers do not come in so fast as were expected. I am etc JR

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London
Newcastle 2 April 1756 £30.0.0
Sirs
Twenty days after date pay Mr Christopher Denton or Order Thirty pounds value rec[eiv]ed & place the same to acct as p[er] advice from , Srs. etc J. Richmond

2 Apr 1756 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

To Messrs Plumb & Brown Golds[mi]ths in Foster Lane London 2 April 1756

Sirs
I have drawn a bill on you today for £300 payable to Sr.Wr.Blackett or order 20 d[ays] after date, & also a bill for £30 pay[a]ble to Mr Chr. Denton, or order 20 d[ays] after date; wch bills I desire you will place to Sr.Wr. Blacketts Acct. The ballance th[a]t will then remain in yo[u]r hands I think will be 5.1.113/4 wch I shall be glad to know agrees w[i]th yo[u]r Books. Please to favour me w[i]th a line w[ha]t the price of Bullion is at present, & whether the duty laid on wro[ugh]t plate will in your opinion lessen the price. I am etc JR

2 Apr 1756 Joseph Richmond to Mr Stokoe

1756 April 20 Writ Mr Stokoe (at Ford) that he is appointed to succeed Mr Coulthard as Chaplain at Allanheads JR

8 Apr 1756 Joseph Richmond to Revd Coulthard

To The Rev[eren]d Mr Coulthard Newcastle 8 April 1756

Sir
I am ordered by Sr.Wr. Blackett to acquaint you, th[a]t agreeable to yo[u]r request he will give you a presentation to the Living of Allandale, on Condition of yo[u]r constant residence, & indulgence to the people at Allanheads & Coalcleugh as you propose. Sir Wr. goes for London today & orders me to desire you will let me know when you intend to remove f[ro]m Allanheads. With my complim[en]ts to Mrs Coulthard I am etc JR

10 Apr 1756 Joseph Richmond to Caleb Hunter

To Mr Caleb Hunter at Allanheads, to be left at Mr Turners (the Globe) in Hexham
Newcastle 10 April 1756

I think the Candles for Allanh[ea]ds Coalcleugh are charged much too high at 6s6d a Dozn. wo[ul]d it not therefore be right for you to make Enquiry what the price is at Appleby, where we used to be supplyed much cheaper than we co[ul]d be at Hexham in Mr Armstrongs time; if there is no material difference the preference ought certainly to be given to Mr Allgood.

I wrote Mr Peart & desired him to communicate my Letter, to you; That Sr.Wr. desires to know if ten or a dozn experiencd Miners can be got, who are willing to engage to go to Minorca on good Encouragem[en]t, but I do not yet know what the terms will be. If you find any of your people have an inclination to engage, & you think it will not be prejudicial to Sr.Wrs. inter[es]t to part with them you must let me know imediately, & I expect in a little time to send you an Acct of what their wages will be, for their Consideration.

If Mr Coulthard go to Allandale he will be obliged to constant residence. PS Pray what sort of a parsonage house is there at Allandale. I am etc JR

13 Apr 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 13 April 1756

Dr Sir

Mr Robt. Carrick shut up his office this morning, & nobody can guess how matters stand with him; he p[ai]d me £319 the ball[an]ce of his acct. on the 12th ult & on the 30th I let him have 200 p[iece]s Lead wch comes to 211.15.6, wch he shipt in the Blackett Cap[tai]n Sugget for the Sound, wch sailed the 10th inst. He has got a great deal of Money of Mr Sunderland & I beleive of the Collec[tor] of Excise for Bills; who will sollicit this post for an Extent, a great many people here also want large sums, so th[a]t I imagine some will sue out a Comis[sio]n ag[ain]st him. But as I imagine Sr.Wr. will not chuse to do it I have not sent you an Affid[avi]t of his debt, neither indeed can I possibly get it done by this post, having not heard anything of the matter till it was too late, but if I find it proper (& no offers of a Compos[itio]n is made before next post) I shall certainly do it, & then you may takeSr.Wrs. directions herein. If a Comi[ssio]n is sued out I think it wo[ul]d be right for you to endeavour to appoint a Comis[sione]r for Sr.Wr. if it can be done I desire you will acquaint Sr.Wr. herewith for I have not any time to write him & its very disagreable News for me to tell him. If he had wanted 1000 p[iece]s of L[ea]d I verily beleive I sho[ul]d have let him have it for nobody ever suspected his Circumstances. I am etc JR

13 Apr 1756 Joseph Richmond to John Peart

To Mr John Peart at Newhouse Newcastle 13th April 1756

Sir

I find Capt[ai]n Smith who comes to take care of the Miners that are willing to engage, is got the Length of Durham, & will be here in a few days. I am told he says the pay will be 18d a day; & if you find it necessary & not otherwise you may offer two Guineas a Man as an Encouragem[en]t from Sr.Wr., to be p[ai]d when they come

hither, for as I wrote you he is desirous to assist the Government at this critical Juncture as far as lays in his power. You will let me know by the first opportunity what you are likely to get done, & as soon as I have seen the Capt[ai]n & can tell you what he says I will write you bring the Men you have got down hither. I have a Lre today f[ro]m Mr Hunter, but he does not take any Notice whether you have comunicated my Lre as I desired you.

I desire you will return me Mr Menzies new proposals & Lre to Sir Walter. Ithink Mr Armstrong when here silenced him & satisfied Sr.Wr.. But as I apprehend he may again be teaxing Sr.Wr. when he comes f[ro]m London & argue his proposals are unanswerable; I co[ul]d wish you wo[ul]d confer with the other Stewards at yo[u]r Leisure & draw up such an Ans[we]r as you think just. I am etc JR

13 April 1756 Wrote Caleb Hunter about the Miners, much to the same pupose as above & sent them both Capt[ai]n Smiths advertisment JR

16 Apr 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr.Blackett Bt.MP. London Newcastle 16 April 1756

Hon Sir

I wrote Mr Denton last post & desird him to acquaint you th[a]t Mr R.Carrick had stopd paym[en]t, & th[a]t he stands indebted to you £211.15.6 for 200 p[iece]s Lead; wch I am very sorry for. He p[ai]d me £319 the 12th of last month the ball[an]ce of his acct. So th[a]t I had no reason to refuse him the 200 p[iece]s . he has taken in almost the whole town, & his debts are computed to amo[un]t to full £20000. But Mr Lowes says he has effects to pay everybody 20s in the po[un]d, wch nobody beleives. The Quakers Co. want of him £1090. Mr Ra. Carr £800, L[or]d Darlington £300, Hall & Emerson £350 for lead & here are in town 40 people more that want f[ro]m £100 to £500 so th[a]t never such an affair has happened here in the memory of any man; among the rest the Sherif is taken in for £300 wch is very hard upon him. Mr Davison who married Mr Lowes's sister sent an Express last tuesday for a Comis[sio]n of Bankrupcy in the name of Cap[tai]n Rob. Hudson who is a Cred[ito]r for £100 & has named Nr Grey, Mr Fawcet, Mr Widdrington, Mr Lowes & Mr Latteny to be Comissioners w[i]th some of wch the Cred[ito]rs are not satisfied, & will use their best endeavours they shall not act & that Mr Davison shall not be Sollicitor; but however that may be I doubt not but we shall get proper persons chosen for Assignees.

Capt[ai]n Smith is at Durham & will be here in a day or two. I hear Mr Peart has engaged some Miners; but he has not yet sent me the number. I expect he will bring down what he has engaged some day next week & then if its necessary I will go into Weardale, & try what more can be done. I am etc JR

16 Apr 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 16 April 1756

Dr Sr
As to Mr Carricks affairs they appear to be very bad, for it is beleived he owes above £20,000, but Mr Lowessays he will pay everybody 20s in the po[un]d, without touching his wife's Estate, wch she has only her life in; But nobody gives much Credit to this. On Tuesday Evening they put into the wednesdays paper an advertisem[en]t desiring all the Cr[edito]rs to meet at Katys Coffee house, wch advertisem[en]t you have here inclosed, But on Tuesday morning before anything was known in town, or suspected to be wrong, Thos. Davison who married Mr Lowes's sister sent away an Express for a Comiss[io]n of Bankruptcy in the name of Capt[ai]n Rob. Hudson who is a Cred[ito]r for £100 & has named Mr Grey, Mr Fawcet, Mr Widdrington, Mr Lowes, & Mr Latteny who married Geo. Lowes's Daughter to be Comiss[ione]rs. The C[redito]rs had a meeting yesterday & are resolved to prevent if they can some of these Gent[leme]n f[ro]m acting & have prevaild w[i]th Capt[ai]n Hudson to promise he will do no further act without their Approbation; but how that may be I know not, but I dare say proper persons will be chosen for Assignees, for everybody suspects there is something not quite right in this whole affair. I am thankful Sr.Wr. is no further taken in; for tho I never had any great Opinion of Mr Carrick, yet he always p[ai]d me so punctually for one parcel before I let him have another that matters might have been much worse. I am etc JR

20 Apr 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 20 April 1756

Dr Sir
Yesterday the Comis[sio]n was opend ag[ain]st Mr Carrick, when he was provd a Bankrupt; But Mr Sunderland had seizd all his Effects in this Town before by virtue of an Extent. tho Mr Rob. Lowes has an assignm[en]t of all Carrick's Effects executed the Even[in]g before he went off, in favour of himself for £800, Mrs Wallis for £2000, The D[uke} of Portlands Agent for £1000 & sev[era]l other C[redito]rs to whom he had a mind to give the preference, & after they are p[ai]d then for the use of the rest of the C[redito]rs. He pleaded this assignm[en]t ag[ain]st the Extent, but the Jury looking upon it as not fair, & th[a]t the property was not altered tho he was in possession gave their Verdict for the King & the C[redito]rs will have the validity of the Assignm[en]t to dispute unless those who are included in it will give it up; wch I do not think they will do. We chose Mr Cookson, Mr Carr, Mr Jas. Ord, Mr Jno. Williams & Mr Jno. Baker, all Sufferers, for Assignees: & I dare say there will be no objection to any of them at the

2nd Meeting. The Com[missione]rs I need not tell you are Mr Fawcet, Mr Gibson, Mr Burdus, Mr Wm. Lowes & Mr Latteny: named by Mr Aubon Wallis; for Mr Davison now says he forgot to name the Com[missione]r who he sent w[i]th the express. Mr Lowes declined to act, the other four were swore in. Its beleivd the debts will be above £30000 but nobody can yet find where there are effects to pay 5s in the po[un]d tho Mr Carrick was far f[ro]m an expensive man & never had any material losses. People therefore have great reason to suspect foul play. Please to comunicate this to Sr.Walter. I am etc JR

25 Apr 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bart. in London Newcastle 25 April 1756

Hon Sir

Mr Peart came down yesterday with 16 miners who are enterd with Cap]tai]n Smith, he is mightily pleased with them for they are men well qualified for the business. his Complement of men is now made up with Colliers, so that he has no Occasion for any more. Mr Peart gave those he has brought two gunieas apeice, & no more could be prevaild on to engage if he would have given double the money. Mr Peart gives a very poor acct of Weardale mines.

Mr Carricks affairs appear worse every day, & its suspected will turn out a Dark Scene of Iniquity. The second week in May is fixed for receiving the Berwick Rent, those tenants are all behind hand, & plead for further indulgence. I think they ought not to have it, for I very much question whether it would be of any Service, As for the Colliery tenants they have not yet yielded any Compliance with Mr Ords award.

No Body has asked me the price of Lead since you left Newcastle, you have 14000 peices now at Bladon, & the time draws near for setting on the Carriage to bring the new Stocks from the mils. The Duty for the Carriages will be paid here. I am etc JR

30 Apr 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr.Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. London 30 April 1756

Hon Sr.

Mr Robt. Carrick Dr. to Sr.Wr.Blackett Bt
1756 Mar 31 sold & d[elivere]d him by Jos.Richmond 200 p[iece]s of Sr.Wr.Blacketts Lead q[uanti]ty 296 cwt.2 q 0lb at £15 a Fodd[er] of 21 [cwt] £211.15.6

Above is the acct. of what Mr Carrick is indebted to you for 200 p[iece]s of Lead. Mr Fawcet tells me no agent can prove a debt before a Comiss[io]n of Bankruptcy for they must have the principals' Affid[avi]t th[a]t the money is due, even tho Mr Carrick on his examination shall own it to be so. I am only to prove th[a]t I sold & d[elivere]d to him the Lead at the time & at the price above mentioned, & have rec[eiv]ed no part of the value, wch I assure you I have not, & I am satisfied no part of the value can have been rec[eiv]ed by you. If you please therefore to order Mr Denton to draw a proper Affid[avi]t & send it down before the 10th May I will attend the Comiss[ioner]s with it at their second meeting. or if you do not approve thereof the debt may be proved in time enough afterwards when you come down into the Country. L[or]d Darlington & the Quakers Co. will be obliged also to prove their respective debts themselves. For their Agents single proof will not be accepted. I am etc JR

11 May 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grey's Inn London Newcastle 11 May 1756

Dr Sir

Inclosed is Peareth & Sorsbie's bill on Stainbank & Freeman for £250.0.0 wch I desire you will place to my acct & advise rec[eip]t of. Lady Blackett desires me to send her £100.0.0 as soon as I can; wch I must request you will pay her as soon as convenient; for I cannot get a Bill as a shorter date than w[ha]t I send you inclosed. You must desire her Ladys[hi]p to sign a rec[eip]t for a qua[rte]rs payment wch will be due the 1st Aug next, & send it me down when you let her have the money.

I have rec[eiv]ed 20 Guin[ea]s of Mr Jno. Ord & plac[e]d it to yo[u]r acct.

Yesterday I proved Sr.Wr's Debt on Carricks Comiss[io]n, when the same assignees were continued; & tho they are all sensible th[a]t the continuance of Mr Davidson as Soll[icito]r & Mr Latteny as Comis[sione]r is not right, none of them chuse as yet to make a motion for an Alteration. I hinted the Expediency thereof also to Mr Geo. Lisle & some others of the C[redito]rs, but find none of them inclined to move in it, or even second it; so they must go on in their own way. Mr Fawcet drew up a Case both with regard to the Extents & Mr Lowes's Assignment, wch Davidson sent to Aubone Wallis to take Mr Perrots opinion on, but he being retained for the King, Mr Evans's opinion was taken, wch seems to be in favour of the Extents ag[ain]st the Assignment, & of the Assignm[en]t ag[ain]st the Comis[sio]n of Bankruptcy; so th[a]t as the assignm[en]t will not now likely be given up, there is little to be expected for the rest of the Cr[edito]rs. the Case and Opinion are so long that I can't possibly send you a copy of it now, w[ha]tever I may do afterwards. The Kings Debt is £3200; the Amo[un]t of the sums mencond [mentioned] in the Assignm[en]t abo[u]t £10000 & there are other debts already proved to ab[ou]t £8000, & nobody can yet guess how much more is to come in: & as to Carricks effects we are altogether in the dark what they may amo[un]t to: for he has kept such books th[a]t no mortal can tell what to make of them, for there

are no regular entries, or ballances struck with anybody for several y[ea]rs. He is in a very bad state of health & co[ul]d not attend the Com[issione]rs either at the first or 2nd meeting; but they went yesterday afternoon to his lodgings to take his surrender; they askd him some questions to wch they got unsatisfactory Answers. Only he told them he hoped in a few days to give them a just & particular acct. of his affairs if they would send an able hand or two to help him to put his books to right. I am etc JR

PS. I cannot get any money of Mr Beaumont, nor can he tell me when I shall; w[i]th wch pray acquaint Mr Thomas. His Colliery does not go on so well as co[ul]d be wishd, & I find he is indebted to Mr Carrick ab[ou]t £400. unless he has something to set ag[ain]st it wch I do not yet know of. Pray is there any likelyhood of Mr Wilson's soon compleating his purchase; for something must be done very soon about the houses. JR

To Messrs Stainbank & Freeman Merchants in London
Newcastle 7 May 1756 £250.0.0
Forty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order Two hundred and fifty pounds, the value in acct with Sr.Walter Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

11 May 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr.Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. London 11 May 1756

Hon Sir

Inclosed is Peareth & Sorsbie' bill on Stainbank & Freeman for £500.0.0 wch I desire you will be pleased to advise the rec[eip]t of. I co[ul]d not get a bill at a shorter date. The 26 last month was a rent day at Wall[ingto]n, when I never knew so poor a rec[eip]t, for there was not money enough got to pay the workmen & w[ha]t Mr Robson wanted; wch I am surprised at as the Tenants get good prices for everything they have to sell.

Here are some Lres by the last post wch say the Governm[en]t intend to prohibit the exportation of Lead for the pres[en]t, there never was any such prohibition during the two last wars & I hope will not be now, but if there sho[ul]d I doubt not but all the Lead Owners will join in their Endeavours to get it taken off or they had better lay in their mines till it is done; for as the summer is the time of exportation & the new stocks will soon be down at all markets any stop in the trade now must inevitably bring down the price to nothing.

We expect to get the workmen out of the <...> in 3 weeks. I am etc JR

To Messrs Stainbank & Freeman Merchants in London

Newcastle 7 May 1756 £500
Forty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order Five hundred pounds, the value in acct. with Sr.Walter Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

18 May 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr.Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. in London Newcastle 18 May 1756

Hon Sir
I cannot find that anybody here has an inclination to buy Kenton Estate you will therefore please to consider whether you will advertise it to be sold; if not, some End should be made with the tenants whose Articles expire at Mayday next, As a war with France seems now unavoidable I wish you could get this Estate sold; for as the intrest of Money will most likely advance, the value of Lands must consequently fall. If you order Mr Denton to put an advertisement into the London papers I shall put the same into our papers here. The profit of your leadmines last y[ea]r was only £4500 but the savings last y[ea]r was £3100; now mostly in the stock of lead in hand: wch saving was occasioned by yo[u]r paying Messrs Lascelles's intr[es]t out of the sale of Calverley. I have sold today 2000 p[iece]s of comon lead at £14.12.6 & 800 p[iece]s of the ref[ine]d sort at £14.17.6 a fod[de]r wch is something better than £15.10.0 at Stockton, at wch price L[or]d Darlington's Agent tells me he has lately sold 6000 p[iece]s. But I am told the real price he sold at was only 15.7.6, there being to be an abatem[en]t of 2s6d a Fod[de]r. I find the stop th[a]t the Com[missione]rs of the Customs had put to the Exportation of Lead is taken off. but still I doubt the price will fall considerably lower. & all the stock you have in hand has cost you £12 a Fod[de]r. I rec[eiv]ed a Lre last post f[ro]m Mr Lockman he says by yo[u]r directions, desiring me to give all the despatch & assistance I can to any of the Masters of the Societies bushes that may touch at this port; wch I will take care to do. But I desire you directions, whether I am to pay the Officers of the Customs their fees; or enter into any security for the Ma[ste]rs performance agreable to the Act, if the same shall happen to be required. If any of the Bushes put in here, it will probably be in ten days time. I have pleasure to acquaint you that the Slitt Grove in Weardale, wch has cost you a great deal of money is likely to prove very good; for Mr Peart writes he has let ten oar bargains at her, the highest at 25s & the lowest at 12s a bing. PS. I have inclosed an advertisem[en]t for Kenton, wch you will please to alter as you think proper. I am etc JR

23 May 1756 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Ellis

May 23 Sent Mr Ellis copie of the information filed in the Exchequer in 1740 about High Stublock, & also the Case & Mr Perrots opinion, & desired him to recollect as far

as he can what was done in this affair, in order that an answer may be drawn up to sett forth Sir Walters right & get the Injunction disolved, Mr Ord who Sir Walter ordered to be imployd in this Affair says he remembers nothing about it.

25 May 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr.Wr Blackett Bt. MP. London Newcastle 25 May 1756

Hon Sir

Frank set forwards this morning with 4 horses & I p[ai]d him four Guineas tow[ar]ds bearing his Expences.

The Affidavit of yo[u]r Debt due f[ro]m Mr Carrick was very right, but tho the Assignm[en]t he made of his Effects to Mr Lowes is given up it looks as if there will be but a very small Dividend.

I have desired Mr Fenwick & Mr Robson to acquaint the Comiss[ione]rs w[i]th your inclinations that Mr Charltons unkle may be appointed Gatekeeper at Kenton & I hope he will be chosen, as I do not find any objection can be made to his Character; but here are two other candidates, who have the promises of most of the Com[missione]rs in the side of the Country.

I sold 2000 p[iece]s of lead last Thursday to Messrs Peareth & Sorsbie at £14.15.0, a Fod[de]r wch was done just in time; for fryday's post brought them Orders, not to buy any if they had not done it before. You have still 10000 p[iece]s at Market wch I doubt will lay heavy on hand as War is declared, & if it cannot be got sold soon no pays can be made th[i]s y[ea]r. Some of the L[ea]d Owners here & at Stockton as the demand at home is not likely to take off their stocks send lead to the Holland market on their own acct to be sold by Com[issio]n wch at pres[en]t wo[ul]d answer to about 14.15.0 a fod[de]r all Charges & insurance deducted. I desire to know whether you chuse to venture 1000 p[iece]s to that Market for a Tryal, & if so, th[a]t you will please to enquire & let me know some safe hand at Rotterdam to consign it to. This is a way of Trade I cannot recomend, tho old Sr.W.Blacket sent great q[uanti]tys of his lead to the Holland market in Queen Anns war, because he co[ul]d not get it disposed of otherwise.

We have now very dry weather, wch will get all the barley into the Gro[un]d, but the wind continues in the Easterly Qua[rte]r almost as cold as at Xmas. People here are very anxious for the fate of Minorca, as the loss of it must have very bad Consequences, but we hope it may hold out till Adm[ira]l Bing gets there, & that he is strong enough to relieve it. PS. The Icehouse is quite empty, for we never had an opportunity of getting any snow into it. A Scotch Gent[lema]n is just gone thro this town, who says he left London Saturday afternoon, when there were great rejoicings for some good News rec[eiv]ed f[ro]m Adm[ira]l Bing, wch we hope to have confirmed by this post. I am etc JR.

4 Jun 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Greys Inn London Newcastle 4 June 1756

Dr Sr

On the 2nd inst I rec[eiv]ed of Mr Wm. Robson £41.18.111/2 & placed the same to yo[u]r acct.

I am gathering materials for S[i]r. W[alte]rs. answer ab[ou]t Stublock to give Mr Scott but as Mr Downs the hospital's tenant has desisted f[ro]m working in the disputed Gro[un]d & the thing is al little if any value to Sr.Wr., you will consider with him & take his directions, whether to proceed herein at this time or not. For if the Injunction the hospital obtaind ag[ain]st Sr.Wr. & Down's working afterw[ar]ds within his liberties does not endanger the right, it may be as prudent to forbear entring into a Law Suit, wch I apprehend will be the case. But if the Injunction could be dissolvd or rather an injunction be obtaind to prevent the hospital f[ro]m working as well as Sr.Wr. & things remain undetermined as they were it wo[ul]d in my opinion be much better. Or perhaps if an offer was made to the hospital to refer the Matter in dispute they might agree to it as the power is now solely vested in them. But these are only my own thoughts, in wch I am mostly likely to be mistaken. When I heare f[ro]m you I shall be ready to furnish Mr Scott with suff[icien]t instructions for Sir Walters ans[we]r. As to Ab[raha]m Teasdale & Thos. Westgarth they are both dead & have left each a Wid[do]w who know nothing of the matter: so I presume no ans[we]r will be required f[ro]m them. wch I desire you will let me know.

PS : When Mr Scott has drawn the Ans[we]r will it be right to send it to Mr Rudd, or you will lay it before Mr Perrot for his perusal - We had several old Witnesses to prove Sr.Wrs. right to the gro[un]d in dispute when the injunction was obtained ; but they are all now dead.

I am etc JR

5 Jun 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Greys Inn London Newcastle 5 June 1756

Dr Sr

I am desired by Mr Lisle to acquaint you that Unthank is in the Chapelry of Tweedmouth in the parish of holy Island in the County of Durham.

I had some talk today with the Agents for Greenwich hospital about Stublock, who I find think it much better to refer th[a]t dispute than to go to Law for a Trifle & if the hospital write them about it they say they will give their Opinion accordingly. You will therefore ask S[i]r.W[alte]r. whether he pleases to mention the matter & offer a

Reference to Sr James Creed or any other of the Com[missione]rs or desire you to attend the board to know their resolution before he proceed any further.

PS If a reference sho[ul]d be agreed to, they must name an indifferent p[er]son, & not one of their own agents or dependants. If they wo[ul]d name Sr.Thos.Clavering & Sr.Wr. name Mr Fenwick of Bywel of [sic] Mr Carr of Etal & have Mr Collingwood for the third p[er]son if the two sho[ul]d not agree I should think the matter might be justly determined. I am etc JR

12 Jun 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bt MP at his house in Curzon Street London
Newcastle 12 June 1756

Hon Sir

Inclosed are 3 bills for £1050 as above, being all I can now find; wch I desire you will please to advise the receipt of. The Lead trade continues here much the same tho they have rather advacd the price at Stockton by the great demand there for the holland market, wch I apprehend will soon be overstockd; but if I can find out a safe hand at Rotterdam, will send a small p[ar]cell thither for a tryal. Something must be done to get all your Lead sold imediately, as I expect there will be £10000 or upw[ar]ds due to the Mines at Mids[umme]r wch sho[ul]d be p[ai]d as usual sometime in Sept; but if rents come so badly in & there is such a Call for Money at Wallington &c that I much fear matters cannot be kept in their regular course.

R[ober]t Curry offers £95 a y[ea]r for his farm wch is £13 a yr adv[an]ce, Mr Robson & I ask £1090 but I beleive he will not give it. & he will not take at what he offers unless he may have a Lease for 21 yrs by reason the farm having been in grass for 27 yrs wants all to be plowd in as fast as it conveniently can. Mr Robson now thinks he offers as much as the farm is worth; but we desire to know whether you agree to grant so long a term, or if we can bring him to 17 yrs whether you approve thereof.

I have acquainted Mr Todd with yo[u]r directions ab[ou]t his farm & he is under great anxiety at losing it, but declares he will not give a shill[in]g more rent: tho he will certainly repent it afterw[ar]ds. So Mr Robson & I will try what adv[an]ce can be got f[ro]m a good tenant, but apprehend nobody will take it & do justice to the Gro[un]d if they are to be removed on 12 months warning, even tho some consideration sho[ul]d be stipulated on that acct. We therefore desire yo[u]r directions whether we may let it for 9 or 7 yrs certain if we cannot do otherwise.

People here are uneasy at the disagreable Acco[un]ts we have of our public affairs but we have such various reports th[a]t nobody knows what to beleive. Its to be feared Minorca is lost, & last post here were private Lres th[a]t the French had landed a great No. [number] of Men on the Islands of Jersey & Guernsey. But we hope for some better News in a little time. I am etc JR

To Messrs Stainbank & Freeman Merchants in London
Newcastle 1 June 1756 £400
Forty days after date pay Mt Joseph Richmond or order Four hundred pounds, the value in acct with Sr.Wr.Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Stainbank & Freeman Merchants in London
Newcastle 1 June 1756 £350
Forty days after datye pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order Three hundred and fifty pounds the value in acct with Sr.Wr.Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Stainbank & Freeman Merchants in London
Newcastle 1 June 1756 £300
Forty days after datye pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order Three hundred pounds the value in acct with Sr.Wr.Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

22 Jun 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bt. MP. London Newcastle 22 June 1756

Hon Sir

Thos.Armstrong Steward at Coalcleugh died on Sunday last, wch I think no great loss to you; but where to meet with a proper p[er]son to succeed him, I do not yet know, unless Mr Jno.Harrison who lives near the place, is an able Miner & has an estate of ab[ou]t £40 a yr, will accept the office; wch I doubt he will not, as he is a relation of R[ober]t Armstrong's, who I apprehend will sollicit you to let him return to Coalcleugh: Mr Caleb Hunter is now here & gives Mr Harrison a very good Character; & therefore I wish you co[ul]d engage him if you have no other p[er]son in view. he is about 50 yrs of age.

We have a great many horses enterd for this week, & yesterday there were 4 heats for the Kings Plate; wch was won by one Scurfield a farmer near Hartlepool. I am etc JR

29 Jun 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bt. MP. London 29 June 1756

Hon Sir

Mr Peart is now here & tells me that at his Bro[the]r Jacob's request he has recomended him to you to succeed Thos.Armstrong at Coalcleugh & that Mr Caleb Hunter has joined in the recomendation; wch I am surprised at for I am satisfied he wants conduct to be put in any place of trust. Old R[ober]t Armstrong I find has no desire to return to Coalcleugh; but he writes me th[a]t he intends to sollicit yo[u]r favour for a son of his whose name is John, who I do not know, & will propose to give £200 security for his performance, & to pay up whatever his son Thos. shall appear to be in Arrear, wch I am affraid will be no less than it was last year. I have enquired of Mr Peart ab[ou]t this younf man, & he gives him a pretty good Character & says he is the soberest of the family.

Mr Wastal tells me he has recomended to you young Rt.Armstrong who he says is much reformed; but I presume you remember him pretty well; he is a Miner good enough; but used to be very irregular when in Mr Bacons service.

Mr Rich.Harrison, who by mistake I called John Harrison in my last Lre, is now here & I find offers you his service ; I never saw him before, not know anything of him but by report; but Mr Peart says he looks upon him as the fittest p[er]son for your purpose. When you come into the Country you will have an opportunity of inform[in]g yourself as to the Characters of the sev[era]l Candidates: & in the meantime Coalcleugh will be carried on by old Rt.Armstrong & his son George who is under steward there; who by all acco[un]ts is a very worthless p[er]son.

I am very sorry to hear youare indisposed, but hope this will find you better. I am etc JR

1 Jul 1756 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

1756 July 16 Advised Messrs Plumb & Brown of the p[arce]l of Silver q[uanti]ty 708 Oz sent them this day by Mr Lee the London Carrier, & desired them to place it to Sr.Wr.Blacketts acct at the market price JR

9 Jul 1756 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd.Wilson Esq at Leeds Newcastle 9 July 1756

Sir

Agreable to your Lre of the 5th inst you herewith receive the best acco[un]t I can send you of W.Kenton Estate for when I was appointed receiver in 1741 the Lease let by the Court to Mr Byers was just expired & one Fenwick had entred into the Estate, who there was a deal of trouble with to get out of possession; & after it was done, I co[ul]d never get any information about it, but what Mr Geo.Cuthbertson gave me with regard

to the Names & Contents of the sevweral parcels as you have it inclosed, wch I hope is just, & I imagine that either Mr Cuthberston or Mr Ord of Fenham must have the plan, wch tho I applyed to them for I never could get. I am glad to find you are so near finishing the Title, for some of the houses are in great need of repair, wch sho[ul]d be done before winter. I have laid out £6.5.1 this Spring in doing what was absolutely necessary, & Jos.Kings Bier wants now to be new covered, otherwise he will have no shelter for his cattle in the winter. I think £7 or £8 wo[ul]d do it, but as you expect to be here in so short a time I shall defer doing it till you see it yourself or send me directions. I am etc JR

15 Jul 1756 Joseph Richmond to Richard Harrison

To Mr Richd.Harrison Newcastle 15 July 1756

Sr
I rec[eiv]ed yo[u]r Lre & in answ[er] thereto S[i]r.W[alte]r.Blackett has appointed you to be his Steward at Coalcleugh & you are to enter into the place imediately; wch I hope will not be disagreable to Mr Armstrong, as he did tell me he tho[ugh]t you the properest person for Sr.Wrs. service & I doubt not he will give all the assistance he can to get the work sent to the Mils & his sons accts made up in order for a pay. I desire you will seal & deliver him the enclosd Lre & when its convenient for you to come to Town I shall be glad to see you, but you need not be in any haste, as this Lre is suff[icien]t Authority for you to enter upon the Business. I am etc JR

PS if you think it better to come to town on rec[eip]t of this you need not deliver the enclosed till I see you.

15 Jul 1756 Joseph Richmond to Robert Armstrong

To Mr Robt. Armstrong at Coalcleugh 15 July 1756

Sir
I have rec[eiv]ed a Lre f[ro]m Sr.Wr.Blackett in wch he orders me to acquaint you, th[a]t he rec[eive]d your's & Mr Wastels in favour of yo[u]r son to be Steward at Coalcleugh; but he desires to be excused comp[lying therewith, tho he had always a very good opinion & regard for you, for as both you & MR Peart told me that Mr Richard Harrison, if he could be engaged, was the properest Person for his Servic e He has appointed him to be Steward at CC, & he is to enter upon the Place imediately, I doubt not that you will give him all the Assistance you can in getting the Oar sent to the Mils & your Sons accts made up in order for a Pay. I am etc JR

1 Aug 1756 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt. at Scarbro 1 Aug 1756

Hon Sir
Here are two Per[so]ns whose names are <Pirack> that have offerd £240 a Year for Mr Todds farm for a lease of 21 years, they being at Liberty to quit at the End of the first seven years on giving 12 moinths notice. I beleive their Circumstances to be very good. Here are also two other Persons who are tenants to Mr Rigg that have offerd £250 a year for a term of 21 years certain, I have enquired after them & find they are industrious, laborious people who have always paid their Rent well, but as to their circumstances I can get no certain information. Mr Todd has been with me again, & seems now inclined to make some advance but how much he does not say, only says he will wait upon you as soon as you come home, & tell you what he willing to do; I desire your Directions whether I am to let the Farm to either of the above parties, or postpone doing it till you come to Newcastle. Mr Todd now pays £188 a year, so that the advance offerd is £62 a year. I shall rejoice to find that you receive benefit by the Waters, but much more that you are so well as to have no occasion for them. I am etc JR

18 Aug 1756 Joseph Richmond to Robert Todd

To Mr Rob.Todd at Kenton 18 Aug 1756

Sir
I think it right to acquaint you that your Farm is now let, that you may lose no opportunity of providing for yourself. I am etc JR
Sent by J.Davison

19 Aug 1756 Joseph Richmond to George Wray

To Mr Geo.Wray, Keyside 19 Aug 1756

Sir
I am sorry you are so delatory in paying the money on Mr Kiles & your joint bond, which should have been paid two months agoe. I am ordered to acquaint you that if it is not paid some Day next Week, you may expect to meet with trouble wch I hope you will take care to prevent. I am etc JR

31 Aug 1756 Joseph Richmond to Wiliam Dawson

To The Revd Mr Willm.Dawson at Yaxley, to be left at Mr Palmer's Surgeon in Stilton, Huntingdonshire Newcastle 31 Aug 1756

Sir
I rec[eiv]ed yo[u]r Lre of the 13th inst, & agreable thereto have herewith sent you a bill for twenty po[un]ds for Sr.Wr.Blacketts half y[ea]rs allow[an]ce due to you the 24 June last, wch I desire you will advise the rec[eip]t of in manner as below, & direct for me at Sr.Wr.Blacketts at Newcastle. for the future I will take care to return you your Money half yearly, Or Sr.Wr. will give Mr Chr.Denton Attorney in Greys Inn directions to answer your draught for it. I am sorry yo[u]r Mother has not used you so well as she ought to have done, but I see her Will was made in her brothers lifetime, & she did not chuse to make any Alteration, tho it was moved to her I am informed in her last Illness. I shall always be ready to serve you in everything in my power. I am etc JR

Sr. By the last post I rec[eiv]ed your bill on Messrs Plumbe & Browne for twenty pounds, for Sr.Wr.Blacketts half yrs Benefaction due the 24th June last . I am etc WD
To Mr J. Richmond &c

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London
Newcastle 31 August 1756 £20.0.0
Sirs
Twenty days after date pay The Rev. Mr Willm.Dawson or order the sum of Twenty pounds & place it to acct as p[er] advice from Sirs Your etc Jos. Richmond

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Golds[mi]ths in Foster Lane London
Newcastle 31 Aug 1756

Sirs
I Have this day drawn a bill on you for £20 payable to the Revd. Mr Willm.Dawson or order twnety days after date; wch I desire you will please to accept & place to Sr.Wr.Blacketts acct. I am etc JR

17 Sep 1756 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Street

To Mr Thos.Street Confectioner in Old Bond Street London Newcastle 17th Sept 1756

Sir

I am ordered by Sir Walter & Lady Blackett to write to you to send down the above articles to be here the 7th or 8th of next month or they will be too late; you must not therefore fail to send them by Carrier or waggon that will leave London the 26th or 27th of this month, for as Sir Walter is to be Mayor they will be wanted at the Guild the 11th of next month, so pray take care you do not slip the first setting out of the Newcastle Carrier, for if you do, the sweet meats will

come too late to be of any Service. I desire you will advise me as soon as they are delivered to the carrier, & direct for me at Sir Walter Blacketts in Newcastle upon Tyne.

I am etc JR

12 Oranges & <Qua.rs>
40 lb of wet sweet meats in sorts
1 lb fine Ginger
3 lb pippin Paste
4 lb rock candt
6 lb clear Cakes
3 lb Apricots
4 lb Currants & Barberries
2 lb Lemmon Cakes & Angelica
3 lb Plumbs French
2 lb Hips
6 lb Orange & Lemon chips
2 lb Spunge Biscuit
16 lb Pistachea nutts
16 lb burnt Almonds
8 lb best Plumbs
4 lb Nonparreil Sugar, or Gravel
2 lb green wax
8 lb Shells & faces

Limes & grass wee do not want, but if there are any other Sorts, wch I have omitted you think proper to send, you may send a small parcell of them

2 Oct 1756 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

1756 October 2nd Advisd Messrs Plumb & Brown of my draught on them for £90.0.0 at 20 d[ays] p[ay[ab]le to Wadham Windham Esq., or order, value rec[eiv]ed of Mr John Mann. JR

19 Oct 1756 Joseph Richmond to Samuel & James Burn

To Messrs Saml. & Jams.Burn at West Ord near Berwick Newcastle 19 Oct 1756

Sirs
As soon as it is suitable to you, I desire you will send me a London bill on acct of the Fishery & Land Rent due at Ladyday & Mayd[a]y last, wch will be of use to S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett as he must be in London ag[ain]st the Meeting of the Parliament. I am etc JR
PS the bill must be payable to me or order because I am accountable for the Rents.

22 Oct 1756 Joseph Richmond to George Crowe

To Geo. Sandeford Crowe Esq. in Durham Newcastle 22 Oct 1756

Sir
In ans[we]r to yo[u]r Lre of the 19 inst you herew[i]th receive the D[ea]n & Chapters acct for Jarrow Coll[ie]ry amounting to £8.9.4 wch money you will please to pay as Mr Airey did, for I cannot pay it. I have given Mr Wilkinsons Ex[ecu]tors credit in acct for Sr.Wr.Blacketts 1/2 as usual. Sr.Wr has always p[ai]d Mr Ellison's rent of £150 a y[ea]r for Gatesh[ea]d Fell Coll[ie]ry so th[a]t Mr Wilkinsons Ex[ecu]tors are considerably indebted to him after Credit given them for his 1/2 of the paym[en]ts they have made the Chap[te]r & Mr Brandling, besides near £20 on Mr Wilkinson's Proper acct wch I gave in to Mr Airey in 1753. As we have now quite done with Mr Ellison for the B[isho]ps Colliery & also with the D[ea]n & Chap[te]rs (except the £40 a y[ea]r certain rent & £20 a y[ea]r for Miliner Steath for the next two years) I shall very soon make out & send you the partners[hi]p acct as it stands in Sr.Wrs. books. Miss Ledgard is greatly indebted to Sir Wr. & I beleive also to Mr Wilkinson's Ex[ecu]tors but how the money is to be recovered I do not know; for Mr Featherston her Guardian pleads she is poor & has nothing to pay with. I am etc JR

22 Oct 1756 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd. Ellis at Hexham 22 Oct 1756

Sir
Mr Coulthard has wrote to Sr.Wr. desiring a Presentation to the Living of Allandale; wch I wish he may not have been too long of applying for as Mr Toppin has been dead above six months. I apprehend the presentation must be to the ArchB[isho]p of York & that an 18d stamp will do, as I do not find the Living valued in the Kings books. But as

it is a Peculiar I have some doubt whether the patron ought to present, unless it has been done before. I beg yo[u]r opinion by the return of the post & if a presentation is necessary & you have a Term of one that you will send me a copy of it with the proper address to the ArchB[isho]p.Pray can you tell me whether Allandale has ever had the Queens bounty.

PS Will it be right to date the presentation now or before the expiration of the 6 Months. I am etc JR

26 Oct 1756 Joseph Richmond to James Lamb

To Mr James Lamb at Haggerston 26 Oct 1756

Sir
I rec[eiv]ed your Lre of the 24th about y[ou]r Castle Rent, Wch I will communicate to Sr.Wr.Blackett the first opportunity, & in the mean time I desire you'l let me know w[ha]t Mr Haggerston's Demand is on Sr.Wr.Blackett on that acct. I am etc JR

26 Oct 1756 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esq. at Leeds 26 Oct 1756

Sir
I rec[eiv]ed your Lre of the 23rd & agreable thereto waited this morning on Mr Ord of Fenham who says he must have £1000 in Cash but will take Bank Notes for the remainder. I doubt it will be very difficult to get £1000 here at this time for either Bills or Bank Notes, for here has been a great want of money for some time. Your Leeds Gents. take away all the Excise, & as our Collector is now upon the Round, I apprehend they have engaged all his money. But I will make Enquiry in the Town, & if I find money can be got at the time you want it, will let you know. I am etc JR

26 Oct 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Denton at Richd.Arundell's Esq. at Allerton Mauleverer near Burroughbridge 26 Oct 1756

Dr Sr
I rec[eiv]ed your Lre of the 21st w[i]th Mr Gordons Promisory Note & a Lre for Mr John Ord I delivered him, I also rec[eiv]ed yours of the 24th w[i]th the offer of your mare to Mr Blackett to ride up to London with wch I have acquainted him, he returns

you thanks but says he believes he is to come up with Sr.Wr. in the Post Chaise, I rec[eiv]ed a Lre last post from Mr Wilson in wch he says by a late Order of the Court of Chancery he is appointed to pay the purchase money of Kenton on the 22d of next month, whereof @2407.15.1 is to be paid to L[or]d Chief Baron Ord at the house of Mr Ralph Fetherston in Newcastle, & the Residue is to be paid into the bank of England So I presume he will enter into poss[ess]ion at Mart[inma]s, as Mr Wilson takes such precaution in paying his money, ought not I to do the same in regard to the Ball[an]ce of my next acct. As it's the last acct I shall have to make up, & Mr <Makers> proportion of the rents remains doubtfull, to whom it can be safely paid, & desire therefore you'l move for an order that the Ball[an]ce of my acct be paid into the Bank that I may have a full Discharge of it. I am extremely sorry for the unhappy End of young Mr Airey of Crowhall, who on Wednesday morning last was found dead in his Chamber, he had hang'd himself as tis said through some Discontent of Mind occasioned by a Lre found in his pockett from the Father of a young woman for whom he had a Regard, that as Mr Aireys Estate did not turn out equal to Expectation, he could not agree to his Dau[ghte]rs marrying him. The Coroners Jury bro[ugh]t their Verdict Lunacy. I am etc JR

2 Nov 1756 Joseph Richmond to James Cockburn

To Jams.Cockburn Esq. at the Office of Ordnance in the Tower London 2 Nov 1756

Sir
Mr Forman in his Lre of the 8th July last, acquainted me that Capt[ai]n Smith had settled the Stoppages from the Miners raised by Sir Walter Blackett at this place as undermentioned comenceing the 1st June & that I was to draw upon you monthly, quarterly or otherwise for the same & there being now five months due the 1st instant, I have this day drawn a bill on you for that sum payable to Mr Chris. Denton or order at 15 days aftyer date, which you will please to honour, the Mens relations being in great want of the Money. I am etc JR

		P[er] month
John Stuart	for his wife	0.10.0
Whitfd.Gardiner	for his Mother	0. 6.0
Caleb Walton	for his Bro[the]r	0.10.0
Jos.Thompson	for his Bro[the]r	0.10.0
		1.16.0 for 5 months … £9

9 Nov 1756 Joseph Richmond to Richard Harrison

To Mr Richd. Harrison Newcastle 9 Nov 1756

Sir
In answer to your Lre of the 6 inst. if Jos.Bell has got Administration to the Effects of Thos.Armstrong you must deliver him up the goods in Coalcleugh house except what you are certain belongs to Sir Wr. Blackett, for we cannot hold them ag[ain]st him; but nust come upon the wid[o]w for her husbands deficiencies wch by her Lre she is obliged to pay as far as £36 will do it. I desire therefore you will enquire among the sev[era]l tenants & workmen whether they allow the Arrears to be agreable to the Rental & Gen[era]l accts & let me know. & that you will also know of Mrs Armstrong what she proposes to do, that I may acquaint Sr.Wr. therewith for his directions. As to her settlem[en]t she must dispute that point with the administrator, if she think fit to do so. I am sorry you find things so bad at Coalcleugh; but do not fear you will in time put them in a better consition, & th[a]t under yo[u]r conduct the Grove will flourish again. I am etc JR

13 Nov 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton in Greys Inn London Newcastle 13 Nov 1756

Dr Sr

Inclosed is Mr Samuel Burns bill on Thos. Burn for £185 & my bill on James Cockburn Esq. for £9 wch I desire you will place to my acct & advise me on yo[u]r receipt hereof.

I also send you herewith inclosed my acct of West Kenton rents for the Y[ea]r ended at Mayday last & by this post you receive the 17 vouchers to that acct under two covers. As to Mr Beaumonts arrear I desire you will acquaint the Gents concernd th[a]t I have not been able to get any part of it, tho I have sollicited the paym[en]t of it as much as I co[ul]d for the last 12 months both by Lre & P[er]son[a]l application, the Last Lre I rec[eiv]ed I send you inclosed for the parties consideration.

As to the two Articles of £4.8.6 & £5.7.2 charged in the acct for Slater's work, they were unavoidable, without running the hazard of having the roofs of the houses quite uncoverd with the next bad weather as to the latter article I postponed do it as long as I co[ul]d without great injury to the tenants as Winter was coming on, in expectation of Mr Wilson's coming to take possession I desire a line upon yo[u]r receipt of the acct & vouchers.

PS. I am determined to sell £500 So[uth] Sea Annuities 2d Subscript[io]n before the books are closed for the next 1/2 y[ea]rs dividend so desire you dispose thereof about the 10th Dec in order to pay the ball[an]ce of my Kenton acct. You bought this Stock in Trust for me in yo[u]r own name about the 22 July 1752 at £105 P[er]Cent. I have rec[eiv]ed £42.5.0 for Mr Allgoods note & placed it to yo[u]r acct the 1st inst. I am etc JR

To Mr Thos.Burn at the Corner of Mercers Court, Tower Street, London
Berwick 22 Oct 1756 £185
Thirty days after date pay to Joseph Richmond Esq. or order One hundred & Eighty five pound, Value rec[eiv]ed & place the same to acct as p[er] advice from Yo[u]r most h[um]ble Servt. Sam.Burn

To James Cockburn Esq. at the Office of Ordnance in the Tower, London
Newcastle 2 Nov 1756 £9
Sir Fifteen days after date pay Mr Chris. Denton or Order the sum of Nione Pounds value rec[eiv]ed & place the same to account as by advice from Sir Yo[u]r most obed[ien]t Servt. Jos. Richmond

16 Nov 1756 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield Newcastle 16 Nov 1756

Sir
Your not sending the lead away from the mils this year at the proper season was certainly a very great neglect, fo wch Sir Wr. orders me to require your reason as the sale of it is lost for 7 or 8 Months. At Allanheads Mil there were only 45 pieces sent away in Aug. tho there were 1000 p[iece]s at the Mil & in Sept. only 126 p[iece]s sent away tho above 1500 p[iece]s at the Mil, & when I sent to John Lee to know his reason his answer was he had your orders to deliver no lead to any that did not bring your tickett. At Dukesfield Mil there was 3735 p[iece]s remaining 30 Sept. & when you were abroad & I wrote to Fra. Salkeld to know why it was not sent away his answer was he had your orders to deliver to none but the tenants, which certainly cannot be right; for if the tenants will not lead it, some others should be employed & not let the Lead bekept at the Mils over the year, when we want it to be ready for the market. What you have sent away in Oct, if it can be got into Blaydon we must pay the Winter price for; so pray send away no more till the Spring, & send to see that all the lead is got to the Stob that's sent away, that Rennison may make up his tickett, for Sir. Wr. will have your pay made before Christmas; So that you must send in all your Accts as soon as possible. I am etc JR

22 Nov 1756 Joseph Richmond to Joseph Banks

To Joseph Banks Esq. at his house in Chancery Lane London Newcastle 22 Nov 1756

Sir

I send you enclosed Lre of Attorney & Mr Ord of Fenhams receipt for £2407.15.1 by Mr Wilson's directions; wch I desire you will advise the receipt of. As the Lre of Attorney does not express the exact sum reported due to Mr Ord I was under some doubt whether to pay the money; But the sum p[ai]d is right with the Master's report & less than mencond [mentioned] in the Letter of Attorney I thought it was better to pay it than let it lay in my hand, especially as Mr Ord has promised that if it is necessary he will get the L[or]d Chief Baron to rectify what is amiss & give another receipt, on the inclosed being returnd him. I am etc JR
PS Please to direct for me in Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne

22 Nov 1756 Joseph Richmond to David Thomas

To Mr David Thomas 22 November 1756

Sir
I am desired by Mr Wilson of Leeds to acquaint you th[a]t I have by this post sent Jos.Banks Esq. in Chancery Lane L[or]d Chief Baron Ords discharge for 2407.15.1 reported to be due to him out of the purchase money for West Kenton estate, but not being certain how to direct to You I send this under cover to Mr Denton & am etc JR

23 Nov 1756 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd.Wilson Esq. at Leeds Newcastle 23 Nov 1756

Sir
I rec[eiv]ed your Lres of the 15 & 17 inst & agreable thereto have taken Mr Ord of Fenhams rec[eip]t for 2407.15.1 at the foot of L[or]d Chief Baron Ords Lre of Attorney wch I have sent by this post to Mr Banks & also advised Mr Thomas that I have done according to your Directions. As the Ch[ief] Barons Lre of Attorney does not correspond with the above sum reported due to him by the Master I was under some doubt whether to pay the money But as the sum p[ai]d is £92.17.6 Less than he mencons [mentions] being the 2 last y[ea]rs divid[en]ds I tho[ugh]t it co[ul]d not be amiss to pay it as I am assured if any alteracon is required it will be readily complyed with, wch I have mencond [mentioned] to Mr Banks Mr Ord had sent the Lre of Attorney to be rectifyed, but the L[or]d Ch[ief] Barons Ans[we]r was th[a]t he could not get a Stamp where he was & as the sum to be p[ai]d was less than w[ha]t was mencond [mentioned] in the Letter of Attorney there co[ul]d be no objection to the paying it. I am etc JR

23 Nov 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Greys Inn London Newcastle 23 Nov 1756

Dr Sr

I have your favour of the 18th & thank you for indorsing Saml.Burn's bill wch I find I had emitted to do. I send you enclosed my Affid[avi]t to support the Allegations in S[i]r W[alte]r & Lady Blacketts petition & have p[ai]d my son for copying it & chargd it to Sr.Wr.s acct. You will remeber the £400 Sr.Wr. has p[ai]d in discharge of Sir Wm. Blacketts bond to Edwd. Ord & the £150 he has p[ai]d Mr Wm. Watson, as Estate of Chr. Midford in discharge of his claim on Sr.Wm. on acct of the Seghill Estate.

Mr Wilson has p[ai]d Mr Ord £2407.15.1 for his proportion of the purchase money for W.Kenton Estate & agreable to his desire I have sent the receipt for the money by this post to Mr Banks in Chancery Lane. He also desired me to acquaint Mr Thomas therewith; but not knowing how to direct to him I give you the trouble of the inclosed letter wch please to send him on receipt hereof.

PS. You left a rec[eip]t w[i]th my son for Mr Burdon for £2.1.6 wch Mr Burdon says he paid you I desire to know if it is so & the receipt is to be delivered him.

I am etc JR

27 Nov 1756 Joseph Richmond to William Ord

To Willm. Ord Esq at Fenham Saturday Even[in]g 27 Nov 1756

Sir

I rec[eiv]ed a bill by last post f[ro]m Mr Wilson for £92.17.6 w[i]th orders to pay the money to you 7 take a rec[eip]t for the full sum of 2500.12.7 as mentioned in the L[or]d Chief Baron's Lre of Attorney, it appearing that the £92.17.6 is deducted in the Master's Report; But as I sent the Lre of Attorney with your Receipt for £2407.15.1 to London last tuesday by Mr Wilsons directions, I do not know what is most proper to be done until we hear further for I presume the Lre of Attorney will be returned to take another receipt at the foot of it; therefore if it is agreable to [sic - *"you"* missing] I think I think it may be as well to postpone paying the money for 2 or 3 posts; if not I will receive it of Mr Brewster, who I desire to leave it with his son, & wait upon you with it. I am etc JR

PS I return you Mr Wilson's letter

30 Nov 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Denton in Grays Inn 30 Nov 1756

Dr Sir
I herewith return you my West Kenton accts & desire you will charge 2s paid Mr Widdrington for the Affidavit. Mr Wilson has given me notice that he is to have half of the East Mart[inma]s rents agreable to what you mention id orderd by the Court, but I have received no copie of the Order, nor of the Ma[ste]rs report about the payment of the purchase money. I desire to know whether Mr Wilson is to receive the Qua[rte]rs rent himself, & I must make out my next Acct for the other Qua[rte]r only, or if it must be made out for the full half year. Pray let me know if my bill on Mr Cockburn is paid, that I may pay the money to the Relations of the Miners Sr. Walter raised for the Governm[en]t, I thank you for yo[u]r non-parreils & doubt not but they will prove good. I am etc JR

30 Nov 1756 Joseph Richmond to Ralph Featherston

To Mr Ra. Fetherston 30 Nov 1756

Sr
Inclosed you receive the acct of Jarrow & Gateshead Fell Collieries brought down to this time, & also Miss Ledgard's proiper acct the ballance of which due to Sir Walter Blackett is £108.15.6, which he hopes she will take care to pay in a little time. I am etc JR

1 Dec 1756 Joseph Richmond to Richard Harrison

To Mr Rich. Harrison at Coalcleugh 1 Dec 1756

Sr
I have receivd your Lre of the 27th past, & desire you will acquaint Mrs Armstrong that my Orders are to send for a writt against her, if she does not imediately pay you the £18.14.7 she returned in arrears for Corn, if she pay this money I do not apprehend Sir Walter will give her any further Trouble. Pray let me have her Answer in 10 or 14 days, if you can conveniently. Wee are in expectation that there will very speedily be a stop put to the Exportation of Corn, which will lower the prices connsiderably & Rye is now here at 9s a boll, but I could not meet with Mr Harbottle today to ask him what he charges for the last corn you sent for, I wish you success with yo[u]r new level & am etc JR

1 Dec 1756 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

1756 Dec 17th Advisd Messrs Plumb & Brown of the p[iece]s silver w[eigh]t 534 Oz. sent them by Fryer Todd the 10th inst. JR

3 Dec 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton in Greys Inn London 3 Dec 1756

Dr Sir
I have this day rec[eiv]ed of Mr John Gordon £45.4.6 for his promisory note to you & placed it to your acct. My son John rec[eiv]ed, by Express, this morning the Deeds relating to Hylton & Kenton Estates & is gone to Wallington to get Sir Wr. Blackett to execute those relating to Hylton; But before he attend the L[or]d Chief Baron, the Lre of Attorney & Mr Ord of Fenhams receipt thereon for £2407.15.1, wch I sent to Mr Banks by Mr Wilsons directions must be returned; for I do not imagine he will execute till that is delivered up, with Mr Ord receipt for £92.17.6 in my hands wch money I find was p[ai]d short before, by a misconstruction of the Master's Report. I thank you for this Favour to my son among many others & I am etc JR

7 Dec 1756 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Mr Richd. Wilson Esq. at Leeds 7 Dec 1756

Sir

I rec[eive]d yo[u]r Lres of the 1st & 4th inst & have p[ai]d Mr Ord the £92.17.6 & taken his receipt for it as being the remainder & in full of his proportion of the purchase money for Kenton.

As to this Estate, it is certainly capable of very great improvem[en]t & in my opinion may with the prudent laying out of about £1500 be in time advanced £200 a y[ea]r. But what method is most proper to be taken, must be well considered, & depends upon your own determination, whether you will take any part into your own hands & fix a skilfull person upon the spot, or you will let leases for 21 y[ea]rs & build the Tenants such conveniencies as can be agreed on: Some of the tenants now upon the estate are in Low Circumstances & very indifferent managers, & not fit to be trusted with for a long term & I doubt able & substantial ones are mostly provided, & it will not be easy to meet with any such ag[ain]st mayday next. Upon the whole I think it is quite right that you come over as soon as possible, if you intend to make any alteration this y[ea]r that some Method of proceeding may be resolved on.

As to the purchase Deeds they must be sent to Alnwick to be executed by Mr & Mrs Stoddart, the representatives of the late Mr Major Allgood, & then may be sent forward if you please to the Chief Baron at Edenbro:, who is not expected here before Candlemas if then. I am etc JR

PS the Kenton deeds are come down to my son to get executed, who will proceed upon it as soon as a bond of indemnity is signed by Sr W.Blackett for Mr Stoddart & the Ch[ief] B[aron]s Lre of Attorney & Mr Ords <...> sent down to be d[elivere]d up.

8 Dec 1756 Joseph Richmond to John Peart

To Mr John Peart at Newhouse 8 Dec 1756

Sir
Last Post I received advice that my bill for the following stoppages from the miners is paid, so you may pay their Relations the money, & I will repay you when you come to Town, or you may send me a Receipt for it by the carrier if you rather chuse it as on the other side. Whitf[iel]d Gardiner has been with me & received his money himself, for he said his Mother dod not want it, & desired him to take it as he was in want of money to carry him back. There is to be no more stopt from any of them. I am etc JR

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John Stuart	for his Wife	2 10 0	
Caleb Walton	for his Bro[the]r	2 10 0	
Jos. Thompson	for his Bro[the]r	2 10 0	
		7 10 0	this you may pay
Whitf. Gardiner	for his Mo[the]r	1 10 0	I have paid himself

17 Dec 1756 Joseph Richmond to James Cockburn

To James Cockburn Esq. at the Office of Ordnance in the Tower of London
17 Dec 1756

Sir
Mr Forman writes me in his Lre of the 19th ult. that the Miners desire no more money may be stop'd f[ro]m them after the 30 Nov. I send this to desire you will please to pay them their full money for the Month of Nov. for I shall not draw on you for the 36s stoppages for that month. I am etc JR

24 Dec 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 24th Dec 1756

Dr Sir

I rec[eive]d yo[u]r Lre of the 18th (with the vouchers I sent you up to my W.Kenton Accts) acquainting me my S[outh] S[ea] Annuities were sold for £439.17.0 wch I have made yo[u]r acct D[ebito]r for.

Last night I rec[eiv]ed a Lre f[ro]m Jacky th[a]t the Chief Baron refused to sign the Kenton deeds, for reason he says he has given you by this post. On tuesday senight he wrote to Mr Holme at carlisle by Messrs Scurfield & Longstaffe directions desiring to know, as Lady Musgrave & Miss Younghusband &c had all signed whether old Mr Briscoe wo[ul]d execute if the deeds were sent to him again, to wch no ans[we]r is yet come. I expect Jack at home tomorrow, but to prevent any Mistake, desire to know by the return of the post whether all the deeds are to be returned by the carrier on the 17 Jan wch will only be losing a week & I hope will have no bad consequences. I will send you therew[i]th Edw. Harrisons bond & old Mr Wilkinsons Assignment thereof to Mr L. Allgood Mr Clarke & Mr Ma[o]r Allgood but if this money can be got Imagine there must first be an Assignment to Sr.Wr. f[ro]m Mr & Mrs Stoddart; Mr Wilson was here last week to take possession . He lets all the tenants stay another y[ea]r at the pres[en]t rents. He desires to have all the Articles, wch I tho[ugh]t he was intitles to as he has p[ai]d his purchase money but if I have done amiss in delivering them, let me know th[a]t I may endeavour to get them again.

PS. Pray let me know if you think there is any likelyhood th[a]t Mr Wilsons purchase can now possibly be set aside, & whether you have everything necessary for the receiving Sir Walter's share of the money out of the Bank. With the Complim[ent]s of the Season I am etc JR

28 Dec 1756 Joseph Richmond to Daniel Lascelles

To Danl. Lascelles Esq MP. in Mincing Lane London Newcastle 28 Dec 1756

Sir
Inclosed is Messrs Peareth & Sorsbies on Messrs Stainbank & Freeman for seven hundred and thirty Pounds eighteen shillings to discharge half a years intrest of £41765.17.10 (remaining on Sir Walter Blacketts mortgage) due the 13th August last, which I desire you will place to acct. accordingly, & that you will please to advise me on your Receipt hereof. I am etc JR

To Messrs Stainbank & Freeman M[erchan]ts in London
Newcastle 10 Dec 1756 £730.18.0
Forty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order seven hundred and thirty pounds eighteen shillings , the value in acct. with Sir Walter Blackett, & place the same to accts as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie
Endorsed : pay the contents to Danl. Lascelles Esq or Order. Jos. Richmond

28 Dec 1756 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 28 Dec 1756

Dr Sir,

Inclosed is Watson & Mosleys bill on Messrs Guinand for £200 wch I desire you will place to my acct & advise the receipt of; & when Lady Mansel calls for her 1/2 y[ea]rs ann[ui]ty due 10th Oct I desire you will pay it & send me her receipt.

I am glad you are like to get forward so well with Sr.Wrs. petition. I shall send you the particulars of the charges attending the division of Gunnerton Hexham & Shild[en] with the receipts to verify the same; But you say you must have the particular situation of the Lands purchasd about the Mines, & also the houses in Newcastle must be described in a plan, do you mean that the Lands must be surveyed, - if so, it will require a deal of time to send a surveyor to the Lead mines, & perhaps the ground may be covered with snow & cannot be surveyed in 3 months; but I cannot apprehend th[a]t the trouble & expence will be necessary; as to the plan & description of the houses in Town th[a]t can be easily done. I imagine you will want Mr Wm. Watsons discharge & release of all his demands upon Seghill for £150 p[ai]d him by Sr.Wr. & also Sr.W[illia]m Blacketts bond to Edwd. Ord for £400 wch you know Sir Walter has also paid. I have rec[eiv]ed yo[u]r Lre of the 23rd with Ma[ste]r Elds Report dated 6 inst, but I observe he does not say as usual that he has proportiond the ballance among the Parties & directed the Receiver to pay the same accordingly which I should be glad to know the Reason of.

I am etc JR

To Messrs Jos. & Hen. Guinand Merch[an]ts in London
Newcastle 6 Nov 1756 £200
Sir
At Two usances pay Mr Jos Richmond or order Two hundred pounds for value rec[eiv]ed as advisd by Y[ou]r Humble Servts Watosn & Mosley

28 Dec 1756 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd. Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 28 DEc 1756

Sir
Sir Wr. Blackett orders me to desire you will give twenty pounds to the poor house keepers in Hexham & place it to his Acct. And you are to advise with the Clergy Churchwardens Mr Roberts & Dr Rotheram as to the distribution thereof. With the Complim[en]ts of the Season I am etc JR

2 Jan 1757 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

1757 Jan 21 This day advised Messrs Plumbe & Browne of two bills drawn on them the 19th inst payable to Lady Blackett or Order at 20 d [days] , the one for £24.16.6 & the other for £24.18.6, and also of a p[iec]e of Silver w[eigh]t 609 Oz sent them this day by John James the Lond[o]n Carrier JR

4 Jan 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London 4 Jan 1757

Dr Sir

Inclosed is Edwd. Harrison's Bond wch I desire you will advise the receipt of & wish you may make anything.

No letter is come f[ro]m Mr Holme so that Jacky will send all the Deeds away be [sic] the Carrier on friday agreable to yo[u]r directions.

I have rec[eiv]ed all the vouchers for the ball[an]ce of my W.Kenton Acct except for Jane Randolph's £19.4.0 but I want a copy of Ma[ste]r Elds report dated 17 Dec.

There was some disturbance at Berwick last week on acct. of the Dearness of Corn, but no great Damage done, however two Co[mpanie]s of Soldiers marched thither yesterday morning f[ro]m the Town to prevent any further Mischief.

PS What I deliverd Mr Wilson at his desire was the Articles the tenants are under for management of their farms & paym[en]t of Rents, But I have no Copies of them; for the Copies were sent up to be approvd by the Ma[ste]r except the two last, wch I sent up, but never had any account that they were laid before him. I am etc JR

11 Jan 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 11 Jan 1757

Dr Sr

My son John wrote you last post, that on fryday last he sent away the deeds by Fryer Todd the London Carrier in a Box directed to you, wch I hope will come safe to hand; & Inclosed I send you the Chief Barons Letter of Attorney & Mr Ords Receipts for £2500.12.7 wch I desire you will advise receipt of.

I also inclose you a dra[ugh]t of an Affid[avi]t to be made by me in pursuance of yo[u]r lre [lertter] of the 1st inst wch you will consider & return me w[i]th your opinion, for it is all I can say in the matter & is I think to little more purpose than what is said in my Affid[avi]t of 22 Nov. last.

As to the lands purchased at the Lead Mines it is impossible to get a survey taken of them at this time, all being covered w[i]th snow, but I have a plan of Lamberts Ho[use] & Gardens ready to be annexed to my Affid[avi]t. I desire to know when you will want the Affid[avi]t & also Watsons Assignment of his claim on Seghill & the Assignment of the £400 to edwd. Ord, for Sr.Wr. seems at pres[en]t undetermined when he will come to Town; But I presume he sho[ul]d be in London the 13 next month when Mr Stansfields £20000 is to be p[ai]d to Mr Lascelles, otherwise the deed for the money, wch is here & the papers above mencond [mentioned] must be sent you ny the Carrier.

As to Sir Walter's divid[en]d of W.Kenton rents. I only charge to your account £2.0.4 But I can't see how I can avoid charging the whole 24.12.8 on my acct with Sr.Wr., for it may otherwise sometime or other admit of some dispute & then I shall want a discharge for the £22.12.4 wch I wish you wo[ul]d send me a proper rec[eip]t for as the Lre of 24th last month will not pass muster as a regular voucher with my Examiner.

PS I desire to know whether Mr Rugge has signed the lease of the George Inn & my acct. Since closing my Lre I have met by accident with Mr Holmes of Carlisle in this town; who tells me he co[ul]d not well tell w[ha]t answer to give to jacky's Lre, for he says no reason why old Mr Briscoe sho[ul]d not sign the deeds; but he did not know that he wo[ul]d sign them if they were sent over to him again. I am etc JR

16 Jan 1757 Joseph Richmond to Esther Allgood

To Mrs Allgood at Rideing to be left at Mr Winship's in Corbridge 16 Jan 1757

Madam
The Corpora[tio]n of Newcastle are applying to Parliam[en]t for an Act to oblige all Butter Buyers to bring it to the Cross in order to be weighed & examined, wch is likely to meet with some opposition, tho the same is apprehended to be for the public benefit. I am ordered by Sr.Wr.Blackett to make you his Complim[en]ts & to desire if you have any old papers or Mem[oran]dms relating to the Butter Market in this Town, wch you think may be of service, that you will be so good as let him have a sight of them & he will own it as a particular obligation. I am etc JR

18 Jan 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Harrison

To Mr Richd. harrison at Coalcleugh 18 Jan 1757

Sir

The dispute about the boundary between the Manor of Hexham & the Manor of Whitfield is to be refered this summer to the determination of two Gent[leme]n here. So

that we shall want all the best Evidence can be got to prove our bounder. The most material thing that we want to prove is, that the three Manors of Alston, Whitfield & Hexham all join at the long Cross, wch all the old Evidence were very clear in; But Mr Ord I take it will endeavour to prove th[a]t the 3 Manors join at the Currock on the Hardrig. This I apprehend will be a material point in settling the affair, & therefore as Mr R.Armstrong & Mr Rd. Allgood know something relating to the matter Sr.Wr. desires you will make his Complim[en]ts to Mr Armstrong & tell him he requests his assistance in examining some of the oldest inhabitants within the Manor of Alston, what has always been the reputed place where the 3 Manors actually join, & send me down as soon as you conveniently can what Information they give you; for if we find it will be to our purpose, a proper person will be sent up to Allanh[ea]ds or Dukesfiled to take their Examinations. Mr Allgood has a plan of the Gro[un]d in dispute & knows the boundary of Hexham as it has been always rode, but if any thing is wanting on that head it may be got of Mr Ellis.

I have not heard from you since my last about Mrs Armstrong, But I have got a long Lre f[ro]m her son Fairlas, wch I have communicated to Sr.Wr. who does not understand what is meant by it, unless to prevail on him to forgive the money, wch he says he will not do. But if she will draw you a Bill for £18.14.6 payable out of her next 1/2 years annuity, & the person who pays the ann[ui]ty will accept the s[ai]d Bil, it is well. If not, my absolute directions are to put the affair into the hands of Mr James Scott. I am etc JR

25 Jan 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton in Grays Inn London Newcastle 25 Jan 1757

Dear Sir

I rec[eiv]ed your [letter] of the 20th inst; & the receipt therew[i]th sent me for the £22.14.4 is very sufficient; But I still want the rec[eip]t for Jane Randolphs £19.4.0

Mr Chris. Blackett will set forward for London on Saturday next on horseback; & by him I shall send you as follows

Mr Stansfields Mortgage deed for	£20000
Sr.W[illia]m.Blacketts bond to Edwd. Ord & the assignment thereof to Sir Walter	400
Mr Watsons assignmt to Sr Walter of all his claim on Sr.Wm.Blacketts Estate	150

The vouchers for all the paymts. in improve[in]g Gunnerton estate, on the Division in 1743, 1744,

1745 & 1746; in 4 pcells No1,2, 3,4 (exc[lusive] of Sr.Wrs. propor[tio]n of the expence of the divis[io]n) wch somewhat exceeds the sum mentioned in my Affidavit, as I had not then all the vouchers 435.13.4

The vouchers for the paym[en]ts on the divis[io]n & improvement of Hexham Comon in 1754 & 1755 in 5 P[ar]cells No.1,2,3,4,5; besides wch there is a considerable sum laid out last yr by Mr Ellis &c of wch I have not yet got in the accts 607. 9.10

The expence of Shildon Division already P[ai]d (besides wch there is a considerable outlay last year, not yet setled) as p[er] Receipt 96. 2. 5

of wch Articles I desire you will particularly advise the rec[eip]t, & when you have considered the dra[ugh]t of the Affid[avi]t sent you in my last Lre pray return it me, for as I wrote you I have kept no Copy of it.

Mr C. Blackett tells me today he has hired a man here for his son the Dr., who he designs shall come up in the waggon, but I have wrote th[i]s post t Mr Hill, that if the horse is still at Manfield, & he chuses to send him to Currys at Dar[li]n[g]ton on Saturday Even[in]g the man will ride him up in Co[mpany] with Mr Blackett, who has one of Sir Walters horses.

As our Justices make such an opposition to the Butter bill, without any true reason that I can hear of, I imagine it must be dropt, as the contesting it will be the occasion of a considerable expence. But you will know Sr.Wrs. sentiments on th[a]t head before this. He does not yet fix any time for leaving the North. I am etc JR

22 Feb 1757 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr.Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. at his house in Curzon Street London 22 Feb 1757

Hon Sir

The Cart with broad wheels wch you ordered to be made by Mr Chas. Steward, he says cannot be finished in less than ten days; when it is done shall make the experim[en]t you direct & acquaint you with our observations upon it. But f[ro]m all the informations I can gather f[ro]m the most judicious persons in the matter, broad wheels 4 inches or 41/2 inches will be no further hards[hi]p on persons leading Coals in Carts with one horse, than the difference in the price of the wheels, & if they are allowed a reasonable time to wear out their narrow ones, they will have no reason to comp[lain; for as the Friction of broad & narrow surfaces are the same where the weight & pressure is equal, & as broad wheels of 4 inches & 41/2 may be made very

near as light as narrow ones, as they will be shod very thin & with rather a less weight of Iron the inconvenience in th[a]t respect will be next to nothing to the owners, unless it may be in very soft roads where the wheels go very deepd. But the advantage to the Streets & roads about this Town wo[ul]d be very great; wch are broke & tore up w[i]th narrow wheels as to be scarce passable. As to Carts with two horses, the wheels sho[ul]d be six inch[e]s at least. Mr Stewart says he has made sev[era]l of them, which answer extreamly well on hard roads or soft, without any manner of inconvenience ever yet complained of.

I will take care to remit Mr Denton £1000 to be ready in April & hope to be able if you have occasion to spare £500 more; but as the Grove Pays are to be made at Mids[umme]r, I cannot guess to £2000 w[ha]t the amo[un]t will be till the accts come in. I apprehend you do not expect me to remit any money to Mr Strother. I shall pay the Lead Mils to Xmas on thursday senight, wch accts come to near £3000. I am etc JR

PS Mr Widdrington & my son John have agreed today to enter into p[ar]tnership f[ro]m the 1st of next Month for 10 y[ea]rs if they live so long, & the profits of the Business to be equally divided except setling Comiss[ion]s in Chancery

25 Feb 1757 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. London 25 Feb 1757

Hon Sir

I am informed th[a]t L[or]d Carlisle hs ordered Mr Nowel to acquaint the tenants of the late Mrs Windsors Estate at benton that he expects they will pay their rents to him as L[or]d of the Manor & th[a]t he will indemnify them ag[ain]st all other Claimants; If his Lords[hi]ps pretensions are well founded; the question is, whether you have not as good a title to the Estate at Kirkheaton, where you have the coll[ie]ry reserved; but whether you have all other royalties there I cannot tell; for in the Abstract of the deed, in the office, no more than the Coal is mentioned. The Indenture of Bargain & Sale f[ro]m Jno.Halsay & Robt.Morgan to Sr.Jno.Fenwick is in Messrs Lascelles's hands Bundle 8 & is dated the 22 Feb 1605, 3 Jac. 1st wch will clear up this matter; if you please to order Mr Denton to look into it. I am etc JR

PS I rec[eiv]ed the Lre from Eaton, by the post, but the man you mention to have hired to cut & lay hedges at Walliung[to]n has not yet appeared.

1 Mar 1757 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Street

To Mr Thos. Street Confectioner in Old Bond Street London
Newcastle 1 March 1757

Sir

Inclosed is an acco[un]t of what Sweetmeats Sr.Wr.Blackett will want to be here by the last of this Month; wch I therefore desire you will forward in time by the Carrier & give me Notice when they are sent away. The bills for sweetmeats sent hither at Xmas last come to £29.11.3 You may put those then sent, & these now ordered into one bill & give it to Sr. Wr. who will order it to be paid. I am etc JR

3 potts Rasp Jamb
3 do. red rasps
4 do. currant jelley
1 do. apricots
2 do. green gooseberries
4 pound of Rock Candy
5 po[un]d clear cakes
1 po[un]d dried apricots
1 do. Lemon Cakes
1 do. Angelica
1 do. Plumbs
2 do. spunge Bisket
12 do. pistachio Nuts
12 do. burnt Almonds
8 po[un]d best sugar plumbs
9 do. moss & shells
2 do. pippin paste
2 do. dryed Quince
11/2 do. Jumballs
1 do. fine Savoy
5 do. Macroons
3 po[un]d hart Cakes
2 do. Rattafia
2 do. Chocolate & Lemon biscuit
1 do. rock biscuit
1 do. rasberry Cakes
2 do. sugar figures
2 do. Grass

8 Mar 1757 Joseph Richmond to Wiliam Dawson

To The Rev[eren]d Mr Willm. Dawson at Yaxley to be left at Mr Palmer's Surgeon in Stilton Huntingdonshire Newcastle 8 March 1757

Sir

I rec[eiv]ed your Lre of the 23rd past, & agreable thereto I send you inclosed my Bill on Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London for Twenty pounds payable Twenty days after date; wch I desire you will advise the receipt of by the return of the post, & acknowledge it to be for Sir Wr. Blacketts half y[ea]r allowance due the 24 December last. I am etc JR

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane
Newcastle 7 March 1757 £20.0.0
Sirs
Twenty days after date pay The Rev Mr William Dawson or order twenty pounds value received & place the same to account as p[er] advice from Sirs your etc Jos Richmond

8 Mar 1757 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsm[i]ths in Foster Lane London 8 March 1757

Sirs
Yesterday I drew two bills on you; one for £100 payable to Aubone Surtees Esq. or order 20 days after date, & the other £20 payable to the Revd. Wm.Dawson or order 20 days after date, wch I desire you will honour, & place to Sr.Walter Blackett's acct. I am etc JR

11 Mar 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton London Newcastle 11 March 1757

Dr Sir
I have sent you by the post under 3 covers 14 vouchers for money p[ai]d on acco[un]t of Hexham Division in 1756 wch makes the whole money p[ai]d to this time come to £1034.16.6 as below; & I shall finish my Affid[avi]t & send you by tuesday's post at furthest. I asl pardon for writing you that I wanted Lady Mansels receipt for I rec[eiuv]ed it in yo[u]r Lre of he 29th Jan & have placed it to your acct. I am etc JR

Vouchers sent by my Lre 25th Jan on acct of Hexham division		607. 9.10
Sent now. Mr Ellis's rec[eip]ts	£376.19.8	
& Hen.Atkinson's	£50.7.0	427. 6. 8
		£1034.16. 6

15 Mar 1757 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. at his house in Curzon Street London
Newcastle 15 March 1757

Hon Sir

The new Cart with 6 inch wheels was finishd on fryday last, & we have made sev[era]l tryals wth it & find th[a]t it is as easily drawn with two horses when full laden, on all sorts of ground, hard & soft, uphill & downhill, as any Carts with narrow wheels carrying the same burden; & as to one horse carts it is generally allowed th[a]t wheels 4 inch & /2 broad will be as easy for a single horse as those now in use. The difference in the weight of Stewarts Cart & one of our comon two horse Carts is near a hund[re]d po[un]ds & the diff[eren]ce in the price ab[ou]t 40s & the single horse Carts must be in proportion, but this Cart of Stewarts is bound with iron much thicker than necessary; notwithstanding wch we find the same horses graw it w[i]th full as much ease as the comon Carts, for it goes more steadily.

The Hoppers are at work again & our Magistrates are taking informations so that there is to be more trouble on that acco[un]t.

Inclosed are Peareth & Sorsbie's 4 bills on Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks for £1200 & my bill on Plumbe & Browne for £250 making together £1450, wch are all I can now procure & I desire you will please to advise the receipt thereof. I am etc JR

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks Merchants in London
Newcastle 5 March 1757 £500
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order Five hundred pounds the value in acct with Sir Walter Blackett place the same yo acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks Merchants in London
Newcastle 5 March 1757 £400
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order Four hundred pounds the value in acct with Sir Walter Blackett place the same yo acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks Merchants in London
Newcastle 5 March 1757 £200
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order Two hundred pounds the value in acct with Sir Walter Blackett place the same yo acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks Merchants in London
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order One hundred pounds the value in acct with Sir Walter Blackett place the same yo acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London
Newcastle 15 March 1757
Sirs
Twenty days after date pay Sir Wr. Blackett or order, Two hundred pounds value received & place the same to acct as by advice from Sirs your etc J.Richmond

15 Mar 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton in Greys Inn London 15 March 1757

Dr Sir

I herewith inclose you my 2nd affid[avi]t & the plan of Lamberts house, wch I wish may be of any service to Sir Wr. As to the rec[eip]ts taken by Mr Ellis for Gunnerton & Hexham divisions I hope you will be able to prevail with the Master to admit them, for it will not be possible I doubt to get them in any other form. Sir Wr. has allowed all the sums mencond [mentioned] in those rec]eip]ts to Mr Ellis as paid on acct of those divisions & I am satisfied they have been p[ai]d & have so set it forth in my Affid[avi]t. You will observe th[a]t the sums now laid out for Hexham & Shilden divisions exceed the sums computed to finish them in my Affid[avi]t of 22 Nov; wch difference arises from Mr Robsons short Calculation of the expence.

I have rec[eiv]ed yo[u]r Lre of the 10th with the Ma[ste]rs apportionment of the purchase money for W.Jenton. Sir Wr's share of wch I see comes to £1018.5.3 I am sorry there is likely to be so much difficulty in making out the title to this money, but I hope you will get Mr Wilsons objection removed. if not you must take Sir Wr's directions whether he wo[ul]d have you move the Court for an order to have the money laid out in the funds at 3 p[er]c[en]t, wch is better than to let it lay dead in the Bank. Tho you cannot find Ann Lilburns Assignm[en]t of her Legacy to Old Sir W[illia]m Blackett you have Old Mr Wilkinsons & Mr Davisons Assignm[en]t thereof to the trustees of the late Sir Wm. wch I sent you 27 April 1733 & as the Claim has been so long in the family undisputed & the dividends always p[ai]d I sho[ul]d think Mr Wilson will never object to the money being p[ai]d Sir Wr., as Mr & Mrs Stoddart have executed the deeds. Its surprising w[ha]t end Mrs Ann Lilburns Assignm[en]t has made; for if old Mr Wilkinson never had it, as I think he told me I cannot imagine where it can be, unless in Sir Wr's study, & whether enquiry has been made after it there I cannot remember.

I have this post sent Sir Wr. 5 bills for £1450 if he sho[ul]d not be in town, I desire you will take up my Lre, for there is nothing else in it very material.

The Hoppers are at work again, so there will be more business for the Law. I am etc JR

PS. You see by my Affid[avi]t th[a]t the money laid out on Acco[um]t of Shilden division is 246.10.10. To vouch the payment of this money I send you under another Cover by the post

3 rec[eip]ts for building & fencing &c	Rec.No. 2	16.18.11
	3	49.15. 0
	4	77.14. 6
Sent you as by lre 25 Jan last	1	96. 2. 5
		240.10.10

I shall send up all the particular tradesmens Notes if it is required

15 Mar 1757 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Golds[mi]ths in Foster Lane London 15 March 1757

Sirs
I have drawn a bill on you today for £250 payable to Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. or order 20 d[ays] after date, wch you will please to place to Sir Wr's acct. When this bill & the two bills advised you of the 8th inst. are p[ai]d the ball[an]ce remaining in yo[u]r hand I make to be 2.17.5$^{3}/_{4}$ if this agrees with your books I desire you will advise me thereof & then I think there will be no Occasion to send you the Acct. at length unless you chuse it. I am etc JR

22 Mar 1757 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr.Wr. Blackett Bt. London Newcastle 22 March 1757

Hon Sir

Mr Peareth says th[a]t as the Guild & Sessions will not be till the 18th & 20th April yo[u]r being here on the 15 or 16th will be in time sufficient; for the Comon Council may be properly held on fryday the 22nd. I presume you do not incline to have many Country Gents at this Guild so th[a]t the two long tables & the drawing room may take in all the C[ompan]y necessary to invite. I wrote sometime ago to Mr Street to send down some sweetmeats, but have rec[eiv]ed no answer.

I was wth Mr Collingwood yesterday ab[ou]t Kirkheaton; & we find that Estate was formerly within the Manor of Hexham. That the first Sr.Jno.Fenwick sold it to one

Heron f[ro]m whom it descended to Sr. Richd. Stote but as it does not appear Sr.Wm. Blackett ever had the Counterp[ar]t of that deed, we cannot discover how the estate was conveyd, any further than that the Coll[ie]ry was reservd. I have an Abstract of some papers in yo[u]r study, that there is a brief in a Cause tryed between Sr.Jno.Fenwick & Sr.Rd.Stote ab[ou]t the Royalties of Kirkheaton, wch may probably give some farther insight into the matter. I have wrote to Mr Ellis to make w[ha]t inquiry he can, & hope it will appear that this Estate escheats to you. I have been with Mr Ellison on Mrs Gunter's Acco[un]t & he will let me know some day this week, w[ha]t he can discover wth regard to her claim But Mr Collingwood who has made some inquiry in to it says it is without any foundation, For Sr.Fra.Liddel marryd a daughter of the Tong's family, he will write to you by this or the next post on the subject &c and to his Lre I refer. As to an additional duty on all Coals exported to foreign parts. I do not think it will at all Lessen the demand & therefore be no hardsh[i]p on the Coal trade. The french pretend they have Coal. But if they had any fit for use, wo[ul]d never send here for them in foreign bottoms. When the duty shall be laid on, the export duty will only be 10s on a Newcastle Chald[ro]n in british bottoms; wch is greatly below the duties paid in London, & as low as what is p[ai]d in the Outports. I am etc JR

25 Mar 1757 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield 25 March 1757

Sir
Y[ou]r Lre of the 21st I am satisfied will not do with regard to y[ou]r incident charges of £12.16.0. For when I am asked w[ha]t they are for, what can I say? they are so much higher than any other Stewards who have far more business to go about, th[a]t I am certain they will be struck off your acct. unless you send me a particular how they arise. Mr Peart & Mr C.Hunter do not charge half w[ha]t you do, & they always mention the Occasion of their expences. Y[ou]r charge of £6 for expences in the y[ea]r 1755 was thought very extravagant, & I was ordered to allow no such articles without knowing what they are for. I desire you answer in two or three posts, for Sr.Wr. will be at home shortlyt; when all his stew[ar]ds accts. are to be laid before him, With my complim[ent]s to Mrs Hunter & family I am etc.

25 Mar 1757 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bt. MP. at his house in Curzon Street London
25 March 1757

Hon. Sir

Mr Ellison cannot find anything at Ravensworth th[a]t gives any manner of Light with regard to Mrs Gunter's claim further than th[a]t old Mr Fenwick of Stannerton, Mrs Gunters Grandfather married a Daughter of Sir Fra. Liddel; but how Sir Francis was any way related to Sr.Richd.Stole does not appear.

Mr Ellis says the Kirkheaton tenants answer to Anickgrange court & do suit & service there; but no rent has ever been paid, nor does any such thing appear in the old fee farm rent book. The conveyance from Sir John Fenwick to Cuthbert Heron I presume is now in L[or]d Windsors hand & the counterpart may probably be in L[or]d Carlisle's possession but its strange Sr.W[illia]m Blackett should never have it.

The Cart made by Mr Stewart is too large & heavy for a single horse, we made a tryal but it was not satisfactory; the loading was that of a single horse cart, & the horse drew it well enough on plain ground, but it co[ul]d not be expected to do so uphill as it is abo[u]t 2 hund[re]dw[eigh]t heavier than a single horse Cart. A Cart properly made for one horse with 6 inch wheels may probably answer very well, but for want of such a thing we cannot make any certain experim[en]t.

PS : It is very agreable to almost everybody that Mr Pitt keeps his footing, as it is hoped he will conduct the helm better than it has been done of late. I am etc JR

29 Mar 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London 29 March 1757

Dr Sr

I return you herewith inclosed & under another cover by this post, the notes you sent me in your Lres of the 15th relating to Hexham Division, w[hi]ch I hope will now pass muster, & you receive inclosd a certificate of w[ha]t the improvements are by the division of Gunnerton Hexham & Shildon (viz. £340 a year) so th[a]t I hope no objection will be made to the allowing Sir Wr. the money he has laid out.

I rec[eiv]ed the Abstract of the deed f[ro]m Halsay & Morgan to Sr Jno.Fenwick of the Coal in Kirkheaton under a rent of 6s8d w[hi]ch I cannot find was ever p[ai]d. The Tenants of the Estate answer to Anickgrainge Court & do suit & service there: & therefore its clear th[a]t the royalties & suit of court were reservd w[he]n Sr.J.Fenwick sold the estate to Heron, f[ro]m whom it came to Sr.Rd.Stote. In the Copy of an Inquisition taken in 1299 of the lands belonging to the Priory of Hexham this Estate is mentioned & in the Black Book in 1479 Kirkheaton is mentioned to belong to Hexham with all Royalties Services fines wards Escheats &c whatsoever. In 1575 it was granted by Q[uee]n Eliz[abeth] as appendant of Hexham & Anickgrainge to Sir J.Forster in as full and ample a manner as the same was enjoyed by the Priory of Hexham: From Sr.J.Forster it came to Sir J.Fenwick, who married his daughter: But then I cannot reconcile how Halsay & Morgan should have the colliery to sell to Sr. Jno. Fenwick in 1605. However this matter is worth looking into.

As to the Charges in your bills about the £40,000 & transfering the whole mortgage from the hospital to Mr Lascelles I can give very little acc[oun]t of them. for there are sev[era[l of your bills, w[hi]ch were never delivered to me by Sr.Wr. When Mr Daewin was here he examined all the bills that I have & took out w[ha]t he thought proper, & was to collect wjat was wanting from y[ou]r own books in London. So that you are the only person, that can make appear what you have rec[eiv]ed on these accts. & on the other accts., w[hi]ch properly belong to the Trust estate. I am etc JR

8 Apr 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton, Grays Inn London 8 April 1757

Dr Sir

I have rec[eiv]ed y[ou]r six ticketts & given your acct. credit for six Guineas if they cost any more pray let me know.

I expect shortly to be ready with my W.Kenton acct. for the half y[ea]r ending at Mart[inma]s last, & am endeavouring to get something of Mr Beaumont, who promises me £100 before Mayday. I presume I cannot send up the acct. till you send me down Jane Randolphs rec[eip]t for her last dividend, as I cannot otherwise swear to the payment.

Inclosed is a certificate of the improvem[en]ts ny the division of Gunnerton Hexham & Shilden Commons. there is still more money to be laid out by Sir W[alte]r for Yarridge & Welton, but I cannot near ascertain the sum: p[er]haps it may be £200 or upw[ar]ds so I hope there will be no Objection to the Allowance of the sums already paid, as set forth in my Affidavits.

Mr Scott tells me that L[or]d North[umber]land puts in his Claim for Kirkheaton as being within the Barony of Prudhoe, to wch it pays a Quit rent, & the Tenants answer to Ovingham Court. I am etc JR.

13 Apr 1757 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield 13 April 1757

Sir

You say Mr Salkeld, when you sent him to inspect the Mils, br[ough]t you a bad acc[oun]t of Mr Lee. but you do not say whether he was very sick or very drunk. I presume it to be the latter & therefore another Clerk must be looked out for, & as to his brother being employed in the wastes: why is he so if you think it contrary to Sir Wrs intrest. It is your province to regulate these matters as to letting all bargains & not to leave it to Mill Clerks. You mention if Thos.Teasdale had his Dues he wo[ul]d not stand in Arrear in the rental. I do not know what dues they are he wants, nor can I tell what

to write him about. As to Jack Lee I see no hopes of amendment & therefore must acquaint Sir Walter that he is incorrigible & not fit to be continued. the first visitation you make at Allanheads let me hear what observations you make about him.

I must desire you will set on all the Lead Carriage as soon as possible for I have not a pig to sell, occasioned by the triffling work last year at Allanheads & Dukesfield Mills, & you must not depend upon the tenants, but sett on any that will lead it, I am told the Fairlams insist on an advance price, & they only; if others will lead it at the old price, employ them & let the Fairlams mind their Farm, But if nobody will lead without an advance we must be forced to comply. for the Lead must be got to markett with all expedition & that is left entirley to your management to get it as low as you can. Perhaps 2d advance on 10 pieces will please them, the East hand tenants expect 3d advance on 10 pieces But you know their Carriage is a mile longer as it has been measured & they have Apperley bank to climb. So pray act herein according to the best of your judgement but I desire again, that there may be no delay in the Carriage.

I am sorry for Mr Marshalls death but hope his estate & effects will descend to his Sisters, wch I shall be very glad to hear. I am etc JR.

15 Apr 1757 Joseph Richmond to John Beaumont

To Mr John Beaumont 15 April 1757

Sir
In your Lre of the 6th of March you wrote me you would certainly pay part of your arrears for Kenton wayleave, before Mayday. for which Reason the Gentlemen concerned have allowed me to keep my accounts open till that Time to see what money you pay, I think it right therefore as the time draws near to remind you of it, & to acquaint you that I beleive it will be your intrest to pay up the whole £300 at once if you possibly can, if not, I hope you will at least pay half of it, as the Gentlemen have given you so great Indulgence. I am etc JR.

15 Apr 1757 Joseph Richmond to Revd Moises

To The Revd. Mr Moises London 15 April 1757

Sir
Sir W[alte]r Blackett desires the favour you will please to enter Mr Leake as a Sizer in what college in Cambridge you judge most proper. He sets forward in the Coach on Monday first for London & will wait on you with a Lre f[ro]m Sir Wr. as soon as he comes to town. You will please to let Sir Wr. or me know w[ha]t money will be wanted at present on this occasion & it will be ordered to be p[ai]d to you, or as you shall direct by the return of the post. I desire you will give Mr Leeke such advice & instructions,

with regard to his expences &c as you think proper. PS. Sir Wr. will be in London on the 30th inst. or the 1st next month, wch I hope will be before you leave the town. & Mr Leeke may stay with his relations till that time if you think proper. I am etc JR.

19 Apr 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Denton 19 April 1757

Dr Sir
I have rec[eiv]ed your Lre of the 14th, but Sir Walter can't find here any of the three Receipts you mention for money paid Mr Stowel, Mr Martin & Mr North, but whether he has them in London he does not know. When Mr Darwin was here he took all the Receipts that Sr. Walter ever delivered to me for money paid by him on the Trust account, but whether any of the receipts you want were among them I can't tell for I kept no acct. of what I delivered to him. I do not find in the [Martinmas] Report any notice taken of the £150 paid Mr Wm.Watson, which ought to be allowed as much as any other article. Sir Walter has got all the Papers we can find here relating to Kirkheaton & will bring them up to Town with him. As to L[or]d North[umberlan]ds Claim I look upon it to be without any foundation notwithstanding all Mr Scott says. I am etc JR

PS I observed some time agoe in the newspapers that Jos Musgrave esq. in Great Russell Street who had an Estate near Durham called <Keepar..> died in Febry last. Idesire you will let me know as soon as you can to whom he left that estate & who is his Ex[ecu]tor.

21 Apr 1757 Joseph Richmond to John Peart

To Mr John Peart at Newhouse Newcastle 21 April 1757

Sir
I rec[eiv]ed your letter of the 18th about Scraithhead & Pikestone, & have communicated it to Sir Wr. who is willing to let them on such terms as you & Mr Bacons think proper. But there is about 3 years to go in the old tack, & you cannot let a new Tack till the old one is expired or given up. The people who were with me offer to take Scraithhead at 30s a Bing wch Sir Walter will agree to if approved of by Mr Bacon & the bargain cannot be made for any less. But perhaps 27s 6d will be accepted. As for Pikestone I could wish it were let on the same terms, tho it is a great way from Rookhope Mil; but the people who were with me declare they will not take it but on the old terms of 1/5 duty & 5s a bing. So Mr Bacons Agents & you are to consider & do as you judge for the best. PS. I desire you will send somebody to set a value on Mr

Wm. Leaton's wood near Woolsingham; wch he wants to have desposed of imediately. I am etc. JR

26 Apr 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London 26 April 1757

Dr Sr

Since my last I have rec[eiv]ed Mr Ellis's acct. for the y[ea]r 1756, in wch I observe an Article charged for some woody gro[un]d bought for the use of Hexham Tine Mils, wch he had omitted to charge in his accts for the y[ea]r 1755. this P[iec]e of Gro[un]d lays near Dilston park, is not let, but is reserved for a spring of wood for the use of the Mils solely & therefore ought to be charged to the trust Estate, as those in remainder will be most benefitted by it, so th[a]t I send you inclosed a certificate for that purpose; But if it sho[ul]d be too late or there sho[ul]d be any objection to it; it will pay Sir Walter in time sufficiently for principal and int[ere]st. The Lease & release are now in my hands.

Mrs Harrison says she wrote you sometime ago about her £40 to wch she has rec[eiv]ed no ans[we]r. I think I advised you th[a]t I rec[eiv]ed of Mr Thos. hall the sum of £40 the 3rd March last & had placed it to your acct. If I did not, it was an Omission for wch I ask pardon.

Sr.Wr. set forward yesterday afternoon & I hope will be in London before you receive this. I am etc JR

30 Apr 1757 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bt. MP. at his house in Curzon Street London
Newcastle 30 April 1757

Hon. Sir

Capt[ai]n Lambert left this place on thursday senight & Wm. Fenwick, with the other recruits, marched the day before for Norwich. I learn from Dr Lambert that the Captn had said, upon some Application made to him for Fenwick's discharge, that it was not at all in his power; & that Tho. Fenwick was but a weak soldier, yet, as on acct. of his profession he wo[ul]d be useful in the regim[en]t , he beleived they wo[ul]d not chuse to part with him.

Ra. Featherston was employd under Mr Humble the fitter, as a Runner who has had no work for him of late. he has a Wife & 2 Child[re]n & is in want. My Fa[the]r has therefore given him a Guinea as you ordered; for wch he was very thankful - he is not a freeman.

The meeting at the Vestry on Wednesday was so Thin, that they did nothing but adjourn to Sunday Afternoon, when it is expected they will settle the Committies & appoint Monday or Tuesday for the collection.

Yesterday Guards were placed at the sev[era]l gates of the Town, on acc[oun]t of the apprehension our corn merch[an]ts had of disturbance f[ro]m the colliers of W.Denton & the works thereabouts. But today Mr Ord Dr Cooper & our Magistrates met at the Moothall, where a No. [number] of those people appeared & in a modest manner stated th[ei]r Grievances, wch being but Triffling were soon adjusted between them & the owners; & they are departed peaceably. I am etc JR

6 May 1757 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. London Newcastle 6 May 1757

Hon. Sir

Mr Partis & Mr Langland are very well satisfied with the Gold boxes being made in London; wch they say wo[ul]d have taken them a long time to finish.

There are 22 desart frames at the Mayors house, 16 of wch are plain & 6 scollop'd. Mrs Betty says Mr Street has sent down as many Sweetmeats as will in her opinion serve all occasions till Mich[aelma]s.

The Waggon Men on this side of the water continue idle and have endeavoured to get Mr Crowleys people to join them, without effect, so I hope they will find it necessary to go to work again on Monday: as the Gents have told them their case will be considerd if they will go to work. But to prevent any disturbance in the town a Guard is still kept at every gate & a Capt[ai]n guard will be placed tonight on the Sandhill, as tomorrow is market day.

The Carriers expect 3s6d a Stone for plate, but I doubt not but shall please them with 2s4d a stone; tho it wo[ul]d be better if the price co[ul]d be fix'd in London.

The prisoners have no part of the Charity; therefore I have given them all (being 22) five shill[ing]s ap[iec]e agreable to your directions, wch is a great relief to them & they are very thankful for it. I am very glad to find you are perfectly well & am etc JR

8 May 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Rd. Wilson Esq at Leeds 8 May 1757

Sir

In answer to your Lre of the 4th I wish you could put off your journey hither for ten days, as Mr Robson cannot be here till the 17 or 18th, nor will the Survey[o]r get the Survey of the Estate finished till about that Time, & till that is done matters cannot be so well considerd about laying out the Farms. Wee have for some time been ditching, &

winning stones for the Houses, & are beginning to clear the Ground of some whins, that it may look the better when it comes to be let, but wee do all bye Bargain & nothing by days wages. I hope this will come to your hand in time, for I receiv'd not your letter till the last post was gone, I shall be glad to know by next fridays post when wee make [sic] expect you, that I may have Mr Robson ready to attend you.
I am etc JR

17 May 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 17 May 1757

Dr Sr

Inclosed are two bills for £263.10.0, as above, wch I desire you will advise the receipt of & place to my account.

I have rec[eiv]ed your Lre of the 10th inclosing Lady Mansels receipt fpor £225 wch is placed to your acct. & I have rec[eive]d of Mrs Greenwel £3.9.4 for Crosby's receipt, wch is also placed to your acct. The Landtax at 4s in the pound is 10s8d wch makes up the y[ea]rs outrent due 12th inst.

As to Atkinsons 1/2 of Kearsley purchasd by Sir W[alte]r you will see in my 2nd Affid[avit] made 14 March last that it is now let at £70 a y[ea]r for 9 yrs f[ro]m 12th inst. The Landtax paid by this estate at 4s in the po[un]d id 1.9.6 a yr, no part of wch is allowd by the Librarian.

As to Mrs Storer I doubt not but she will be willing to accept of Sr Wr's bond for her ann[ui]ty & release the estate if it can be done safely for Sr.Wr. as she is a married woman. I will let you kn ow w[ha]t Mr Storer & she say to it in two or 3 posts.

I am glad to find you are in expectation of getting the West kenton Money out of the bank. Sr.Wr. no doubt is intitled to the intrest f[ro]m Sr. W[illia]m Blacketts death & the Ma[ster] will adjust w[ha]t it is.

Pray let me know if you can send me down what Mr & Mrs Stoddart is to execute in 14 days as Harry may get that done in his way to Berwick, where he is going about that time to receive the rents. I am etc JR

To Mr Andw. Pearson Water Street in the Strand London
Berwick 14 May 1757 £130.0.0
Thirty days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or order, one hundred and thirty pound value rec[eiv]ed & place the same to acct. as p[er] advice from Saml. Burn.

To Mr Thomas Old near Union Stairs by the Ship, Wapping London
Berwick 14 May 1757 £133.10.0

Thirty days after date pay to Mr Joseph Richmond or order one hundred and thirty three pounds ten shillings value rec[eiv]ed & place the same to acct. as p[er] advice from Saml. Burn

20 May 1757 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield 20 May 1757

Sir

John Angus has applyed to Sir W[alte]r for some repairs at Woodcroft, where there are some slates off, & wch were so all last winter; by wch the wood receives damages & says when he applyes to you for any repairs you always refer him to me as if it were my business to go to Woodcroft to see them done. I am ordered to write to you to go over & see what is wanting & get it done, for Mr Westgarth also writes that it is absolutely necessary to be done imediately or the timber will be rotten by the wet that comes in. I am etc JR

PS If you do not go in 10 days Mr Westgarth will be desired to get done whats necessary for as to Mr Peart I doubt he is not able.

20 May 1757 Joseph Richmond to John Westgarth

To John Westgarth Esq at Unthank Weardale 20 May 1757

Sir

I rec[eiv]ed your favour of the 18th about the repairs wanting at Woodcroft, & have wrote to Mr Hunter, whose proper business it is, to come over & order them to be but if he do not come in a little time, nor Mr Peart who I have also sent to I accept of your kind offer to see done whats needful to prevent the timber receiving any further damage, for wch Sir Wr. will think himself obliged to you. Let Jno. Angus pay the slaters bill & take his receipt, & if you will please to witness the payment & annex this Lre to the bill, it will be a voucher for Mr Hunter to allow it out of Angus's rent. I desire nothing may be done but what's absolutely necessary to keep the house <drip> free. & am etc JR

27 May 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London 27 May 1757

Dr Sir

I have rec[eiv]ed of my son John £5.15.6 p[ai]d him by Mr Mosley & have placed the same to y[ou]r acct. I have made y[ou]r acct. Dr. for £14.0.6 & given you Cr. for £1.12.6 on W.Kenton acct. & have taken my son's rec[eip]t for £12.8.0 wch you have got him allowed for attending Mr Ord & Mr & Mrs Stoddart for wch he & I return you our acknowledgements. I am very glad to find you have got thro[ugh] with the Gunnerton Hexham & Shilden disbursm[en]ts; there will be some more outlay on acco[un]t of Hexham & Shilden, but as I apprehend no more will be got allowed, we must be as sparing as possible of Sr.Wrs. money.

If you can get the money for Edwd. Harrison's bond, it will be very well done being more than there was any great reason to expect.

Mrs Storrer is now a Wid[o]w her husband being lately dead; his nephew Mr Storrer of Rothbury has undertook to get her to take Sr. Wrs. bond for her ann[ui]ty out of Kearsley, but has not yet sent me her answ[e]r. As soon as I receive it will let you know that you may draw a release for her to execute & also a bond for Sr. Wr. to sign.

I have examined Mr Scotts bills in Chr. Midfords cause, but those costs are so blended with other business th[a]t it is impossible for one to distinguish them. I have applied to him for an acct. of them, & he promises to draw me them out in a post or two f[ro]m the copies of his bills wch he says he has by him. PS. - Since the above I have seen Mr Storrer & he says his Aunt will accept of Sir Wrs. bond for her Ann[ui]ty but expects some small matter to buy her a Gown, wch I have told him will be given her on her signing the release. I have just rec[eiv]ed f[ro]m Mr Scott anacct. of his Costs in C. Midford's cause wch is herewth inclosed I have not time to take a copy. I am etc JR

3 Jun 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London 3 June 1757

Dr Sir

Mr & Mrs Stoddart have executed the deeds wch will be sent you by the coach on Monday, & you herewith receive the Lre of Attorney & Harry's Affid[avi]t. The reason that Jacky is the other witness is that he was going to Berwick to attend a Comis[sio]n about an affair of Sr.Wilfd. Lawson's, & saw the deeds executed in his way thither.

We have fine growing weather, & the spring corn looks well, but the winter corn very indifferently in many places. Wheat is with us at 16s, Rye 11s6d & Oats 6s a Boll, wch is hard upon the poor. But we expect large supplies f[ro]m abroad in ab[ou]t a months time, wch its hoped will bring down the prices considerably. I am etc JR

5 Jun 1757 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. London 5 May [sic] 1757

Hon. Sir

Mr Gibson says there is no manner of inconvenience will attend y[ou]r not holding a court the 13th inst. as there are no Causes at issue to be tryed on the jury day.

Here were Lres in town 3 posts ago, advising the port of Dantzig was open for the exporta[tio]n of Rye & th[a]t the price was fallen 5 Guild[er]s a <last>. The D[u]ty ordered for the port is expected to come here at ab[ou]t 10s a boll, something lower than the price we now pay & if the whole q[uanti]ty can be got, it will no doubt lower our markets. Mr Peareth undertook to bring you in for a share of this importation & I hope you will have no loss by it. The Country looks well & we have a fine prospect of a plentiful harvest. Wheat is fallen this day f[ro]m 16 to 14s Rye fm 11s6d to 10s6d & oats fm 6s6d to 5s6d a Boll.

Mr Griffiths & the cook got here on thursday evening & entred into their respective offices the next morning. & as soon as I can get acco[un]ts setled wth Mr Duffield wch I expect will be on Monday, will pay him his wages as you order. he seems very well satisfied, & desires me to let you know, he will be always ready to serve you on any occasion.

Mr Wilson has let W.Kenton for £600 a y[ea]r but he is to lay out £1700 in Building Fenceing & other improvem[en]ts after all wch he will have made a good purchase if his title is clear of all incumbrances. I gave him the Rental of your Kenton 695.5.0 & told him there were two farms Weatherburns & Donkins, that I believe wo[ul]d advance £20 a yr each when their pres[en]t articles expire wch will be in 1761 & 1762. he asked me if I knew the value you put on the Estate, I said I did not certainly know that, but I thought it was worth £24000. I am etc JR.

7 Jun 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton in Grays Inn London 7 June 1757

Dr Sir

The Deeds executed by Mr & Mrs Stoddart were sent to you yesterday by the Coach & the Carriage paid. I have discharged your account of the £14.0.6 & placed it to West Kenton acct. I herewith return you the Bill sent me in yo[u]r last letter, & as I beleive Sir Walter has paid the £130.15.0 to you & Mr Scott, I have certified the same accordingly. I am etc JR

13 Jun 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton in London 13 June 1757

Dr Sir

To oblige a Servant maid of Sir Walters who is comeing up to Town I have drawn a bill on you for £28.10.0 payable 14 days after date to Cath. Quelch or Order & I have rec[eiv]ed of Mr Wm. Robson £87.13.3, both which sums are placed to yo[u]r acct. & by my Books will make the ballance £31.12.9 in your Favour. I am glad you have got the money for Edward Harrisons bond & expect the £1018 so soon, which if it had been left in your hand would have helpd me to make the Lead mine pays.

My son was at Berwick last week, when Mr Jeffreys &c paid him the last years Rent for the Colliery, both for Sir Walters share & Mt Lisles - they make heavy Complaints of Mr Rob. Lisles hard usage of them, by sending for writs against without ever demanding the money. The award they argue is too partial & what they cannot be obliged to pay, but they are ready as they say, to pay the £500 penalty of the Arbitration bonds which they are advised is all that can be recovered of them, that Mr Lisle is wrong in declaring upon the award, & therefore they expect wee will be nonsuited at the Assizes, nay they say they are sure of it. I am etc JR

14 Jun 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Rd. Wilson Esq at Leeds 14 June 1757

Sir

Mr King tells me he has been with you lately at Leeds & that you told him you would remit some m oney to me to carry on the new Buildings & as soon as I wrote you it would be wanted. I therefore take the liberty to acquaint you that as I do not expect to get in the Mayday rents till about Mich[ael]mas, wch will amount to only about £180 Landtax deducted, it will be necessary for you to remit 3 or £400 as soon as convenient for the Buildings should be push'd forwards as much as possible before the Harvest, & I will take care to see your Money laid out in the best manner for your Interest, consistent with the agreement between you & your new Tenants. I am etc JR

17 Jun 1757 Joseph Richmond to William Jeffreys

To Mr Wm. Jeffreys Attorney at Law in Berwick Newcastle 17 June 1757

Sir

Inclosed herewith is the memorial you sent me to lay before Sr.Wr.Blackett. Yo[u]r restraining Sir Wr. f[ro]m communicating it to Mr Lisle leaves him not at liberty to take any further notice of it than to direct its being returned; as you desird in your Lre to me.

When my Fa[the]r sees Mr Bulman's Ex[ecu]tors, wch I expect will be next week, he will mention to them what you Mr Brown & Mr Chisholm propos'd when I

was at Berwick - You may believe Sr.Wr. will be ready to concur in any reasonable & amicable method of adjusting the matters in dispute. I am etc H[enry] R[ichmond]

21 Jun 1757 Joseph Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Mr Collingw[oo]d Forster Attor[ne]y at law in Alnwick Newcastle 21 June 1757

Sir
In your lre[letter] to Mr Robson you desire to have an acct. what Landtax has been allowed from time to time for Sr. Wr. Blackett's estate at Lucker, i.e. both the tithes & free lands, for they have never been assessed separately. I have therefore sent it you, as below, distinguishing the different rates at wch the same was allowed. We have no accts. further back than the y[ea]r 1727. I am etc H[enry] R[ichmond]

Yrs Landtax

allowd Wm. Edington		due Ladyday 1727 at 4s in the po[un]d	£3. 9.10
do.allowd T.Forster		due do. 1734 at 1s in the po[un]d	0.17. 0
do.	do	due do. 1735 at 2s in the po[un]d	1.13.11
do.	do.	due do. 1741 at 4s in the po[un]d	3. 7.10
do.	do.	due do. 1751 at 3s in the po[un]d	2.10. 3
do.	do.	due do. 1754 at 2s in the po[un]d	1.13. 6
half yrs	do.do.	due Mich 1756 at 4s in the po[un]d	1.13. 6

28 Jun 1757 Joseph Richmond to William Armorer

To Mr Wm. Armorer at Berwick 28 June 1757

Sir
Sir W[alte]r Blackett having rec[eiv]ed Lres f[ro]m the owners of Yardford fishery complaining th[a]t Messrs Burns put in two ring nets into their water, wch they have no right to do, being a new thing never claimed before - Sir Wr. sends you his complim[en]ts & requests you will be so good as let me know by the first opportunity what you know of this matter & whether you enjoyd any such priviledge, when you had the Fishery of Wt. Ord, or any consideration or rent in lieu thereof, & if you think Sr. Wr. has an undoubted right to put in these two ring nets or otherwise. With my complim[en]ts to Mrs Armorer I am etc JR

28 Jun 1757 Joseph Richmond to Samuel & James Burn

To Messrs Burns at Berwick 28 June 1757

Sirs

The Owners of Yardford fishery have wrote to Sr. W[alte]r Blackett complaining That you put 2 ring nets into their water, wch they say is a new thing that Sir Wr. has no right to. Tho' I beleive they are mistaken I am ordered by Sr. Wr. to write to you & desire you will inform me as soon as you can : how long time & in what manner this priviledge has been enjoyed without any interruption before this. I have wrote to Mr Armorer by this post desiring to know what was done in his time in this particular, & if he & you are upon good terms I wish you wo[ul]d please to wait upon him, & take down all he has to say about it, for Sr. Wr. wants to have an answer to send the Gents if it can be made appear to be Sr. Wrs. undoubted right it must be supported.

PS. You need not take any notice to Mr Armorer that I tell you I have wrote him; for I co[ul]d wish to have his answer under his own hand, wch will be good evidence afterw[ar]ds. I am etc JR

28 Jun 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton London 28 June 1757

Dr Sr

By Sir W[alte]rs order I advanced the hundred Guineas for the Kings Plate run for here the 20th inst. I send you inclosed L[or]d Northumberlands certificate that it was won by Mr Holmes, who I am told is in London. I desire you will get him to endorse the certificate, wch is necessary to get repaym[en]t of the money, & when you have rec[eiv]ed it place it to the acct. of JR

To Edmund Charles Blombery Esq at St James's house

These are to certify That on Monday the 20 day of June 1757 a horse called Wildair, belonging to John Holmes Esq. did win his Majestys Plate of one hundred Guineas at Newcastle upon Tyne

Northumberland.

28 Jun 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esq. at Leeds 28 June 1757

Sir

I have rec[eiv]ed you [sic] Lre of the 25th inclosing Mr Markhams bill on Mr Brewster for £100 wch I shall place to your acct. We are like to have some little debates already with the Kings about laying out your money, especially with Wm. King who wants to have the buildings put off in the meanest manner, that more money may be left to be applyed to the improvem]en]t of the land. But we think that you design the £1500 to be laid out in making substantial & convenient houses & outhouses, good fences, & in stubbing & levelling the gro[un]d where it is wanting as this must be an advantage to you, very considerable, if you sho[ul]d ever think of selling the estate, & the money we look upon to be suff[icien]t for all these things, But I cannot think they have any right by the agreem[en]t to have any part of this money apply'd to the buying of manure as they have £200 besides allows for that purpose. It is not unlikely but you may have some sly insinuations that we are not husbanding your money to the best advantage, if so I shall be obliged to you to let me know it. I shall take just the same care as if it was my own, & Mr Robson who I recommended to you for assistance I beleive to be a very honest man, that knows very well the prices of all sorts of work & will not give more than it well deserves. tho the Kings are hinting they co[ul]d have got the masons & carpenters work done something cheaper But it is by one of their own Fraternity, who is not qualified for it, for when he gave me in his proposal, it appeared he did not understand what he was about. I am etc JR

28 Jun 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd. Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 28 June 1757

Sir

The late Mrs Windsor's estate at Kirkheaton will, as no heir has yet been found, in all probability be an Escheat & we are endeavouring to make out Sr. W[alte]r Blacketts Title to the same, in right of his Manor of Anickgrange, At wch you say it has immemorially done suit & service. I desire therefore, if you have any old Suit Rolls in Sir Jno. Fenwicks time or before, or any other antient evidence of their doing suit & service at Anickgrange, or any instances of the tenants of that estate being amerced on any occasion, or any Waifs or Strays taken on the estate for the Lord of the s[ai]d Manor, or any other proofs of seigniory, you will send them to my Father or Me, as soon as you can conveniently can - I think you wrote my Fa[the]r that they have never paid any feefarm or other rent to Sr.Wrs. manor.

L[or]d North[umber]lands agents say That the Kirkheaton tenants have done suit & service at Ovingham (or Prudhoe) Court, for time immemorial, & that they pay a rent of 12d a year wch is a feefarm rent & therefore they look upon it that his L[or]ds[hi]p has the right to the s[ai]d escheat - The Steward & tenants of the s[ai]d estate acknowledge the serving on juries at Ovingham court & the payment of the s[ai]d 12d a yr, but they do not know what is for, neither have they ever had any receipts given them for the same.

This suit & service to the Two Courts is a thing we cannot understand for we do not find in any of the writings or records we have, that these two courts have ever been connected with or dependant on one another, & how or when this suit to Ovingham court has commenced we have not yet learned. I am etc H[enry] R[ichmond]

1 Jul 1757 Joseph Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm. Robson at Wallington Newcastle 1st July 1757

Sir

I have sent you £320 by Josh. Forster, but whether you are to buy 6 or 800 sheep I cannot take upon me to advise; you will be able to judge better than I can, when you see Jno. Harrison & hear what has passed between him & Hump. Hopper. I always understood that Sr. Wr. had 160 stints on Redburn Fell & Hump. Hopper (for the farm he bought of Mr Wilkinson) only 80 Stints, but I can't pretend to tell you how the same has been enjoyed. - Sr. Wr. has also a right to keep 300 sheep on Reamy Law, f[ro]m Mich[aelm]as to Ladyday, to wean all the lambs bred at Redburn . so that your own discretion & Harrisons advice must direct you, unless Sr. Wr. will please to give you his directions.

PS Harrison has spent all his days upon the spot & cannot be a stranger to Sr. Wrs. right, & how Hopper stinted the Fell, when he had Sr. Wrs. farm, before he bought Mr Wilkinson's.

I am etc JR

5 Jul 1757 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bt. at Wallington 5 July 1757

Hon. Sir

I herewith inclose you Messrs. Burns & Mr Armorers answer about the ring nets complained of by Mr Fenwick &c; by wch you see yo[u]r right is indisputable & has never been called in question, till now that Messrs. Burns have let them to some persons for the rent of £6 a year; who may probably have exceeded the Boundary; wch sho[ul]d be now settled by refference, if the Gents are willing; or Actions brought ag[ain]st their tenants for seizing your nets, if they have a mind to dispute the case; that yo[u]r right may be established. & whatever the charge there may be, I think the Burns ought to pay at least one half, if not the whole; as they have occasioned this dispute. You will please to take care of Mr Armorers letter, wch may be of future service.

Mr Wm. Watson has shut up his shop. Its reckoned he owes towards £2000 & will pay about 6s 8d in the pound. I am etc JR

8 Jul 1757 Joseph Richmond to Samuel & James Burn

To Messrs Burns at Berwick 8 July 1757

Sirs

I am ordered by Sr. Wr. Blackett to acquaint you, that he will propose a refference to Mr Fenwick & the other Gents wch he doubts not but they will agree to, in order to end all differences about the ring nets, & therefore desires you will think of a proper p[er]son for his refferee & try if he will take the trouble of it. He says he has no p[er]sonal acquaintance with Mr Strangeways or would have wrote to him; but if you think him the properest person, your application to him may do as well. You will please to let me have your ans[wer] as soon as you can, & in the meantime collect the best old Evidence you can hear of to support Sir Wrs. right. I am etc JR

26 Jul 1757 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield 26 July 1757

Sr

I have sold Mr Hodgson all the old castings at the 3 leadmils at £40 a Ton & he is to take them there at that price & pay the carriage. I co[ul]d not make any more of him so thought it better to take that price than let them lay any longer. You must give the clarks notice to weigh & deliver them & to mention the weight at the foot of their accts. & when you make out yo[u]r paybill you must deduct the money f[ro]m Messrs Cookson & Williams's acct. I am etc JR

26 Jul 1757 Joseph Richmond to George Langstaff

To Mr Geo. Langstaff M[erchan]t in London 26 July 1757

I desire you will send by the first Opportunity 30 Casks of bone ashes for the use of Sir Walter Blacketts Refinery, & draw upon me for the Value as usual, & you will oblige yours etc JR

12 Aug 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton at Scarbrough Newcastle 12 Aug 1757

Dr Sir

On Wednesday the Tryal with Jeffreys &c came on when the Def[endan]ts made themselves sure they wo[ul]d nonsuit us on the misrecital of the date of the bond in the Award For the bond is dated the 2d Febry & it is said in the Award to be the 6th. But after arguing the point for some time, it was agreed to make it a case & the Judge Mr Bathurst ordered the jury to find for the Plts [plaintiffs] for the sum awarded, with 1s 0d damage, to be left to the determination of the court of Kings Bench. As to the other points I think Mr Norton gave them up. The Bond & award were both produced in court, but nobody was called to prove the execution of either; Mr Brown shewed Sir Wr. & Mr Lisles a Lre yesterday f[ro]m Neale dated 26th July, in wch he says you had subpoenaed him to come down to prove the submission bond, But on his seeing it he reflected he never saw Mr Lauder execute it, wch he had not taken any notice of to any body but Messrs Burnet & Reaveley. Mr Brown also declared Neal never saw him execute it & that if they had been pinched they intended to take advantage of this, wch shews us the Men in their proper colours, if we had not known them too well before. When Neale was told of this, he owned he did not see Lauder execute the Bond, So that I think he is not intitled to any more money than he has already got for his Journey & I doubt not but you will write to Mr Darwin accordingly.

We have got the case drawn & signed by Serjeant Poole, who is very zealous in the cause & almost confident of its success in the Kings Bench; but Mr Norton, who I think will be no further concerned for the Def[endan]ts, could not sign it here; Because we could not get their attorney Brown to attend him for that purpose.

I hope this will find you perfectly well. PS. I have rec[eiv]ed of L[or]d Ravensworth £40 for Jane Hunts rent charge & placed it to your acct. I am etc JR

16 Aug 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Harrison

To Mr Richd. Harrison at Coalcleugh Newcastle 16 Aug 1757

Sir
Mr Ord has asked Sr. Walter leave to work some stones in the quarry where you discharged his workmen, wch you did right in. So you are not to give them any further obstruction. I have rec-eive]d yo[u]r Lre wth the plan, wch is very neatly done. But I think the surveyor has drawn Mr Ords claim further than he makes it himself for he has drawn it to a well at Powstile house but there is a well wch goes by that name nearer Milstonedike nook, wch I apprehend is all Mr Whitfield ever claimed to. The Old witness you have sent me is a very material one. We must have him in tho. we send a chair for him. Mr Walton tells me he has now some very good Elm for pumps & that he has ordered a p[er]son to chuse such pieces as are fit for your purpose. I am etc JR

23 Aug 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esq at Leeds Newcastle 23 Aug 1757

Sir

I herewith return you the draft of West kenton Lease, as it is agreed to by Messrs Kings after some debate. But as to their laying all the Gro[un]d down to grass 3 years before the end of their term, they insist upon its being contrary to their Agrem[en]t & the custom of the country; unless they were to enter to the whole Estate in grass. I told them I apprehended you meant the £200 to be allowed them for manure, as a compensation for the land now in tillage; But that they do not admit of, but say it was agreed on that they sho[ul]d have a way going crop, tho' it is not expressed in the Article I own it is the custom in this country for all tenants to have a way going crop where the tenants have it, whom they succeed. For as to the draft of the Lease you had f[ro]m me, wch as I remember was for Rc. Curry at east Kenton, he entred to all Grass gro[un]d, wch is the reason he is obliged to lay all down to grass again before his term expires. I think upon the whole the draft is now as much in yo[u]r Favour as can be expected, & I wish the tenants may perform the covenants.

PS. The Kings desire the lease may be executed as soon as convenient, as they are under Treaty for some part of the Estate. I am etc JR

26 Aug 1757 Joseph Richmond to Ann Gunter

To Mrs Ann Gunter in Henrietta Street Covent Garden London
Newcastle 26 Aug 1757

Madam

By Lady Blacketts order I send you inclosed Peareth & Sorsbie's bill on Freeman & Stainbanks for £80 to pay yo[u]r own note & the other notes mentiond in her Ladyships order also encl;osed. She desires you will return her all the notes receipted as soon as paid & I desire you will advise me of the receipt of the Bill by the return of the post mentioning that it is to pay Lady Blacketts notes. I have sent you by this podt inder another cover your own note to Mrs Vaughans & the Silver Girdle mentioned in her Ladyships card. I am etc JR

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks Merchants in London
Newcastle 25 Aug 1757 £80.0.0
Twenty days after date pay to the Order of The Lady Elizabeth Blackett Eighty pounds, the value received place the same to acct. as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

23 Sep 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esq. at Leeds 23 Sept 1757

Sir
I rec[eiv]ed the West Kenton Lease by Mr Fawcett & the Tenants have executed the counterpart, wch I send you by Mrs Rayner they asked me what was the charge. I told them I did not know, for I had no directions about it. We are now just covering in the second house; wch is better than a common farm house, at Mr Kings desire & I think will not be disagreable to you. As we can do little more at the buildings this year we shall proceed with the hedges &c as the season serves; but good quicks are here very dear, being 10s a thous[an]d. Mr King is prepare[in]g a good deal of Manure to lay upon the face of his present farm this winter for wch he says he expects an Allowance out of the £200 but I tell him he has no pretence to any allow[an]ce out of that sum, but for what he does after the comencem[en]t of the term for the whole Estate. I am etc JR

23 Sep 1757 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Golds[mi]ths, Foster Lane London
Newcastle 23 Sept 1757

Srs
I have sent you today by Laycock the London Carrier a p[iec]e of fine silver weighing 6581/2 Ounces wch I desire you will place to Sr. W[alte]r Blackett's Credit at the markett price & advise me on your Receipt thereof. I am etc JR

30 Sep 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd. Ellis at Hexham 30 Sept 1757

Sr

I have seen Messrs Loraine & Midford & have since talked over their affair with Sir Walter, who says if the work charged in their bill was necessary to be done to put the Dams into repair it must be p[ai]d & he desires you will tell the Atkinsons that if they do not imediately pay one half of it at least, if you think they ought to do so; they will be sued without any further notice. And they must also make satisfaction for the manure they ledd away as you think reasonable. if this is not comply'd with, you must let me know that I may acquaint Sr. Wr. therewith.

As to the Milstones Mr Midford says he can do without them till next summer. I see I have the original article, wch I thought I had sent: but you have a Copy & I desire you will get the leases prepared, to be executed before Sir Wr. goes to London. I am etc JR

2 Oct 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. WilsonEsq. at Leeds Newcastle 2 Oct 1757

Sr
In ans[we]r to your Lre of the 28 past I rec[eiv]ed yesterday of Mr Thos. Brewster £200 wch is placed to your acct. & I shall not want any more money to be remitted this year. The plan of the Estate cannot be compleated till all the hedges are sett off wch will be done as soon as possible & then the plan will be sent you by the first opportunity. The survey amo[un]ts to 809A[cres] 0R[oods] 2P[erches] of wch 19A.0R.1P are Highways & Lanes. So that the inclosed Gro[un]ds & houses contain 790A.0R.2P . I will receive of the Kings 2 Guineas for the Lease and place it to your acct. Mrs Rayner has the counterpart of the Lease & I believe will set forwards for Leeds tomorrow. I am etc
JR

8 Oct 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. WilsonEsq. at Leeds Newcastle 8 Oct 1757

Sir
Mr King has contracted six weeks agoe for 70 thousand quicks at 10s a thousand, which have been trnsplanted & are 4 years old, I thought them dear, but as the Bargain is made it must stand. These quicks I think will go a good way toeards doeing the Outside hedges, & Mr Robson tells me he can procure what more wee shall want much cheaper, but not so low as 5s a thous[an]d, therefore if you please at any time to order 20 M Garden Quicks to be sent, wee will take care to preserve them till wanted, but I think its unnecessary to send a man over, for our people understand the setting them perfectly well, which is always included in the Hedgeing, & if they were not to set them, I do not beleive they would abate above 1/2 a Rood, I hace rec[eiv]ed two Guineas for the Lease & placed it to yo[u]r Account. I am etc JR

4 Nov 1757 Joseph Richmond to William Jeffreys

To Mr Wm. Jeffreys Attorney at Law in Berwick Newcastle 4 Nov 1757

Sir
I find Mr Robson has rec[eiv]ed the last 1/2 years rent for the Coll[ie]ry due 12 Sept. last. I wish you had thought it proiper to pay the money awarded to Mr Ord without all this trouble & expence, wch I presume you will be obliged to do at last. Sr. Wr.

Blackett says he does not know that he ever express's himself with any particular resentment ag[ain]st you. But he thinks he & Mr Lisle have great reason to complain of ill usage in this affair. I do not know what Mr Brown might tell you passed at the Assizes. I wish you had been present & heard all that passed. I am etc JR

[Marginal note] NB this [letter] was not sent, but alter'd as on the next page & sent with Mr Lisles approbation. [see letter of 5 Nov 1757]

4 Nov 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton Greys Inn London 4 Nov 1757

Dr Sr

On receipt of yours I wrote to Mr Lisle to forward the Affid[avi]ts by the post. but whether he has done so or not I cannot tell. Mr Henzell is something better today, but when he will set forward I do not know.

My acct of West Kenton rents for the 1/2 year ended Martin[mas]s last is ready to be sent up, but I am not likely to get Mr Beaumonts £200 he presumes on further indulgence, therefore I desire to know whether the parties intend to give it him & I must send away the acct. without receiving that money.

As this will be my last acct. I desire the ballance may be ordered to be paid into the Bank that my security as receiver may be got up & cancelled & sent me down.

Sir Walter talks of setting forward on tuesday next. I hope this will find you well in London & am etc JR

5 Nov 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Johnson

To Mr Chris. Johnson Durham

5 Nov 1757

Sr

I rec[eiv]ed y[ou]rs & inclos'd you have an acct. of the coals wro[ugh]t in Jarrow Coll[ie]ry this year, wch I desire you will deliver to Mr Crowe wth my Complim[en]ts & tell him I have given Mr Wilkinsons Ex[ecu]tors credut for Sr .Walters half thereof. I am etc JR

5 Nov 1757 Joseph Richmond to William Jeffreys

To Mr Wm. Jeffreys at Berwick 5 Nov 1757

Sir
I Received your Lre of the 23d past, & find you have paid Mr Robson the last half years Rent for the Colliery. I have communicated your letter yo Sir Walter, who is just now goeing for London, & he says he does not know that he ever expressed himselfd with any particular Disregard for you who he always had a good Opiunion of, & wishes to have no Reasons ever to alter, but he thinks that both he and Mr Lisle have sufficient cause of Complaint against you & your Partners for not paying the money awarded by Mr Orde, without so much trouble & Expence, wch I presume you will after all be obliged to pay at last. In the Memorial you sent Sir Walter in June last, I do not recollect any proposal you made that looked like bringing this Affair to a friendly End, but I do remember that you desired it might not be comunicated to Mr Lisle, & therefore as Sir Walter did not think it fair or consistent to enter into any seperate treaty your memorial was return'd you agreable to your Desire, wth that Answer. If you have anything to offer that is reasonable for the Plaintiffs to accept I should be glad to kn ow it, for I know Sir walter is much more inclined to Peace than War, & I have no doubt but Mr Lisle is so too; but you cannot expect they will give up, what in Justice & Equity they beleive their due, I do not know what Mr Browne might tell you Sir Walter said to him at the Assizes, both Mr Lisle & I were present & heard all that was said, & I am sure there was no mention made, or thought on, of sending any other Resolution so that Mr Browne has been mistaken some way or other, I wish you had been present & heard all that passed. I am etc JR

11 Nov 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esq. at Leeds Newcastle 11 Nov 1757

Sr

I have rec[eiv]ed the 10000 quicks & put them into the Gro[un]d till they shall be wanted they look well & I hope will prove so. 10000 more will be as many as I beleive we shall have occasion for this season besides what is bought here. I have a copy of the Article & will take care the money is expended according to yo[u]r intention. No more need be remitted till I acquaint you it is wanted.

My acct of the last Mart[inma]s rents has been postpon'd sending up hitherto at the desire of the parties in expectation of getting all the arrears of the wayleave rent of Mr Beaumont, wch are not yet paid but the acct. will be forwarded in a few posts & the money will be proportioned & p[ai]d before Xmas. So I desire you will send a proper authority to somebody in London, to receive yo[u]r share of the land rent for I do not know certainly how to settle it. I herewth send you a copy of the acct. as far as I can carry it till I receive Mr Beaumonts final answer wch I am dayly expecting. I am etc JR

11 Nov 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton London Newcastle 11 Nov

Dr Sir
I send you herewith inclosed copy of a Lre I rec[eiv]ed last night from Mr Jeffreys, wch I desire you will comunicate to Sir Walter, who I hope is got well to Town. Mr Geo. Lisle has also sent a copy to his Bro[the]r & desired him to write you his sentiments upon it by the next post so that if Mr Jeffreys is in earnest & has given his Agent full authority to conclude the matter as Sir Walter pleases& do everything incumbent to secure the money awarded, wch I presume both Sir Wr. & Mr Lisle will insist on all proceedings at Law I imagine may be suspended except the affid[avi]ts ag[ain]st Neale, who Mr Henzel advises to punish if he do not imediately repay the 15 Guineas. Mr Henzel is a good deal better, but not well enough to think of a journey. PS. I will send a bill to pay lady Mansells ann[ui]ty in a few posts. Pray let me know if I must send you the W. Kenton acct. without Mr Beaumonts £200 wch I cannot get.
I am etc JR

22 Nov 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Greys Inn London Newcastle 22 Nov 1757

Dr Sr

Inclosed you receive Peareth & Sorsbies bill on Freeman & Stainbanks for £500 to pay Lady Mansels 1/2 y[ea]rs ann[ui]ty due the 10th Oct. & the ball[an]ce of my W.Kenton acct. wch I also send you herewith inclosed with four vouchers for the paym[en]ts made the 22d Dec. last pursuant to the Ma[ste]rs report of all wch I desire you will advise the rec[eip]t. I think the ball[an[ce of this acct. sho[ul]d be ordered to be p[ai]d into the bank, otherwise my recognizance cannot be got up till the money is paid to the parties, & then it cannot be done without expence & out of what money is it to be paid ?

I have rec[eiv]ed yo[u]r letters of the 15 & 17th wth the sev[era]l P[ar]cells of vouchers & schedules & also a Dra[f]t of another affid[avi]t wch I will examine & consider when I return f[ro]m Hexham whither I intend to go tomorrow to attend the refference between Sr.Wr. & Mr Ord wch I imagine will take up 4 or 5 days.

I hope Mr Rob. Lisle will be satisfied wth the agrem[en]t made wth Jeffreys & P[ar]tners: his bro[ther] is very well pleased with it. I am etc JR

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbank Merchants in London

Newcastle 4 Nov 1757 £500
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order Five hundred pounds the value in acct. with Sr.Wr.Blackett place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

22 Nov 1757 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bt. MP. Newcastle 22 Nov 1757

Hon. Sir

I find my Lady intends to set forwards sometime in the next week & I shall send by her £200 in money agreable to yo[u]r order besides the £100 she will take for her journey. I have a bill for £300 that will be due the 14th next month, wch I desire to know whether I am to send up. I am very glad you have got the House in Curzon Street sold to yo[u]r satisfaction. I do not see that I shall have occasion for any of the money. But if you find you can spare any of the money, besides what you will have occasion for, while you stay in London, it wo[ul]d be well to give notice of paying off some of your bonds.

Mr Scott & I design to go to Hexham tomorrow to attend the reference wch I beleive will last 4 or 5 days, as there are a great many witnesses to be examined on both sides. Mr Collingwood & Mr Fawcet will lay at Whitfield tonight & view the Gro[un]d tomorrow morning, & Mr Harrison will be present to shew them yo[u]r Boundary. He writes me there are Witnesses on the other side who will stick at nothing if not examined upon Oath, wch I doubt the referees have in this case no authority to administer.

Mr Geo. Lisle is very well satisfied with the End made with Mr Jeffreys & P[ar]tners & I doubt not but his bro[the]r will be so too.

Mr Gamble the cook makes a demand of 20 Guin[ea]s for assisting Mr Duffield & Mr Mason before him, & Jo. Allan sho[ul]d be satisfied for assisting Mr Greenwood last y[ea]r in the Mayors house; but he will not say what he expects. Gamble did assist Mr Mason at sev[era]l Entertainments for wch he never had anything th[a]t I know of & Mr Duffield says he had him 14 days at the Mayors house.

Frank says he is better, but he is not likely to be well soon. Willm. Pruddoe has got a place, & is discharged for he wo[ul]d not stay as he was not to come up to London. I am etc JR

25 Nov 1757 Joseph Richmond to Catherine Laidman

To Mrs Catharine Laidman in Hundgate Darlington Newcastle 25 Nov 1757

Madm.

I am again orederd by Lady Blackett to acquaint you that yo[u]r applying to her in your wants is what she is not pleased with; & that tho' her Ladyship has for this time sent you a Guinea by Hen. Wright yet you are not to expect anything further f[ro]m her Ladys[hi]p for the future. I am etc H[enry] R[ichmond]

26 Nov 1757 Joseph Richmond to Samuel Burn

To Saml. Burn Esq. Berwick Newcastle 26 Nov 1757

Sir

My fa[the]r is abroad, But I have rec[eiv]ed yo[u]r bill on Mr Thos. Burn for £81 payable at thirty days f[ro]m 25th inst, wch when p[ai]d will be so much in further part of the

1/2 years rent due f[ro]m you & yo[u]r Brother to Sr. Wr. Blackett at Ladyday last. As to the £4.0.0 wch you expect to have allowed on acct. of the interuption you say you have met with in the enjoyment of the ring net stands I can say nothing to it. I am etc H[enry] R[ichmond]

1 Dec 1757 Henry Richmond to Churchwardens

1757 Dec 13 Sent the Lres[letters] to the Churchwardens, as usual, appointing Monday 26th inst. for distributing Sr.Wrs. Charity : for the form of these lres see Dec 1746. HR

2 Dec 1757 Henry Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Golds[mi]ths in Foster Lane London
Newcastle 2 Dec 1757

Sirs

My Father has been from home for sometime But on Fryday the 25th of last Month I sent you by John James the Carrier a P[iec]e of fine Silver Bullion weighing 666 ounces, which I desire you will place to acct. with Sr. Wr. Blackett as usual at the price such silver bears with you & advise my father on the rec[eip]t of it.

I hope you & yo[u]r families are well & am etc HR

2 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 2 Dec 1757

Dr Sir

last night I got back f[ro]m Hexham, where a great many witnesses have been examined on both sides & the Referees are to make their award before the 23d of next month. In the draft of the affid[avi]t you have sent me down, I am to swear that Sir Wr. has actually paid the sums there mention'd ; in my former affid[avi]t I believe I have done so, wch I desire may be returned, as no use has been made of it & I desire to know if it will not do as well & be safer for me to swear, that Sir Wr. has paid the respective sums therein mentioned by his Agents & allowd the same to them in their accts. as appears to me. If this will not do I think Mr Ellis & I must make separate Affid[avi]ts, wch will quite alter the Schedules f[ro]m what they now are, tho' the amount will be the same. Mr Ellis has paid Rt. Allgood 13.8.3 more to compleat Sir Wrs. proportion of the charge of the Roads over hexham fell pray let me know how that Article is to be inserted in the Schedule & if I must send up the receipt, or whether no notice is to be taken of it. It was p[ai]d the 23 july last. I desire to know when you will want the affid[avi]ts & schedules to be sent up, for it will take some time if more than my affid[avi]t is to be made. I am etc JR

2 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. at his House in St James's Street London
Newcastle 2 Dec 1757

Hon. Sir

Mr Scott & I got back from Hexham last night. A great many Witnesses have been examined on both sides, & if yo[u]r witnesses have proved before the Arbitrators what they s[ai]d to us on their Examination the Copyhold[ers] within the Manor of Hexham have had an uninterrupted enjoym[en]t of all the gro[un]d in dispute for time immemorial, But on the other side I find by Mr Collingwoood that two or three of Mr Ord's Witnesses have swore to sev[era]l interruptions given by the Whitfield tenants, wch were never known nor heard of by any other person living. Mr Ord has had one Lothian an Attorney all the last summer looking out for & preparing of Witnesses to say things to prove a property wch there is great reason to say cannot be true, for they have sworn to impounding of Goods, burning peats &c wch were never done according to the Evidence of all yo[u]r Witnesses. Mr Ord attended the whole time with his two Attorneys Mr Stewart & Mr Lothian & went himself to shew the refferees the ground in dispute where he has caused some Bounder Marks to be lately erected. Mr Scott seems much dissatisfied with the whole proceeding & says Mr Fawcet has acted as a Council more than an Arbitrator. But he will write you his sentiments by this post. he wo[ul]d have all the Examinations he has taken sent you up, wch are very bulky, but I do not see you can make any great judgem[en]t without the plan wch cannot be sent up free by the post. However I will send them by the return of the post if you please to have them. This affair is of great Consequence both to you with regard to

the Royalty & the Copyhold[ers] with regard to the Eatage who will have little or no common right left, if the whole sho[ul]d be awarded to Mr Ord, wch I hope Mr Collingwood will never come into, but rather let the time elapse & the matter remain as it is. but if they co[ul]d agree to divide the Ground in a reasonable manner it may be better than going to Law ab[ou]t it. I wish it was convenient for you to come down at Xmas; for I own I am not a little affraid of the consequence of this reference, tho I am very certain that notwithstanding all that some of Mr Ord's Witnesses have sworn who are persons of very indifferent Characters, that he ought to have awarded Him a very small part of the gro[un]d in dispute, even allowing all they have sworn to be true. I do not say th[a]t Mr Ord was present when the referees examined the witnesses, only th[a]t he was at hexham all the time.

I do not find that Lady Blackett is yet certainly resolved when she will set forward.

PS The wine f[ro]m Curzon house is arrived & sent to Wallington.

If you sho[ul]d have no thoughts of coming down at Xmas you will please to consider whether it is right to desire Mr Collingw[oo]d to let Mr Scot & me have a little conversation with him before he agree to any Award. I doubt not but he will write you his thoughts in a few posts. I am etc JR

6 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. at his house in St james's Street London
Newcastle 6 Dec 1757

Hon. Sir

Inclosed is Peareth & Sorsbie's bill on Freeman & Stainbanks for £300 wch I desire you will please to advise the receipt of.

Mr Silvertop says he took your 1/2 of Garesfield farm of me at £5 a y[ea]r advance. The truth is as follows. That when the other tenants at Winlaton were advanced f[ro]m Mayd[a]y 1755 he & I had some talk on the Exchange ab[ou]t his farm when I told him he ought to pay you £10 a y[ea]r adv[an]ce & th[a]t he then said he wo[ul]d agree to pay you £5 a yr adv[an]ce if he co[ul]d have a lease for the remaind[e]r of the term he had in Sr. E. Blacketts lease, to wch I objected as a thing not in my power, but I did say I wo[ul]d order Mw. Rennison to take the £5 during yo[u]r pleasure, if he wo[ul]d pay it, But last y[ea]r when Rennison called for the rent, the Ans[we]r he rec[eiv]ed f[ro]m Mr Hudson, Mr Silvertop's Steward, was th[a]t his Ma[ste]r said he wo[ul]d pay no adv[an]ce till he had a lease, so no more than the old rent of £20 was rec[eiv]ed, this Rennison will testify But now when Mr Robson has viewed the farm & finds yo[u]r moiety worth more money Mr Silvertop wo[ul]d take told [sic] of this handle. We have not got the farm yet surveyd but Mr Robson f[ro]m a transient view thinks yo[u]r moiety worth twenty po[und]s a yr adv[an]ce. I beleive it is true th[a]t Mr Silvertop has greatly improved the farm But he has had it ab[ou]t 25

yrs, time enough to get in all his money with intr[es]t. Sr.Edwds. lease has 10 yrs to go f[ro]m Mayday next at £20 a yr & if you tho[ugh]t proper to take £30 a yr for the time I think it ought to be taken as a favour; for all that has passed between Mr Silvertop & me is out of the question.

Sir Edwd. has sent Notices to Mrs Robinson & Mrs Cooke, who let out their farms at a considerable adv[an]ce to quit at Mayday next & Mr Robson sent Mr Silvertop the inclosd Notice at the same time wch I tho[ugh]t was right. But as he & I had some word abo[u]t the farm a few days before I did not chuse to beat with him any more about it.

Mr Scott desires me to send you up the Examinations at Hexham, wch you will receive under three covers by this post & I desire you will please to peruse them & let them be returned to your etc JR

PS. My Lady is not yet determined when she will set forward. - Mr Collingw[oo]d and Mr Fawcet are to make their Award before 23 Jan.

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks Merch[an]ts in London
Newcastle 4 Nov 1757 £300
Forty days after date pay Mr Jospeh Richmond or Order Three hundred ponds the value in acct with Sir Walter Blackett place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie.

6 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Blackett

To Chris. Blackett Esq. in York Buildings London Newcastle 6 Dec 1757

Dr Sir
Above you have a bill for £60 wch I rec[eiv]ed today of Mr Jno. Blackett to remit to you, wch I desire you will advise the receipt of. I hope you & all your family are well & am etc JR

To Mr Chris. Denton in Grays Inn London Newcastle 6 Dec 1757 £60.0.0
Sir
Twenty days after date pay Chris. Blackett Esq. or order Sixty Pounds value received of Sr. Edwd. Blackett Bart. & place the same to acct. as p[er] advice from, Sr. your etc JR

6 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Daniel Lascelles

To Danl. Lascelles Esq. MP. in Mincing Lane London Newcastle 6 Dec 1757

Sir
Inclosed you receive Jos. Airey & Co's bill on Vere Glyn & Hallifax for Three hundred & seventy nine pounds fifteen shillings wch when p[ai]d will discharge the 1/2 y[ea]rs intr[es]t on the £21700 due to you f[ro]m Sr. Wr. Blackett the 14 day of Aug last Wch Bill I desire you will advise the receipt of & am etc JR

To Messrs Vere Glyn & Hallifax, London
Newcastle 6 Dec 1757
No. 2352 £ 379.15.0
At Thirty days date pay to the order of Mr Jos. Richmond Three hundred and seventy nine pounds fifteen shillings Value Received.
For Bell Cookson Carr & Self
Jos. Airey

9 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd. Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 9 Dec 1757

Sir
My son says the Copy of yo[u]r last acct. was return'd you certified a long time ago, so I hope you will find it among yo[u]r papers - On the 25 Sept 1756 I rec[eiv]ed of Messrs Walton & Boag £101.16.8 for 8 yrs fee farm rent due Mich. 1755 & allowd him out of the farm £15 for Landtax, wch is placed to acct. of Hexham estate - The Receipt you gave me for 13.8.3 p[ai]d Rt. Allgood will be sent to London next post, instead of wch this will serve you as voucher to yo[u]r acct. - When you have read the inclos'd you will please to put it into the Fire - I find Mr Ord talks here as if he is confident the award will be in his Favour
I am etc JR

Sir Walter before he went to London was so kind as to tell me that, after Mr Ord, he designed to appoint my son John to be Bailif of Hexham & therefore ordered me to let him come sometimes to see the holding of Hexham Courts &c & said that he wo[ul]d write to you to desire you will give him any Information you think necessary, But as he went for London in a hurry I presume he forgot to do it. I have not mention'd this to Mr Ord any further than to desire he will take my son with him to Hexham next week to see the holding of the Court, wch he very readily agrees to do; therefore I think it will be right not to mention anything of this to any body at present. - It was never in my mind to mention this when I was at Hexham.

10 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Chris. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 10 Dec 1757

Dr. Sr.

I herewth return you my W. Kenton acct. wth my Affid[avi]t thereon for wch I p[ai]d Mr Widdrington £2 wch you will charge in yo[u]r bill -- As to the Affid[avi]t ab[ou]t Hexham Division &c I have no scruple abo[u]t making it because I know Sir Wr. has allowd all the money & I beleive his Agents have p[ai]d it accord[in]g to their vouchers, but there is an Article of 66.4.6 rep[ai]d by the Com[missione]rs being an over assessment on Sr.Wr. as appear'd on settling the accts. wch I did not know when I made my last Affid[avi]t. I want to know how this Article is to be mention'd, whether according to the Words in the inclosed paper & whether it is to be deducted f[ro]m the Hexham Schedule or the Schedule is to be returned as you sent me down & the 13.8.3 & 66.4.6 only inserted in my Affid[avi]t. Please to return me the inclosed paper relating to these two Articles. I am etc JR

17 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton in Greys Inn London Newcastle 17 Dec 1757 £33.17.0

Twenty days after date pay Messrs Carr Ibbetson & Co. thirty three pounds seventeen shillings value reced of Lady Blackett and place the sam to acct. as advised by, Sir, Your etc JR

To Messrs. Carr Ibbetson & Co. at the Queens Head Ludgate hill London

Newcastle 17 Dec 1757

Srs

Above you receive a bill for £33.17.0 to discharge the inclosed Note, wch I desire you will give a receipt on & return to Lady Blackett & advise me on your receipt of the bill who am etc JR

17 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London
Newcastle 17 Dec 1757

Sirs

I have this day drawn a bill on you for £100.0.0 payable to Mr Chris. Denton or order 20 days after date, wch please to honor & place to acct. with Sir Wr. Blackett -- The last

P[iece] of Silver I sent you at 5s 9d an ounce comes to 191.9.6 wch is £0.4.6 more than you make it in your Lre of the 10th inst. I desire you will please to signify if you find it to be so. & am etc JR

17 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton in Grays Inn London Newcastle 17 Dec 1757

Dr.Sr.
Above is a bill on Messrs Plumbe & Browne for £100 wch I desire you will place to my acct. & advise the receipt of. & this day I have drawn a bill on you for £33.17.0 pay[a]ble to Messrs Carr Ibbetson & Co. at 20 days wch I have placed to the Credit of your acct. I am etc JR

PS For advertising Potto Estate	£	s	d
In the Newcastle Courant 8 times will be	1	1	0
In the Newcastle Journal 7 times		18	6
the News papers if to be sent up 15 at 2 ½		3	1 ½

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London
Newcastle 17 Dec 1757 £100
Sirs
Twenty days after date pay Mr Chris. Denton or Order one hundred pounds value received & place the same to acct. as by advice from, Sirs Your etc JR

20 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd. Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 20 Dec 1757

Sir
Agreable to your Lre of the 17th I have p[ai]d Mr Cuthbertson & Mr Douglas the feefarm rents, wch with a receipt for George Carr & my receipt to you for £106.5.41/2 on acct. of Hexham lands will make up the money due to Mr Michl. Harbottle for Corn deliver'd to Coalcleugh as below, £268.14.4 & I have given Mr Harrison the four receipts to exchange with you for that sum to discharge his pay bill.
I am etc JR

£	s	d	
93	7	10 ½	pd Mr Cuthberston
46	11	1	pd Mr Douglas

22 10 0 receipt for Geo. Carr
106 5 4 ½ receipt on Acct. of Rents
268 14 4

23 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 23 Dec 1757

Dr. Sir

I herwth return you my Affid[avi]t with Schedules of what sums have been paid on acct. of Gunnerton Hexham & Shilden Divisions wch I hope will be satisfactory & my Bill payable to Mr Chris. Blackett wch are placed to your acct.

I am not at all surprised at what you say abo[u]t Jeffreys & P[ar]tners; its my opinion you'l find it nothing but shuffling & that they'l sign no bond at all. I am very sure they are intitled to no manner of indulgence.

As to West kenton Mr Thomas or Mr Banks will have Mr Wilsons authority to receive his half of the rents & if the other half will not pay the Law Charges, the parties might have called on Mr Beaumont to pay the £200 unless they have a mind to forgive it him. I beleive he is very able to pay it for the Coll[ie]ry now does very well & he has taken another large farm wch he co[ul]d not undertake unless he had money to stock it. I am etc JR

27 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Haggerston

To Sr. Thos. Haggerston Bt. at Haggerston by Belford Newcastle 27 Dec 1757

Sir

By Sr. Wr. Blacketts order I have wrote to Messrs Burns his tenants at West Ord to pay you the two y[ea]rs Castle rent you say is due to you at Mich[aelm]as last being £3.6.8 a y[ea]r out of wch the Landtax is to be allowed as below. I do not know when Sr. Carnaby died so that if there sho[ul]d not be two full y[ea]rs due to you, you will be pleased to adjust the difference wth Mr Haggerston. I am etc JR

PS. As to what is due to Mr Haggerston for arrears of this rent I do not know what it is, Sr.Walter & he will settle it between themselves here.

£ s d
5 10 0 Cash
0 3 4 half yrs land tax at 2s
1 0 0 a yr & 1/2 do. - at 4s due Mich. 1757
6 13 4

27 Dec 1757 Joseph Richmond to Samuel & James Burn

To Messrs Saml. & james Burn at West Ord near Berwick Newcastle 27 Dec 1757

Sirs
Sr.Wr. Blackett desires you will pay Sr. Thos. Haggerston two y[ea]rs Castle rent according to the inclosd receipt, who will order his Steward to call on you for it & that you will pay him yearly 3.6.8 always deducting the Landtax & it will be allow'd you out of your rent, there are some Arrears of this rent due to Mr Haggerston, but I do not know what they amount to, so he must settle Them here with Sr.Wr. -- As to the ring nets Mr Fenwick wrote Sr. Wr. that he wo[ul]d write to Mr Kettleby ab[ou]t refering that dispute in order to settle the boundaries but we have not heard any more about it as yet, to be sure that matter is not to be given up I desire you will enquire whether they will agree to refer it or not & let me know. With the Complim[en]ts of the Season I am etc JR

1758 Rec[eiv]ed of Sr. Wr. Blackett Bt at the hands of Messrs Saml. & James Burn the sum of 6.13.4 in full for two y[ea]rs Castle rent to haggerston Castle due Mich[aelm]as last Old Stile

5 10 0 Cash
1 3 4 Land tax allow'd (1/2 yr at 2s & a yr & 1/2 at 4s)

5 Jan 1758 Joseph Richmond to George Silvertop

To Mr Geo. Silvertop at Stella Newcastle Twefth day 1758 [5 Jan ?]

Sir
Without entring into Reasoning or Argument I desire the present rent of Twenty pounds may be paid to next Mayday, & from that time Thirty pounds a year to the Expiration of the lease you had from Sr. Edwd. Blackett wch I take to be Ten Years. I am etc W[alte]r Blackett

[marginal note:] NB Mr Silvertop agrees to this Rent as p[er] his lre 8 Jan.

6 Jan 1758 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

1758 Jan 6 Advised Messrs Plumb & Brown of a p[iece] of silver wt. 6661/2 Oz. sent them this by Fryer Todd the London Carrier. JR

10 Jan 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 10 Jan 1758

Dr Sir
Inclosed are 2 bills as above for £200 wch I desire you will advise the rec[eip]t of & when p[ai]d place to my acct. - Sr. Wr. & Lady Blackett set forw[ar]ds yesterday morning. Her Ladys[hi]p will want £100 soon after she gets to Town wch I desire you will pay her & take her rec[eip]t as below, but she will not call upon you for the money till my bill for £150 becomes due.

PS. I find by Mr Geo. Lisle that his bro[the]r will not give up the bond & award till the money is paid. I am etc JR

To Messrs Wear & Taylor Corn Factors London
Berwick 2 Jan 1758 £50
Forty days after date pay to Mr Thomas Thompson or Order the sum of Fifty pounds for value receiv'd & place the same tp acct. as advised by Philip Scott
Endorsed :
Thos. Thompson
Jos. Richmond

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Forster Lane London
Newcastle 10 Jan 1758 £150
Sirs
Twenty days after date pay Mr Chris. Denton or order one hundred and fifty pounds value receivd & place to acct. as advised by etc J. Richmond

13 Jan 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. at his ho[use] in St james's Street London
Newcastle 13 Jan 1758

Hon Sir
I herewith inclose Mr Perrotts Opinion & Letter. The Case is stated f[ro]m Mr Ellis's extract from the court rolls at Anickgrainge. He says he beleives Ovingham is a Court Leet as well as Anickgrainge, & as one Leet cannot be within another it is strange how Kirkheaton comes to answer to Ovingham. The Kirkheaton tenants say they have

always served on the jury at Anickgrainge & are toll free at Hexham as being within the manor; but that they were never summoned to serve at Ovingham till April last. when L[or]d North[umber]land's Bailif summoned Jno. Morraley, one of the Kirkheaton tenants, & told him he wo[ul]d be fined if he did not appear; to avoid wch he went & was put upon the jury. There are 8 Farms said to be in Kirkheaton, & each farm has always p[ai]d 2 pence a y[ea]r to L[or]d Northumber]land Bailif, but the tenants cannot tell what it is for - Jno. Dixon of Hawkwell says, he well remembers his father, who was tenant at Fenwick has often told him, that he was employ'd by Mr Lan. Allgood Bailif of Hexham to take up Waifs & Strays, & that he took up a whye in Kirkheaton liberty & th[a]t nobody having claimed the same in the time limitted by law Mr Allgood gave it him for his trouble & expence of keeping it - I also send herewith inclosed copy of what is in the Black book relating to Kirkheaton, & also an extract f[ro]m the copies of sev[era]l Inquisitions, Lres Patents & Grants, the Originals being in Mr Dentons Custody Bundle 8 f[ro]m which I apprehend may be discovered whether the manor of Anickgrainge was not granted back to Sr. Jno. Forster by Qu[een] Eliz. in as ample manner as it was held by the Priory of Hexham before the dissolution of the Monastries, or whether there is any exception with regard to Kirkheaton I am etc JR

PS. Since the finishing my lre Mr Colpitts sent for me & desires me to acquaint you th[a]t Mr Fenwick of York has applied to him by Mr Sunderland ab[ou]t the purchase of Green Leighton, wch he declares to me he has no thoughts of buying for himself therefore will give no ans[we]r till he has yo[u]r opinion wch he desires by the return of the post, Whe[the]r you judge it right for him to make some small advance to the 4000 guineas you have offered, or to say he declines any further treaty ab[ou]t it, having dispos'd of his money other ways. JR

20 Jan 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. at his ho[use] in St james's Street London
Newcastle 20 Jan 1758

Hon Sir

Wm. Baptist of Allanheads has p[ai]d £5 into the hands of Mr C. Hunter & begs the favour of y[ou]r intr[es]t to procure his discharge.

I rec[eive]d a Lre last post f[ro]m Mr Cross to send a Doe to Mr Wade; but as I had no Ord[e]r f[ro]m you ab[ou]t it I have given for ans[we]r what J. Laidler tells me, th[a]t the season is so far advanced there is not one in the park fit to kill.

On Monday at the Guild a deal of ill Language was given Mr Mayor by Curry the britches maker, & two or 3 of his associates, ab[ou]t his encouraging foreigners &c & they threatned to pull up the Steps before his ho[use] in Westgate the next morning; But instead of that they begun to build a Shop in the street at the head of the Side without leave f[ro]m the Corporat[io]n when Mr Gibson being ordered to discharge them, Curry was so insolent that he provoked Mr Gibson to knock him down with his

Fist wch ended the debate; but he now threatens to put Mr Gibson into the Crown Office.

Mr Ridley is set forw[ar]ds for London yesterday. I am etc JR

PS. The Coach & Carriage & 4 boxes are shiped in the George, James Walker. Master

22 Jan 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. at his ho[use] in St james's Street London
Newcastle 22 Jan 1758

Hon Sir

I find L[or]d North[umber]land's Bailif was with the Kirkheaton tenants this day senight to summon them to go to Mr Scott & th[a]t the ans[we]r they gave him was they did not know any business he hd with them; & what it co[ul]d be I cannot imagine unless he thought he co[ul]d prevail on them to attorn to his Ldsp [Lordship]. But Mr Robson has been with them & they all promise him as he writes me that if the Attornm[en]t they have signed to L[or]d Windsor is vacated, they will not be prevailed on by anybody to attorn to any but you - I presume the Crown claims the Escheat if no heir appears & th[a]t Ld. Windsor is only appointed Receiver if that sho[ul]d be given up by him or his Ex[ecu]tors it wo[ul]d be well if we had yo[u]r indemnity ready for the tenants, in order to yo[u]r getting into possession. I presume a general indemnity to all the tenants of the late Mrs Windsors estate at Kirkheaton will be sufficient for Mr Robson has not sent me their names & I find they have only copy of a general indemnity from Ld. Windsor. I am etc JR

24 Jan 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. in St james's Street 24 Jan 1758

Hon Sir

I saw Mr Collingwood on Saturday, who seem'd to resent Mr Ords behaviour so far as not to join in any Award on worse terms than mentioned in your proposall but yesterday he told me upon the Exchange that he could not see how they could avoid making an Award, so that I presume it is done, & I doubt with the loss of all the Ground in Dispute upon the Testimony of two persons, who all the Country says have perjured themselves.

On Saturday Evening Capt[ai]n Hargrave carried off Mr Cuthbertsons younger Daughter, of which you will have a particular acco[un]t before this come to hand. The family is in great Distress on the unhappy occasion. I am etc JR

27 Jan 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. London Newcastle 27 Jan 1758

Hon Sir

I presume all the Writings of the late Sir Wm. Blacketts estate have been delivered up by Messrs Lascelles & must be in Mr Denton's hands, & in Bundle 8 are the Patents & Grants mentioned in the Abstract I sent up; f[ro]m wch may be clearly seen whether Kirkheaton is now within the Manor of Anickgrainge or not I think Mr Denton told me he wo[ul]d send down all those writings to be placed in your study, where they ought to be.

I find Captain Hargrave has taken in Mr Blackett for £180 & if he cannot catch him in London he will very likely loose the money. He tells me he has made Affidavit of the debt & th[a]t Mr Gibson has sent to his Agent to endeavour to get him arrested.

Since my last Mr Collingwood tells me they have awarded the whole to Mr Ord, & th[a]t it is not unlikely but he will sue out a Commission to perpetuate the testimony of his Witnesses & if so that it ought [to be] considered whether the same should not be done with yours.

I am etc JR

PS. the expence of the refference will be about £100.0.0

27 Jan 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton London Newcastle 27 jan 1758

Dr Sir

Yesterday Sr. Edwd. Blackett desired me to receive £100 for yo[u]r use, wch I have placed to your acct.

I presume you have all the Writings belonging to the late Sir Wm. Blackett's estate that were given up by Messrs Lascelles; & in Bundle No. 8, it appears by the Abstract, are all the Letters Patent & Grants f[ro]m the Crown to Sr. Jno. Forster &c f[ro]m wch may be seen whether Kirkheaton now belongs to the Manor of Anick grainge or not.

PS. I cannot say that the Abstract of the Writings in Bundle 8 is right: therefore the Originals must be carefully examined. I am etc JR

31 Jan 1758 Joseph Richmond to James Lamb

To Mr Jam. Lamb at Haggerston Newcastle 31 Jan 1758

Sir
I rec[eiv]ed yours & agreable thereto have given directions to Mr Burn to pay the Castle rent due to Sir Thos. Haggerston, deducting only £1.1.0 for Landtax as you would have it; for Sr. Wr. Blackett will not chuse to enter into any dispute with Sr. Thos. for 2s 4d tho: if I understand the meaning of the word proportion in the Act of Parliam[en]t he ought to have it allowed. I am etc JR

31 Jan 1758 Joseph Richmond to Samuel & James Burn

To Messrs Burns at Berwick Newcastle 31 Jan 1758

Sirs
In my Lre dated 27 Dec I desired you to pay Sr. Thos. Haggerston two y[ea]rs Castle rent due Mich. last & to deduct £1.3.4 for Landtax, but his Stew[ar]d writes me that he will not allow any Landtax for more than the even pounds, so that the deduction for Landtax is only to be £1.1.0 & the money to be p[ai]d him is therefore £5.12.4 wch I desire you will pay & take his rec[eip]t for £6.13.4 in the manner mentioned in my lre; for tho I kn ow what I wrote you is right, yet it is not worth the while to dispute about such a Trifle. I am etc JR

3 Feb 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. St James's Street London Newcastle 3 Feb 1758

Hon Sir
After taking Mr Collingwoods directions how to proceed, Mr Robson & my son went to Kirkheaton early yesterday morning, & got all the Tenants together in hopes of prevailing on them to attorn over to you, but found they had been advised by some neighbouring Gentleman to be carefull not to make any attornm[en]ts to any Person, till that they had signed to L[or]d Windsor was given up, least they should meet with trouble from the Goverment, who had appointed him Receiver they say they have been ill used by Mr Minican L[or]d Windsors agent, who has not delivered them his originall indemnity, but only a Copie of it, that they will all come to Town tomorrow to insist upon having the Original, & if it is not delivered they will then consider what they are to do Mr Collingwood will be in Town tomorrow morning, when wee shall know what Resolution they can be brought to. They have however declared they will not attorn to any Person whatever but you, if you will give a Bond of Indemnity not only for their future Rents, but also for the money they have paid Mr Minican which

they are uneasie about, but how that money has been disposed of I do not know. By the next Post you will hear further from etc JR

4 Feb 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. Newcastle 4 Feb 1758

Dr. Sir
I have this moment been talking wth the Kirkheaton tenants, who seem to me to be an Artful set of People, tho' ignorant; but not so ignorant as not to have been apprized th[a]t they may continue in possession without attorning to anybody; till a proper owner can be found for the Estate. They say Minican has promised in a post or two to procure them an Indemnity & if so they seem inclined to continue tenants under the indemnity. Whether th[a]t will happen or no is quite uncertain but I do suppose Stote will imediately serve Ejectm[en]ts , if he be well advised & have a title, & whether the method will induce them to attorn to him or the contrary is not quite clear to me - I must therefore submit to you to be advised Whether it wo[ul]d be right to you to push the Crown to a Commission of Escheat, or what other steps, whether by Ejectm[en]t or otherwise it may be proper for you to take as I own I am at a loss how to advise you to proceed; & I realy fear there will be no certain dependance on the pres[en]t tenants attorning to you, unless they be drove to it by necessity. however there can be no harm in your sending down a proper authority to empower some person to receive their attornm[en]t in case they sho[ul]d alter their opinion. I am etc Ed. Collingwood

4 Feb 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett MP. at his ho[use] in St James's Street London Newcastle 4 Feb 1758

Hon Sir

The Kirkheaton Tenants were all here today, but they have changed their Minds of making an attornm[en]t to you; for Mr Minican has refused to give them up L[or]d Windsor's original indemnity, he has charged them at their peril not to make an attornm[en]t to anybody till they hear further f[ro]m him, & has engaged in a few posts to procure them a suff[icien]t Indemnity wch I imagine must be f[ro]m the Crown or Lady Windsor. I find Mr Stote was wth them yesterday, but co[ul]d make no impression on them. Mr Collingw[oo]d heard all that passed, & to his Lre herewth inclosd I refer.

Mrs Manuel says you only told her you wo[ul]d use your endeavour in bekalf of her son, But her husband owns th[a]t he may have expressed himself in other terms in his Lre to his son, wch has led him to write to you in the manner he has done, for wch they beg yo[u]r pardon. What they desire is to have him made purser of a 20 Gun ship,

or anything else that half pay will support him in time of peace. - I cannot find out the Mrs Jones that applied to you for her son. I am etc JR

PS. I have just now reced the inclosed fm Mr Collingwood who was with Mr Fawcet yesterday after he wrote his lre to you but it is certain Ld Windsor was made Receiver by an Appointment signed by 3 of the Lds of Trea[sur[y which Mr Minican in confidence just let me see. I return you inclos'd Mr Perrots Opinion, wch the tenants would pay no Regard to, his former opinion you have, but I had taken a Copy of it. Sunday 5 O'Clock

7 Feb 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. London Newcastle 7 Feb 1758

Hon Sir

Inclosed is an acct. of all the Kirkheaton tenants, wch perhaps you may have occasion for. - I have rec[eiv]ed of Mr Geo. Wetherby the £11.1.0 that you paid for his son's discharge.

Mr Gamble says he sent the kit of salmon a firtnight ago in the John & James, Robt. Cummin Ma[ste]r, & will send you 3 more in the first ship that sails : the Charge of wch he will advise it is beleived he does them better & cheaper than Mr Duffield.

PS I have rec[eiv]ed of Wm. Wright £2.5.6 the remainder of the 5 Guineas you gave him to bear his expences down f[ro]m London. I am etc JR

7 Feb 1758 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esq. in Leeds 7 Feb 1758

Sir

I find Mr James King one of yo[u]r W.Kenton tenants intends to wait upon you in a few days, to desire you will order a Country house to be built for him tow[ar]ds wch he says he will advance £60 himself, but what sort of a house will satisfy him I know not, for his brother has occasion'd a deal of unnecessary expence in the house built for him on Allans farm. I have told him I think it wo[ul]d be well not to apply to you on this occasion, till we see how far the money granted will compleat what is much more necessary. But if you think proper to comply with his request & his p[ar]tners are agreable to it, wch I do not yet know I think the whole expence ought to be limitted to about £100 or £120. I have not yet got in all the tradesmens Notes for what is done at the two houses & the Outhouses & Conveniences & half of the hedges are yet to do. The tenants have all p[ai]d their last Maydays rents & I have summoned them to pay their Martin[mas] rents on Saturday senight so that I shall want no more money f[ro]m you in haste. I am etc JR

7 Feb 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Greys Inn London Newcastle 7 Feb 1758

Dr Sir
Inclosed is Mr Ra. Featherston's bill for £50 on Messrs Child, wch I desire you will place to my acct & advise the receipt of. - I have put a kit of salmon on board the Industrious Farrer, Roger Wright Master, directed for you, of wch I desire your acceptance & am etc JR

To Francis Child Esq. & Co Temple Bar London
Newcastle 13 Jan 1758 £50.0.0
No 353
Sirs
Thirty days after date pay to Mr John Denton or order the sum of Fifty pounds for the value rec[eiv]ed & place the same to the acct with Lord Ravensworth & Partners as advised
by etc Ralph Featherston
Endorsed : Jno. Dent Chas. Atkinson
JR

10 Feb 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. at his ho[use] in St James's Street London
Newcastle 10 Feb 1758

Hon Sir

Mr Geo. Weatherby brought me the inclosed Lre today, & if what it sets forth therein be true he hopes you will be able to get the £11.1.0 repaid, that you paid to procure his son's discharge. This Lre is to another Geo. Weatherby a Mercer on the bridge, who is a relation of Mr Weatherby that applyed to you.

I will do all in my power to raise the £2100 for Mr Fenwick ag[ain]st Mayday but how I shall do it I do not yet know, unless I can speedily dispose of some Lead, for wch at present there is no demand at all. the Mils pay must be made next month, wch I expect will come to abo[ut] £3000.

I find by Mr Scott that L[or]d Northumberlands claim to Kirkheaton is referred to the Attorney GeneraL, wch he says is very clear, & that he is certain you cannot support any claim to that Estate, but I hope he will find himself mistaken. I am told Mr

Stote is to be with the tenants again on Monday but I do not beleive it will be to any purpose. I am etc JR

21 Feb 1758 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Smith

To Mr Thos. Smith at Biddleton
[undated, but sequence in volume dates it between 10 and 21 Feb 1758]

Sir
By yo[ur] Lre of 31 ult. to Mr Robson I find you compute there is 67.19.8 due to Mr Haggerston at St Cuthberts day 1755 for 23 1/2 yrs Castle rent But according to my computation it comes only to 67.0.0 as below, the diff[eren]ce may probably arise f[ro]m yo[u]r not deducting the Landtax for the odd 6s 8d only for the even £3.0.0 but it ought be allowd for the whole rent by the opinion I have taken; therefore if Mr Haggerston is willing to receive the £67.0.0 on a line f[ro]m you I will desire Mr Burn of Berwick to pay you the money ot if any Business call you to Newcastle I will pay you here.
I am etc JR

23 ½ yrs rent at 3.6.8		70. 6. 8	
Land tax 2 yrs at 1s	0. 6.8		1733 & 1734
8 1/2 yrs at 2s	2.16.8		1735 [-]40.54 & 56
3 yrs at 3s	1.10.0[sic]		1741 [-]50
10 yrs at 4s	6.13.4[sic]		1751.52 & 53
		11. 6. 8	
		67. 0. 0	

21 Feb 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr. Wr. Blackett MP London Newcastle 21 Feb 1758

Hon Sir
Mr Fenwicks writings are now before Mr Rudd. I find Mr Sparrow of Netherton has a Mortgage of Green Leighton for £1600, wch he thinks unreasonable to take in without 6 months notice, unless he can meet with a hand for the money before that time, but he will join in the Conveyance & take your bond if he does not take the money at Mayday. However to be prepared to pay the money I have sold 2000 pices of lead at £14.10.0 a f[othe]r. For there being great stocks in hand at all Markets, the price is fallen 7s 6d or 10s a f[othe]r & I doubt will still fall unless some brisk demand happen f[ro]m abroad.

Mrs Robinson has ordered her tenants at Winlaton not to quit their farms at Mayday. for she tells them she has your & Sr.Edwds. consent to continue : I desire to know if you have promised any such indulgence for Sr. Edwd. says he neither has nor will do it.

Mr Aynsley has taken a deal of pains last week to get hands to a petition ag[ain]st the register bill & has made what use he co[ul]d of your letters to him to prevail on people to sign it.

I hope you have put in your Claim to Kirkheaton. The Stotes have been twice there since my last, but have not yet serv'd Ejectm[en]ts on the tenants, they offered them the Abatem[en]t of 1/2 a yrs rent if they wo[ul]d attorn, butit had no Effect. Mr Robson tells me th[a]t Nathl. Fenwick, who was wth the Stotes, advised the tenants to be careful not to attorn to you for you wo[ul]d break their leases & rack them to the utmost. I am etc JR

22 Feb 1758 Joseph Richmond to Joseph Peart

To Mr Joseph Peart at W. Black Dean Weardale 22 Feb 1758

Sir

I rec[eiv]ed your Lre of the 20th wch I am sorry for the occasion of & wish it was in my power to do you & yo[u]r family any service. to be sure you have done right in making ti,ely application to Sr. Wr. for I find already there will be several candidates. But as yo[u]r Bro[the]r has been long out of health & Sr. Wr. has for some time apprehended he wo[ul]d not live long I am apt to beleive he has determined who is to succeed him, tho' I really do not know certainly that he has. I am etc JR

24 Feb 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr.Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. London 24 Feb 1758

Hon Sir

Inclosed is a note of 3 kitts so Salmon ship'd in the Triton James Brown Mas[te[r. There has been such scarcity of good Fish at this markitt for some time th[a]t it co[ul]d not be sent sooner. There being some reason to beleive that Mr Fenwick charg'd his estate wth an ann[ui]ty to his Fa[the]r in Law Mr Ward, when he resignd to him the place of surveyor of the Hawkers & Pedlars, Mr Scott writes you by Mr Rudd's advice w[ha]t is proper to be done to guard ag[ain]stany such Incumbrance. But if you sho[ul]d not think it proper to write to Mr Ward I doubt not but Mr Jennison will desire both Mr Fenwick & Mr Ward to give you satisfaction herein by a letter directed to yo[u]rself. I am etc JR

3 Mar 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt MP. at his house in St James's Street London
Newcastle 3 March 1758

Hon. Sir

I have repaid Mr Wetherby the £11.1.0, who did not so much as return you thanks for your trouble & loss about his son.

From the acco[un]t I have about Mr Joseph Peart I am affraid he would be as bad as ever, if he was replaced & where to find a proper person I do not know. I doubt such a one will be difficult to meet with. But till you consider who shall succeed Mr Peart I do beleive Thos. Maughan will conduct matters prudently enough; for I am satisfied he has done all the Business for the last 3 or 4 y[ea]rs in wch time Mr Peart has been of little or no service to you. He has been here & says he has applyed for the place, But I do not know his abilities as a miner, to presume to say any more in his behalf. Mr Harrison Mr Caleb Hunter & Mr Allgood are better judges of his qualifications in that respect. He tells me that by the best calculation he can yet make Mr Peart will be indebted to you about £280 & that he owes besides about £430, but his estate wch is let for upw[ar]ds of £40 a yr will pay all his debts & leave £300 for his familyt & he has ordered it by his Will to be sold for that purpose & appointed `Thos. Maughan Jno. Peart & Ra. Gibson trustees. Somebody sho[ul]d be appointed to succeed Mr Peart before Mayday, otherwise shall not know what to do with the Farm at Newhouse. Mr Richd. Allgood has been above 30 yrs at Allanheads but whether it is for yo[u]r intrest to remove him I much question, for I doubt they wo[ul]d not get well forward there wth their accts. & reckonings without him, & besides I do not know his circumstances or qualifications as a miner.

When Math. Curry appeared before the last Comon Council he was asked if he did not think he had behaved ill & contrary to his Oath, at the Guild, to wch he reply'd he did not think he had & as to the Oath he did not regard it, on wch he was disfranchised by the unanimous voice of 24 then present. At the Guild he insulted the Mayor & Magistrates wth very bad language ab[ou]t the Town Moor & encouraging of Foreigners to work within the liberties of the Town & then addressing himself to the Mayor he said. And you Mat Bell who put the Staff into yo[u]r hand, was it not us Freemen, & then turning to the people in the hall s[ai]d now Gent[leme]n is the time to do yourselves Justice, for you are not to expect it otherwise, on wch Mr Peareth & Mr Smith told me they fully expected a Riot. Curry has been endeavouring among the Co[mpanie]s & p[articularly the S[hi]pwrights to raise money to sue out a Mandamus, but I do not find any regard is p[ai]d to his application.

As to the P[er]son th[a]t Mr Lee recomends to be serjeant at Hexham Mr Ord & Mr Ellis both say he is a very idle p[er]son & not fit for it in any respect. If you are advised to serve Ejectm[en]ts on the Kirkheaton tenants please to let it be considered

whether the homage jury sho[ul]d not first find the Escheat, wch cannot be done till the head court of the 18 April.

I am etc JR

7 Mar 1758 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

7 March 1758 Advised Messrs Plumb & Brown of my draught on them for £250 to Mr Chris. Johnson at 30 days dated this day; to be placed to Sr.Wr.Blacketts acct. JR

7 Mar 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 7 March 1758

Dr Sir

I have rec[eiv]ed your Lre of the 2d inclosing Copy of the Masters Report, wch I have looked over & think it is allright, except the Outgoings out of Kearslby & the Copyhold Estates being valued at 32 yrs purchase when the Freehold is only valued at 30 yrs & the Copyholds at 28 yrs purchase, wch I cannot find any reason for & it is surely a deduction of £63.17.8 to Sr. Wrs. prejudice, & the ground taken off Lamberts garden sho[ul]d have been valued at £40 a yr at least & think Sr. Wr. should not give it up if it can still be set right. As to the clothing the 30 Charity boys wch comes to about £30 a yr. I presume it must of course remain a charge on the Trust Estate.

I hope you will have rec[eiv]ed the Kit of Salmon before this for I find the ship had some misfortune in the voyage & was not got into the pool when your letter came away; but the Owner writes to the Master about it by this post. I am etc JR

10 Mar 1758 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richs. Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 10 March 1758

Sir

I rec[eiv]ed the favour of your letter; but desire to know whether the Copies of the Stile of Anickgrainge Court, wch you sent me, were taken from admittances only, or from the Suit Rolls of the s[ai]d Court. If they were taken from the Suit Rolls, I sho[ul]d be glad to know whether or no the Owners or tenants of Kirkheaton appear by those Rolls to have owed suit & service at the several Courts mentioned in the s[ai]d Copies; Or indeed at any others held in James the first's reign or any time before the year 1632. - I am sorry to occasion you so much trouble in searching after these Old Records; but as the thing would be material in case the Escheat comes to be litigated, I beleive you will excuse me, who am etc JR

14 Mar 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. at his house in St James's Street London
Newcastle 14 March 1758

Hon Sir

The inclosed is copy of what Mr Ellis has sent me relating to the Manor of Anickgrainge, wch may perhaps be of some use.

I have desired Mr Harrison to endeavour to find out a proper person for the vacancy in Weardale. As to John Watson he is a younf lad that knows nothing of minery, & not qualified to be an Under Steward, being educated for an Exciseman - I know nothing that requires your coming down more than to settle this matter, & to talk with Mr Rudd & Mr Scott about Green Leighton. For if Mr Fenwick will not procure Mr Ward to convey he must leave so much money in yo[u]r hand, as the intr[est] thereof at 4 P[er]C[en]t will pay Mr Wards annuity. the dra[ugh]t of the Conveyance is drawn by Mr Rudd ready to be ingrossed as soon as this point is settled.

Sr. Edwd. Blackett has let Cooks farm at Winlaton to Mr Simpson at £55.10.0 a yr & says he will answer it to you. The farm might have been let for £70 a yr. I am etc
JR

14 Mar 1758 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

14 March 1758 Advised Plumb & Brown of a P[ie]ce Silver sent them the 11 inst. by Wm.Laycock. JR

14 Mar 1758 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To Mr John Fenwick in Robert's Place York Newcastle 14 March 1758

Sir
I have rec[eive]d yo[ur] fa[vou]r of 9th inst. & do not see how the estate can properly be conveyed to Sir Wr. without Mr Wards joining therein, unless you covenant to leave so much money in Sr. Wrs. hand during Mr Wards life as the intrest thereof at 4 P[er]Cent will pay his ann[ui]ty but if Mr Ward is willing to convey you may purchase his ann[ui]ty of Sr. Wr. if you can agree upon terms; & if you prefer this method I desire to know Mr Wards age & how many years purchase you will give for the Annuity. I am etc JR

17 Mar 1758 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To Mr John Fenwick in Robert's Place York 17 March 1758

Sir
In ans[we]r to your letter of the 13th, to wch you had not set yo[u]r name; If all other matters can be got settled as to the Title I presume Mr Sparrow will not refuse to convey at mayday on his principal money being then p[ai]d in & the intr[es]t thereof till Aug[us]t wch must be done if no better can be obtained. But Mr Douglas being indisposed I have not been able to see him since I rec[eiv]ed yo[u]r Lre. I have provided the Money depending on Mr Cr.Douglas telling me at first that Mr Sparrow wo[ul]d either take it in at Mayday or take Sr. Wrs. bond payable in Aug. so that I thought it was necessary to be ready. I presume you have a Counterp[ar]t of the Grant to Mr Ward & it wo[ul]d be well if you co[ul]d agree with him for a sum of Money, or as I said in my last letter purchase his ann[ui]ty thay he may convey at the same time, wch will be best for all parties - Please to let me kn ow if you made a settlement on yo[u]r marriage & if Mrs Fenwick is agreable to the passing a fine For tho a Fine might be passed on raising Mr Sparrows money, I suppose it was only for that money. I am etc JR

21 Mar 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 21 March 1758

Dr Sir
Mr Widdrington tells me today that Mr Scott & Edwd. Winship have made an Affid[avi]t before him, wch he apprehends is setting forth L[or]d Northumb[erlan]ds claim to Kirkheaton, & therefore he thinks Sr.Wr. sho[ul]d lose no time in presenting a Memorial setting forth his claim, if it is not done already. For otherwise his Lords[hi]p may procure a provisional Grant f[ro]m the Crown if no heir appear. As I imagine Sr. Wr. will be come out of town I desire you will not lose any time in advising what is proper to be done in this matter - I am informed th[a]t Mr Bewick of Close house looks upon himself as the heir to Mrs Windsor Estates & that he will certainlyt serve Ejectm[en]ts on the tenants to try his right at the next Assizes.
PS I desire to know what is done about my West Kenton Acct. I am etc JR

21 Mar 1758 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield 21 March 1758

Sir

I desire you will bring in wth you all the vouchers for the paym[en]ts & allowances chargd in yo[u]r Rental. Its what every other Steward does before they get their acco[unt]s settled. I expect Sr.Wr. here on M onday, & to see you on Tuesday to receive yo[u]r Money for the pay. I am etc JR

24 Mar 1758 Joseph Richmond to George Langstaff

24 March 1758 Wrote Mr geo. Langstaff to send down 30 Casks of Boneashes..... Advis'd Plumbe & Browne of sending up a Cake of Silver.

7 Apr 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Greys Inn London Newcastle 7 Apr 1758

Dr Sr.

Inclosed is Mr Wm. Featherston's bill on Messrs Welch for £30 wch when paid place to my acct. & advise the receipt of. It is for a yrs rent of Kenton hall & stables due last Mayday & I wish it may be paid.

You never sent me the Order for Beaumonts Money nor a Copy of it. I sho[ul]d think my Kenton Acct. ought to be settled whether Beaumonts money is paid or not & I desire it may be so that I may be discharged & the Security you have given for me discharged. I expect Sir Walter will set forward on Sunday.

PS Sir Wr. will bring up the part of the Assignm[en]t signed by Mr Lisle & Mr Creswell but I do not know when we shall get the other part executed; for Mr Jeffreys is in Scotland. I am etc JR

To Messrs Welch Ludgate Street London
Newcastle 3 March 1758 £30.0.0
Sirs
Forty days after date pay to Mr Jos. Richmond or Order Thirty pounds value rec[eive]d as advised by your etc Wm. Featherston

8 Apr 1758 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To Mr Jno. Fenwick in Roberts Place York Newcastle 8 Apr 1758

Sir

I have communicated yo[u]r last Lre to Sir Wr. who orders me to acquaint you that he expects £1750 to be left in his hand. The intr[es]t of wch being £70 a yr he will

pay to Mr Wards order in half yearly payments during the continuance of his rent charge & when that ceases will pay the money in. If you agree to this, & will send in the counterp[ar]t of the Grant to Mr Ward, that the deeds may be properly prepared the bargain between you may go forwards if not, Sir Wr. will drop all further thoughts about it. As to the remainder of the purchase money Sr. Wr. will pay it all in on the execution of the deeds. I am to desire your answer as soon as you can & remain etc JR

Note this lre shewn to Sr.Wr. who approvd of it.

NB this Lre was not sent, but alterd by Sr. Wr. as below.

To Mr Jno. Fenwick. York Newcastle 9 Apr 1758

Sir Walter Blackett set forward for London this morning & orders me to write you that he has perused you last Lre to me, & also your letter to Mr Scott, that if he mentiond only £750 in his lres to you it was by mistake for he meant £1750 the intrest of which will pay Mr Wards annuity, wch he will pay to Mr Wards order in half yearly or quarterly payments as required by the Grant, during the continuation of the Annuity, & when it ceases will pay in the whole money, An Annuity of £70 a yeat for Mr Wards life who you say is 47, is worth 11 years Purchase, but as you say he will not sell, Sr Walter does not see any Oppression upon you to leave the above sum in his hand, nor can he think you make him a good title without doeing so as £600 is to be paid Mr Ward if you should die before him. As to the rest of the purchase money, he will pay it all in on the Execution of the Deeds by you & Mr Sparrow, & therefore he desires you will let me have your answer hereto in a Post or two by which time Mr Scott will be in this Town, & I desire you will also send the Counterpart of Mr Wards grant, to Mr Douglass that no more time may be lost. I am etc JR

14 Apr 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Denton in Grays Inn London 14 Apr 1758

Dr Sir

You herewith receive inclosed the particulars of Kenton Estate, & the Draft of the Conveyance you sent me, and under another Cover you receive by this Post as particular an account as you desire of the Trust Estate remaining unsold, taken from the several Stewards Rentals &c which you will put into a more regular method, but surely to insert all these particulars is unnecessary as the Tenants names, especially the Cottagers are changing every year. You know the Trust Estate is now the same as it was at Sir Wm. Blacketts death, except Wallin gton & Kenton to be deducted therefrom & Sir Walters purchases to be added thereto only the leases of jarrow & Gateshead fell Collieries with the Wayleaves & Steaths could not be got acrewed, as it appears by a Representation of the Case sent Mr Wilson the 17 Jan 1755. If its now necessary for Sir

Walter to surrender his purchas'd copyhold Estates, you must send down a Lre of Attorney for that purpose, & may name Mr Wilkinson Kirsopp, & Mr Wm. Kirsopp of Hexham Gents. his Attorneys, or who else Sir Walter pleases. v. Paper annexed of the Estates.

I find L[or]d North[umber]land is leaving no stone unturn'd to get into possession of Kirkheaton & that Lady Windsor is endeavouring to hold all Mrs Windsors Estates as trustee under a Term if no heir turn out, I verily beleive Sir Walter has a much better Right to Kirkheaton than either of them, but how to support it must be left to the Learned - Sir Walter brings back the Abstract you sent me of Q[ueen] Eliz[abeth]s grant to Sir John Forster, K[ing] James granted Kirkheaton Colliery to Halsay & Morgan, who sold it to Sir John Fenwick, Querie of whom did Sr. John Fenwick buy the Land Estate for he sold it to Cuthb[er]t Heron of whom Sir Richard Stote bought it, but Sir John received the Royaltie, or at least the Colliery, Querie also where is the Grant from K[ing] Charles about 1630 of the Manors of Hexham & Anick Grainge, & is Kirkheaton excepted therein. I am etc JR

18 Apr 1758 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esq. Leeds 18 Apr 1758

Sir

I Received not your Lre of the 1st ult. till last night, for Mr King came not home till last Saturday, As to the House he desires to have built, its right to postpone it till further Consideration. the last Mayday rent is placed to your account in part of the £1000 and is £184 after £12.10.0 is deducted for Landtax. I shall be glad to see Mr Wilson here & hope to let him see an Improvement in Kenton estate by the latter End of next month that he will think equal to the money laid out. Mr Jos. King & I differ in our Sentiments about £140 laid out by his own Directions for stubbing & levelling some of the ground ready for the Plow, which is for his own private Advantage, & therefore I say must be deemed paret of the £200 granted for tillage & manure, for as to the £1000 & next years Rent, I think the buildings & fences will require it all to compleat what you should expect to be done. The Season is too far gone to send any more Quicks. I am etc JR

18 Apr 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. in St James's Street London Newcastle 18 Apr 1758

Hon. Sir

Mr Fenwick writes me th[a]t Mr Ward agrees to convey, say[in]g they will settle ab[ou]t the Ann[ui]ty between themselves; He also says he will leave £2000 in your

hand on proper security. I desired to know if he meant any more by proper security than yo[u]r Bond agreable to the Article wth Mr Jennison; to wch he only answers th[a]t he has given Mr Douglas full instructions. I have not yet seen Mr Douglas, but if he sho[ul]d put Mr Fenwick upon requiring anything more than yo[u]r bond, please to let me know what I am to say: for as to paying the whole 4000 Guin[ea]s at this time I find it will disable me f[ro]m making the pays this y[ea]r as Lead is dropping everywhere.

Mr harrison gives a bad acct. of their managem[en]t in Weardale, but says he hopes Mr Maughan will follow his directions, & conduct matters in a better manner. But in the main he looks on those Groves as very poor.

He says he intends a tryal at Yarridge as soon as the corn is off the ground where he thinks there is a very fair prospect And that as to Old Martin who wrote to you; he p[ai]d him far more than he deserv'd ; for he deviared from the first information he gave & when he came to be examind by the refferees sais more in Mr Ord's favour than yo[u]rs; for it appears they had him at Whitfield, where his two bro[the]rs are tenants.

You ordered my son to remind you of sending some Tares for the Pidgeons at Wallington.

I hope this will find you well after your journey. I am etc JR

PS. I have just now seen Mr Douglas, who says Mr Fenwick writes him that Mr Ward will not convey, unless (as you are a Member of P[arliament]) somebody be join'd with you in the Bond. I told him I did not beleive you would submit to that, but would rather pay in all the money, but that he said would not do for Mr Ward in his Opinion. Please to let me have your Directions & if you agree to any Person being joind in the Bond, to let me know who you choose.

23 Apr 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt as above 23 April 1758

Hon. Sir

I presume Mr Collingwood has acquainted you that nothing was got done at Anick Grainge Court last thursday, for there were only 13 appeared on the jury, & two of them being Kirkheaton tenants would not agree in finding the Escheat, so that this Opportunity is lost, and is bad management in some side for timely notice was given to get a proper jury. I am therefore afraid L[or]d North[umber]land will get into Possession of Kirkheaton through the want of proper Materials on your part to prevent it. I am etc JR

25 Apr 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton Grays Inn London 25 April 1758

Dr Sr.

I guess by what Mr Scott has said th[a]t w[ha]t L[or]d No[rthumber]land goes upon wth regard to Kirkheaton is th[a][t Sr. Jno. Heydon who bought the manor of Hexham of the Crown in 1632 with sev[era]l other Estates sold some part of his purchase to the Piercy Family, & what Mr Wm. Rutter has s[ai]d to my son today amounts to the same thing. You see by the deeds what Sr. J. Heydon sold to Sr. J. Fenwick & the original patent f[ro]m the Crown to Sr. Jno Heydon I presume may be seen in the Office of the Auditor of the Land Revenue, but w[ha]t Sr. Jno. Heydon sold to the Piercy family cannot I doubt be discovered by any writings you can come at - I have rec[eiv]ed yo[u]r Lre of the 22d & when the Ejectm[en]ts come will take care they shall be served on the tenants as directed. But I have some reason to beleive they will be ejected by the Stotes in a day or two: for Mr Richardson & they seem'd to be in a Bustle today after the post came in. I am etc JR

PS. Pray why is not Mr Beaumont calld upon for he is very able to pay. May it not afterwards be a Charge upon me, or at least occasion some saying I am sure I have done all in my power to procure the payment of the £200.

25 Apr 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Waltr. Blackett Bt. in St James's Street London 25 April 1758

Hon. Sir

Inclosed is an Affidavit made by Mr Ellis of the Kirkheaton tenants doeing suit & service at Anick Grainge Court, whic may perhaps be of use sometime or other. I am etc JR

2 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. London 2 May 1758

Hon. Sir

Mr Peareth is very ready to join with you in the Bond to Mr Fenwick for £2000, so Mr Scott will go forwards with the Conveyances as fast as he can, which will take some time, for a Fine is to be pass'd by Mrs Fenwick & a Search to be made in all the Courts to be satisfied there are no Judgments enter'd.

The Ejectments are regularly served on all the Kirkheaton tenants, who do not come to any Resolution of attorning to you, but rather seem inclineable to attorn to Mr Stote, tho' I scarce think they will do it, I cannot get the Affidavit of Services ready to send to Mr Denton till next Post. I am Hon. Sir etc JR

7 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

7 May 1758 Wrote Sir Walter that Dr Cooper was killed by a Fall from his horse on the 5th in the evening. Wrote Mr Fenwick that I could not advance him £200 on Kirkheaton acct. without Sr. Wrs. order.

9 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to Francis Salkeld

To Mr Francis Salkeld at Dukesfield Newcastle 9 May 1758

Sir

When Mr Baker's Agents rode in the Field belonging to Middle Dukesfield they sho[ul]d have been stop'd. however pay no Acre Money for it, as you are certain none has ever been paid, it must most likely be part of the Freehold.

The Slaley Tenants have desired Sir Wr. to join them in defending ag[ain]st Mr baker. But before he engages with them in the suit, he desires they will get a Case stated that can certainly be supported by Evidence quite disinterested & an Opinion taken upon the Case, wch you will acquaint them with & let me know their answer. And I desire you will send me as particular an acct. as you can of all the Ground taken in of the common to any of Sir Walters farms, how long it has been taken in, & what Acre money is paid for it, & if any offer is made to pull down the Fence of the Field belonging to Middle Dukesfield, that you will take care to discharge them, & let them know that Sr. Wr. says its part of his Estate & therefore they sho[ul]d be careful what they do. Wth my service to Mr & Mrs Hunter & their family I am etc JR

12 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. London 12 May 1758

Hon. Sir

Herewth inclosed are two Lres I rec[eiv]ed this morning f[ro]m Mr Robson. the tenants that have not signed he thinks will attorn with those that have; if you please to send them the indemnity they require; but he has put in yo[u]r indemnifying them ag[ain]st the money p[ai]d Mr Minican; wch I told him you did not think proper now to do. Mr Denton has the Names of all the tenants that have been ejected; & if you send them an indemnity please to send also a proper Attornments for them to sign, with all necessary directions; & return the inclosed.

Mr Robson complains of Jno. Ridley & Geo. Green for breach of Covenants. I do not know what can be done with them, unless you think proper to order a Writ to be

sent down ag[ain]st them. As to what he says Cowel who has taken Ryal sho[ul]d say, there is no manner of foundation for it, he was wth me about a week ago & said he was determined not to enter, & all the answer I gave him was he must however expect to pay the rent.

Mr Scott desires you will please to write some Attorney at York that you can confide in to see the Fine passed by Mrs Fenwick & the deeds properly executed by Mr & Mrs Fenwick & Mr Ward & to Witness the Execution, & I desire you will please to let me know who you appoint for that purpose. Mr Scott knows no Attorney in York except one Mr Raper in Coney Street & knows but very little of him & if you have no Attorney there that you chuse to trust, somebody sho[ul]d be sent from this p[lace for Mr Fenwick expects all to be done at York wch wo[ul]d more properly be done here. - Please to order Mr Denton to fill up a Bond from you & Mr Wm. Peareth to Mr John Fenwick of York for £2000 at 4 P[er]C[en]t dated the 12th inst. to be executed before two Witnesses & I will get Mr Peareth to execute it when it comes here.

PS. I find Mr Bewick & Mr Widdrington are to be with the Kirkheaton tenants on Monday, but what they have to propose or say to them I do not know. I am etc JR

16 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to Elizabeth Blackett

To The Lady Blackett in St James's Street London Newcastle 16 May 1758

Hon. Madam
In pursuance of yo[u]r Ladyships directions I have by this post remitted Mr Denton two hundred pounds, who will wait upon you with the money when you please to send for it.
I am etc JR

16 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Greys Inn London 16 May 1758

Dr. Sir
Inclosed is a bill on Messrs Plumbe & Browne for £200 wch I desire you will place to my acct & advise the rec[eip]t of & that you will please to pay Lady Blackett £200 when she sends to you for it & take a receipt for it as below. I am etc JR

1758 / Receivd of Sr Wr Blackett at the hands of Jos Richmond the sum of £200 for two qua[rte]rs payment wch will be due the 1st Aug. next _____

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Newcastle 16 May 1758 £200
Sirs
Twenty days after date pay Mr Chris. Denton or order the sum of Two hundred pounds value received & place the same to acct. as p[er] advice from Sirs your etec Jos. Richmond

1758 May 16 Advised Messrs Plumbe & Browne of the above dra[ugh]t on them. JR

19 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To Mr Jno. Fenwick Newcastle 19 May 1758

Sir
I have the favour of yours of the 4th inst. wherein you write that Mr Ward is ready to convey as soon as I pleased & that you would take upon you to satisfie him & you desire whatever you have to execute relating to the Estate Mr Douglas may first peruse & send them to you. On the 17th instant Mr Richmond & I waited upon Mr Douglas in order to have matters settled with regard to Mr Sparrows interests so as to have the writeings (which are all finishd) sent to you for you & Mrs Fenwick & Mrs Ward to execute, but to our great Surprise Mr Douglas produced a Letter from Mr Ward wherein he writes he will not execute the Conveyance of Green Leighton Estate till Mr Douglas advises him that he is safe as to his annuity, by which it appears contrary to my Expectation that this affair is yet unsettled between you and Mr Ward, & untill that is done the Conveyances will not be executed. As to the settling this Affair Sir Walter is no way concerned in it, all he is to do is to pay Mr Sparrow his Principall & intrest out of the purchase money & to give you Security for £2000 & intrest from this 12th of May at 4 p[er]cent & to pay you the overplus so as to make up £4200 which is the whole purchase money. The security Mr Douglas seems to propose for Mr Wards security is that the money that is to be left in Sir Walters hand, shall by an Agreement by you & Mr Ward be declared to be security for the payment of Mr Wards annuity so long as he lives if you so long live & if you die before him that it shall be subject to the payment of £600 to him which is according to the Agreem[en]t made between you & Mr Ward with regard what he is to have in case the money shall so long continue in Sr. Walters hand, but if the money shall at any time after be called in then it shall be let out again for the same uses & subject to these uses the overplus money to be paid to you. How far this may be agreable to you I cannot say, but is certainly in your Intrest to have this Affair settled as soon as you can, & for that purpose it will be necessary for you to go imediately to Mr Ward & settle matters with him & if you will send me a Lre signed by Mr Ward & you that you are both ready & willing to execute the Conveyances (which have been laid before Mr Douglas and approved of by him, the writings shall be imediately sent to you, & as soon as they are executed the money will be paid, which

will be as soon as you can have the £200 which you desire Sir Walter to let you have. I hope to hear from you by the Return of the Post, & if I do, please to direct for me at Newcastle but after that, please to direct for me at Alwick. I desire you will let me know to whar time Mr Sparrow's intrest is paid. I am etc James Scott

19 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To Mr Jno. Fenwick in Roberts' Place York 19 May 1758

Sir

On Wednesday last Mr Scott & I were with Mr Douglas, who read us a Lre from Mr Ward, that he wo[ul]d not execute the Conveyance of Green Leighton till Mr Douglas was satisfied his Ann[ui]ty was well secured; who proposed that the £2000 sho[ul]d be vested in some trustee for th[a]t purpose & deeds drawn accordingly; this is quite contrary to what you wrote to both Mr Scott & me; for we concluded Mr Ward & you had setled that affair between yourselves & therefore Sr. Wrs. & Mr Peareths Bond for the £2000 is drawn payable to you on six months notice, so that we are at a stand & it wo[ul]d be vain to send the writings & money into Yorkshire, wch are all ready till we receive a Lre from Mr Ward, that you have adjusted the matter & that he will execute the writings when they are sent. - I have desired Mr Scott to write to you this post, who will give you a better acct. than I can of what passed between Mr Douglas & us. As to Mr Sparrow I cannot get any acco[un]t f[ro]m him of what intr[es]t is due, I therefore desire you will let me or Mr Scott know to w[h]t time the int[re]st is paid; that I may know certainly what money you are to receive. As to bills I cannot possibly get any I chuse to take at the time, only Coal Notes at a long date wch it is not safe for either you or me to meddle with, But you may have all yo[u]r money together as soon as ever I know Mr Ward is ready to execute. I am etc

PS Whenever the deeds are sent it will be necessary for you to go along with the Messenger to Mr Ward, if he wont come to York. I am etc JR

23 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP. at his ho[use] in St James's Street London
Newcastle 23 May 1758

Hon. Sir

I wish you Joy of getting into possession of Kirkheaton estate & hope you will long retain it. All the tenants you sent bonds for have attorned and herewith inclosed is a Lre signed by five more that they will also attorn as soon as Bonds are sent down. there is one John Brown that is quite obstinate, & the reason I beleive is that he is more in arrears than he will ever be able to pay but if a bond is also sent down for him, he

may perhaps be prevailed on to attorn. Ann Atkinson is only a Cottager at £10 a y[ea[r so th[a]t a bond in £100 penalty will be suff[icien]t for her . - Math. Atkinson does not need a bond, for his sons have all the farm & their attornment is suff[icien]t, so that there need only six bonds be sent down; five for those th[a]t have signed the Lre & one for Jno. Brown & I desire you will please to ord[e]r the lre to be returned.

I have rec[eiv]ed yo[u]r bond to Mr Fenwick, but as I apprehended Mr Douglas has raised an Objection ab[ou]t securing Mr Wards Ann[ui]ty, wch you have nothing at all to do with. but I expect we shall get it removd in a few days.

Lead is fallen £20 a fod[de]r at all marketts & is likely to fall still lower, as there are large Q[uanti]tys at all Marketts, wch are dayly increasing & no demand so th[a]t there is no probability of getting the lead mines p[ai]d th[i]s year.

Dr Lambert returns his acknowledgement of yo[u]r favour & desires me to assure you he will do everything in his power to merit the Obligation.

Cowel is entred to Ryal.

PS The tenants th[a]t have attorned have delivered up their receipts for the rent p[ai]d Ld. Windsor. The tenants say th[a]t when Mr Berwick was with them he told them they need not attorn to anybody, but if they did he had rather it sho[ul]d be to you than any other.

I am etc JR.

23 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton in Greys Inn London Newcastle 23 May 1758

Dr Sir

The Kirkheaton tenants th[a]t the bonds were sent down for have all attorned to S[i]r W[alte]r & by this post I have sent Sr. Wr. a Lre signed by five more, as below, th[a]t they will also attorn as soon as bonds are sent down for them; but there is one Jno. Brown a Ten[an]t th[a]t is so far quite obstinate & cannot be prevailed upon & I beleive the reason is th[a]t he is far more in Arr[ear]s than he will ever be able to pay. But however it will be right to send down a bond for him to try w[ha]t effect it will have. Ann Atkinson is only a Cottager at £10 a y[ea]r & expects a bond in £100 penalty to indemnify her. I desire the Lre sent by the tenants to Sr. Wr. may be returned wth the bonds. The tenants have delivered up their receipts.

I rec[eive]d a Writ of Execution ag[ain]st Mr Beaumont wch I find will be no easy matter to get served, for he is mostly at Simonburn or Coalpark except on Sundays I therefore desire to know if any other than psonl [personal] service will do.

I have not a bill at this time to send you to pay Lady Mansels ann[ui]ty but will endeavour to send you one in a few posts. I have rec[eive]d yo[ur]s of the 20th wth two Newc[astle] banknotes for £5 each & plac'd the same to your acct.

P.S. The ten[an]ts names are John Morreley jun. Edwd.Reay Thos.Reay Ann Atkinson John Robson John Brown each a penalty of £2000 except Ann Atkinson

whose is to be £100. Mrs Allgoods ten[an]ts at Kirkheaton farmed their own tithe of Mrs Windsor, but have now taken them of Sr.Wr. for the y[ea]r. I fancy therefore nothing more is necessary as to them, their names are Jacob Lowry & [blank] Carr. As the ten[an]ts do not all attorn at the same time I desire to know whe[the]r there must be an[othe]r Mem[oran]dum of the Attornm[en]t at the bottom of it or that will do you have sent down for I presume you will make all the bonds bear the same date. the delivering possession by those th[a]t have attorned is certified to be the 22d inst. If Brown absolutely refuses to attorn w[ha]t will you do wth him? for I beleive he will be directed by Mr Fawcett from what I hear since the above. I am etc JR

26 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to William Ward

To Mr Ward at Holbeck near Leeds Newcastle 26 May 1758

Y[ou]r Lre by the last post to Mr Douglas, wch Mr Fenwick inclosed to me, I sealed & sent him; & yesterday I waited on him to desire, w[ha]t he intended Mr Fenwick sho[ul]d sign for the Security might be got ready, for I wanted to send away the writing to be executed as I knew Mr Fenwick had imediate occasion for the money; His ans[we]r to me was very short, That he wo[ul]d not meddle between Father & Son, but if I wo[ul]d give an Order to Mr Rudd to draw a proper deed he wo[ul]d consider it, so th[a]t matters are again at a stand, & likely to be so; unless you & Mr Fenwick can settle the affair between yourselves, wch I sho[ul]d think you may easily do without giving Mr Douglas any more trouble, As an Assignm[en]t of S[i]r W[alte]rs & Mr Peareth's bond seems to be all that is necessary. What instructions co[ul]d I give to Mr Rudd abo[u]t drawing a deed in wch Sr.Wr. is to be no parety nor can have any concern? as he gives his bond for the £2000 in the manner desired, wch. I have ready to deliver. I am not a little surprised at Mr Douglas & cannot really find out w[ha]t he aims at. I shall send away the money to be paid Mr Fenwick, wth the deeds as soon as ever I hear f[ro]m you th[a]t you are ready to execute.

PS. I hope you will take a post chaise & come to York when the deeds are sent: wch will save a great deal of trouble & I hope will be to you no inconvenience. I am etc JR

26 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To Jno. Fenwick Esq. in Robert's Place York 26 May 1758

Sir
Yesterday I called on Mr Douglas to desire w[ha]t he had to draw between Mr Ward & you might imediately be got ready; to wch I rec[eiv]ed an Ans[we]r as mentioned in the inclosed to Mr Ward; wch you will forward or not as you think proper. You see plainly

nothing will be got done wth Mr Douglas, who says he does not know who is to pay him, & wants me to give instructions to Mr Rudd to draw a deed about wch I am not able to give any instructions at all; nor do I know w[ha]t sort of a deed he wo[ul]d have drawn; for I am sure as you will have Sr.Wrs bond for the £2000 he cannot be made a party to any deed between Mr Ward & you. I herewith send you copy of the bond th[a]t Mr Ward & you may consider what can be done without giving Mr Douglas any more trouble, or Mr Scott & me any more trouble to attend him to no purpose. I sho[ul]d think any Attorney may draw an Assignm[en]t of the bond to Mr Ward on the terms you can agree, sufficient for his security. I am etc JR

30 May 1758 Joseph Richmond to Daniel Lascelles

To Daniel Lascelles Esq in Mincing Lane London 30 May 1758

Sir
Inclosed is Messrs Peareth & Sorsbies bill on Mr Geo. Napier for £379.15.0 wch when paid, will discharge the half years intrest of the £21700 due to you from Sir Walter Blackett the 14 February last, which please to place accordingly & advise the Receipt hereof. I am etc JR

NB advised Mr <Dubos> least Mr Lascelles should not be in Town JR

To Mr George Napier M[erchan]t in London
Newcastle 26 May 1758 £379.15.0
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order three hundred seventy nine Pounds, fifteen shillings the value in Acct. with Sr. Walter Blackett, place the same to account as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

2 Jun 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Greys Inn London Newcastle 2 June 1758

Dr Sr

Inclosed is Messrs Peareth & Sorsbie's bill on Mr George Napier for £200 wch I desire you will place to my acct & advise receipt of.

The 4 undermentioned tenants have absolutely refused to attorn to Sr. Wr. I find Mr Minican has been with them with some instructions & promises f[ro]m Mr Fawcett & they say they are under no apprehensions of any trouble f[ro]m Sr.Wr. this y[ea]r. Mr Robson left the key of the hall wth the woman that made on the fires, & Mr Minican under pretence of looking after the Goods in the house got the key from her &

bro[ugh]t it away with him & also the Key of the Chaple . I have served the Writ of Execution on Mr Beaumont but as he promises to pay the £200 in a few days; I defer making the Affid[avi]t of Service till I see whether performs his promise. I am etc JR

John Moraley jun.
Edws. Reay
Thos. Reay
John Browne
will not attorn - their rents amount to about £120.0.0 & the rents of the 9 that have attorned to £249.13.0

To Mr George Napier Merchant in London
Newcastle 26 May 1758 £200
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order Two hundred pounds, the value in acct. with Sr.Wr.Blackett, place the same to Acct as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie

2 Jun 1758 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

2d June 1758 Advised Plumb & Brown of a p[iec]e silver wt. 330 oz & 1/2 sent them this day by Wm.Laycock. JR

6 Jun 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton Greys Inn London Newcastle 6 June 1758

Dr Sir

I have rec[eive]d y[ou]rs of the 3d inclosing Ladt Blacketts receipt for £200 wch is placed to your acct.

If the Stotts apply for a comis[sion], this Term & Sr.Wr. join therein Mr Coll.Forster & Mr Wm.Gibson wo[ul]d do very well for Comis[sione]rs but I conclude Mr C.Forster will be struck out if L[or]d North[umber]land can do it therefore you sho[ul]d think of two more of the ablest hands in the country. I am of opinion Lawyer Rudd sh[oul]d be one & Mr Henry Wilkinson or Mr Wm.Lowes if Sr.Wr. approve of him are the fittest persons I can think of - Mr Fawcet I imagine will be appointed by Lady Windsor; If you fix on Mr Rudd he sho[ul]d be imediately be wrote to. & if they let Mr Forster stand, who is to be Sr. Wrs Sollicitor I am etc JR

9 Jun 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London 9 June 1758

Dr Sir

If S[i]r W[alte]r & you should think any of the p[er]sons mention'd in my last improper to be named as Comis[sione]rs I think Mr Thos. Dixon will do very well but Mr French being one of L[or]d No[rthumber]lands Agents I fancy he will not chuse to act. Mr Beaumont now tells me he does not know when he can pay the £200 therefore I desire to know whether I must send up my affid[avi]t & if the Writ is to be returned therewith, as it cannot be sent in a frank.

PS since the above I have rec[eiv]ed yours of 6 inst but as Mr Robson has the attornm[en]t & Lres signed by the tenants I cannot send you them by this post Jno.Moraley jun. , one of those that signed the 2d Lre to Sr.Wr. has attorned. The two Reays & Brown still stand out. I am etc JR

9 Jun 1758 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To Jno. Fenwick Esq. in Roberts's Place York 9 June 1758

Sir

Mr Douglas now says he has not money of yours suff[icien]t to pay Mr Sparrows int[re]st & the int[re]st of yo[u]r £100 bond, wch he therefore wo[ul]d not deliver up when I sent him the principal as you desired me; therefore I see no other way than for you to give me an Order to pay the £100 & int[re]st & also to pay Mr Sparrow's intr[es]t to the 12th of May; & then Mr Douglas & you may settle your acct. between yourselves. Mr Douglas has one part of the Grant for Mr Wards Ann[ui]ty but says there is a Counterpart I desire to know whose hand it is in, whe[the]r in yours or Mr Wards for both p[arts must be delivered up. As my son, who will wait upon you wth the writings & money, is a Comis[sione]r in the Dedimus to take the fine, it will be necessary th[a]t he be satisfied as to Mrs Fenwicks age, therefore you will please to let me know by the return of the post where she was baptized, that he may examine her register. Mr Douglas sent the deeds yesterday to Mr Barker for his & Mr Sparrows approbation, & if no objections arise, my son may at last think of setting forwards. I am sure no delay has been given by Sr.Wr. or any concerned for him in getting an end put to this affair. I am etc JR

9 Jun 1758 Joseph Richmond to William Ward

To Mr Wm. Ward at Holbeck near Leeds 9 June 1758

Sr.

As matters are now nearly bro[ugh]t [to] a conclusion for the deeds to be sent into Yorkshire to be executed & Mr Widrington has drawn a proper security from Mr Fenwick to you for your rent charge I must desire you will send me a line by the return of the post where Mrs Fenwick was baptized; for as my son is a Comis[sione]r mention'd in the dedimus for her passing a fine it is necessary he sh[oul]d be satisfied that she is of age.

I also desire to know whe[the]r you have Mr Fenwicks grant of the £80 a y[ea]r rent charge in yo[u]r possession, or in whose custody it is, for it must be deiver'd up, when you convey & receive Mr Fenwicks assignm[en]t of Sr.Wr. Blacketts & Mr Peareths bond. I am etc JR

17 Jun 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton 17 June 1758

Dr.Sr.
Inclosed is my Affidavit of serving the writt of Execution on Mr John Beaumont the charge of wch is £0.3.01/2, wch I have placed to your Account. Sir Walter has the Attornment of the Kirkheaton tenants with him at Wallington to try if the 2 Reays & Browne will sign it, in my next I will send it you, with the 2 Lres as you desire, & let you know who he would have named as his Comissioner, if the Stotes proceed on their Bill. I am etc JR

20 Jun 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Denton 20 June 1758

Dr. Sr.
Inclosed you receive the Attornment of the Kirkheaton Tenants, but as to the two Reays & Brown they still stand off, you have also inclosed John Dixons affidavit of a Waife being taken up at Kirkheaton, & under another Cover by this post you will receive the two letters sent to Sir Walter by the Tenants, which I desire you will advise the Receipt of. Sir Walter desires you will mention to Mr <B.Wynne> whether it may not be proper for him to say at the next meeting that as there are such strong presumptions in his Favour, it is hoped the Crown will not interfere. I am etc JR

23 Jun 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Denton Greys Inn London 23 June 1758

Dr. Sir

The Attornm[en]t I sent you last post is not right; for Hen. Richmond was not present at the time when Mr Robson got Jno. Moraley jun. to attorn tho Mr Brown & he have signed to the sealing & delivery by them all; therefore the attornm[en]t sho[ul]d not be produced till that matter is rectified. Mr Fawcet now says that he has ordered Mr Minican to desire the two Reays & Brown to attorn to Sir Wr., who desires you will send me back the attornm[en]t for them to sign if they will & then Mr Brown & Hen. Richmond must be present & see young Moraley attorn again. I am told Lawyer Stanhope says the Stotts will make out a very clear title. I am etc JR

7 Jul 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chr. Denton Greys Inn London Newcastle 7 July 1758

Dr Sir

Inclosed is a bill on Messrs Plumbe & Browne for £45, wch I desire you will place to my acct. & advise the receipt of. And you herewith receive Robt. Shipleys Affidavit about the Waif taken up at Kirkheaton; wch is not so full as I co[ul]d wish, but his memory will not enable him to be more particular. I am etc JR

PS. Sr.Wr. desires you will procure him of the Kings printer or elsewhere half a dozn of the Ponteland turnpike Acts passed on the 22d of the pres[en]t King & send them by the first opportunity.

You make send one or two of them by the post.

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London
Newcastle 7 July 1758 £45
Sirs
Ten days after date pay Mr Chris.Denton or Order the sum of Forty five pounds value received & place the same to account as by advice from, Sirs, etc. Jos. Richmond

7 July 1758
Advised Messrs Plumbe & Browne of the above Dra[f]t on them for £45.0.0

7 Jul 1758 Joseph Richmond to Lawrence Richardson

To Mr Lawrence Richardson at the Lion in the Bailey Durham 7 July 1758

Sir

Sr.Wr. Blackett orders me to write you th[a]t his Servants & horses will be at your house on Wednesday & thursday in your Assize Week. But he desires you will ingage a good Room & Bed for himself for those 2 nights in some private house, not far from your Inn. I desire you will let me know as soon as you have engaged such lodgings. I am etc JR

14 Jul 1758 Joseph Richmond to John Horn

To Mr John Horn at Leeds 14 July 1758

Sir
I Received your Letter by Mr Forster & in answer thereto, I have received no money of Mr Harvey for intrest, nor do I know what to receive, if you send him a proper receipt he will pay you the intrest himself. & as to intrest of the £100 you say is in Sir Walter Blacketts hand, I am quite a stranger to it but I dare say he will desire Mr Strother to pay you what is due. I am etc JR

18 Jul 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton Grays Inn London Newcastle 18 July 1758

Dr Sir
I have rec[eiv]ed the turnpike Acts by Mr French & also your Lre of the 11th & will pay yo]u]r bill to Mr Harland when he calls on me. I have got copies of sev[era]l surrenders at Anickgrainge Couret in 1622, 1631, &1633 in wch it appears by the stile of the court, that Sr. Jno. Fenwick was then Lord of the Manor, the Attornm[en]t is also rectified; & which may be sent Mr Darwin if any way necessary at present. I desire you will take care of the two Lres of the tenants sent to Sr. Walter. The Stotts still keep off the two Reays & Brown f[ro]m attorning. I shall be glad to know w[ha]t steps they are taking. I am told Mr Craister says that when Kirkheaton was sold the Seigniory was reserved for the Crown; if so it must have been before the Grant of Hexham & Anick gr[ainge] : pray have you seen the deeds in Lady Windsors hand & how does that matter appear to you? What is Mr Craister doing for its talked th[a]t the Stotts will get into possession of the Estate at Howden pans, where they have ejected the tenants. I wish you a good journey into the North. We have here very wet weather.
I am etc JR

26 Jul 1758 Joseph Richmond to John Cross

To Mr John Cross Attor[ney] at Law in leeds Newcastle 26 July 1758

Dr. Sir

Sir W[alte]r desires you will pay John Horn the sum of £6 for intr[es]t of £200 & take his receipt for the same according to the inclosed [see below] or w[ha]t other form you think more proper.

I presume you know that Ben Horn left this £200 to be divided among his Relations after his bro[the]rs death, who is to have the intr[es]t thereof during his life. If Sir Wr. do not desire Mr Strother to repay you this £6 you may indorse the receipt & make the contents rec[eiv]ed of me & I will pay the money to your Order. I am etc JR

Rec[eiv]ed of Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. at the hand of Mr Jno. Cross the sum of two pounds for half a yrs intr[es]t of £100 due 13 June last & the sum of £4 for a yrs intr[es]t of £100 on Mr Mark harveys note to my late Bro[the]r Ben Horn due 1st May last wch note is in Sr. Wrs. hand. As witness my hand the .....

£6.0.0

31 Jul 1758 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thos. Maughan at Newhouse 31 July 1758

Sr.

I have acquainted Sir Wr. with w[ha]t Mr Bacon's Agents propose with regard to New Meadowheads & he is agreable to come into w[ha]t measures Mr Harrison & you think reasonable for him to do, & doubts not but you will consider the affair thoroughly wth regard to Mr Bacons being at a fourth charge in driving the two levels. I do not imagine there is any probability of cutting any new vein in driving them up to the intersection of Great Slitt & New Meadowheads. PS. You know th[a]t if any new vein is discovered in driving a level of wch they bear part of the charege they will claim the same as p[ar]tners[hi]p unless sufficiently guarded ag[ain]st. Therefore it sho[ul]d be added, That if any such cross vein be cut Mr Bacon is to have no part thereof. I am etc JR

11 Aug 1758 Joseph Richmond to Jane Gomeldon

To Mrs Gomeldon Newcastle 11 Aug 1758

Madam

By Sir Wr. Blacketts directions I wrote to Thos. maughan his Agent in Weardale about the damage you say is done to Miss Shields Estate by the Slitt Grove, whose ans[we]r is as follows, wch I am ordered to send you; & also to acquaint you that Sr. Wr. is ready to refer the damage to two indifferent persons & when you let him know

who you make choice of, he will appoint one to whom there can be no objection I am, Mad[a]m Your etc JR

'Miss Shield & Jno. Featherston has a p[iec]e of coarse pasture land at Middlehope Sheel equally between them & Great Slitt Grove is wro[ugh]t thro' the Middle of it, & the deads cuttings &c all lay in it; by wch Jno. Featherston & Miss Shield's tenants will have 40s damage this year, & that is the utmost it can be computed at, and will likewise please them very well. As to the rest of Miss Shield's land it receives no damage by Great Slitt, but it is a considerable advantage to her that the grove proves good, for her land before last year as I am informed was never let for more than 20 Guineas a yr. & it's now let for 25.15.0. Suppose the whole pasture were to be laid waste by the grove it w[oul]d only be ab[ou]t 3 po[un]ds a yr damage to Miss Shield & Jno. Featherston together. T.M.'

1 Sep 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr. Wr. Blackett Bt M.P to be left at the Cocoa tree Pall Mall London
1 Sept. 1758

Hon. Sir

My son saw Mr Johnson at Hexham, who told him the four young men were returned the Evening before, having got information as suppos'd th[a]t their design to go abroad was discovered : there were sev[era]l more its beleived had the same design, all papists, but who perswaded them thereto is not yet known, its suspected one of their priests was to have gone wth them under pretence of carrying them to some seminary for their Education, tho' they are all the Children of persons of low degree & 20 yrs of Age or near it. As the thing is well known at Hexham & everybodyd Eyes upon them, Mr Johnson thinks they will be content to stay at home & not make any more attempts to go abroad, but if they sho[ul]d notice will be imediately sent hither & a person privately dispatched that knows them all. Mr Peareth thinks the best way is not to stir any more in the matter at present, but in a fortnight or 3 weeks time to take up at once all the four that were here to keep them apart f[ro]m one another, to try if upon an Examination any discovery can be made. Mr Wade Mr Preston & Mr Cross lay here last nigfht & set forw[ar]d homewards this morning. I hope this will find you well & am etc JR

PS Mr Johnson says they sent the notice to Mr Mayor because they did not beleive you were at Newcastle.

10 Sep 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr. Walter Blackett Bt as above 10 Sept 1758

Hon Sir.
I shall send tomorrow by the Coach wch will be in Lond[o]n on saturday a box directed for you of Mr Carlisles with 12 pine-apples & Mr Blackett will send Phillis by the first carefull master that sails. I have no demand for Lead at any price, so there is no prospect of making the pays this year, which I am sorry for, as the Country will be uneasie for want of their money. I am etc JR

19 Sep 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr. Wr. Blackett Bt M.P to be left at the Cocoa tree Pall Mall London
19 Sept. 1758

Hon. Sir
As to borrowing of money to make the pays, wch wo[ul]d require 7 or £8000 more than I have, it is not to be got here, nor do I beleive it co[ul]d be got in London on security of 10000 p[iece]s of Lead. I therefore see no other way than to let the people have what subsistence money I can raise till the spring, in hopes of getting a q[uanti]ty of lead sold ag[ain]st that time.
I find by the ships th[a]t came in yesterday there is a 40 gun ship off Flambro' head & some other ships of force on this coast agreable to w[ha]t Mr Elliot wrote you, so th[a]t the trade f[ro]m this port is likely to be better protected.
The Corporation are invited to dine at Heaton on thursday. I do not know how Mr Mayor & Mr Ridley will behave on Mich[aelma]s Monday with regard to the Electors if you are not here; but Mr Ord & I will put them to the tryal.
Mr Baker desires to be excused f[ro]m the Sherif's Office this year & it is not yet determined who to pitch on. I am sure I do not know where to find a proper person, I hope they cannot think of Sr. T. Clavering as he does not live in town, tho' it is whisper'd he wo[ul]d accept the office. I am etc JR

26 Sep 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr. Walter Blackett Bt as above 26 Sept 1758

Hon. Sir
Mr Edwd. Mosley has accepted the office of Sheriff with a very good grace after almost all the young Merchants in Town had refused it, I do not think they could have got a properer Person, for I beleive him to be a very worthy honest man that will not be influenced to do a bad thing, but this will not be agreable to Mr Peareth who suspected him to be someway connected with Mr Liddle in the Hopper affair. I will take care to send you a bill for £200 & as many pineapples as are ready agreable to your Directions,

I am using all my Endeavours to raise as much money as will pay Allenheads & Coalcleugh mines before Xmas to the 30th of June, but as to Weardale pay it cannot be done till I can sell 10000 pieces of lead, for I beleive it will come to near £8000. I am etc JR

26 Sep 1758 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

Advised Messrs Plumbe & Browne that I had this 26 Sept. drawn a bill on them payable to Sir Walter Blackett Bt. or order at 20 days date.

3 Oct 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To S[i]r W[alte]r Blackett Bt. MP. to be left at the Cocoa tree Pall Mall London
3 Oct 1758

Hon. Sir

Inclosed is a bill on Messrs Plumb & Brown for £200 wch I desire you will please to advise the rec[eip]t of . See afterwards the copy of the bill.

The Election yesterday was concluded in a very quiet manner. Mr Sowerbie chosen Mayor & Mr Mosley Sherif. & we have got a Set of Electors to our liking, without any Opposition. Mr Bell sent for me on Saturday & shew'd me yo[u]r Lre. Mr Ridley was present & what they seemed to desire was that all the lists might be delivered to Mr bell, for him to deliver them to the Ald[erme]n, wch they said wo[ul]d look better & it was done accordingly.

The Skinneers Co. tho[ugh]t proper to return Mw. Curry for one of their former Electors, in hopes I presume it might be the occasion of getting him restored to his freedom. but on the Magistrates sending for the Stewards & acquainting them what wo[ul]d be the consequence they summoned the Co. again and made choice of a proper person. otherwise the Election must have been put off till this day, & all th[a]t had voted for Curry were liable to be disfranchised.

Yesterday I sent by the Coach a box directed for you with 12 pineapples being all that are ready & have given Mr Ridsdale notice thereof. I am etc JR

13 Oct 1758 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

13 Oct 1758 - Advis'd Messrs Plumbe & Browne of my drawing a bill on them for £70 on the 10th inst pay[a]ble to Mr Chr. Denton at 25 days & also of a P[iece] of Silver sent them this day by Fryer Todd q[uanti]ty 548 Ounces JR

21 Oct 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP at the Cocoa tree Pall Mall London 21 Oct 1758

Hon. Sir

By my Ladys order I shall send on Monday by the coach twelve pineapples in a box directed for you at Mr Carlisle's & will give Mr Ridsdale notice thereof.

The price of lead is now drop'd to 13.5.0 & even at that price I cannot get a Q[uanti]ty sold. The lead you have at Market has cost you about £12 a fo[the]r when the mines & mils are p[ai]d So th[a]t little or nothing can be expected f[ro]m the lead trade this y[ea]r & I wish it may not be worse next y[ea]r for the quantities at all marketts are so large that I fear the price will continue to fall till we have a peace.

We have nothing meterial stirring at present. I am etc JR

NB wrote Mr Ridsdale about the pine Apples.

24 Oct 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. at the Cocoa tree Pall Mall London 24 Oct 1758

Hon. Sir

Yesterday afternoon Mr kelley the Water Bailif, being under some discontent of mind, put an End to his Life by cutting his throat with a penknife. The Comoners Jury have brought in their verdict Lunacy. so that half the value of the office, being about £750 will go to his sisters, the other half to the Corporation. There are already three persons who have offered to purchase the place. ie Mr N. Fenwick & Mr Stephen Watson for his brother, & Mr Smith a Surgeon in this Town. From all wch persons I presume you will hear by this post. Mr Mayor was not in town this morning, so you will scarce hear f[ro]m him this post. But nothing will be resolved on by the Magistrates & Electors till your sentiments are known. Only they say that the person that is accepted of ought to be obliged to give constant attendance & to pay down all the money; which I think will be £1550 or 1500 Guineas.

I have rec[eiv]ed a Lre by this post from Stockton that they are taking any price that offers for their lead. I am etc JR

10 Nov 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Johnson at Durham 10 Nov 1758

Sir

Agreable to yours of the 3rd inst. I herewith send you an acct. of the rents due to the Chap[te]r for Jarrow Coll[ie]ry this y[ea]r amounting to £3.19.0 wch is the last we

shall have to pay them. I desire you will make my complim[en]ts to Mr Crow & tell him I have given Mr Wilkinsons Trustees credit for half the above sum & will send him the acct. between Sr.Wr. Blackett & them as soon as I can get the rents for Milin[ea] & Swardshouse, that it may be setled before Mr Wilkinson goes out of the country. There must be a good deal of money due to Mr Wilkinson f[ro]m Miss Leidger, who is also greatly indebted to Sir Walter on acco[un]t of the colliery; she is lately dead, & has left her Estate to Miss Featherston. I think Sir Wr. & Mr Wilkinson sho[ul]d join in calling for their money as there is enough to pay it.

I have an Abstract of what writings were in the late Mr Jno. Wilkinson's hand at the time of his death relating to Sir W[illia]m Blacketts Estate; wch Sir W[alte]r desires may now be delivered up, as they are much wanted. I am etc JR

21 Nov 1758 Joseph Richmond to Samuel Burn

To Mr Saml. Burn at Berwick 21 Nov 1758

Sir

In ans[we]r to y[ou]r Lre to Sr.Wr.Blackett of 25th ult. I am ordered to acquaint you that Sr.Wr. will be ready to contribute his propor]tio]n of the expence th[a]t may attend the getting a Stop put to the abuses comitted to the fisheries as soon as he knows what plan the Gents. concern'd intend to proceed on & into whose han d they intend yo put the managem[en]t. I allow'd Mr Armorer some y[ea]rs ago by Sr. Wrs. order 10 pounds on th[a]t account wch was put into the hand of some Gent. of the Law in yo[u]r town but we never heard any more of the matter, I wish you wo[ul]d please to enquire w[ha]t was done for the money, if nothing I think it ought to be returned.

Sr. Wr. desires you will let me know if all matters are settled about the Ring & Stand Nets; if not, Sr. Wr. is determined to support his right according to Custom immemorial, & expects of you th[a]t you will not suffer any Innovations, But act according to Mr Robsons directions when last w[i]th you but if you co[ul]d let the Ring & Stand Nets it wo[ul]d be better than going to Law, in my opinion. I am etc JR

21 Nov 1758 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To Mr John Fenwick at Roberts Place near Bootham Barr York Newcastle 21 Nov 1758

Sir

You here receive a bill for £37 wch with £3 p[ai]d Mr Douglas by yo[u]r order makes the sum of £40 for 1/2 y[ea]rs intr[es]t of Sr. Wr.Blacketts & Mr Peareths bond for £2000 due 22nd inst; & I desire you will sign & return me the inclosed receipt by the first post & also Mr Wards order to pay you the intr[es]t, & then I will send you Mr Douglas' receipt for the £3. I am etc JR

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London
Newcastle 21 Nov 1758 £37.0.0
Sirs
Fifteen days after date pay Mr John Fenwick or order thirty seven pounds value received & place the same to acct. as p[er] advice from Sirs etc Jos. Richmond

22 Nov 1758 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. at Wallington 22 Nov 1758

Hon. Sir
As John Moraley of Kirkheaton, who has attorned to you, did not come to Wallington to pay his rent I fully expected he wo[ul]d have paid it here yesterday at the fair; but he has not yet appeared, tho' he is two y[ea]rs rent in Arrear at Mayd[a]y last. his son said he knew he had lately rec[eiv]ed £40 for goods; so I cannot apprehend what he means by not coming to pay that money. I think Mr Robson or Mr Laidler sho[ul]d go over to know his intentions, for I do not know how far you may be chargeable by suffering any loss that may be prevented. Mr Minican gives Moraley a very indifferent Character - John Moraley the Son is three half years rent behiond at Mayday last. The rest of the Tenants that have attorned to you have p[ai]d all but their last Mayday rent. I am etc JR

1 Dec 1758 Joseph Richmond to Samuel Burn

To Mr Saml Burn at Berwick 1 Dec 1758

Sir
In ans[we]r to your favour of 22d past I am ordered to acquaint you that S[ir] W[alte]r is very willing to exchange y[ou]r ring nets & stands with Mr Kettleby, if you think it can be done on equal terms, & desires you will let him know whether it's agreable to Mr Kettleby to do so, to prevent all further dispute and when the proprietors of the fisheries meet again you may acquaint them that Sir Wr is ready to contribute his proportional share of the expence of such measures as they shall unanimously agree to pursue in order to prevent the abuses complained of. I am etc JR

15 Dec 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton in Greys Inn London 15 Dec 1758

Dr Sir

Inclosed are two bills for £282.19.10 wch I desire you will place to my acct & advise the receipt. I desire you pay Lady Mansels 1/2 yrs Annuity due 10th Oct last & send me a proper receipt for it. I hope this will find you relieved fm your cough & recovering your health apace, wch I will be much rejoyced to find & am, Dr Sr yours etc JR

To Messrs Vere Glyn & Hallifax, London
15 Dec 1758 Newcastle No. 4297 £50
At ten days after date pay to the order of Mr Jos Richmond Fifty pounds value received.
For Bell Cookson Carr & self Jos Airey

To Messrs Vere Glyn & Hallifax, London
12 Dec 1758 Newcastle No 4291 £232.19.10
Thirty days after date pay to the Order of Mr Thomas Airey Two hundred & thirty two pounds nineteen shillings & Tenpence value received.
For Bell Cookson Carr & self Jos Airey

16 Dec 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Denton

To Mr Chris. Denton London 16 Dec 1758

Dr Sir
I rec[eiv]ed yours of the 12th inst & am very sorry you are still so much indisposed, but hope your next Lre will bring me a better acc[oun]t. Below is an Ans[we]r to yo[u]r lre as far as I can give it at this time & I will send you Copies or full Abstracts of the deeds you want as soon as I come at them. I am etc JR

- Redburn is a Lease for Lives from Sherborn hospital
- Lintzgarth id do. fm the B[isho]p of Durham
- Kilhope & Welhope is do. fm do. wch you do not mention
- Crook Oak - a small close, is an Assignm[en]t fm Mr Wharton to Sr.Wm.Blackett for 99 yrs, pays an out rent of £4 a yr but I know not where the Assignment is.
- The P[ar]tners[hi]p Mines wth Mr Bacon, is included in the Moor Ma[ste]r Lease of the Moors & Wastes in Weardale fm the Bishop.
- The 1/12 of Stella Coll[ie]ry is a Lease for Lives fm the B[isho]p. But the whole is renewed in the name of Mr Lion[e]l Vane who is so much disorder'd that no

Assignm[en]t of the shares can be made by him But the original purchase of Sr. Wr's 1/12 th is in his study & some old assignm[en]ts of it since that time.

- The ho[use] in Hornsby Chair is a mortgage by way of Lease & Release for £919.12.3 fm Rob Carr to Wm. Davison & Jno. Wilkinson, (Ex[ecu]tors of Sr Wm.Blackett the Fa[the]r) in 1714 But these deeds are in the hand of Mr Wilkinsons Ex[ecu]tors & I cannot yet come at them. This house has never been let for above £20 or £21 a year.
- Sidgate Closes are all freehold Except a small slip of Gro[un]d leas'd of the Corporation just without the wall for a convenient entrance; wch it is not material to take notice of.
- The Nuns Garden & Tenem[en]t thereto belonging is freehold & was purchasd by Mr Jno. Wilkinson for Sr Wm.Blackett in 1724. But these deeds are in the hands of Mr Wilkinsons ex[ecu]tors& cannot be got.

19 Dec 1758 Joseph Richmond to Samuel Burn

To Mr Saml. Burn at Berwick 19 Dec 1758

I have received your Favour of the 16th inclosing your bill on Mr Thos.Burn for eighty five pounds, wch when paid will discharge your half years rent for the Fisheries due to Sir Walter Blackett at Lady Day last.

As Mr Kettleby us willing to exchange the Ring Nets, Sir Walter desires you will get a proper agreement drawn if necessary & when Mr Kettleby has executed one part thereof, Sir Walter will execute the other. I am etc JR

19 Dec 1758 Joseph Richmond to Daniel Lascelles

To Dan[ie]l. Lascelles Esq in Mincing Lane London Newcas 19 Dec 1758

Sir Inclosed is a bill on Messrs Plumbe & Browne for 379.15.0 to discharge the ½ Yrs intr[es]t on S[ir] Wr Blacketts Mortgage due 14 Aug. last, wch I desire you will place to his Acco[un]t accordingly & advise me on your receipt hereof I am &c JR

Sirs
Newcastle 19 Dec. 1758 £379.15.0
Thirty days after date pay Daniel Lascelles Esq or order Three hundred & seventy nine pounds fifteen shillings, value received & place the same to acco[un]t as advised by - f[ro]m Your most h[um]ble serv[an]t Jos Richmond
To Messrs Plumbe & Browne
Goldsmiths In Foster Lane London

22 Dec 1758 Joseph Richmond to Joseph Hindley

To Mr Joseph Hindley Clockmaker in York Newcas 22nd Dec 1758

Sir

In answer to your Lre to Sir. W[alte]. Blackett I am to write you that Sir Wr would have you make him an Eight days Clock, to strike to a Bell of three Cwt, wch if made of good metal he is informed may easily be heard a mile or more, & such a one he desires you will find him.

Sir Wr thinks two hands will be sufficient, one to the So[uth] & the other to the East, for more I apprehend will be a load upon ["to" crossed out] the Work & may be difficult to keep in order, as there is no good Clockmaker within many miles of Wallington. On the other two sides of the Turrett he wo[ul]d have sham dial plates etc. – Sir Wr desires you will make the work of a strength suitable to the size of the Bell, as you mention, & the charge of £5 on that Acco[un]t he leaves to your own Moderation as well as the travelling Charges; But as to the latter he thinks, as you will have to put up a Clock for Sir John Swinburn at the same time, that charge sho[ul]d be divided between Sr Jno & him I am Yr &c <J>R

22 Dec 1758 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesf[iel]d 22 Dec[embe]r 1758

Sir Geo[rge] Roberts, Joseph Fairlam & Mich[ae]l Burdus have wrote to Sir Walter desiring his Opinion whether they are to plow & sow their intack <prviond> or not Sir Walter orders me to desire you will give them for answer that he cannot tell how to advise them for he does not know what steps Mr Baker may think proper to take next year they will see what their neighbours do & they may follow their Example or not, as they think proper themselves. I am &c JR

22 Dec 1758 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Blackett

To Chris Blackett Esq in York buildings London Newcas 22 Dec 1758

Sir

I am ordered by Sir Wr to write you by this post that he expects Lady Blackett will set forwards for London about this day senight, & therefore desires you will be so good as get the house ready for her reception. My Compliments on the approaching season attend you & your family & I am &c JR

13 Jan 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP to be left at the Cocoa Tree Pall Mall London Newc[astle] 13 Jany 1759

Honrd Sir
Dr Robinson is ready to lend you £1000 at 4 PCn so I send herewith a bond for that sum wch I desire you will please to execute before 2 witnesses & return me Mr Widdrington says Mr Denton or Mr Darwin he thinks sho[ul]d be one of the witnesses. This is all the money can be met with here & I shall still want abo[u]t £2000 to make Weardale pay to Mids[ummer] last, & the Mils will be to be p[ai]d in three months to Xmas last, but they must wait till some Lead can be sold. I doubt the price will be lower than ever I knew it before the End of this Year, but at present we have no price at all offered. I sho[ul]d think it prudent to lessen some of the work, wch I submit to your consideration – I am told Mr Begge writes th[a]t Mr Denton is past all hopes of Recovery, wch I am sorry for, You know that all the deeds relating to your Estates are in his custody, wch Mr Darwin sh[oul]d be desired to take care of & deliver you up when you please to receive them – I herewith inclose Jno [John] Bourn's Lre & the Character that Mr Wilkinson and Mr Dodds give of him I am &c JR

13 Jan 1759 Henry Richmond to Joseph Hindley

To Mr Jos[eph] Hindley Clockmaker York Newc[astle] 13th Janry 1759

S[i]r
Inclosed you have Mr Robsons Lre to me, w[i]th a plan of the Clockhouse at Wall[ington] & a scale to the same; by wch you will obtain an ans[wer] to your Enquiry "what is "the diameter of the largest Circle that can be drawn on the outside of the Turret?" –
Mr Robson says there will be no light into the Clockroom except a Window or two be made in the dial plates I am &c HR

16 Jan 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP at his House in Brook Street Grosvenor Square London 16 Janry 1759

Honrd Sir
I am very glad that Matters ab[ou]t the house are at last settled to your satisfaction – There was nothing passed at the Guild relating to the Lamp bill & I think nothing more

will be done in it this Year, tho some of our Alder[men] talk otherwise – As to the Lre, in White's paper signed B.K. the Author is not known, but Mr Clennel & Mr Jos[eph] Airey are both suspected, tho they absolutely deny it – I shall send up by Mr Greenwood the Lease & Release & Fine of East Kenton All the other title deeds are in Mr Dentons hand – Mr Ridley proposes to set forw[ar]d in a day or two & my Lady, who is now at Wallington, I am told, will set forw[ar]d on Thursday morning – Robinson the Brewer at Wallington is come forw[ar]d my waggon in order to bring down the horses – I am glad to find you are well & am Kind[est] *** Y[ou]r m[ost] faithfull & obed[ient] serv[ant] JR

26 Jan 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP at his house in Brook Street Grosvenor Square
Newcas 26 Jany 1759

Honrd Sir

I herewith inclose the rental of Kenton estate but have not yet got matters settled with John Donkin, because Mr Robson thinks it will be more agreable to you to lay out £30 or £40 more than was at first intended, in taking in the Waste ground in the Street before the slate row of houses; for wch I believe Mr Donkin will be willing to pay 10 p[er] Cent, wch will be a further addition to the Rental & I desire to know if you approve thereof. – I have talked with Jno [John] Weatherburn about his farm & he is willing to take a Lease for 12 or 15 years f[ro]m next Mayday at £10 a yr advance, wch I think is the most Mr Robson & I shall be able to make of him, please to let me know if you chuse to agree thereto, or let his term run out – I do not see how the security can be divided between the two parties that are to raise the £14000, as the Estate is all under one title, unless they can settle the matter between themselves but if you agree to Donkin & Weatherburn's proposals the yearly value of the Estate may be equally divided according as the farms are marked A: & B:.

On Wednesday I reced of Dr Robinson £1000 on that bond sent me down the last post & I shall still want 2000S to make Weardale pay & 3000S more to make the Lead Mils pay, if you design to make it in March : Bank post bills for £300 & £400 will be the best way of returning the money hither, as I expect the Duke of Portland & L[or]d Tankerville's agents will furnish me with the money the latter end of March – I find Messrs Bewick & Craister intend to try their title to Mrs Windsors estate at our next Assizes & that the Stotts design to do the same. As you are to defend the Kirkheaton tenants that have attorned to you I think you sho[ul]d have at least one able Council, that comes the Circuit, engaged to support your Claim. for I believe Mr Craistor has been with Mr Wynn, but whether he has retained him, or not I do not know. Mr Collingw[oo]d Forster sho[ul]d also be wrote to in time least he be engaged ag[ain]st you as Attorney.

Robt Scott says you spoke to him, ab[out] getting the So[uth] Wall next the <Feyers> lined with brick 4 yds high above the border & a cape put on the top of the lining to project two inches. Our bricklayers say a Wall that hight will not stand under 15 inches thick unless its fastned to the stonework with iron Ss every two y[ar]ds square or less. I desire to know wch way you chuse to have it done the expense will be £50 or upwards

Mr Bell tells me to day, he has bought L[or]d Cranston's estate so desires his £1000 may be p[ai]d in as soon as possible – I sent imediately to Mr Edwd Coates, but have not yet heard f[ro]m him – Mr Mayor says he will acquaint you this post what was agreed in Comon Council this morning about the Lamps – That the Corporat[ion] will pay the expence of the bill & putting them up & also support the 4 lamps at the Mayor's door & that the Tax on the inhabitants shall not exceed 4d in the pound wch its calculated will be quite sufficient. The petition will be signed I believe by most of the principal people & sent up be express or by Tuesdays post. I do not imagine the Malecontents will agree in making any Opposition –

At Stockton there is now 30000 Pieces Lead at Market & they offer to sell at £12.15s 0d the Newcastle fodder. wch is near what all your Lead has cost you, besides the intr[es]t of your money & it will certainly be still lower unless we have a Peace this year wch I fear there are no hopes of I am &c JR

11 Feb 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin at his Chambers No 8 in Grey's Inn London
Newc 11 Febry 1759

Sr

I have rec[eive]d y[ou]r let[ter] of the 6th with the unwelcome acco[un]t of Mr Denton's death, wch I am very sorry for – My son tells me Suppana's<subpoenas?> came down last post f[ro]m Mr Craister to be servd on all the tenants of the late Mrs Windsors Estate to prevent their setting up their Leases. Below are the names of the Kirkheaton tenants who have attorned to Sr Wr, for whom I presume you are to appear, but I desire you will wait upon Sr Wr for his directions what is to be done, & whether you are to correspond with Mr Coll[ingwoo]d Forster in defending this Cause if any defence is intended – If Mr Stott, whose brother is dead, does not indemnify Jno Brown & the two Reays, who refus'd to attorn to Sr Wr perhaps they may now desire to attorn. & if it sh[oul]d so happen I desire you will send me Sr Wrs directions, whether to take their Attornm[en]t & deliver them the bonds of indemnity in my hand unless they pay up their Rent – P.S. –I find the tenants were served yesterday for I have just rece[ive]d the inclosed (the Labell serv'd on Jno Maraby) f[ro]m Mr Robson I am &c JR

(See the rent book for the names of the tenants)

11 Feb 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr Wr Blackett Bt MP at his h[ous]e in Brook Street Grosvenor Square London
11 Febry 1759

Honrd Sir

The tenants of the late Mrs Windsors Estate were all servd yesterday w[i]th subpenas at the suit of Mr Craister – Mr Robson writes me that Brown & the two Reays, who refused to attorn to you are allarm'd at these subpenas & th[a]t he has some expectation they will now desire to attorn. If it sho[ul]d so happen, please to let me know if you are willing to take their attornm[en]t & give them the bonds of indemnity wch are in my hand – Mr Darwin writes me that he succeeds Mr Denton in yo[ur] business so I have desird him to wait upon you for yo[ur] directions whether he is to appear for the tenants that have attorned I am etc JR

16 Feb 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett as above 16 Febry 1759

Honrd Sir

I find that the <Cas> whose Stew[ar]d applied to you & Mr Ridley persist in opposing the watch & Lamp bill I am told the Butchers Co[mpany] have advanced 5 Guin[eas] the Coopers 4 Guin & the other Co[mpanies] 2 guin[eas] each & the Managers are going ab[ou]t the town to collect w[ha]t money they can get & they boast they have already raisd between £80 & £100. The Managers are Mr Tho[mas] Davison Mr R[ichar]d Wilson & Mr Smales & they were at Durham yesterday to advise w[i]th Mr Rudd ab[ou]t drawing their petition & its matter of debate among them who they will desire to present it for Mr Ridleys & your joint Lre is not satisfactory to them all as they think you incline rather for the bill. This is an unlucky business wch will create a deal of ill humour in the town & I wish it c[oul]d be rectified by any reasonable expedient. I cannot think of any method to conciliate matters, but either to withdraw the petition or the corpora[tion] to pay w[her]e the expense may exceed 3d in the po[un]d. but as to the withdrawing the petition it may justly be said it is giving up too much & will disoblige the greater p[ar]t of the petitioners & whether the opponents wo[ul]d now be satisfied to pay 3d in the po[un]d is a question as the matter is now gone so far & the Managers have now got the money into their hands. Let the matter and as it will you have no Occasion to be any way uneasy abo[ut] it, for they all know you had no hand in projecting it-

The Money I shall want to pay Weardale Mines & the Lead Mils will be abo[u]t £5000 – As to Mr Bell he cannot expect his money at a days warning he will be satisfied if he can have it in 6 months & I hope to be able to pay off in that time. It will be equal to have Postbank bills sent me down for 3 or 400L [pounds] each or for me to have

liberty to draw at 25 days date for what money I want, but bank bills will be more unexceptionable than bills of my drawing – I am sorry I sh[oul]d have misunderstood you ab[ou]t the 200 g for I tho[ugh]t you s[ai]d afterw[ar]ds I need not send it – Mr Gamble has not yet been able to get a good salmon was fit to pickle, for we have had but very little except w[ha]t comes f[ro]m Carlisle, wch he does not think proper to send you – We have had surprising fine weather for the last six weeks & the spring is almost as forw[ar]d as in May – Mr Ald[erman] Simpson sets forw[ar]d tomorrow & purposes to be in London on Tuesday I am &c JR

20 Feb 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP Brook Street Grosvenor Square London
Newc: 20 Febry 1759

Honrd Sir

I have inquird into the character of Mr Jno Hare's son & find he has been guilty of sev[era]l indiscretions & put his father to a great deal of expence, who finds he cannot settle to any sort of business here & therefore desires to have him in the Army wch is the young Man's own inclination. I do not know him but find he is a goodlike person, about 18 yrs of age. I hear very little more of the proceedings of the people in the Oposition, only that they now talk as if they will not oppose the Lights, but intend to petition the house, that the Corpora[tion] may support the whole expence, as the Revenue is sufficient, The Managem[en]t of wch they pretend to impeach. They are as violent in their expressions as ever, but how they get forward with their collection is kept a secret it is certain the Smiths Co[mpany] have not contributed any thing.

Mr Robson tells me Mr Scott says he does not know that L[or]d Northu[umber]l[an]d will meddle in the Kirkheaton Affair, wch he will soon know, & if so, will be very ready to serve you, if you please to employ him, John Brown & the two Reays are as obstinate as ever, & refuse to attorn. I am etc JR

23 Feb 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin No. 8 Greys Inn London Newc: 23rd Febry 1759

Sir

Inclosed are two bills for £75. 19s. 0d as above to ballance the acco[unt] between Mr Denton & me, wch I desire you will place accordingly & advise your receipt thereof & that it is in full Discharge of the ballance of that acco[unt].

John Brown & the two Reays at Kirkheaton refuse to attorn to Sir Walter. - I am etc JR

Newcastle Febry 6th 1759 £70-
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order Seventy pounds value in Acco[un]t p[er] advice from - Pere Tyzack
To John Bland & Son, London

Sirs Newcastle 23 Febry 1759 £5.19.0
Ten days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or Order five Pounds nineteen shillings value rece[ive]d & place the same to Sir Walter Blacketts account without any further advise from Your most h[um]ble Serv[an]t Jos[eph] Richmond
To Messr[s] Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

27 Feb 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W[alter] Blackett Bt MP London 27 Febry 1759

Honrd Sir

I am sorry any objection sho[ul]d now be raised to the title of Kenton estate by Mr Filmer, who has had all the title deeds before him in 1746. When the mortgage was transfer'd to Mr Lascelles – I cannot give any light into the matter unless something may be overlook'd that is mentioned in the inclosed paper As to the Cotterells who were made tenants of the freehold, there is neither of them nor any of their posterity now living here, or that I can get any acco[un]t of. There can be no doubt but the title of Kenton estate is sufficient, & I hope when Mr Filmer reconsiders it the objection will be remov'd, but if not I know no other way than to try if Messrs Lascelles can advance you the Money upon Walling[ton] for as to raising any money upon the Lead at Bladon I am sure it is impracticable here, & no Merch[an]t in London will do it, but upon most unreasonable terms, besides your being debarr'd the liberty of selling it when a Markett may offer – I have no bills but some of Messrs Peareth & Sorsbie's, that have two months to go, wch I have engaged to Mr Brown & Mr Hutchinson, who are to let me have money for them the latter end of March to enable me to pay Weardale Mines for a y[ea]r due last Mids[ummer]; wn there is £8000 due & £2000 more due at Xmas last, The Stewards & some of the people were here last week, & to make them easy I told them I was satisfied their pay wo[ul]d be the beginning of April for the y[ea]r due Mids[ummer]; they want it to be made to Xmas, But that is impossible for me to do without yo[ur] assistance of £2000 & if I return you any Money I shall not be able to pay them to Mids[ummer]; but shall endeavour to get bills at a short date & send you for what sum you please to order me –

Cuth[bert] Midford <or Medford> one of the Electors is dead, I think Mr Blackett is the most proper person to be chosen in his stead I am &c JR

PS The parishes have all refused to name any Comissioners for the Lamp bill & sev[eral] of the Magistrates will not agree to the Corporation's making good any

defficiency in the Tax I am sorry that things should have ever been meddled with unless it had been better managed.

I am just now informed that Cha[rles] Cotterall was never married, but his brother was an Attorney in Furnivals Inn & was married. But I can get no acco[unt] whether he left any Children

27 Feb 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Harrison

To Mr Rich[ard] Harrison at Coalcleugh Newcastle 27th Febry 1759

Sir
Sir Walter writes me he has an Application f[ro]m 25 of the Inhabitants of West Allan for one John Routlidge to succeed Edw[ar]d Coates as Schoolmas[te]r but he does not order him to be appointed unless you think him a proper person, tho' I imagine he wo[ul]d readily comply with their recommendation if there is no sufficient reason to the contrary, wch you are the best judge of; for neither Sir Walter nor I know any thing of him. I am - Yrs etc JR

2 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. MP in Brook Street Grosvenor Square London
Newcl: 2nd March 1759

Honrd Sir

I am very glad to find you think Mr Filmers Objection to Kenton title is like to be removed & that you will get forward in raising the £14000. I hope it will appear that the reason why Kenton & Welton are not one mentioned in the Recovery is those estates being charged with old Lady Blackett's Jointure & that they came to Sir Wm as heir at Law on his purchasing the Jointure of Sr W[illiam] Thompson for £8800. I will make out & send you the rental of Wallington as soon as Mr Robson has got all the farms let & sends me the Articles, wch I expect in a little time – I have wrote to Mr Hay to plant some of the Evergreen Acorns according to your directions. I hope it will not be too late, for he has had them some time. – I wonder Mr Tho[mas] Davison sho[ul]d keep any of Coll[onel] Schutz money in his hand. I know nothing of his Circumstances; but believe he has little business, besides w[ha]t he has under the Collonel, Only that he is an active man at present in opposition to the lampbill. I wish the Corporation business wo[ul]d allow you to come down into the Country. the people who oppose the bill say you are coming home to make up matters with them, but how that co[ul]d be done I cannot imagine.

Yesterday I had some more of the Weardale people & some f[ro]m the Lead Mils pressing for their respective pays, for want of wch they alledge their Landlds threaten

to break them up. I put them off in the best manner I can for the present & hope to be able to satisfy them all before Mayday if you can help me with £5000, wch I expect will do, but cannot be certain yet to £500 as I still want Mr Isaac Hunters acco[un]t for Xmas Qua[rte]r. – There is now at Bladon near 30000 p[ieces] of Lead but I cannot get any of it sold for no body yet asks the price of it.

[The remainder of this letter is written in a different hand, much less neat and more rushed in appearance]

If you order any bank bills to be sent down please to let them be for 200s each, for if they are for larger sums I find it will be difficult to get money for them

Several of the Petitioners for the Lamp bill are sorry they were prevaild on to sign it, not apprehending matters would have been so blundered, & the Opposition carried to the heigth it is like to be, You will please to consider whether it will not be right for you to present the Companies petition against the bill. I think it would please them & can displease no body, for I imagine Mr Ridley & you cannot both present it –

If you did not speak or write to Mr Col[lingwoo]d Forster yourself, he has not been applyed to, for you did not order me to do it, As to Mr Scot he would certainly be for L[or]d Northumberl[an]d unless his Ldsp [Lordship] has given up all his pretensions, which I think he will not do if no heir appear, Three Kits of Salmon are ship[pe]d in the K. of Prussia Capn Hedley I am &c JR

PS. Since closing my Lre I have seen Mr Mayor who has received a copie of the Companies petition, & tells me he has sent to Mr Recorder & all the Aldermen to meet to morrow morning to consider matters & to name Comission[er]s for the several Parishes which I apprehend they will scarce agree about for all or most of the Aldermen in Town were against sending up the bill so soon in order that time might slip away, so that nothing could be done this Sessions

I thought the Companies petition had not been sent singly to Mr Ridley, I do not understand how that should be, for I was inform'd it was sent to both you & him

March 2nd 1759

4 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett in London, as above March 4 1759

Honrd Sir,

As the Agents have prevailed on only about 400 to sign the Petition, the Opposition doe[s] not appear so material as was apprehended, & therefore what I mentioned in my last Lre about your presenting it may not require any Consideration, but I was doubtfull whether their Agent Mr Lock, who served Mr Douglass, might not have some view in carrying the Petition only to Mr Ridley. You find by this Post that the Magistrates have named Comissioners for the Parishes, but will not agree to the Corporation making good any Deficiency of the tax, so that if the bill pass into a Law,

the Question is how it will be executed, Mr Peareth talks of being in London about this day Senight, about the Wear Water business. I have just now receiv'd some further Queeries f[ro]m Mr Darwin, wch this post will not allow me time to Answer, but I will endeavour to do it by the next, tho I have nothing but Abstracts of the writings that are in Mr Lascelles or Mr Darwins hand, it is very strange these Objections should be raised now after the title has been thro[ugh] so many hands. I am etc JR

PS Mr Ord says he is offer'd great favours if he will stand Candidate at the next Elecon

6 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin in Grays Inn March 6 1759

Sir

I Rece[ive]d your Lre of the 1st inst & below you have the best answer I can give to your Queeries . . . . which I wish may be satisfactory.

1st . . . . . I find Jos. Musgraves judgmt for £600 & three years intrest was to be paid by Guys Hospital as appears by the inclosed acco[un]t, wch I desire you will not fail to return me, I do not doubt but the money was paid accordingly

2nd…… Mr Geo. Allgood charges in an acco[un]t with Sir Wm Blackett £113 4s 6d paid the Ex[ecu]tors of Wm Story the 10th July 1723, being the Remaind[er] of the Principal & intrest due on that Judgm[en]t, but I never saw any Vouchers to his acco[un]t

3rd . . . . . As to Sir Jno (John] Withams statute staple, I find by the following Entry in old Sir Wm Blacketts books that it was discharg'd out of the Purchase money for Kenton in 1689, Vizt Febry 23. 1688/9 By Sr W[illiam] Blacketts bill on Millir & Willel payable at 3 days sight to John Douglass on order for £210 to pay off the Statutes & Judgments upon Martin Fenwicks Estate. £170 to Sir John Witham & £40 to Mr Blanche, & all those Judgments I doubt not but will appear to be satisfied on examining the Courts, wch I believe was done by Mr Denton in 1746 to remove the Objections then made by Mr Booth

4thly. . . As to the two annuities of £36 each to the two Brothers, I hope there can be no delay on that acco[un]t, whether any declaration of Trust has been executed by Eden & Atkinson or not wch I can give no manner of acco[un]t of, if there should, you must let me know f[ro]m the Deeds where they lived &c that I may endeavour to find out their Representatives, But I have been almost 32 years concern[e]d in the Family as Recorder & General Accomptant & I never knew any Payment on Demand made for these annuities or for any intrest of the aforesaid Judgm[en]ts or any of them, & I do not know of, or believe there is any incumbrance on Kenton Estate.

I am &c JR

6 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin at his Chambers on Grays Inn 6 Mar[ch] 1759

Sir ….

In your Lre of the 27th ult[o] I rece[ive]d Mr Dentons acco[un]t & inclosed I send you a Duplicate thereof sign'd by me.

I desire you will speak to Mr Thomas about getting any Recognizance for West Kenton vacated, the Expence of which is paid for in the last Acco[un]t settled by the <Ma[…]r>. As Mrs Denton was one of my Securities I hope you'l endeavour to get it discharg'd there is £7 3s 10d in my hand which the <Ma[…]r> did not think proper to divide among the Parties till Mr Beaumonts arrear of £200 should be paid, which I imagine is not intended to be required of him, tho he is able enough to pay it, I have done all in my Power to recover the money in vain, I made my Affidavit of serving the writ against him & sent it to Mr Denton who wrote me he had delivered it to Mr Thomas, & if the money is not to be required, my Recognizance ought not to stand out on that account, I am ready to pay the £7 3s 10d as the Ma[]r shall appoint I am &c JR

6 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Rich[ard] Wilson Esq at Leeds 6th March 1759

Sir

I have rec[eive]d yo[ur] Lre of 28th past & have since seen Mr King who has rece[ive]d the 32000 Quicks. As to the Ash trees that are standing near the Old Hall, they are of no value, so that I think there can be no Objection to his having them for the uses he mentions, for they are dividing the large fields, & will want a great many gates, Your money is all expended sometime ago, of wch I will send you a particular acco[un]t when I remit you the 2 y[ear]s rent due Mart[inma]s last, wch I expect they will pay me the beginning of next month. They are building Cottages houses, & shape so far to do very well, & well they may for they have made a better bargain than I co[ul]d have imagined, having according to my computation let about 500 acres to five tenants for near £500 a year but I find they are under Obligation to lay out a good deal of money for their tenants in building fences etc I am Sr Yo[urs] &c JR

9 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett MP at his ho[use] in Brook Street Grosvenor Square London 9th March 1759

Honrd Sir

I am well assured the Freemen's petition was sent to both you and Mr Ridley & that Mr Lock was ordered first to wait upon you; but as he has acted otherwise it looks like some managem[en]t Mr Peareth set forwards yesterday & I hope will be in Town before the petition is presented, so if you please you many consult with him on this matter. If you carry the Bill into the house & Mr Ridley present the petition ag[ain]st it some people may make Use of that Argum[en]t in his favour, without considering, or perhaps knowing that it was never brought to you - I wish you could remit me the £5000 sooner than the Middle of next month, otherwise I shall not get the pays made before Mayday, wch should be done if possible for it will take some time to raise that sum here, I desire you will please to send bank post bills for 200L each at seven days sight. I hope all difficulties about the title are removed. – As to Mrs Allgood there is no relying on her money & I hope you will have no Occasion for it. – I desire to know whether you relinquished the 3 Years intr[es]t on the Ponteland turnpike road due the 4 Dec[ember] last for Mr Fenwick has made no minute of it & I want to settle with him for the intr[es]t since due I am &c JR

16 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett MP London Newcastle 16th March 1759

Honrd Sir

Mr Harrison says Jno [John] Rutlidge, whom the inhabitants of West Allan have recommended to succeed Edw[ar]d Coates, is not qualified to be a SchoolMaster for he cannot teach English or Writing, so does not chuse to appoint him without further directions. He says their Minister Mr Lancaster tells him he knows a young Man about Penrith that is a good Scholar, who wo[ul]d be glad to accept the School, wch with your allowance of 10 <g[uineas]> a y[ea]r is worth £16 or £17 a year. I find Mr Harrison's Son in Law takes care of the School for the present but he designs to send him abroad in a little time – I delivered yo[ur] message to Mr Jno Hare about his son, who said he was much obliged to you, but tho[ugh]t his son would not chuse a Comission in the Marines. – Robt Dover, whom Mr Ridley recommends for a place in your new hospital, was one of his single votes. You ordered me to put down Jno Richardson Upholder, for the first Vacancy that offers – The expectation of the ports being opened for the Exportation of Corn has already raised the price of Wheat 18d a boll, & other grain in proportion If it should not be under proper Limitations & the next Crop should not prove good the Country may be under as great difficulties as in the year 1757.

What you are pleased to mention this post of the inhabitants refusing to name Comissioners at the sev[eral] vestries is no doubt a material Objection against the Lamp bill, as the Magistrates naming them may seem too arbitrary, But whatever is done as to the bill it will be impossible to satisfy all parties – If the matter had been better considered & the tax would have answered the intended design the opposition does

not appear to be of much consequence, but if the bill is dropd no Body can blame you & Mr Ridley I am &c JR

16 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin. Grays Inn London 16 March 1759

Sir
Robt Eden & Jos Atkinson Esq were both Ald[erme]n of this town, & Mr Atkinson was the Survivor, & it appears to me by the probate of his Will in Mr Ra[lph] Featherstones hand, that Mr Ald[erman] Peareth, who is now in London is his legal representative but if he is not, he can best tell you who is. The Will is dated the 24th February 1712 I am Sir Yours &c JR

17 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Ralph Featherston

To Mr Ra[lph] Featherston, Westgate Street Newcastle 17th March 1759

Sir
Inclosed you receive the acco[un]t of Jarrow Coll[ier]y, bro[ugh]t down to Xmas last & also the late Miss Ledgards proper acco[un]t as it now stands, the ballance of wch being 101.18.5 ¾ due to Sir Wr Blackett, he hopes her Extrix will discharge in a little time I am &c JR

20 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Rich[ar]d Wilson Esq at Richards Coffee House Temple Barr. London
20th March 1759

Sir
Agreable to your Lre of the 12th inst[an]t. I sent my Son with a Person whose Judgem[en]t I can depend upon to enquire into the particulars of Hylton Estate & inclosed herewith you receive an answer to your sev[era]l queries which I believe you may rely on, & by this post I have sent Mr Wilson of Pontefract a copy thereof. The part of West Kenton wch Messrs Kings have let is the hall farm formerly Luke Weatherburns, the Ox Pasture farm formerly John Forsters, the South farm formerly Jos Kings, Slatyford farm & part of the Moor formerly in the hand of Wm Clark & Thos Allan; & by the best information I can get they have let them from 16s to 25s an Acre or about 20s one Acre with another I am &c JR

20 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Joshua Wilson

To Mr Joshua Wilson at Pontefract Yorkshire 20th March 1759

Sir
By Mr Wilson's Directions I have made an Enquiry into Hylton estate and by this post have sent him an Answer to his several Queries relating thereto, wch I believe may be depended on & you receive herewith a copy thereof from Sir Your &c JR

20 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP. London 20 March 1759

Honrd Sir
I defer'd writing last post, that I might the better inform myself, what the Sentiments of the Town are on the Lamp bill being dropt. I find that several on both sides the Question are dissatisfied – Those for the bill seem to blame you & Mr Ridley for not carrying it in, because they are not yet acquainted with the reasons you give for not doing it. & of those aga[in]st the bill some say 'tis dropt because the Corporation was affraid of having their managem[en]t of the Revenue appear before the house, but I think all their passions will subside by little & little – however I think the true reason for dropping the bill ought to be communicated to the people, whatever use they may make of it, as it wo[ul]d be fixing the misconduct of the Whole Affair, where it ought to be fixed & removing all Censure of you & Mr Ridley, but I question whether the Mayor & Magistrates will think proper to do it I am &c JR

23 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

To Messrs Plumbe & Brown Golds[mi]ths, Foster Lane London 23 March 1759

Sirs
I have sent you today by Math[e]w Lee the London Carrier, a Cake of fine Silver weighing 902 ½ oz wch I desire you will place to Sr Wr Blacketts at the market price & advise me on your receipt thereof – The Ballance of your acco[un]t as it stands in Sr Wr Blacketts books this day is £51 8s 0 3/4d exclusive of the above Silver. I will be obliged to you if you will let me know in a post or two whether the same corresponds with your Acco[un]t – P.S. I drew a bill on you the 23d last month for £5.19s.0d payable to Mr Darwin or Order without further advise, wch I doubt not but is paid. I am &c
JR

23 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr Wr Blackett MP. London 23 Mar 1759

Honrd Sir

The Letter herewith inclosed is from Doro[thy] Elster, Sister to Mr Mansfield Ord. She lives at Low Healy near Brinkburn, & requests the further favour of you will please or Order the Lre to be forwarded to her brother & if he make you any remittance on her acc[oun]t that you will receive it for her -

I hope nothing will obstruct the finishing of your money transaction as the Country depends upon the pays before Mayday, & I do not yet find any hopes of raising money by the Lead trade _ _ As to the Lamp bill I hear no further talk about it, so that I hope all parties will be reconciled to what is done when they know the reasons for it I am &c JR

25 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP London 25th March 1759

Honrd Sir

As you have thoughts of leaving the Town ab[ou]t the 7th of next Month I cannot draw upon you for the £5000 for I can only draw as I can meet with the money wch may be a Work of sometime, I am therefore still of opinion that if you do not come directly to Newcastle & bring the bank post bills along with you for about £200 each, there is no better way than to send them by the post, in wch I think there can be little or no hazard if you please to keep an acco[un]t of the Numbers & acquaint me the post before you send them that I may advise you if they do not come safe to hand, Or if you think the hazard too great to send them all at once they may be sent by different posts, But if you do not approve thereof nor intend to be here by the middle of next month the money may be placed in some hand you can confide in for me to draw for it I am &c JR

27 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin 27 Mar 1759

Sir

I find by Mr James Atkinson Merch[an]t here that his elder Bro[the]rs Son John Atkinson, who is now in No[rth] America is heir at law to Ald[erma]n Atkinson, so that nothing more can be done till he return to England, he went out a Midshipman on the

Nightingale two years ago, since wch Mr Atkinson has not heard any thing of him; if he is dead Mr Atkinson is the next heir at Law.

I do not know that Matters will ever be settled with Mr Beaumont, but my Recognizance as I said before must not stand out for that reason. I will send you up the receipts for my last paym[en]ts to Mr Wilson the purchasor of Kenton Estate, to Mr Thomas and Mr Denton for their Costs as soon as you tell me the proper time, & I desire the Court may be moved for my Recognizance to be discharged, for I chuse to have it done before I die. I am Sir yo[ur]s &c JR

27 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to John Bacon

1759 March 27 Wrote J W Bacon Esq that Thursday 19 April was fixed for Sir Wr pay for Weard[ale] Mines, & desired to know if that time wo[ul]d suit to make the p[ar]tnership pay JR

27 Mar 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Cornforth

To Mr Rich[ard] Cornforth to be left at Dr Bambroughs At the Golden Lion in DurhamNewc: 27 March 1759

Sir
In ans[we]r to yours of 25th Sr Wr Blackett has had no Tenant on Redburn farm only a herd since Mayd[a]y 1757 wch is the reason Sherburn rent has not been p[ai]d once a year as usual But the farm is now Let f[ro]m Mayd[a]y next, & the Tenant will pay the rent f[ro]m that time. As to the two y[ea]rs rent that will be due at Mayday, If you please to send me then a proper Receipt, as below, I will pay the money to the person that brings it I am &c JR

3 Apr 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richard Wilson Esq. in Leeds Newc: 3d April 1759

Sir
Yesterday I receiv'd of Messrs Kings their half Years rent due Mart[inma]s last & inclosed I send you my acco[un]t with two bills for the ballance of 263.11.6 as above, wch I desire you will please to advise the receipt of & sign & return me the counterpart of the inclosed acco[un]t if you find it right. - The reason we did not think proper to allow the Trees at Kenton Old Hall to be cut down, is because they are something of a Shelter to one of the farm houses & Mr King is very well satisfied about it I am Srs Yrs &c JR

Newcastle 23 February 1759 £250..
Sirs
Fifty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order Two hundred & fifty pounds the Value in acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett, place the same to acco[un]t as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie
To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks Merchants In London

Sirs Newcastle 3d April 1759
£13.11.6
Fifteen days after date pay Richard Wilson Esq or Order Thirteen Pounds eleven shillings & sixpence value recd & place the same to Acco[un]t as advised by Srs Your most h[um]ble Serv[an]t JR
To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

1759 April 3d Advised Messrs Plumb & Brown of the above Ord[e]r on them for £13 11s 6d to R[ichar]d Wilson Esq JR

3 Apr 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. MP. London Newc: 3d April 1759

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir
I was in hopes of making Weardale pay the 19th inst[an]t, but not being able to raise the Money must put it off till the beginning of May, ag[ain]st wch time I expect to get the Bank postbills turned into Money, as I hope to see you here about the middle of this month. I wish you a good Journey into the North and am Hon[ou]r[e]d Sr Yrs etc JR
PS: I think all parties are pretty easy about the Lamp bill

5 Apr 1759 Joseph Richmond to John Harrison

1759 April 5 Wrote Jno Harrison, Clerk at Rookhope L[ea]d Mil, that all the Lead Smelted last year at his Mil was 4 po[un]d w[eigh]t short in every P[iece] of the Weight it ought to be (vizt 11 Stone each Piece) & that it sho[ul]d be stopt f[ro]m the Smelters JR

6 Apr 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP London 6th April 1759

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir

At the meeting yesterday about the Militia Mr Blackett offered to serve as Capt[ain] Mr Mosley as Lieuten[an]t & young Mr Stephenson on the Bridge as Ensign but I do not hear what was done at Alnwick for the County

I [sic] anything sho[ul]d prevent your coming down & I do not receive the Bank bills before the 20th I shall lose the D[uke] of Portlands money, wch Mr Brown brings in that day, for I have not bills near sufficient for it I am etc JR

8 Apr 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt, M:P:, at his house in Brook Street Grosvenor Square London
Newcastle the 8th April 1759

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir

I have rece[ive]d by this day's post the 25 bank postbills for Two hundred pounds each amounting to Five thousand pounds, wch I have made myself Deb[to]r for & shall now fix Weardale & Dukesfield pays to be made the beginning of next Month, wch will amount to about £13000, I have talked with the Grove Stewards ab[ou]t laying aside all the dead Charges, except at Coalcleugh (wch must go forwards) & working the Groves for the present on the easiest terms taking care that nothing go to ruin – I have sold 1800 p[ieces] Lead at £12 10s 0d Pr f[o]d[der] to be p[ai]d for at Mids[umme]r, wch is above the Stockton price, where they have such large q[uanti]ties on hand that many of the dealers must sell at any price that offers. Their fother is a cwt more than Ours – At the Meeting on Thursday abo[u]t the Militia Mr Blackett offer'd to serve as Capt[ai]n Mr Mosley as Lieut[enan]t & young Mr Stephenson on the Bridge as Ensign, but I do not find anything was done either for No[rthumber]land or Durham – Mr Bell of Swalwel bro[ugh]t his fate upon himself – for having had frequent quarrels with one Moffet a Barber, he prevaild on Mr Green a Midshipman belonging to the Tender to go & impress him, they found him at his Lodgings, & as they were carrying him away he wrested Mr Greens Sword out of his hand & killed Mr Bell upon the spot, wounded Mr Green in sev[era]l places & made his escape - - I will acquaint Mr Jno Hare with w[ha]t you write ab[ou]t his son, who will never settle to any business by the acco[un]t I have of him, therefore he is likely to be a continual trouble to his father, unless an Ensign's Comission co[ul]d be purchased for him in a Standing Regim[en]t. I am told Mr Ridley has wrote Mr Walter Scott, that he has the promise of such a Comission for 400 <g[uineas]> for his Son, who is just such another Youth I am etc JR

10 Apr 1759 Joseph Richmond to Francis Salkeld

To Mr Fra[nci]s Salkeld at Dukesfield Mil 10 April 1759

Sir

I rece[ive]d yours with Mr Teasdale's acco[un]t the ball[ance] of wch is £17 6s 11 3/4d due to Sr Wr but you say he talks of a bill of £9 17s 4d for Leading of Ling to the houses wch I promis'd sho[ul]d be allow'd. I do not know that Sr Wr ever allow'd any tenant for leading Materials to repair their farm houses, & I am sure I never made Mr Teasdale any such promise without Sir Wrs directions, But no doubt he can tell you the time when, the place where, & the Occasion of making this promise wch I sho[ul]d be glad to know And also the reason he did not then get an order to Mr Hunter to allow – But to end the dispute, if he will solemnly declare that he ever had a promise f[ro]m either Sr Wr or me that the £9 17s 4d sho[ul]d be allowd him I desire Mr Hunter will take his receipt for it & receive of him the remaining £7 9s 7 3/4d that the Am[oun]t may be discharged out of the rental; read him this & let me know his Answer. I desire the reckonings may be hastened as much as possible & the rental & pay bill sent in as soon as ever you can for I wait for them in order to fix the pay – I am etc JR

PS I see Mr Teasdale has had £15 5s 0d allow'd him by Sr Wr order to Mr Hunter

10 Apr 1759 Joseph Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Tho[mas] Maughan at Newhouse 10th April 1759

Sr Your Pay to Xmas last, is now fix'd to be made on Thursday the 10th of May, so that you must be here on monday the 7th to adjust matters on tuesday the 8th. you will receive your money, & return on wednesday So you will write to your Bro[the]r Stewards to be here at the proper time The partnership pay will be made at the same time to Xmas, if Mr Bacon can be ready, which you will acquaint his Steward with I am etc JR

13 Apr 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt M.P. London 13th April 1759

Hon[ou]r[e]d Sir

Mr Scott says he can not advise what steps are proper to take with regard to Mr Ords intended bill till he sees a copy of it wch you will please to order to be sent down – As Mr Lascelles has given you notice to pay in the £21700 upon Wallington I can think of no other way than to get the Security transfered into some other hand; wch I doubt not but you may do without difficulty, tho' perhaps not at the same int[e]r[es]t, But you will please to consider whether it wo[ul]d not be adviseable to raise as much money

upon Wallington as with the sale of Kenton will pay off the greater part of your bonds, which wo[ul]d be a Saving in the int[e]r[es]t & also make you more easy, as some or other will be constantly wanting their money – You have a very large Stock of Lead, wch will be all paid for next month, & when the trade mends I sho[ul]d hope £8 or £10000 may be spared out of that Article to pay off the rem[ainde]r> of your bonds - As you have given £1000 to the infirmary, I presume you intend to drop your Subscription – The Coach & plate duties will both be paid here as usual – I advised you that the Bank bills came safe last Sunday, & it was lucky they came that post for the Lres that came on Tuesday were very much wet, We have had heavy rains since Saturday last – P.S. The Churchwardens have of late thought it their duty to visit the Charity School in hopes of keeping Mr Hedges in better Order, but I find it has not answered their intention, so they say they will lay his Behaviour before you when you come into the Country. I am Hon[ou]r[e]d S[ir] Yrs etc JR

17 Apr 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr W[illiam] Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London 17th April 1759

Sir, You say in yo[ur] Lre of the 22d ult[im]o that Mr Thomas has mislaid my Affid[avit] of serving the writ of Execution on Mr Beaumont for the paym[en]t of the £200 in Arrear for Wayleave, I desire to know if he has found it, if not I shall send up a second Affid[avit] that the Money or any part of it is not yet p[ai]d to me for it seems to me by the Ma<rch> report that my Recognizance will not be discharged till the money is paid or appears to be irrecoverable, wch is not the Case, for I believe Mr Beaumont is very able to pay it, if the parties interested of whom Sr Wr Blackett is one require it of him, but if they will excuse the payment & sign an Order for that purpose by wch I may be free f[ro]m any future Questions about it I shall be extreamly well satisfied, but a Gent[leman] who lives in Sunderland, has been with me desiring to know whether this money was paid, wch he s[ai]d he was requested to do by a friend so that you see some of the parties are suspecting I may have rece[ive]d it but I am desirous of having that matter cleared up in a little time, therefore desire you will make my Complim[ent]s to Mr Thomas, communicate this to him & let me know in a few Posts w[ha]t is intended, for to send up my rec[eip]ts for the money p[ai]d him & Mr Denton can be to no purpose tow[ard]s the vacating my Recognizance till this matter is determined I am &c JR

20 Apr 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP London 20th April 1759

Honrd Sir, I have waited hitherto for Mr Robson's sending me the new Articles in order to make you out a perfect rental of Wallington Estate f[ro]m Mayd[ay] next, but there are some farms yet unlet that he waits your directions for, wch I have put down according to his valuation & if they are let accordingly I believe the rental herew[i]th inclosed will be very right – Wm the Gard'ner says there are two small pine Apples almost ripe, wch sho[ul]d be cut in 3 or 4 days, & he desires to know what you wo[ul]d please to have done with them, there will no more be fit to cut he thinks in less than a month I am &c JR

30 Apr 1759 Joseph Richmond to John Beaumont

To Mr John Beaumont 30th April 1759

Sir, I find I cannot get my Recognizance as Receiver of West Kenton rents, discharg'd for <want> of the payment of the £200 which you owe for Way Leave, I therefore desire you will immediately let me hear from you whether you will pay the money, or can promise an order from the <Parte> as to excuse the paym[en]t, that I may be acquitted thereof, for otherwise I shall be obliged to make another Affidavit of serving the writ of Execution in May last, & that this money is not yet paid to me, on wch it is most likely an attachm[en]t will be sent down, but I hope you will take Care to prevent it, it is very disagreeable to me to be so troublesome to you, but you see the necessity of it I am &c JR

1 May 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin, at his chambers No 8 Greys Inn London
Newc[astle] 1st May 1759

Sir, I have rec[eived] yours of the 26th past with copy of Sr Wms intended answer to Mr Stots bill w[hi]ch I never before heard he had filed & as you do not order a copy to be returned I send you enclosed a particular account. How I think the blanks are to be filled up, but if there is more than w[ha]t is necessary you can leave it out. The 3 last mentioned tenants vizt Jno Brown & the and two Reays you know have not attorned, but I have seen their leases and their farms & rents are right put down , so you'l find the rental of the estate is £377.3.0 But the cottage farmed by Ann Atkinson is fallen down Mr Allgoods tenants have signed an article for the tithe of her Estate wch I presume is equal to an attornmt. As to the rest of Kirkheaton it is tithe free. The Kirkheaton tenants pay no rent to Sir Walter as Lord of the manor of Anick grainge but they have always done suit & service to that court & served upon the Juries time out of mind, they have always been toll free of Hexham as being within the Regality & waifs and strays have been taken up at Kirkheaton by the Bailif of Hexham & Anick grainge

manors, of wch Affid[avits] were sent to Mr Denton. I should have been glad to have seen a copy of Mt Stots bill for I cannot rightly make out by the ans[we]r how he makes his claim, but its not material therefore you need not send me one But if Sr Wr is to put in an Ans[we]r now to Mr Craisters bill I desire you will send me a copy before it is put in. I told you I have a copy of the bill ---- As to Mr Ords bill I have shewn it to Mr Scot and he has promised me to send Sr Wr his opinion upon it by this post--- I have wrote to Mr Beaumont to know if he will pay the £200 w[hi]ch I do not imagine he will so desire you'l men[t]ion it to Sr Wr and Mr Thomas I know if he & the other parties will excuse payment & if so you will see that they sign an order by wch I may stand acquitted, otherwise I shall send you up ano[ther] affid[avit] of serving the writ of Ejectment & that the money has not been paid to m. - PS I cannot inform you where Sir Rd Stote lived, whether at Kirkheaton or elsewhere I am yrs etc JR

1 May 1759 James Scott to Walter Blackett

To Sir Waltr Blackett 1st May 1759

Hon[ourab]le Sir
Mr Richmond has left with me a copie of a bill that is filed by Mr Ord against you, Lady Blackett, Tho Wentworth Esq, the reverend Mr Rastall and his wife, w[hi]ch I have carefully perused. I apprehend Mr Ord does not by it intend to compell the specified performance of the Award made by Mr Collingwood and Mr Fenwick or to establish the Boundary between the manor of Hexham and the Manor of Whitfield or to bring any of the matters in dispute formerly, at present <in Leaste on> But Mr Ord being sensible that as you are only tenant for life and the submission being only between you and him as far as related to you only that the award would be no further binding than against you, and that Lady Blackett in case she survived you, and Mr Wentworth and the other persons in remainder when the Estate come to them, might set up <the.. …..> & could not be barred or inquired with respct to their claim by the Award, & that the examinations of the witnesses upon the award cannot be allowed as evidence many court ag[ain]st them the whole design of the bill is only to have a comission to examine Mr Ords witnesses so as to perpetuate their testimony & he may have the benefit of yr testimony in case they sh[oul]d dye, whenever he shall meet with trouble with relation to the boundary between the two Manors I no doubt of it is very prudent step in him to secure for ever w[ha]t is awarded to him. And I think if it shall be worth the expense that may attend that it will be as necessary to have your witnesses examined to perpetuate their testimony as in his case it shall be thought proper at any time hereafter for the persons in remainder to contest this matter. For if they are not examined as it is probable all yr old witnesses that can prove yr bounder of your Manor & the Badges of owners[hi]p that have been used by lords of the manor will be dead the benefit of their testimony will lost before any dispute may happen in this affair & then Mr Ord will as effectually secure the whole as if all the psons

intrested had conveyed the same to him, for whenever there shall be a contest he will have the benefit of the testimony of their witnesses that are dead. But the consideration of it must be left to you. Mr Ord in his bill has set forth the boundary of hs manor as he claims it and also the boundary of yr manor & also the Award made by Mr Collingwood and Mr Fawcet. But I think notwith standing what you have done and the award that you Lady Blackett and Mr Wentworth may deny the boundary to be as set forth by him and set forth the boundary of your manor as you claim it and you may deny what Mr Ord charges to have been done by the owners of manor as badges of owners[hi]p. It will be necessary to have appearances for you Lady Blackett and Mr Wentworth and Mr Rastall and his wife entered and you must all put in your ans[we]r to the bill. I make no doubt but you will lay this bill before some eminant council and take his opinion of what will be proper for you to do and draw your ans[we]r. And if you think fit you may let him see this letter. If there is anything further that I can serve you in this or any other affair I hope you will freely command.
Hon Sr yrs &c James Scott

12 May 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin, Greys Inn London Newcastle 12 May 1759

Sir
I have rece[ive]d a copy of Mr Stot's bill on which I have no other observations to make than that I believe as most other's do, that he will be scarce able to prove his pedigree to be as he sets it forth. I do not see anything amiss in Sir Wrs ans[we]r. I do not remember w[ha]t instructions have been sent up but if the p[er]sons who have attorned to Sir. Wr and for whom you are to appear are right set forth in his ans[we]r. vizt John Moraley senr Wm Atkinson Rd Atkinson Isable. Henderson John Robson Edwd Robson Tho Robson Jn Moraley the younger and Ann Atkinson, who have all bonds of indemnity given them Jacob Lowry and John Carr have taken the tithes of Mr Allgoods estate and whether one or both of them are in your bill I think you sho[ul]d appear for them for they ought be indemnified. Mr W Atkinson is mentioned in the bill, but he s[ai]d he has no interest in the farm having turned it over to his sons Wm and Rbt. I have no opportunity of seeing the tenants, but have sent my son to them to know if they have any objection to the answer. I will let you know what they say.
I have no money to remit to London at this time but about a month after shall want £379.15.0 to be paid to Mr Lascell & £225 to be paid to Mr Vernon for Lady Mansels half yr Ann[ui]ty due 5th April last and perhaps Lady Blackett will want £100 but these I doubt wont suit with your time to pay the £2000. I have tried some of our Chief money dealers here and cannot find any of them that want to make a return for that sum. Only our Bankers say if you will pay the money to Messrs Vere Glyn & Halifax they hope they shall be able to pay it here in a month or 5 weeks time, but that I do not recommend.

As to Mr Beaumont he has sent me word, as he has done many time before that he hopes to pay you £200 in a little time, but I do not believe it, he must have some friend that tells him he may be easy as he wo[ul]d have pd it before this, I have made my affi[davi]t of serving the writ of Execution, wch is in Mr. Thomas's hand and done all that is incumbent upon me and therefore if you think I have aquitted myself I shall not make myself so busy as to make another affi[davi]t forgive myself any further trouble unless I am called upon to do it I am yrs etc JR

12 May 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wm Blackett Bt MP London Newc 12 May 1759

Hon[oure]d Sir
I have made Weardale pay for your own mines, but Mr Bacon c[oul]d not be ready to make the partnership mines pay I intend to pay the leadmills on thursday next. Mr Scott sent you his opinion on Mr Ords bill sometime ago. If you think proper to stir any further into that matter Mr Wentworth & the other parties to the bill sho[ul]d in their answers desire that not only the testimony of the witnesses examined on y[ou]r part at the reference but also of such other old witnesses as can be obtained, may be perpetuated, for Mr Harrison says he has two material witnesses that have not been examined who can speak possitively to their taking up waifs on the disputed Ground in right of the Manor of Hexham wch may invalidate what has been said on that head by Mr Ords witnesses, but if you were to proceed in the affair I doubt it will be all at your expence. PS The Wallington tenants have p[ai]d but badly and half of the money was to pay for work going on there. Tweddle and Pickering have paid nothing and as to the Berwick tenants they are all greatly in arrears. Corn is at a low price, for we have no demand from abroad, the corn in the ground looks very well, but the Cold Easterly winds we have had for sometime keeps back the Spring very much I am & c JR

13 May 1759 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To John Fenwick Esq at Robert's Place near Bootham Barr York Newcastle 13 May 1759

Sir, Above you have a bill for n£40 wch I desire you will advise the rec[eipt]t of by the return of the Post & mention that it is for ½ a yrs intrest of £2000 due fm Sr Wr Blackett the 12st inst I am &c JR

Sirs Newcastle 11th May 1759 £40
Fifteen days after date pay John Fenwick Esq or order the sum of forty pounds, value recd and place the same to acct as by advice fm

To Messrs Plumbe and Browne Yr most humble servt
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London Jos Richmond

18 May 1759 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London 18 May 1759

Such of the Kirkheaton tenants as I co[ul]d meet with I have acquainted with the answers to Mr Craisters bill and they all approve of it so far as relates to them if it is necessary that every def[endan]t sho[ul]d be consulted himself and abt his answer I must take some other opportunity of seeing the rem. of these tenants.

Mathw Atkinson told me his sons Wm and Rd Atkinson have now all the farm though he was joined with them in the lease, & then for the Attornmt of the two sons only was taken and Bonds were given only to them. The case is the same with Mary Robson and her son Tho Robson Moreover Wm and Rd Atkinson have p[ai]d Sr Wr the rent for the whole farm and Thos Robson has also pd the rent for the farm wch his <mother > was ten[an]t of under yr lease from Mrs Windsor I am &c HR

PS My father is not so well so <left> it to me to write the above.

19 May 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd Wilson esq at Leeds 19th May 1759

Sir,
Sir Wm Blackett having a farm house to build this year at Kenton desires the favour you will please to give him to win as many stones in Mr Kings quarry as will front it, they being of a harder nature than he can get in his own Estate, for wch he will readily pay you what satisfaction you require It will do Mr King no damage so he will have no objection. If you have found my accounts right I desire you will please to sign the dulicate and return it to yrs etc JR

22 May 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin London 22nd May 1759

Sir,
If Sr Wr proceeds in the cause with Mr Ord, Mr Scott says he Lady Blackett Mr Wentworth &c must in their answers pray that not only the witnesses who were

examined on your reference, but also all other old witnesses that can be got may be examined at the comission and I imagine Sir Wr will order you to correspond with Mr Scott in every step that is necessary and to write to him to set forth the several acts of ownership that have been exercised on the disputed Gro[un]d for it cannot be expected I can do it as it ought to be done and if Mr Scott is not desired to draw a rough draft of the ans[wer]s I think he sho[ul]d see them before put in as he is the best acquainted with this whole affair so please take Sir Wrs directions herein. My son tells me Mr Wharton writes there is no appearance entred for Thos Robson and Jacob Lowry I therefore propose to send process ag[ains]t them wch Mr Widdrington and my son have put a stop to. As Mr Atkinson is in the bill it sho[ul]d be considered whether sho[ul]d not be put in for him, tho' Sir Wr is not obliged to do it I am Yrs &c JR

25 May 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin in Grays Inn 25 May 1759

Enclosed is my 2nd affidavit of serving Mr Beaumont with the writ of Execution which I desire you will advise the receipt of but if what I have said therein of sending Mr Denton a former Affidavit is in your opinion any way amiss I shall be very ready to leave it out for the reason of any making this addition is only to shew that I have done what became me to do. And I shall be very glad that Mr Beaumont may be excused the payment of £200 if Mr Thomas and you can get my Recognizance vacated without it I am &c JR

29 May 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London 29 May 1759

Sir
In answer to yours of the 26th inst the £379.15.0 and the £225 will be ready whenever Mr Hill calls for it with your Dra[ugh]t on me for the money or sends it for me properly indorsed in a Lre by the messenger who is to receive it. I have this day drawn on you for the £379.15.0 payable to Danl Lascelles Esq or order 20 days after date last to Lady Barba 3 yrs ann[ui]ty due 5th April last I desire you will pay it Mr Vernon as soon as you can taking a proper rect as recd of Sir Wr by my hand and send it me down as soon as paid and also the bill on you to Mr Lascelle when pd wch I shall advise the rect of. But before you pay Mr Vernon enquire of Sir Wr whether he has not called upon him I am yrs &c JR

29 May 1759 Joseph Richmond to Daniel Lascelles

To Danl Lascelles Esq in Mincing Lane London 29 May 1759

Above you have a bill for £379.15.0 to discharge the 3 yrs intr[es]t on Sir Wr Blackett's Mortgage due 13th Febry last wch I desire you will place to acco[un]t accordingly and advise the receipt hereof I am &c JR

Sir Newcastle 29 May 1759 £379.15.0
Twenty days after date pay Danl Lascelles Esq or order Three hundred seventy nine pound fifteen shillings value received and place it to account as advised by Your most humble servant J Richmond
To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin in Grays Inn London

8 Jun 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt at London 8 June 1759

Hon Sir

Nothing material has happened here since my last Lre all the pays are made to Xmas last except the partnership wch Mr Bacon cannot yet get ready to make I cannot get a pig of lead sold tho the price is fallen to £12 a foddr so that I do not know wht can for money that is for the people's subsistence and your private occasions Mr Bells 1000 £ must be pd at Mart[inma]s and Mr Simpson desires to have his 1000 £ pd as soon as convenient for he has bought an estate of Mr Spearman whch occasions his wanting his money

As to Mr Fenwicks 2000 £ I do not know whether he will continue it another year or no, I presume that depends on Mr Wards life and that as far as he dies the money will be called in Mr Harrison has made an Affid[avi]t of the ages of the witnesses that it is wished may be examined on Mr Ords commission <de bene esse> but I am afraid the Court will think some of them too young being under 60 yrs of age who are the best witnesses you have and some of them in a bad state of health. We have had plenty of rain for a week past and a fine prospect of everything in plenty except money, for above 12000 has been very lately sent up to London by land carriage in portugal Coin. I sent Mr Mayor two very fine large pine apples on Monday last with what other early things your gardens produced. He had company to fill two long tables, but we had no firing of guns nor illuminations Wm says he does not expect any more pine apples will be ripe in less than 3 weeks or a month. P.S. Mr Robson has been very ill for some time but is now something better I am Honbl Sir Yr mo faithful humb svt JR

9 Jun 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London 9 june 1759

Sir, Ejectments were served yesterday on the Kirheaton Tenants, according to one of the Declarations here inclosed, by wch you will see Jacob Lowry and Ann Atkinson are not served, therefore I presume you will appear for them all except John Brown and the two Reays who did not attorn to Sir Wr. PS is Sir Wr to have any council at our assizes to see how Mr Caister and Mr Bewick make out their claim, and if you do not come into the country at that time, will there be any occasion for an Attorney to be employed I am &c JR

10 Jun 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wm Blacket Bt at London 10 June 1759

Hond Sir

I recd your bond to Mr Laidman for 500£ wch I have delivered him after endorsing thereon 100£ wch he took in part. I pd him the intrst from the date of the bond and the 15 guinees you ordered. On fryday an Express came to Gen[era]l Whatmore for the regiment here to march forward on tuesday and wednesday first, so that this part of the coast will be left quite unguarded wch surely requires the care of the government in no small degree. Its said Mr Duncomb's battalion of the Yorkshire militia are to be sent here if they can be prevailed onto march wch would be a poor defence of our shipping coalmines and other property, wch might all be destroyed by a descent of 5 or 6000 men or less. You will have 40000 pieces of lead or more at Blaydon in a very little time wch I am under no small anxiety about My Lady and Mr Blackett came here this morning The Kirkheaton were served with evictments on friday last of wch I have I have given Mr Darwin notice I will acquaint Mr Hare with what you are pleased to mention further about his son

If you have agreement made between you and Mr Whitfield which Mr Collingwood says he believed you took up to London please to bring it down with you I am.....

Hon Sir Yo mo faith and humb Svnt JR

19 Jun 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London 19 June 1759

Sir

According to your desire, I return you enclosed the copie of Sir Wms answer to Mr Craisters bill, & ask you send it back , I desireyou will also return me the accot between Sir Wm Blackett and Guys Hospital wch I sent you in my Lre 6 March I am &c JR

19 Jun 1759 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield 19 June 1759

Sir
Sir Walter is come home and orders the lead carriage to be stopped at all the mils, except Allen Heads, till further orders, as we have more lead at Blaydon than can be sold in 12 months, therefore I desire you will give immediate direction accordingly to the mil clarks. p.s. I desire you order John Lee to send in his general acct for last year I am &c JR

29 Jun 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London 29 June 1759

Sir

Inclosed is Robt Scotts affi[davi]t of serving the notice on Mr John Beaumont

I have received Mr Vernons rect for £225 and the bill you pd M. Lascelles for £379.15.0 wch makes up the £604.15.0 I pd Mr Hill. I have placed the same accordingly I have also recd copy of S.Wrs answer to Mr Craisters bill as you say it is put in, wch with the copy of the bill I have delivered to Mr Scott. p.s. I desire you send me an abstract of S Wrs mortgage of Kenton, that I may make a proper entry thereof and let me know whether the counterparts of the mortgage deeds are in your hands. I am &c JR

29 Jun 1759 Joseph Richmond to J & T Barwick

To Messrs J and Tho Barwick Labourers in ordinary at the Tower London
29 June 1759

Sirs
In answer to your Lre of the 21st inst. I do not doubt but your Uncle John has proved his brother's will and taken administration, tho I do not know that he has As to the £200 Sir Wr Blackett has £100 in hand and he has Mr Mathw Harveys note for the other £100 borrowed of your uncle Benj Horn, wch he intends to reserve till your Uncle Johns death then pay the whole as directed by the will, if Mr Harveys £100 shall be then paid

in, whose note I look upon to be a very good security; to that you are much obliged to Sir Wr for his care I am &c JR

29 Jun 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd Ellis at Hexham 29 June 1759

Sir
The commission de bene esse between Mr Ord and Sir Wr is to begin at Hexham on Tuesday 17th of next month. I presume the commis will sit at the Grey Bull and that Mr Ord will his witnesses at the Globe Mr Scott does not like the Phenix as being too far off and inconvenient And therefore he and I desire you will try if the people at the Grey Bull cannot take in all of Sir Wr's people We do not intend to have above 3 or 4 witnesses in at a time and perhaps 3 or 4 of Sir Wr's stewards and servts wch I wish the house co[oul]d dispense with, but if that cannot be done we must be content to be at the Phenix again unless you can engage us a house more convenient and I desire you will let me have an answer hereto by Sundays post if you possibly can that I may have time to give Mr Harrison notice where he is to bring the witnesses to Ps. I am just now told that Mr Harrison is to be at Hexham on tuesday next, and his son in law Dickinson says he is to meet him there so may let me hear from you on Sunday I am &c JR

6 Jul 1759 Joseph Richmond to James Scott

To Mr James Scott Attorney at Law in Alnwick Newc 6 July 1759

D[ea]r Sir
I have had an opportunity this morning of acquainting Sir Wr with the contents of your letter and he is desirous of having Mr Norton retained for him if it can be done But is not willing that the tenants set up their leases to prevent a tryal.
I have a lre from Mr Harrison that 3 of our oldest witnesses vizt Pigg Stokoe and Fairlam are dead; so we shall have the less to do at this comission I hope to see you on Monday evening
I am Dr Sir yrs &c JR

3 Aug 1759 Joseph Richmond to Plumbe & Browne

3 Aug 1759 Advised Messrs Plumb and Brown of my draught on them of this date for £200 payable to Mr James Wilkinson on order 25 days after on acct of silver JR

18 Aug 1759 Joseph Richmond to Samuel Burn

To Mr Sam Burn at Berwick Newcas 18 Aug 1759

Sir

I recd your Lre of the 8th inst wch I have communicated to Sir Wr Blackett, who says as Mr Robson is a good deal better than he has been for sometime, its hoped he will be able to get over to Berwick in a fortnight or 3 weeks time when you will have an answer in regard to the fisheries

In the mean time if you please to send me a bill for what sum you can conveniently draw for it will be very acceptable as I have a large sum to remit to London below you have an accot how matters stand between Sir Wr and you in his books I am JR

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1/2 yrs fisherie rent due Lady day	185 -
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Land tax and other allowances

22 Aug 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London 22 Aug 1759

Sir

I desire you will find or bring down a copy of the grant of hexham to Sr Jn Heydon, Chas Harbord &c You will find it in Bundle 9; the 19 Nov 1632. 8 Cha I I am &c JR

24 Aug 1759 Henry Richmond to Samuel Burn

To Mr Samuel Burn at Berwick 24 Aug 1759

Sir

My father being abroad I rcd your Lre by yesterdays post enclosing your bill on Mr Thomas Burn for 140£ dated 22nd inst and payable to Mr Jos Richmond on order 30 days after date; wch when paid will be so much on acct of rent due to Sir Walter Blackett I have placed the same accordingly I am &c HR

28 Aug 1759 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

28 Augst 1759 Sir Wr wrote to Mr Mansfield Ord abt his sister Mrs Doro Inster at Low Healy near Rothbury (inclosed the Lre due to Mr C Ridsdale to be sent on the first ship that sails for Antigua HR

28 Aug 1759 Joseph Richmond to John Roper

To Mr John Roper Attorney at Law York 28 Aug 1759

Sir,

Mr Drake in his history of York &c, page 541 mentions an old record, wch I suppose is in some of the offices belonging to the Archb[isho]p, for he refers to it in the foll[owin]g words vizt. Sir Robt Holgates seal Recognitis servitie prioris de hexham domine Archiepiscopo Ebor. Regist de la zouch p.300

Sir Wr Blackett wants to have a copy of this p[roo]f of antiquity, certified by the keeper of the registers or other proper Officer, & will be obliged to you to procure it for him if it is not too large that you will send it by the post directed for him to be left at his office in Newcastle . The charge for this copy and for your trouble about it, he will pay you by any means you shall direct I am &c J R

7 Sep 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd Wilson Esq in Leeds 7th Septem 1759

Sir

I have the favour of your letter of the 2nd inst by Mrs Rayner in wch you mention Mr Kings desiring the loan of 300£. I question not, but he proposes a security to your satisfaction. His brother James King has a house in pilgrim street lately built and let at 18 or 20£ a yr wch wo[ul]d be a security ag[ain]st any accident,and I do not know of any Estate that any of the family have besides.

I shall always be very ready to you any service in my power and shall therefore be content with £10 a yr for receiving and remitting you the rents for the growing year and afterwards, while you think proper to continue it, but I apprehend you mean I am to charge £10 for the 2 years rent due Mayd[ay] last.

I apprehend Sir Wr can have no objection to your granting Mr King a deputation as gamekeeper in the undivided manor of Kenton, but perhaps he may be desirous of having your deputation himself; wch wo[ul]d be securing the game and hedges in both Estates as well. But I will mention the thing to him in two or three days, when I expect him in town , and will let you know what he says p.s. I forwarded your letters to Mr. Bell and Mr King.

I am Sir yor &c J R

7 Sep 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd Ellis at Hexham 7 Septr 1759

As you have Sir Wr often at Hexham I wonder the millers have not been with him complaining of those that grind from the mils The question is whether it is most eligible to file a bill or try the antient method of seizing there horses wch I fancy has been looked upon of a late as a thing that cannot be supported I send you inclosed an extract fm the Black Book for your consideration But I do not take upon me to say it is advisable to put it in practise but it may be referred to the proper judge of the case . I do not find the Dotland division is likely to go forward for Mr Mills says Coll Clavering will not execute the division deed I am &c JR

The Extract mentioned in the foregoing Lre is taken frm the first folio in the Black Book. And the following mem[oran]d[u]m was added at the botttom of the s[ai]d Extract vizt Sir Wr Blackett has the above mils and all the right wch the Archb[isho]p of York and the priory of hexham had .And the s[ai]d Black book has always been admitted as evidence by the court of chancery in other matters. Therefore Quere whether it may not be of service in supporting the right to seize the horses &c of such tenants within the town of hexham as grind from the mils Especially as the custom of seizing such horses &c has been kept up till within these few years. The only hazard seems to be in the variation of the moulter taken by the priory and what is taken at this day. How, or when this alteration was made, no way appears by any writings we have: most probably it commenced when the possessions of the Archbp and the priory were in the hands of the town.

18 Sep 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd Wilson Esq at Leeds 18th Sept 1759

Sir,
Sir Walter Blackett presents his complim[en]ts and orders me to acquaint you that your granting Mr King a Deputation as gamekeeper within your undivided manor of Kenton will be no ways disagreable to him I am <....> JR

21 Sep 1759 Joseph Richmond to various

Sir Newcastle 21st Sept 1759

I am desired by Sir Wr Blackett to acquaint you with the melancholy acco[un]t of Lady Blacketts death: who died this afternoon after an illness of ten days.

I am yr mo obed servt Chris. Blackett

The above is in the form of the Lres sent to the following p[er]sons vizt

To the Right Hon[oura]ble Lady Mansel in Upper Grosvenor Street London
To Mrs Gordon at Abbots Lee near Bristol Somersetshire
To The Rt Hon the Countess Dowager of Buchan in Audley Square London
To Mrs Marshall in Dukes Street near Grosvenor Square London
To Jno Delaval Esq at his ho[use] in Kings Square Court Dean Street Soho London
desired him to acquaint his brothers
To Sir Wm Wentworth at Briton near Wakefield Yorkshire
desired him to acqt his son and daughter
ToMr Thos Strother at Esholt near Bradford, desired to acqt Sir Wrs relations in his neighbourhood
To Sir Geo Trevelyon at Nettlecomb near Taunton Somersetshire
To Mrs Marshall at Neither Guidon near Bradford Yorkshire
To Mr Wade Preston in Leeds Yorkshire
To Mr Wm Perfect at Pontefract Yorkshire
To Thos Davidson Esq at Ferryhill
To Sit Ra Milbank Bt in Newcastle
To Mr Jno Cross in Leeds desiring to acq Mr Tho Grosvenor, Mrand Mrs Liddel and Mr Morehouse.

The following invitation was sent with the mourning to all the Bearers and Mourners

vizt The favour of your [inserted] honour of your Lordships company is desired at Sir Wr Blacketts house in Newcastle on Thursday 27th inst exactly at four o clock in the afternoon to accompany the corpse of Lady Blackett to the place of Internment as a Bearer (or Mourner)
22nd Sept 1759

26 Sep 1759 Joseph Richmond to John Swinburne

To Sir Jno Swinburne Bt Capheaton 26th Sept 1759

Sir Your answer being very uncertain as to your attending Lady Blacketts funeral tomorrow and it being necessary we sho[ul]d know for certain I take the liberty of desiring yo[u]r resolution and at the same time to represent you that the procession will be on foot from Pilgrim street to St Nicholas and that if it is not convenient to you to attend Mr Swinburn of Tanfield will be a Bearer in yr stead. Iam &c JR

12 Oct 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt at his house in Brook Street, Grosvenor Square.
12 Oct 1759

Honrd Sir,
I have received a letter to day from Mr John Fenwick giving notice that he expects his 2000£ being paid in the 12th May next, having a good mortgage ready for it at 4.7 per cent, I very much wish he was paid off but I do not know yet how to raise the money, he deserves an answer whether he may depend upon it at the time. The Corporation &c have agreed to give £100 of their subscription to the Masons Society and extend the Bounty to all volunteers that shall enter in this place which it is hoped will have your approbation I hope this will find you very well after your journey I am &c JR

19 Oct 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt M.P. In Brook Street Grosvenor Square London
Newcastle 19 Oct 1759

Sir

Mr Foster and Mr Robson will acquaint you with what has passed at Berwick with regard to your tithe at West Ord and the ways to the Coll[ier]y to whom I refer as to those particulars.

Messrs Burns declare they have lost £340 by the fisheries in the last six yrs and are therefore not willing to give more than £290 a year for them frm Mich[aelmas] next, wch is an abatement of £80 a yr, too great to be submitted to if it can be helped; therefore I desire your directions whether they are to be advertised, for I hope they may be let at £350 a yr at least. The dispute about the Ring net stands I conclude is settled as Mr Kettleby is willing to make the exchange. As you have thoughts of selling the Berwick Estate I think Mr Forster of Lucker sho[ul]d be advanced; for he certainly has that farm far under value. Of £920 due for rent at last May and no more co[ul]d be got than £320 and of that sum £170 has been allowd the tenants for manure, hedges and buildings.

I cannot get any rent of Mr Swinburn or Mr Featherston for Kenton Hall stables and Stoneclose please to let me know whether I must give them warning at Mart[inma]s to quit at May day unless they will pay up the arrears, wch at Mart[inma]s will be £75

I am Hond Sir &c JR

20 Oct 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm Robson at Wallington 20th Oct 1759

Sir I have sent you out to day by the cart 8 box of Plate by Sir Walters order which I doubt not your care of securing from the French if ever they should pay you a visit at Wallington, which I think you need not be under any apprehension of, Sir Walter wants all the small keys belonging to the house in London to be sent up imediately, He says Mrs Hepple can tell those that belonged to Lady Blackett but as she is now with you I am at a loss about them for I know none of them, if she cannot come in to morrow I must send up what keys I have I send you great good news that Quebec is taken, on which I congratulate you I am &c JR

23 Oct 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett in Brook Street Grosvenor Square London 23 Oct 1759

Hond Sir

I am surprised that anybody should represent to Coll Clavering t[ha]t any stop put to that division of Dotland Comon by me or any other of your agents; for the division deed has been signed by you and all the other parties except Coll C a month before he came from Guadaloup and has been lodged with me ever since in expectation of Mr Mills the Colls agent here wo[oul]d call for it and send it up to his master to be executed; I have wrote to him and spoke to him several times abt it and his ansr always was that he thought the Coll[s] allotment sho[ul]d not be laid into one plot but divided among his several farms and that he would consult Sir Thos Clavering about it but the last time I saw him was about a month ago when on my pressing him for a direct answer he told me Mr Douglas was of the opinion that the Coll signed the division deed wo<uld> not be binding as he had only a life estate and therefore he concluded the deed would be lost, as it must be if the division cannot be finished before Candle[mas] next You are sensible there can have been no delay on my side for I never pretend to understand or meddle in the divisions But the loss of the divisions is entirely the Colls own fault or his agents. However I will send the deed by the coach next Monday and the Coll may sign it if he please and try whe[ther] the Comm[issione]rs can compleat the division in time I will direct the deed to you.

Sir Ra Millbank has a bro[ther] who is a Comm[issione]r in the Salt Office York Buildings who is the only brother he has in England except Parson Milbank of Croft

I am &c JR

28 Oct 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

Oct 28 Wrote Sir Walter that I had sent the Division Deeds by the coach directed to Mr Darwin, as I was informed by Mr Ridley that Sir Walter was going out of town and also advised Mr Darwin thereof

1 Nov 1759 Joseph Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Mr Collingwood Forster Attorney at Law at Alnwick 1st Nov 1759

Sir

The above is a copy of Mr Robsons plan of the ring net stands wch you wanted in order to prepare a draft for an exchange between Sir Walter Blackett and Mr Kettleby and when you have made the draft I desire you will send my father one part for Sir Walters consideration and let Mr Fenwick have the other for Mr Kettlebys The sooner this is done the better

I am &c JR

2 Nov 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London 2nd Nov 1759

Sir

I wrote you by last Sundays post that I had sent by the stage coach wch will be in London tomorrow a box directed to you wth a deed for the division of Dotland comon to get Coll Clavering to execute it, if he please; all the other parties having executed some time ago; since wch the deed has been in my custody waiting for the Colls agent to send it up w[hi]ch I have many times pressed him to do, but his ans[wer] was he had wrote to his Mas[ter] but rec[iev]ed no directions about it. As the Coll has mentioned this affair to Sir Wr and lays the blame of the division of not going forward on some of his agents I apprehend he has been misinformed about it someway or other. I desired you to carry the deed first to Sir Walter to know what had passed between him and the Coll But if Sir Wr should be out of Town I now desire you will wait imediately upon the Coll and let me know by the return of the post whether he executed it or not for as the time to finish the division is limited to Candlemas it will admit it of no further delay

I am &c JR

PS The Kirkheaton tenants answer is sent up by Mr Kenxel

The carriage is pd for the Division deed.

2 Nov 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd Wilson Esq at Leeds 2nd Nov 1759

Sir
Yesterday I recd your Lre of the 23rd ult enclosed to Mr King, who tells me he will write to you by this post about the loan of the £300. He says his Brother James and his cousin Wm King are very ready to join in the bond and I think they ought to do so, especially his brother, who I mentioned in my last lre to have some visible effects, but from what passed between us this morning I think he will propose your accepting a single bond wch may be sufficient for any thing I know; but that must be left to your pleasure If you please to send a bond ready filled up I will see it executed, or I will fill up a bond here as you shall please to direct The money you will have to remit will be £23.2s.6d as below I am &c JR

	£	s	d
1/2 a year land tax due Ladyday last	12	10	2
Modus for the hay to Mich last	0	8	4
but this should standover till next rent			
Sr A Hazlerigs outrent to Candlemas last	0	4	0
Jos Richmonds salary due Mayday last	10	0	0
	23	2	6

11 Nov 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Waltr Blackett Bart in Brook Street Grosvenor Square London 11 Nov 1759

Honrd Sir
I desire you to let me have your thoughts whether there is any likelyhood of Peace this Winter that I may regulate my Conduct accordingly with Regard to the sale of your lead for the price is paid is fallen to £10 15s 0d which is a loss to you of 20s a Fodder and therefore I would not sell any considerable quantity if there is any prospect of getting a better price which cannot be expected while the war continues. The people at Stockton and the quakers agent here sell at any price that offers, I have not yet heard whether Mr Fenwick will continue his money but expect to know his resolution in a few days having half a years interest now to remit him, I have desired Mr Dentons brother in law to send you half a dozen hams and a dozen of hogs heads from stockton as they are to be got better there than at this place, and direct them for you to be left at Mr Chis Blacketts in York Buildings lest you should not be in town and advise him by what ship they go. Yesterday being the Kings birth day Mr Mayor entertained all the officers belonging to the regulars, militias and volunteers, when I sent him what fine apples were ready, and William keeps an account how they are all disposed of, I find Coll Clavering has executed the articles for the division of Dotland common not withstanding Mr Douglas endeavours to prevent it, I wish the season may admit of its

being finished in time, The Comm[isioner]s will meet upon it tomorrow night I am &c JR

13 Nov 1759 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To John Fenwick Esq at Roberts Place near Brotham Barr York 13th Nov 1759

Sir
Inclosed you receive my bill on Plumbe and Brown for 37.0.0 and Mr Douglas's rec[iep]t for 3.0.0 pd him by your order; wch makes up your half years in[tere]st on Sir Walter Blacketts bond due 12th inst; wch I desire you advise the rect of by the return of the post as the bill is at so short a date, and mention that it is in full for that ½ yrs intr[es]t. The principal money will be ready for you the 12th May tho Sir Wr wo[ul]d have kept it longer if you had not called it in, and I think it cannot be better secured than where it is, as you have yr interest punctually paid as it becomes due, wch perhaps may not be the case when you change hands When the money is paid the assignment of the bond to Mr Ward must be cancelled and he must join with you in signing the sect. on the back of the Bond to prevent any dispute that might otherwise possibly happen, so you will take care to prepare Mr Ward that there may be no stop on that acc[ou]nt I do not certainly know whether Sir Wr might not agree to give you 4 1/4 P.cent for a year or two longer, or till such time as notice is given on either side as trade is now bad and he can make use of the money. You may therfore let me know yr resolution on that head and I will send you his answer in 10 or 12 days.
I am &c JR

Reced the 5th Nov 1759 of Mr Richmond the sum of three pounds for one years in[teres]t..t of 60s that will be due on the 23rd inst.from Wm Ward Esq to Mrs Ann Pearson

J Douglas

Newcastle 12th Nov 1759 £37.0.0
Sirs Fifteen days after date pay John Fenwick Esq or order 37£ value reced and place the same to account as advised by Sirs your ms hble svt Jos Richmond
To Mess..rs Plumbe and Brown Goldsmiths in Fosters Lane London

13 Nov 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London 13th Nov 1759

Sir
Inclosed is Rbt Scott's and my aff[idavi]t of serving the writ of execution and demanding the money of Mr Beaumont, wch I desire you will advise the rec.t of and I hope I shall have no more affdts to make on this occasion. If your other parties are all willing to excuse the payment I dare say Sir Wr will have no objections but then I presume there must be an order of court for that purpose, wch will perhaps cost more than the money in my hands, for the ball[anc]e of my last acct was only £7.3s.10d and I shall have paid 0.19.1 ½ for the affdt I am &c JR

18 Nov 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bnt MP at his h[ou]se in Brook Street Grosvenor Square London
18th Nov 1759

Hond Sir
I have sold only about 6000 Ps Lead this year wch amounts to no more than about £4500 but this has cost you near £5000 so that it frets me to sell at so much loss and yet I must dispose of 3 or 4000 ps more to pay off Allanhd and Coalcleugh to Xmas next for the people there cannot want their money, but as to the workmen in Weardale they are in better circumstances and may be put off the next year with a little subsistence. If the war continue ano[the]r yr as it is likely it will nothing but loss can be expected from the lead trade and therefore the less you are oblidged to sell the better Mr Fenwick writes me that he will continue his £2000 if you please to send a note order in 14 days that you will pay him 4 ¼ percent from 12th May otherwise he expects the money to be then paid in. And I wish that money was paid off if I could tell how to do it. As you are likely to get the money to pay off Mr Lescelles you will please to consider whether it will not be better, if you can raise £30,000 wch will enable you either to pay the lead mines and preserve your lead for a better market or pay off some of your bonds that are at a higher interest especially those that you think are most likely to call in their money. I desire you will please to let me know your resolution to Mr Fenwick that I may give him an answer. You remember that he refused to take your own bond and that Mr Peareth is joined with you in it. I am hon Sir yours &c JR

20 Nov 1759 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt in Brook Street 20 Nov 1759

Hon[our]ed Sir
Capt Hedley of this Place having lost his ship in the Baltick came from Gottenburgh in a swedish vessell the 6th inst he says <Sharet> was then there with five ships lying under the castle expecting an English fleet was in <pinsact> of him the Capt says he is

satisfied he cannot have above 4 or 500 soldiers on board. The price of grain at this market is as below I am &c JR

Wheat fm 6s to 7s a Boll 2 Winch Bushals
Rye 4 to 4.6
Oats 2 to 2.6
Barley 3 to 4.0
Beans 4.6 to 5.0
Gray <Spears> 4.0 to 4.6
White <Spears> 5.6 to 6.6
PS If the hams and heads are not shipd I have desire Mr Hall to send them hither.

30 Nov 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London Newc 30 Nov 1759

Inclosed is Airey &c bill on Messrs Vere Glyn and Hallifax for 225£ which I desire you will place to my acct and advise the receipt of and when Mr Vernon calls upon you pay Lady Mansels ½ yrs annty due 10th last month and when I receive the rest I will give you 6s for it and advise you thereof. I desire the reciept may be made recd of Sir Wr Blackett by my hand and you will witness it, that it may be a proper voucher to my acct with Sir Walter

As you have all the materials we have been able to collect here from the abstracts and other papers in my office and have also I presume the original Grants &c in yr custody relating to Anick grange you will best judge what searches are necessary to be made. I am afraid you will not find any particular grant of Anick grange manor between 1620 and 1632 for if there was any such grant it must certainly be among the writings in your hands and we sh[oul]d therefore have had most probably a copy of it here but however it will be right to search it must therefore be well coonsidered if no particular grant can be found whether grant of Hexham in 1632 does not include the manor of Anick grainge But then why Sr J.Fenwick should stile himself lord of that manor in 1622 is what I do not understand the reason of As to the grant of Kirkheaton 10th James 1st it will be prudent to search for it to know whether Mr Craister has set forth the contents there of right in his bill You must also examine whether Sir Jno Fenwick conveyed the manor to Cuthb Heron wch I much question he did tho' Heron conveyed it to Sir Bd Stote, these last deeds I imagine are in Mr Peals hands and may be got a sight of on Sir Wr desiring it of Lady Windsor and when you have examined into all of these particulars you will be able to lay a state of the case before council for their opinion I presume you have Sir Wrs directions to correspond for the future with Mr Coll.d Foster on this affair as Mr Scott must be concerned with Ld Northumberland I have had no Lre from Sir Wr since I received yours but to be sure the £500 you mention he will order to be returned to you in time If Mr

Beaumont should offer to pay me part of the £200 what right have I to take it without a particular order I have had a great deal of trouble in riding after Mr Beaumont for the last two years wch I shall expect to be paid for out of the money in my hands I am &c JR

No 6119 Newcastle 8th Nov 1759
£225.0.0
At thirty days date pay to the order of Messrs Peareth and Sorsbie Two hundred and twenty five pounds value received For Bell Cookson Carr and self Jos Airey
To Messrs Vere Glyn and Hallifax London
Endorsed Peareth and Sorsbie Jos Richmond

4 Dec 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Rich..d Wilson Esq at Leeds Newc 4th Dec 1759

Sir

The Ponteland turnpike peple having wro[ugh]t the quarry in Lowthians farm have opened ano[the]r place in Wm Kings farm adjoining the bounder hedge between Kenton and Newbegin. I am offered £5 a year for the Quarry by a mason who agrees to pay all damage that may be done the tenants and I have this day got a person of judgement to view the quarry who will try the nature of the stone and will let me know in a few days w[ha]t rent she deserves. But if no more than £5 a year can be got it will be better than to let them be ledd away to the turnpike for nothing I find the Newbegin ten[ant]s to have a way thro' Wm Kings farm for both horses and carriages which he says he allows in consideration of his having a liberty to lead his limestone thro' Newbegin estate As this may in time occasion some dispute between Ld Carlisle and you I desire your directions whether I am not to require some acknowledgement

If you incline now to take a bond of your ten[ant]s for the £300 rent due 1st Nov last the land tax and other articles mentioned in my last lre may stand over till the next 1/2 years rent becomes due PS when Sir Wr is done with getting any stones out of Jos Kings quarry I will let you know the quantity and what value can be put on them

I am &c JR

7 Dec 1759 Joseph Richmond to Plumb and Brown

To Messrs Plumb and Brown Goldsmiths Foster lane London Newc 7th Dec 1759

I have this day drawn a bill on you for 150£ payable to Robt Shafto Esq on order 20 days after date, wch please to honour and place to Sir W blacketts acct and when if some is paid I think the balance that will remain in your hands will be 4£ 12s. 11¾. I shall be glad to know by a line whether you make it so
I am... etc JR

7 Dec 1759 Joseph Richmond to Daniel Lascelles

To Danl Lascelles in Mincing Lane London 7th Dec 1759

Sir
Inclosed is a bill as above for £379.5s. 0d to discharge the ½ years intrest on Sir W Blackett's mortgage due 26th Aug last which I desire may be placed accordingly and that you will please to advise me on the receipt hereof Iam etc JR

No 6118 Newcastle 8th Nov 1759
£379.15.0
At fifty days date pay to the order of Messrs Peareth and Sorsbie three hundred and seventy nine pounds fifteen shillings value received. For Bell Cookson Carr and Self
Jos Airey
To Messrs Vere Glyn and Hallifax London
Endorsed Peareth & Scorbie Jos Richmond Jos Richmond

7 Dec 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd Wilson Esq at Leeds Newc 7th Dec 1759

Sir
You herewith receive Joseph Willm King's bond for three hundred pounds asgreable to your directions, wch I desire you will please to advise me on your receipt of You also receive inclosed an acct how I have settled with Messrs Kings for their last Mayday rent and how your bill on Mr Thos Wilson &c for £21 13.2 has been apply'd wch please to return me signed and if you require it I will send you a duplicate ------ Mr King says he does not want any more quicksat present. I have spoke to Mr Swinburne, who says he will let you know what q[uanti]ty he will want he says it will be about 50 I am &c JR

8 Dec 1759 Joseph Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Mr Collingwd Forster Attern at Law Alnwick 8th Dec 1759

D[ea]r Sir

I recd your Lre of the 3rd inst wch I defer'd answering till I co[ul]d see Mr Robson who is now here, he says he does know the name of the Ring net stand marked B in his own plan, which you receive inclosed. So that I know of no way to get it but by writing to Mr Ian Bunn of Berwick who farms Sir Wm Fishery, wch I desire you will be pleased to do As to your draft wch I return you inclosed I do not doubt but it is "very" right: so I did not lay it before Mr Fawcett as you di not desire that might be done if you think it necessary you will return it to me or send it to him, if the former, let me know what I am to pay him.

I send you also inclosed copy of a lre I have recd frm Mr Jeffries with my answer to it, for I tho[ugh]t it but good manners to give him some ans[wer]s tho' it is not to his purpose. He talks of Roads let him wth the Collry. I know of no particular roads mentioned in the article when Mr Bulman let him the Coll.ry & if he let them any Roads verbally wch he had no right to himself it is no obligation on Sir Wr. It is very strange that Mr Jeffries sho[ul]d never complain of the alteration till 4 or 5 years after the enclosures were made. I do not hear any thing yet abt Messrs Craister and Bewicks proceedings, when they move you will hear from Mr Darwin I am Etc JR

8 Dec 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Jeffreys

To Mr Wm Jeffreys Attorn at Law Berwick 8th Dec 1759

Sir

I recd your Lre of 30 ult. I am sorry to find you still in the complaining strain when I hoped matters had been settled to your satisfaction. For my part I am much a stranger to the affair so must refer you to Mr C Forster for an ans[we]r who Sir W Blackett desired to enquire into the matter. I am etc. JR

9 Dec 1759 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To Mr Fenwick at Roberts' Place Bootham Barr York 9th Dec 1759

Sir

I have a Lre this post from Sir Wr wherein he orders me to aquaint you that he is willing to continue your money at a quarter P.C advance intrst from the 12th May next. He will be in the country very soon and if you do not think this sufficient he will write you a Lre himself to confirm it I am etc JR

18 Dec 1759 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Johnson

To Mr Chrst Johnson Attorny at Law Durham 18th Dec 1759

D[ea]r Sir
Mr Wilkinson promised me the other day he wo[ul]d write to you to deliver up Sir Wr Blacketts writings in your custody and Sir Wr being now here desires to have them before he returns to London wch will be in about 14 days, for we really are at a stand for want of them on an affair of consequence. I will therefore be obliged to you for a line fixing the time when you will send them hither or may I come and receive them at Durham PS You receive inclosed what copies of what papers I have relating to the dispute wth Mr Hutchinson and also what I can collect relating thereto I am etc JR

NB The follow{ing} postscript was added to the above Lre Vizt

There is a life dropt in the Bedburn Estate which Sir Wr Blackett wants to renew you knew the last renewal when Dr Stillingfleet was Mas[ter] of Sherborn hosp[ita]l and I think the Fine was 30£ or 30 guineas. I desire you will let me know if you can do this business for Sir Wr and I will ler you know the life he fixes on JR

21 Dec 1759 Joseph Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Mr Colling.wd Forster Attorn. At Law Alnwick 21st December 1759

Sir

You receive herewth copies of the agreement Mr Bulman made for the Coll'ry in the Threap Gro[un]d. The originals are in the hand of Mr Rd Lisle. You see there is no grant of any particular ways and if Mr Bulman promised any ways he had no right to himself. That, as I mentioned in my last can be no obligation upon Sir Wr. The inclosures I believe have all been made since the colliery was let, but Mr Robson says there never was any other than a bridle way in old Mr Armorers time who farmed both Ord Estate and Unthank coll'ry and allowd the same on account of the coll'ry his term expired at May 1746 when Mr Bullman took Unthank coll'ry of Sir W at 100£ a yr and worked them together with his own coll'ry at Murton till Mayday 1749. What liberties he might take or be indulged in during this time (thro' the gro'd since inclosed) on acct of Sir Wrs own coll'ry at Unthank I cannot say, But when the Threap coll'ry came to be let to Mr Jeffreys and p'tners there was no stipulation made for those ways, nor any claim made there of till 4 or 5 yrs after the gro[un]d was inclosed and the way altered. I am of your opinion that there is an understanding between Mr Jeffreys and Mr Lisle in litigating this affair in favour of Murton. I have communicated the whole to Sir Wr who is now here, who leave the management thereof intirely to you. He does not know what reparation Mr Jeffreys expects for his pretended damages nor does he think

it reasonable to treat wth him abt any such thing until it appears that the alteration of the road can not be justified, which I hope it never will. I wish you had seen old Mr Armorer when you were at Berwick, who I believe could have given you satisfaction, if he has not lost his memory.

As to the deeds of exchange about the Ring nets I do not imagine there is any manners of occasion for a councils opinion. I am wth due respects to you and yours, yrs &c PS. If you think it necessary Sir Wr desires you will write to Mr Thompson his tenant at Middle Ord to take particular notice of any breaches that may be made into the inclosures, that those who venture to do it may be called to account. JR

22 Dec 1759 Walter Blackett to John Fenwick

To Jno Fenwick Esq at Roberts Place Near Boothams Gate York 22nd December 1759

Sir

I was prevented from witing to you so soon as you desired to inform you that I was ready to continue the 2000£ at the rate of 4 & a quartr P.Cent from the 12th of May next but find that Mr Richmond hath writ to you to that purpose, if you are willing to continue the money upon those terms till further notice for either party I shall readily agree to it I am Yr hble svt

Wr Blackett

PS If I dont receive your answer to the contrary I shall conclude that you agree with this proposal

28 Dec 1759 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin December 28th 1759

Sir

I have received your letter of the 22nd inclosing Mr Vernons receipt for 225£ which I have placed to your account. I send you inclosed John James and Mathew Lee the London Carriers two notes for 1000£ each, which I desire which you will place for Sir Walters acct and advise the receipt of and next week I shall send you by the carrier if I cannot meet with a bill at a short date 1 or 200£ more This money Sir Walter says is to be paid as follows according to his own memorandum inclosed i.e. To Mr Gorges 1800£ & intrest, to Mr Townsend 200£ for the house in Brook Street to be paid to Mr Parry in Conduit Street who will call for it. I am glad to find you are making so carefull an Enquiry into the Kirk Heaton affair, and doubt not but you'll persevere till you can clear it up for councils opinion, if it appears by the Deed poll that the manor of Anick Grainge was granted in 1568. I think what appears to be the contrary in the Court Rolls

may not be so material as the Roll might have begun before 1583 and the title of it not altered so that the court may not have been held in Sir John Fenwicks own name till it was filled up but this I will enquire into.

I desire you will look out for among Sir Wrs writings the lease from the B[isho]p of Durham to Mr Major Allgood of the lead mines in the inclosures of Weardale and the parks of Stanhope and Woolsingham granted in 1746 for 21 yrs wch I expect you will be called on to produce in a little time, for by Major Allgoods death or some other cause the counterparty having been omitted to be inrolled at Durham The Bishop has granted a new lease of those mines to Mr Henry Wilkinson of Gateshead without any of his agents letting him know that this lease has been in Sir Wrs family since 1678 and constantly renewed, But the last lease being transacted in London by Mr Denton with B[isho]p Chandler and the Enrollmt thereof neglected has occasioned this mistake, wch I hope cannot be atended with any bad consequence and this moment while I am writing my son is returned from Wallington with a Lre from Sir Wr to my Ld Bp, copy of wch I inclose you and Sir Wr desires you will carry the lease to Mr Halhead his Ldsps secretary and shew it him, that this matter may be set to rights and a new lease obtained if possible, for I hope the lease granted Mr Wilkinson will be void of course, if the lease granted in 1746 sho[ul]d not be in your hand it must be in Mr Lascelles's I am &c JR

£1000. 6 paid Newcastle 22 Dec 1759
Sir Fourteen days after date pay Math Bell Esq or order the sum of one thousand pounds value received as advised by for Your humble servant John James
To Mr Robt Turner at the White horse without Cripplegate London

Newcastle 28 Dec 1759
Sir Fourteen days after date pay Math Bell Esq or order the sum of one thousand pounds value received for
Mathew Lee By me Robert Jackson
To Mr Robt Turner at the White horse without Cripplegate London

28 Dec 1759 Walter Blackett to Bishop of Durham

To The Rt Revd and Hon the Bp of Durham London NewC 28 Dec 1759

My Lord

Being informed that your Ldshp hath granted a lease to Mr H Wilkinson of all the mines in the inclosure and parks in the parishes and parks of Stanhope and Wolsingham I cannot but take the earliest opportunity of representing to you that I have a lease of the same liberties, wch lease was renewed 29 Aug 1746 and hath above 7 years to go wch my agent Mr Darwin in Grays Inn is ordered to lay before your

Ldshps secretary The renewal was transacted in London and it must have been owing to Mr Denton my then agents neglect that it was not enrolled as I am now informed is stipulated, under a penalty, by the lease but I hope you Ldsp will not suffer me to incur any further penalty for this neglect being ready and intending at the expiration of the current year to apply to you for a renewal of the lease fo 21 yrs For the like lease I pd the late Bp in 1746 one hndred Guineas, but indeed now one of the veins is in a much better condition than any of them were I am with great respect

Yr Ldsps' mo obed hble srvt
Wt Blackett

29 Dec 1759 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Rich. Wilson Esq in Leeds Newc 29 Dec 1759

Sir
Inclosed is copy of an article for the quarry in Wm Kings farm wch Mr Thos Gunn agrees to, but it is understood by him and me as a proposal only for your approbation and liable to any objections you think proper to make; if you approve of it you will please to sign and return a counter pt either on a stamp or otherwise as you think proper . You have below the price of Glass at this place and I think if comon glass may do very well, if it is got white and clear but the lowest price crown glass will look much better. Inclosed is a Duplicate of my last acct. I wish you and all your family many happy yrs & am etc JR

1 Jan 1760 Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Mr Collingwd Forster Attorney at Law Alnwick Newcastle 1st Janry 1760

Sir

We were much surprised to find by Mr Burns lre to you, that upon the best enquiry he co[ul]d make he cannot find that that Mr Kettleby has more than one ring net stand in Sir Wr Blacketts liberty of Ord and that even Mr Todd, who I understand is employed for Mr Kettleby knows of no more than one.

I was at Wallington on the 28th ulto when I talked this matter over with Mr William Robson before Sir Walter. Mr Robson then said he had made a strict enquiry into this matter and was satisfied Mr Kettleby had two ring net stands on the shore of Middle Ord grounds, tho' indeed he has not I found been able to learn the name of more than one called Hobbs Hole. But he affirmed that the difference in value between Sir Walter ring net stands and Mr Kettlebys (either one or two) was very trifling and therefore Sir Wr, in order to keep clear of any further dispute, desires that the Exchange may nevertheless be made. And he and Mr Robson think it may be done, if you

approve of it, by Sir Wr giving up all rights to fish with ring nets in the waters adjoining Mr Kettleby's estate and Mr Kettleby giving up all right to fish with ring nets in the waters adjoining Sir Wrs estate of West Ord Middle Ord and East Ord. Therefore if you think this a proper method of concluding the affair my fa[the]r desires you will take the trouble of acquainting Mr Sam.l Burn of it and if he has no further objections to the exchange than he has already made, that the dra[f]t may be prepared accordingly. I wish Mrs Forster and you many happy years I am &c HR

4 Jan 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Willm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn Londo 4th January 1760

Sir
By Sir Walters direction I send you inclosed Jos Airey and Comp[any] bill on Messrs Vere Glyn and Halifax for one hundred and fifty pounds wch I desire you will place to Sir Walters acct and advise receipt of. You must also charge to Sir Walters acct what you paid for the articles sent to be executed by Col Clavering and your trouble in attanding him and I desire you will send me a note of it that you may get the money back from the clerk of the Division

I wish you many happy years I am & c JR

[Inserted to left margin:] See the letter of the 28th Dec last
PS The carriage was pd for the 2000£ sent you by the two carriers.

No 6223 £150 Newcastle 29th Decembr 1759
At fourteen days date pay to the order of Mr Jos Richmond one hundred and fifty pound, value received Jos Bell Cookson Carr and self
To Messrs Vere Glyn and Halifax
London
Endorsed Pay the contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order Jos Richmond

6 Jan 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt at Wallington 6th January 1760

Hon[oure]d Sir
I wish you wo[ul]d be pleased to desire Sir Ed Blackett to meet you here some time before you go to London and bring his steward Mr Armstrong with him in order that you may come to some resolution about the cottages at Winlaton wch is a matter of consequence that ought now to be settled. The tenants look upon them as Customary

Estate and convey and dispose of them at their pleasure tho' they were originally only lease hold from old Sir Wm Blackett for 20 yrs, wch leases are long since expired and have never been renewed. These leases have been in the family of Mr John Wilkinson till wednesday when I got them delivered up with the purchase deeds of the Nuns and other writings relating to your estate. Some of the Winlaton tenants are willing to take new leases and I hope they will all do so rather than try their petitions at law.

I am very sorry to have to acquaint you that this morning about four o'clock a fire broke out in your Maltings in hornsby chair, occasioned by some flax taken in to dry by some tenant, wch has burnt the maltings and a great part of the housing down to the ground, the whole is let at 18£ a year. These houses were got possessions of by old Mr Wilkinson for a lead debt of Sir Wm Blacketts, and I never saw writings relating to them till last wednesday that they were delivered me with the writings above mentioned. The Town is so ill supplyd with water that I think it wo[ul]d be right to insure you own house and stables.

I am &c JR

8 Jan 1760 Joseph Richmond to Plumb and Brown

[Note: Memo item] 8 Janry 1760 Advised Plumb and Brown of 2 ps fine silver sent them by Fryer Todd on the 5 inst weighing 1142 ounces and a half JR

8 Jan 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Robson

[Note: Memo item]
8 Janry 1760 Wrote Mr W Robson that I desired he wo[ul]d contrive to be in town before Sir Wr went for London otherwise the 3 leases for the Fenwick tenants vizt Mr Hunter Geo Brown and Dodds and Dixon co[ul]d not be filled, the p[ar]cells and the rents being so uncertainly expressed in the articles that we could not understand them JR

15 Jan 1760 Joseph Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Mr Collingwd Forster Attorney at Law, Alnwick 15th Janry 1760

Dr Sir

I have shewn your lre of yesterdays date to Mr Robson who says that part of Sir Wr Blacketts Estate where Mr Kettlebys (two) ring net stands adjoin is now called Middle Ord, as you will see by his plan, wch you have. But this name of Middle Ord is only a modern name given to this farm when it was let to Thomas Thompson. That it consists of land antiently called West Ord and East Ord, now laid together, but mostly

of the latter, vizt East Ord, and that therefore it will be necessary to specify all the three names in the deed of Exchange ie West Ord Middle Ord and East Ord, as mentioned in my letter to you of the 1st inst I am &c J R

15 Jan 1760 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Rd Wilson Esq at Leeds 15 Janry 1760

Sir
Mr Thos Gunn has been with me today desiring to know if you accept of his proposal at the quarry, for he says this is the time for his hiring his men and therefore waits your answer, tho I find he has had some men at work already in baring her and hopes you will allow him to win some stones before the rent commences. I am &c JR

16 Jan 1760 Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter

To Mr Caleb Hunter at Allendale 16th Janry 1760

Sir
Sir Walter having secured Mr Harrisons report and examined the bearer orders that you discharge John Spark from working any longer at Allenhead as he appears to have been the ring leader of the late tumult, and if he give any further disturbance you are to get a warrant to carry him before a Justice of the Peace to be dealt with according to law, As for the other two Sparks and Robinson if they will acknowledge their fault and promise better Behaviour for the future you may let them continue to work at their Bargain at Allisons shaft at £6.10.0 a ton of lead as they took it 9 Oct[obe]r last, if they are willing to do so, but if they in any way refractory you are to discharge them also for Sir Walter is determined to have good order and discipline strictly kept up, as to the work they have wrought in the <Ne> vein where they had no business Sir Walter thinks they are in strictness entitled to nothing but he leaves that to your and Mr Allgoods consideration and desires you will settle the matter as you think just and equitable, and if you are under any doubt or scruple about it to call Mr Harrison to your assistance, These directions I am ordered to signifie & am &c HR

18 Jan 1760 Henry Richmond to John Cross

To Mr John Cross at Leeds 18th Janry 1760

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 14th inst with your receipt for sixty pounds for the half years payment due from Sir Walter Blackett the 24th ulto and Mr Robson being here yesterday I paid him 18£ agreable to your order, and I have sent you by Warburton the carrier the remaining 42£ which I hope will come safe to hand , I have also you by him a small parcell containing a Deed which Sir Walter desires you will forward to Parson Bewick at Calverly by the first opportunity I heartily wish you many happy years I am &c HR

25 Jan 1760 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin, Greys Inn, London Newcastle 25th Janry 1760

Sir

By Sir Walter's direction I have I have sent by Lee the London Carrier this Day three Trunks directed to you, wch Sir Wr desires you will take care of and says he will write you about them soon. You need not pay the carriage of them, only let us know that you receive them safe and we shall pay the Carrier when he returns hither. The 3 keys belonging to these trunks are sent by Mr Ridley's butler directed to you and underneath to Sir Walter, who says you may give the servant half a crown when he brings you them, wch you will place to his acct.

I hope you are preparing matters about Kirkheaton, because when Sir Wr comes to London, wch will be in about a month, he will want to know how the case appears and to have some opinion taken upon his claim to the estate. He bids me write, that if you have occasion to search the offices of record Mr Rooks of the Rolls Chapel, he is informed by Mr Allgood, is one of the fittest persons you can employ having much practice in those matters. Pray do you hear whether Mr Craister has filed his bill or moved for a receiver.

My father has recd of Mrs Widdrington Eight Guineas for you and has placed it to your acct. I have given her a Receipt for it I am &c HR

PS I have told Sir Wr that you have paid Mr Gorges his money.

25 Jan 1760 Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson

To Mr Chris. Johnson Attorney at Law in Durham 25th Janry 1760

Sir

I was talking to you when here, that as the house in Hornsby Chair was burnt down, Sir Wr Blackett must soon sell on or rebuild but he can do neither till he obtains a declaration of trust from Mr Wilkinson, whom I have spoke to by Sir Wrs directions and he says if you will prepare one he will execute it when he comes to Durham wch I suppose you will be able to do fm the schedule of the deeds, that you have, there being

only being a lease and release. Sir Wr desires this matter may be got done before Mr Wilkinson goes southwards.

I expect Sir Wr will in a few days name a Life to be insisted in the Redburn lease; as soon as he does you shall know it. I am &c HR

29 Jan 1760 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt at Wallington 29th Janry 1760

Hond Sir

Hesitation at any orders you please to honour me with will I hope ever be taken as proceeding only fm consideration of yr interest.

The materials wch I collected fm such papers and deeds as are in your office and your study relating to the Manors of Hexham and Anick grainge in order for Mr Darwin to form a case from, lay open many doubts about Several Rights you claim in those Manors and even about your title to hold the Courts at Anick Grainge to wch Mr Allgood owes suit &c for some Estates in that Manor.

I thought it therefore my duty to mention that if Mr Allgood sho[ul]d happen to take a copy of these materials, and it fall into other hands some inconvenience may ensue. But I have sent them herewith that if you think me needlessly apprehensive they may be sent him from Wallington. I sent Mr Darwin the trunks and keys and wrote him about them and also about Mr Rooke I am

Hon Sir yr faithful and obd servt HR

1 Feb 1760 Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson

To Mr Chris Johnson Attorn at Law in Durham 1st Febry 1760

Sir

I have sent you herewith a copy of Robt Cays release of the house in hornsby Chair as you desired, and I hope you will get the declaration of trust done and executed by Mr Wilkinson before he goes to London. I see by old Mr Wilkinsons acct in 1719 that he made himself D[eb]tor to Sir Wm Blackett for 634£.7.8 wch he had recd by household goods etc in the part of Cays debt from the first of that transaction to that time, and he refers to a book of particulars kept of this matter: which we shall want I apprehend when we come to treat 10th the present Mr Cay about the Equity of redemption. This book must be in the boxes wch we returned you, and Sir Walter desires you will look for it and if Mr Wilkinson has no objection you will sent it me, and he will pay you for your trouble in these affairs whenever you please. PS Mr Davison died before Mr Wilkinson so I imagine the trust devolving on the survivors it

will only be necessary for the representative of the sd Mr Wilkinson to convey, Will you please return the copy of the release as it will be wanted for Mr Cay

I am etc HR

2 Feb 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt at Wallington 2nd Febry 1760

Hon Sir

I have recd back the extracts which my son made from the writings you have in the office relating to Anick Grange and I hope all the difficulties attending the matters will upon further enquiry be cleared up. I know of no business here at present to call you to town but I would be pleased to fix on a life to be named on the renewal of Redburn for which Dr Gregory is willing to take 35£ if done in a months time. There is also a life dropt in Lintzgarth Estate held under the B[isho]p wch sho[ul]d also be renewed and one name may be put in to both leases. Redburn is set for 48£ and Lintz garth for 10£ a year I am etc JR

5 Feb 1760 Joseph Richmond to Christopher Johnson

To Mr Chris Johnson attorney at Law in Durham 5th Febry 1760

Sir

Sir Wr Blackett desires George Robson son of George Robson of the Heugh in N.oland aged 16 years may be put into the lease of Redburn and enclosed is a certificate of Sir Wr being alive as you desired. And I hope by this time you have the certificate of General Howards being living as you said you wo[ul]d write to your agent in London to apply for it. So I hope you will get this lease executed by Dr Gregory as soon as you can.

I shall be glad to see you here, to settle matters with Mr Featherston PS John Philipson who was a life in Lintzgarth held under the Bishop being dead, Sir Wr names the above mentioned George Robson to be put in the room of Phillipson. The Estate is let to John Harrison for 10£ a yr out of wch the Bshps rent is to be deducted. As Mr Halhead is not in the country, I do not know who to apply to in this affair, I desire therefore you will apply to the proper person to get this lease renewed. I am &c JR

Copy of the certificate mentioned in the above letter above

To the Revd Dr Gregory Ma[ste]r of Sherburn hospital in the County of Durham

These are to certify that Sir Wr Blackett Bt of the parish of St And[rew]s in the town of Newcastle upon Tyne is now living.

Witness our hand this 27th January 1760

John Ellison Minister of St Andrews
Thomas Harle Church warden
Matt Laidler Church warden

12 Feb 1760 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd Wilson Esq at Leeds 12th Febry 1760

Sir

I have acquainted Mr Gunn with the contents of the last letter relating to the Quarry rent commencing from Candlemass and he desires me to acquaint you that by the expression in the article of leasing the quarry at anytime before Mayday he understood a liberty also to break and work the stones till Mayday clear of rent. But not to lead any away till after that time; and says that in all the quarries he ever took he always had 3 or 4 and sometimes 6 months allowed to make preparations before the rent commenced and therefore he positively refuses to pay any further rent than is expressed in the article whether the bargain stand or not. I have said all I can to induce him to pay this quarters rent to no purpose I therefore defer exchanging the articles till I receive your answer wch I desire as soon as convenient. The boundary between Kenton and Newbigin is an old crooked fence and your tenant and Ld Carlisle's are both desirous to give and take and have it drawn straight, wch is to be done at Ld Carlisle's sole expense so that I presume you will have no objection, for the hedge all belongs to Newbigin and we will have to take care that you receive no Inquiry I hope Mr Wilson continues to recover wch I shall be very glad to find

I am etc JR

17 Feb 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London 17th Febry 1760

Sir

Inclosed herewith you receive a rental of Wallington w[hi]ch Sir Walter bid me send you and he desires you will aquaint Mr Walds that you have got it and that he w[oul]d rather chuse to have the term for five years certain than for seven but if it must be the latter he will make no further objection.

Sir Walter has mentioned to me what you wrote him of the conversation between Mr Morton and you about Mr Craister's filing his bill and he bids me write

you that when Mr Craister does file his bill he will put in such answer to it as council shall advise him to do I am Sir &c JR

19 Feb 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm Robson at Wallington 19th Febry 1760

Sir I have sent you by Mr Turner 4 leases and the articles belonging to them vizt. Thos Wanless Geo Browns Marg' Hunter's and Dodds and Dixon. The 3 last I have filled up pursuant to the articles, as you desired to have them sent you, tho' I would have chose rather that Geo Brown and you sho[ul]d have been together first because he puts a very different construction upon the article from what you do, as you will see by the letter I sent you by him and w[hi]ch if he has not yet brought you, he is a very trifling, if not an unfair man. As I remember he declared he took the farm for 21 years from Mayday 1759 at £245 a year neat and that he wo[ul]d never have it upon any other terms. But you say it is to be at £261 for the first year and at £245 for 20 years from Mayday 1760. There are some other differences between you but I hope you will settle them all with him when you get him to Wallington w[hi]ch I would advise you to do before you give Mr Hunter any others their leases; if they are to have any ground off his farm I hope you are peacefully well again
I am etc JR

NB Sir Wr had not requested these leases

26 Feb 1760 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn London Newc 26th Febry 1760

Sir

I have acquainted Sir Wr with what you say passed between Mr Craister and you; who says it is very well. But I was afraid it might be improper for anything of the £500 to be mentioned to him by us as he never said ought of it himself to either my father or me.

I have rec[eive]d the abstracts of deeds &c relating to the Escheat of Kirkheaton which I shall give my best consideration as soon as I have time. At present it appears to me that you have put Sir Wr 's title upon the best footing in the note you have added at the end of you observations. But as the deed poll in 1583 w[hic]h the inquisition of 20 Janry 26 Eliz seems to be of great importance it will be necessary we sho[ul]d have a copy thereof before any judgement can be formed whether Sir John Forster got the Manor of Anick Grainge by that deed. If he did, I hope it will be found that the Crown's having Kirkheaton in their hands at the time of granting off the Manor of

Anick Grainge and for some years afterwards and then granting it off also will not sever that estate from its dependance on the manor it was anciently parcel of. What inclines me to think thus is that when some Estates pcels of Hexham manor were forfeited to the Crown by the Attainder of Lord Derwentwater. The said estates while in the crown did not pay the fee farm rents due to the said Manor of Hexham. But the Crown having lately parted with them, by appropriating them to Greenwhich hospital the Trustees of the hospital have been advised that the s[ai]d Estates w[oul]d now be liable to pay the said fee farm rents and have accordingly pd the same which I am satisfied they wo[ul]d not have done unless it had been a clear case. You are a better judge whether this is similar to the case of Kirkheaton. By your letter to Sir Wr and what you say to me I find that MR Rooks has not met with anything material about Anick Grainge or Kirkheaton in his search in the Rolls chapel. But pray is not the Augmentation office or the office of the Auditors of the land Revenue at Westminster the more likely place to afford us the Lights we want. Since in that office of patents fm 1 Hen 8 to the end of Cha. I are kept, as I am informed by Mr Collingwood who met there with things which he and L[or]d Noland sought for in vain at the Rolls Chapel. When you have considered this you may proceed as you judge best.

I expect Sir Wr has wrote you this post in reference to obtaining copies of the deeds in Lady Windsors possession; as I mentioned the same to him. Pray will it be necessary for me to return you the abstract you have sent as the referring any observations on additions, I can make, to the pages of the said abstract will be sufficient. I am &c HR

29 Feb 1760 Henry Richmond to Thomas Strother

To Mr Thos Strother at Esholt near Bradford Yorkshire Newcastle 29 Febry 1760

Sir

By Sir Wr Blacketts directions I send you the enclosed bill for £36.13s which I desire you will advise the receipt of by return of the post and mention that it is on Sir Wrs account I am Etc JR

Sirs Newcastle 29 Febry 1760 £36.13s
Twenty days after date pay Mr Thomas Strother or order Thirty six pounds thirteen shillings value <recd> and place same to acct as advised by Sirs Yr most hmble svt JR
to Messrs Plumb and Brown Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

13 Mar 1760 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett at Wallington NewC 13th March 1760

Hond Sir
I will remit to Mr Darwin 6 or 700£ in a post or two; as to what ans he is to give Mr Waldo, I presume you have given him direction. I hope Mr Lascelles will agree continue to his money for some time longer. Mr Robson was come away before I rcd the acct of Mr Ogles death and Dr Lambert was coming out with him, if the Dr had come sooner I believe he could have done him no service for he has been attended by Dr Fenwick who is esteemed a very knowing p[er]son in his profession and of whom Mr Ogle himself had always a better opinion than of Dr Lambert. What I think will be wanted for the funeral I have ordered out and have given Mr Robson an account of them. Mr Davidson's steward has just called upon me with a ring for you and Ten guineas left you by Mr Davidson of Ferryhill w[hi]ch I have sent you inclosed by James Kepple I am &c JR

15 Mar 1760 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London 15th March 1760

Hon Sir
I intended to have sent you by this post two bills for 600£ pay[a]bl[e] 20 days after date from this day; but Sir Wr being just come in from Wallington orders me to remit you 1100£ so that these are running on and I will endeavour to procure a bill at a short date for the £500 ag[ree]d this day senight or must send you the money by the carrier. I shall also have the money to remit you in a few posts to London the ½ yrs intrest ts on Kenton mortgage when I shall include the 8 guineas of Mrs Widdrington. My son will answer your last ltr as soon as he can get time to consider the contents I am &c JR

15 Mar 1760 Henry Richmond to Plumb and Brown
[Note: file note]
1760 March 15th Advised Plumb and Brown of my <draft> on them this day for 100£ payable to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order at 20 days JR

18 Mar 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr William Alvey Darwin in Grays Inn London Newcastle 18th March 1760

Sir
Inclosed you receive four Bills for £1100.0.0 as above, wch I desire you will place to Sir Wr Blacketts acct and advise me on the receipt hereof and that you place the same accordingly wch is all that occurs this post I am etc JR

No 6498 £500 Newcastle March 15th 1760
Twenty days date to pay to the order of Mr Joseph Richmond five hundred pounds value received For Self Cookson Carr and Airey Matt Bell
To Mesrs Vere Glyn and Halifax London
Endorsed Pay the order to Mr Willm Alvey Darwin or order JR

Sirs Newcastle 15th March 1760 £100
Twenty days after date pay Mr Willm Alvey Darwin or order the sum of one hundred pounds value received and place the same to acct as advised by ----Sirs Yr most hble svt JRichmond
To Messrs Plumb and Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane
Endorsed Pay the order to Mr Willm Alvey Darwin or order JR

Newcastle 18th March 1760 £350
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order three hundred and fifty pounds the value in account with Sir Walter Blackett place the same to acct as by advice from---- Peareth and Sorsbie
To Messrs Freeman and Stainbanks Merchants in London

Newcastle 18th March 1760 £150
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order one hundred and fifty pounds the value in account with Sir walter Blackett place the same to acct as advice from---- Peareth and Sorsbie
To Messrs Freeman and Stainbanks Merchants in London

21 Mar 1760 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield 21st March 1760

Sir
I desire to know in what forwardness you are for the Mils pay, wch I want to have made as soon as possible. To pray hasten the quart accts. Rental and paybill without loss of time. I return you John Lee's acct according to your desire, he has been here half drunk, but says he is determined to live a sober life for the future and to attend his business very punctually but I have no faith that he will keep that resolution. He told me the reason he put Jan[ua]ry's Smelting into the Dec quarter was occasioned by the order to keep that Qua[rter]s acct open as long as he co[ul]d and he did not perceive

anything amiss in doing it as it was only getting the smelters their money the sooner. But this practice is deceiving us in settling the stock at Xmas 563 p[iece]s of lead and would make his management in the produce just so much the better. In the last year near 6 bings of oar has produced only a fother of lead wch can be occasioned only by his mismanagement, considering the quality of oar from last y[ea]r to Allanheads Mil. In my Lre to you 13 April 1757 I complained of his conduct and desire you to inspect him narrowly, but in all your Lres you rather wrote in his favour tho I am informed that he has been idling and drinking in Hexham and that neighbourhood for ten days together wch I wonder you should take no notice of. Sir Wr will be going to London in ten days time and I am ordered to desire you answer within that time whether you think it is his intrst to continue and try John Lee any longer and if not who you think the properest person to succeed him. There has been application made for a son of Ant Watson a smelter at Acton Mil who I know nothing of and John Bowman spoke to me to recommend him if Lee be discharged. I do not at all question his intelligence but what is your opinion for you must be a much better judge than I can be who is the fittest person for that station. I dare say Sir Wr would be unwilling to discharge John Lee if there were any hope of his reformation. I am etc JR

NB Mr Hunter refuses to give any answ, only send John Lee letter to him wch is upon the report file

[Written vertically in the margin:]
NB I acquainted Sir Walter these Lres and Mr Hunters answer inclosing Lees letter but he did not give me any directions about Lee tho I told him the loss he had by his negligence.

25 Mar 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London Ncastle 25 March 1760

Sir
On the 18th inst I send you four bills for £110.0.0 as p copies inclosed, wch I desire you to place to Sir Walters Acct and to advise me on the receipt thereof, wch is all the vouchers I can have for the money in my acct. But having rec[eive]d no advice form you in this post I am apprehensive that the bills may have miscarried. If they should not be come to hand I desire you will stop payment for they are all endorsed and made payable to you. If you have rece[ieve]d them I desire to hear from you by the first return. I am etc JR

28 Mar 1760 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Willm Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 28th March 1760

Sir

I have sent you this post such a state of the case as I am able to make out for the Escheat of Kikheaton to the Manor of Anick Grainge, But desire you will put It with such other facts observations and queries as occur to you to be necessary in a proper form for council; this being the Business of Folks of your profession; and when you have completed It I desire you will send me a copy and then if Sir Walter chooses to consult council in the country I can lay it before them.

The Inquisition in 1627 and the grant of livery in 1630 wch you sent an abstract of are very satisfactory, with regards to the manor of Anick grainge being granted to Sir Jno Forster. But it may, as you observe be necessary to shew that Kirkheaton was dependant on that Manor in the time of the prior and convent. The Black Book would be sufficient evidence for this, but for the word ibidem. And yet from the tenor of that book I hope it will be construed that Kirkheaton, wch the prior &c had in liberam Elimosinam, was dependant on the said Manor. For you see there are 3 persons that held lands at Kirkheaton of the prior &c by Homage and Fealty and 3 others who held lands at Caldstrother of Them by Homage and Fealty also, but no mention is made of a court at wch this Hom and Fealty was to be done either in Kirkheaton or Caldstrother. Only after the tenure of the said lands is declared to be by H & F it follows "Et omnes prdict debent Secta cus prioris ibm Now the court at Aynwyk was the prior and convents court for Hexhamshire within wch jurisdiction the scite of their monastry was. And all homage must have been done in that court before the lord himself by each freeholder on coming to his estate for no steward co[ul]d take homage. & Seizin of homage includes Seizin of Fealty & other inferior services 4 Rep 8. - If I am in right in this would not Kirkheaton be dependant on Anick Grainge notwithstanding Suit might be done at courts held at Kirkheaton or Caldstrother for the ease of the tenants there. If therefore Kirkheaton was dependant on Anick Gr Manor in the time of the prior etc it may be proper to mention that Sir Wr B not only is seized of the said manor of AG but also of the scite of the Monastry, of all the Advowsons Tithes and other spiritualties and pays the same stipends to curates as appear (by Hutchinsons rental) to have been paid at the time of the dissolution.

As to further search in the offices you can judge better than I what will be wanted, and Sir Wr in desiring you to employ Mr Rooks, who he was told was well versed in old writings, left it to you to direct what was to be searched for. I can only say, that if any further light is wanted with regard to the Manor of Kirkheaton, & whether any court was held there, the Augmentation office and office of the Land revenue are the likely places. For at the dissolution minute surveys were taken of the possesions of all Abbeys monestries etc, describing the several estates whe[the]r they were manors and what courts were held for them etc. therefore Anick gr as well as Kirkheaton must be registred in the Augmentation office probably under the head monastry or priory of Hexham. Also while the manors of Anick gr and Kirkheaton were in the Crown the receivers or auditors must have accounted to the crown for the

perquisites of these Courts, and this will appear in Office of Land Revenue. You may at your leisure look into Sir Jno Forsters purchase deeds of the scite of the monastry of Hexham of Sir Reginald Carnabys heirs in 1574 Bundle 8. Because some mention is made in them of services to the chief Lord. As you have here, or in the inclosed, all I can add to your abstract I suppose I need not at present return it to you, I wo[ul]d chose to keep it because Sir Wr will want to see it. I should be glad to hear what you think of the Extracts from the Black Book whether it will be any evidence of the dependance of Kirkheaton on A Grainge Manor. I am etc HR

PS The Stiles of the Courts at Anick gr wch I have sent you in the inclosed are and answer to the Qu you put at the end of your Abstracts about the Rolls of that Manor.

28 Mar 1760 J Richmond to Christopher Johnson

To Mr Chr. Johnson Attory at Law Durham Newc 28 March 1760

Sir
Inclosed you receive copy of Lintzgarth lease and also two certificates that Sir Wr Blackett and Ralph Clark are living. I desire therefore you will apply for a new lease as expeditiously as you can. I acquaint you that George Robson of the Heugh aged 16 years, son of George Robson of the Heugh is the person Sir Wr desires me be named in the new lease in the room of Mr Philipson deced and that Lintzgarth is let to Mr Harrison for £10 a year please to advise me of your receipt hereof, and whether you have got Redburn lease returned that I may bring or send you the money. I am etc. JR

8 Apr 1760 J Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richard Wilson Esq at Leeds Ncastle 8th April 1760

Sir Inclosed is a bill for £282.9.10 being the ballance of Messrs Kings half years rent due Martinmas last, as pr acct also inclosed wch bill I desire you will advise the receipt of and sign the acct of wch I send you a duplicate. You also receive inclosed Thos Gunns Article for the Quarry from &c JR

Sirs Newcastle the 8th April 1760 £282.9.10
Twenty five days after date pay Richard Wilson Esq or order the sum of Two hundred and eighty two pounds nine shillings and ten pence value received and place the same to acct as advice from … Your mo hble servant Jos Richmond
To Messrs Plumb and Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

8 April 1760 Advised Plumb and Browne of the above draught on them for £282.9.10

8 Apr 1760 J Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 8th April 1760

Sir
Inclosed you receive Peareth and Sorsbies bill on Freeman and Stainbanks for £300 wch I desire you will place to my account and advise the receipt of. This Bill will enable you to pay the half yrs intrst on Kenton Mortgage due the 27th ulto and I desire you will make it recd of Sir Wr by my hand and send me the receipt as soon as the money is paid, wch I shall advise the rect of & as soon as I can get a bill will return you Lady Barbara's half years annuity to pay Mr Vernon I am &c
p.s. pray Wt does Mr Caister intend to do this year JR

Mr Glover 140.0.0
Mr Sambrooke 140.0.0

Newcastle 18th March 1760 £300.0.0
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order Three hundred pounds, the value in Acct with Sir Walter Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth and Sorsbie
To Messrs Freeman and Stainbanks Merchants in London
Endorsed Pay the contents to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order JR

11 Apr 1760 J Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield Newc 11 Apl 1760

Sir
Thos Parker and the other Rookhope carriers I find will not lead this year undr 9s for 10 p[iece]s the price they had in 1758. I desire therefore you will imediately send to Jos Makepeace and other of the Darwent Carriers and try if they will engage to lead 10000 p[iece]s lead at 8s for 10 p[iece]s to Blaydon by Baybridge, or what price they will take for 10 p[iece]s to Apperley bank foot, for I would gladly shew Mr Parker we can do without him as he is determined to impose his own price on Sir Wr. Its very unreasonable in him to insist on the same price now that was paid when corn was double the price. I desire that you will lose no time in this matter and let me have a speedy answer. I was in hopes you would have been ready for your pay before Mayday that we might have had an opportunity of seeing all the carriers and what

reason you have for delaying it I do not know, for you have had notice enough. I request of you to get ready with all expedition without talking of putting it off till Whitsuntide. When I see you I will acquaint you with what Sir Walter says about John Lee, for the present he agrees to try him a little farther depending on you looking a little closer after him. I am &c JR

18 Apr 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP at his house in Pall mall London Newc 18 April 1760

Honrd Sir

Inclosed herewith is the Rental of Wallington Estate, vouched I hope to Mr Savages satisfaction, but I am sorry you should have any occasion to deal with so tedious a person. there is a small alteration upon the rental you had before wch I wish he may not stumble at, tho the amount is the same There is £379.15.0 due to Mr Lascelles for the yrs interest on the 26th Febry last wch I cannot get a bill for here at present therefore if you cannot settle with him otherwise I must send up the money by the carrier.

Herewith is also inclosed a memorial to be laid before the B[isho]p if you approve of it, wch is a true state of the case to the best of my knowledge but if you think there is any thing in it too particular or had better be left out, you will please to let Mr Darwin new model it. That part of the 4th clause wch mentions what your lead costs you and the latter part of the last clause relating to Bp Chandler are the only articles that in my opinion require your consideration tho they are both strictly true. I hope the B[isho]p at the worst will accept of 200 guineas fine.

Lead is now rather upon the advance, I presume on the expectation some people have of a peace and I have sold as much as I hope will enable me to make all the pays, Weardale included before Midsummer next and I have given all the stewards notice to get ready, for the workmen grow very impatient for their money, as their wages have been much lowered. Weardale Groves have raised a great quantity of ore in the last year, wch has cost you very dear, and you will get little by it, unless we have a peace soon and lead advance considerably.

Mr Scott being dead you will please to consider whether Mr Forster or Mr Widdrington is to be employed as sollicitor in the country, when you think it may be proper to proceed in the cause with Mr Ord, they are equally acquainted with the case, having both been comissioners. I have delivered your directions to Mr Hay and Robin the gardiner.

PS Aldmn Eden shut up shop yesterday and I believe a comission of bankruptcy is sent for by this post. His debts already known are between £5 and 6000 and if they are no more its believed he may divide 10s in the pound at least. The Bp of Chester drew a bill on you payable to Mr Eden for the last half year composition for the tithe oar in Weardale wch I paid him the second installment and I question whether his Ldsp may

not be a sufferer. At that time nobody had any suspition of Mr Eden's failing But you are in no way concerned in that matter. The memorandum pinned to the memorial about Mr Wilkinson's lease Mr Darwin must have a due regard to and I hope he will get that affair settled with Mr Halhead without troubling the Bp about it I am &c JR

18 Apr 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London 18th April 1760

Sir
Yesterday Mr Beaumont sent me £70 wch I tho[ugh]t it the best way to take, but when he will pay any more he did not say. I desire you will acquaint Mr Thomas herewith and let me know if I am to remit to you this money to be pd into the Bank. I am &c. JR

1 May 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett MP at his house in Pall Mall London 1 May 1760

Honble Sir

I think it very unreasonable in the B[isho]p to require particular acct of your working the Groves and the profits arising from them, and what you should not submit to in case it can any way be avoided. I dare say it is a thing never before requested on the renewal of any colliery or lead mine lease. But as you think it must be submitted to I have drawn out an acct of the profits made by the ore raised in the enclosures held under Sandersons lease for the last 30 yrs to the best of my judgement and belief, both with and without Great Slitt, wch can never be proved to have been wro[ugh]t within the inclosures held under Sandersons lease, unless for the last 3 yrs it may have been so in Messrs Shields pasture, and who can now tell that that field was inclosed 100 yrs ago but Mr Wilkinson and his p[art]ner are so provoked at losing so fine a bargain wch they made themselves sure of that they will endeavour to make the Bp as hard upon you as they can. But let Mr Wilkinsons representations be what he pleases the inclosed is a true state of the case as far as I am able to give it for 30 yrs. And surely it cant be expected to single out some of the best yrs in that time, wch you can never agree to For admitting the Slitt Grove to be now in an ancient inclosure she is <just> going out of it into the waste, as set forth in the Memorial

Yesterday I recd of Lady Loraine £750 wch I have placed to acct.

I will take care to send up the money you order ag[ain]st the 1st June, wch I doubt must be by the carrier. Please to let me know wher I am to send the carriers note to you or to Mr Darwin and also when I am to remit to him the £1000 to pay off Mr Hasland. As for Mrs Lyons money I think it is not to be pd till 1st Nov? and as I remember you said you had paid £100 of it wch I presume you have a discharge for.

The cottagers at Winlaton have intred into an Article to try the Lords with regard to their houses, and I am told about 80 of them have signed it. Sir Edward's steward has taken Mr Fawcetts opinion upon the case and he makes it clear in favour of the Lords and advises to serve ejectments. The cottagers on the other hand say they are advised they can hold under the ancient rent and refuse to come into any agreement for a lease or any advance. I presume you will hear soon from Sir Edward on this subject. We have scarse had any rain since you left Newcastle yet the corn it is agreed looks very well, tho there is little grass

PS as this is time for entring the carriages, I desire to know how many you chose to have entred this year and whether you intend to continue the 20 guineas a year to Dr Lambert. I have just now recd your letr of the 1st inst and hope w[ha]t is set forth in the inclosed estimate will induce the Bp to set a reasonable Fine. I do assure you it is a fair and just acct to the best of my knowledge.

There has been a mutiny among the militia at Berwick raised by 9 or 10 men on acct of their wages, wch they wanted to be pd from the date of the Kings order to embody them, wch money the officers have not received yet but the ring leader who has also struck his Sergeant having been tryed and rcd 100 lashes Mr Moseley tells me all is quiet again and it is not doubted but this example will have a good effect and prevent any further disturbance. As to the colliers I do not hear but at present are very quiet. All Mr Edens creditors except one whose debt is under £100 have agreed to supercede the Commiss[ioner]s and the settling his affairs is left to Messrs Surtees and Burdon Mr J Atkinson and Mr Doubleday but I apprehend he can never act any more as a magistrate. The lead mils pay will be made up on Wednesday about £2400

I am &c JR

6 May 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP at his home in Pall Mall London 6th May 1760

Honrd Sir

Lady Loraine has sent in £50 more & I desire the receipt given herefore £750 maybe altered to £800 wch makes the money you have had of her £2000 and she purposes to let you have £500 more in September. The prospect of peace being now thought to be over, the lead trade is again quite at a stand, so am afraid shall not be able to make Weardale pay before Mids[umme]r for I reckond upon £1000 of Lady Loraine's money.

I expect to see Mr Thos Maughan at Dukesfield tomorrow when may perhaps get from him some further information about Great Slittgrove, so that if the B[isho]p does not go out of town in 10 days and you can defer giving him the acct sent you by last post, you will know by frydays post, if there is any alteration to be made; but I am satisfied there can be none that is material.

I have got two bills for £500 & £400 that will be due the 18th of next month. If you have occasion for them and they will be [jus]t your time; if not, I will send 6 or 700£ by the carrier. We have had fine rain yesterday and today, which is like to continue.

PS My son has had the worst receipt last week at Wallington I ever knew.

I am Etc. JR

9 May 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

[Note: The debt owed by the King of Denmark referred to in this letter was claimed to have been incurred by the first William Blackett in 1656, over a century earlier. See also 24th June 1760]

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP at his home in Pall Mall London 9th May 1760

Honrd Sir

As to Collieries, the rent is always reserved by the Ten[ant] and the Lessor either sets a check, or serves a power of inspecting the lesees books and accts for the quantities wro[ugh]t but never requires an acct of the lesees profits. The B[isho]ps leases of the mines is of a different nature, his rent is 1/9th part of the ore raised wch is compounded for in money, and therefore the ninth and the Rector's tenth, which makes 1/5th are deducted from the whole qty raised as the composition of £650 a year is not made of any part of the charge on the ore raised in the 30 years, so that the annual profits are as set forth in the acct. I have seen Mr T Maughan and I do not find any reason for making the least alteration. If the B[isho]p will not believe the accounts I have sent you but has inclination to examine the books and you think it proper to agree to it, let him set whom he will to do it, they must be clearer sighted than I and my son are, if they can make out any more than we have done.

You will receive this by post under another cover the King of Denmark assignation on his agent in Holland, with the translation thereof into English. It has been called a bond but improperly but it shows your demand for the original debt to have been settled, and I presume is of the same validity as a bond; I wish you c[oul]d obtain the payment thereof wch is about £1600 for as to the charges in solliciting this affair and the intrest calculated to this time. I doubt they will never be p[aid. On all the sollicitations that have been made by the English Envoy of the Court Of Denmark, the answer has always been that they either wanted money, or that the debts would be considered when accts were adjusted between the two crowns, which I imagine will never be, therefore I fear any private applications will be fruitless. However you will be pleased to take care of the original Bond.

I will pay Mr Stoddart the 5 Guineas and furnish the lead for the West End of Chollerton Church agreeable to your directions, and will write to Jno <Horn> about administering to his brother's will. He was not diswaded from doing it by anybody here. The letter from John Pollard (about this) it here returned. Dr Rotheram intends to

come and settle in Newcastle in a little time, and as he is looked upon to be very skillful in the profession and especially in midwifry, there is no doubt of his success.

Young Mrs Bates, Captn Milfords daughter died here on Tuesday last in childbed, she was well delivered but took a fever four days after.

We have had fine growing weather all this week and both Town and country are in both perfect peace and tranquility. PS if you should require an acct of the profits made in the last 12 or 13 years it will be very considerably more because the greatest q[uanti]ty of ore has been got my last 4 or 5 yrs, therefore you will please to avoid agreeing therto if possible. The reason I have drawn out the account for 30 yrs is my thinking that it is a fair way of stating it, as lead mines are of so uncertain a nature I am Etc JR

13 May 1760 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To John Fenwick Esq in Roberts Place near Bootham Bar York Ncastle 13th May 1760

Sir
Inclosed is my bill on Messrs Plumb and Brown for 40£ payable at 15 days according to your desire, to discharge the 3 years inst on Sir W Blacketts bond due the 12th inst. I desire you will place the same accordingly and advise me on the rect hereof as the bill is at so short a date.
I am [[etc] JR

Sirs Newcastle 13 May 1760 £40.0.0
Fifteen days after date pay John Fenwick Esq or order the sum of forty pounds value received and place the same to acct as by <adouefm>
Sirs Your most humble servt JR
To Messrs Plumb and Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

13 May 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir W Blackett Bt MP at his house in Pall Mall London 13th May 1760

Honr Sir
I received the enclosed letter from Sir Edward Blacketts steward, if you approve of retaining Mr Norton, you will please to order Mr Darwin to do it imediately lest the tenants get him engaged on their side. They say they have taken Mr Rudds and Mr Gills opinion, which is clearly in their favour, tho Mr Fawcetts opinion is the contrary. The cause will be tryed in the County of Durham and the <Retainer> I apprehend should be <Doe> on the joint and several demises of Sir Walter Blackett Bt and Sir

Edward Blackett Bt ag[ain]st <Roe> In a post or two we hope to get the case distinctly stated for Mr Nortons opinion. Mr Fawcett as advised Sir Edward to serve notices on three of the tenants to quit their houses on the 12th inst which has been served accordingly, so that no time should be lost in bringing Ejectments, if the cause is to be tryed at the next assizes, and if you think it proper to employ Mr Witherington as your agent in this business you will be pleased to order Mr Darwin to correspond with him about it.

As Lord Chief Baron Ord is in town you will be pleased to consider whether it is not right to ask him if Lord Carlisle will join you in defending ag[ain]st Mr Craister and if he will give Mr <Robt> Lisle Directions to join Mr Forster in making the proper Enquiries for that defence. I am very sorry to find you are the least out of order, I hope this will find you better and that you will not let any business interfere with your peace and tranquility. We have fine seasonable weather, and the change has come in good time for the County of North[umber]land PS I hope the Bishop will not be very unreasonable in the fine, as matters stand I think it will be the best way to make matters up with him on the best terms you can. I will send you the two bills for £500 and £400 in a post or two

I am etc JR

15 May 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP at his house In Pall Mall London Newc 15th May 1760

Honrd Sir

Inclosed are Peareth and Sorsbies two bills on Messrs Freeman and Stainbanks for £900 as above wch I desire you will be pleased to advise receipt of.

Herewith inclosed is the case stated about the Winlaton cottagers, on which you will be pleased to order Mr Darwin to take Mr Nortons or such other councils opinion as you think proper. What Mr Robson and Mr Armstrong have done in this matter has been by Mr Fawcets advice. And I hope the case is clear in favour of the Lords, But I wish it could have been compromised without a law suit, as it is not a thing of any great consequence further than endeavouring to support what is believed to be your right.

I have also herewith inclosed copy of Mr Fawcets opinion, wch Mr Armstrong sent to Sir Edward I am Etc JR

Newcastle 29th April 1760 £500
Fifty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order five hundred pounds the value in account with Sir Wr Blackett, place the same to account as by advice from Peareth and Sorsbie
To Messrs Freeman and Stainbanks Merchants In London

Newcastle 29th April 1760 £400
Fifty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order four hundred pounds the value in account with Sir Wr Blackett, place the same to account as by advice from Peareth and Sorsbie
To Messrs Freeman and Stainbanks Merchants In London

20 May 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London 20th May 1760

Sir
Inclosed is Peareth and Sorsbies bill on Freeman and Stainbanks for 225£, wch I desire you will place to me acct and advice of receipt of. I send you this to pay Mr Vernon Lady Mansels <..> [years] annuity due last month, whose receipt I desire you will send me as soon as the money is paid. I shall be glad to know whe[ther] you have any opinion on the Kirkheaton affair, and if <..> Mr Caister intends to try the cause at our assizes, for I am quite a stranger to what is doing about it. As you have Mr Forster in Town I doubt not but the matter will be well considered. I presume Sir Wr will have given you a Case about the cottages at Winlaton to take to Mr Norton's or some other council's opinion on at Sir Edward Blacketts request, who is equally concerned and must therefore pay half the costs I am etc JR

Newcastle 29th April 1760 £225.0.0
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order two hundred and twenty five pounds the value in account with Sir Wr Blackett, place the same to account as by advice from
Peareth and Sorsbie
To Messrs Freeman and Stainbanks Merchants In London

8 Jun 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 8th July 1760

Sir
Inclosed are Peareth and Sorsbie's two bills on Freeman and Stainbank for £1000 to pay off Mr Harlands bond the 31st installment wch I desire you will place to Sir Wr Blackett's account and advise me of your receipt hereof.

I am not able at this time to make you any further remittance having paid off last week all of the mines, wch has left me neither money or bills, but I hope to recruit in a little time.

PS I desire to know when you think of leaving town. Sir Wr wrote me sometime ago to return you £700 to pay off his bond to Miss Ann Butter, now Mrs Lyon for £800 of wch he says £100 is paid. But he said he had fixed the 1st Nov for that payment. There is also £571. 14.6 due to Mr Lascelles on Sir Wrs note but I hope the payment of those two sums may be postponed until your return from the North I am etc JR

Newcastle 10th June 1760 £600
Forty five days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order six hundred pounds the value of in acct with Sir Walter Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth and Sorsbie
To Messers Freeman and Stainbanks Merchants in London

Newcastle 10th June 1760 £400
Forty five days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order four hundred pounds the value of in acct with Sir Walter Blackett, place the same to acct as by advice from Peareth and Sorsbie
To Messers Freeman and Stainbanks Merchants in London

10 Jun 1760 Joseph Richmond to George Davison

[Note: File note]
Sent to Mr Geo Davison at Newton Cap, Mr Bacon's account of his proposition of Weardale rents for the year 1760. JR

13 Jun 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP at his house In Pall Mall London 13th June 1760

Honrd Sir

I cannot think of any thing more to be said to the Bishop as he defers giving you an answer till he comes into the county and advises with Mr Wilkinson and who I hope will not be able to controvert that acct you have d[elivere]d to his Lordship. If you were to offer a fine of 200 guineas, I do not believe he would accept of it, having no doubt had the matter set forth to him in a quite different light For it cannot be supported he knows the truth of the case himself, and you are sensible that on every occasion of this nature, here have always been persons, to ingratiate themselves, very ready to represent things with their own sanguine imaginations, widely different from the truth.

I do not know that I have presumed anything in the acct but what is fact and will appear to be so on the most <nice> examination; And as to my doubting the premises i.e. whe[ther] Great Slitt Grove has been wro[ugh]t all the time, or any part of it in an ancient inclosure comprehended under Sandersons lease, is what I cannot help, as there is reason to question it, But however that may be, all the ore raised out of that grove in the last 30 yrs as appears to me by the Grove accts is included in the accts d[elivere]d his Lordship, and yet the profits appear to have been no more than £218 a year and surely his Lordship will never ask any more for a fine than a years profit of a Lead mine. The Lot and tithe being deducted from the ore raised cannot reasonably be an objection, because they have been always, except for 3 yrs under composition, wch is not made any part of the charge of raising the ore.

The pay of your own mines in Weardale is fixed to be the 2nd of next month, and Allenheads and Coalcleugh pay the day following, wich together amount to near £14000 but I am not in cash to make the p[ar]tnership pay wch will be near £2000 more, nor do I hear that Mr Bacon is ready for it. I am etc JR

17 Jun 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett in Pall Mall 17 June 1760

Honrd Sir
Mrs Cocking was with one about her proposal to pull down the nun's house and lay out 4 or £500 on building on a lease for 21 yrs, paying you the rent of £5 a year to keep the school Master now pays, I told her you had appropriated the manor house for the benefit of the Charity school of St Andrews, and I did not think you would make any alteration. I presume you know you have £1000 of her money upon bond, and pay her a life annuity of £36 a year for <£400> which you took of her 14 years ago to serve her. She has now got so much money by her by her trade of selling spirits &c as she thinks sufficient and has therefore left of the Business and retired to a private life. What her religion is I do not know but I am told she associates altogether among the Roman Catholics. I do not think the schoolmaster ought to be turned out without reasonable warning that he may have time to look out for another school. If you should incline to grant Mrs Cocking a lease, it cannot well be done this year and you will have time to consider of it against the next. I have delivered your letter to Beck and Shortridge who is very well satisfied with it, he is a free house carpenter about 40 years of age, an active man, and can very well provide for his family, if he did not like company too well which leads him into some extravagancies, I have received from Mr Darwin the opinions about Kirkheaton which I shall not communicate to any body as that cause is to be defended at the next assizes. The Lord Chief Baron should be desired to write to Mr Clever Lord Carlisle's chief Agent to join on the councils fees to Mr Stanhope and Mr Morton and other charges, as Lord Carlisle is much more concerned in the Issue of the cause than you are. Mr Robt Lisle says he has not yet received any directions to join

Mr Forster in preparing any defence. Sir Edw Blacketts steward has ordered Mr Widdrington to retain Mr Stanhope on the Case with the Winlaton Cottagers. You will have about 60 or 70 pine apples to cut this year, all very small, and it will be a month before any of them are ripe as William keeps them back to prevent the other plants which look very well from fruiting. I am Etc JR

20 Jun 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin No 8 Greys Inn London Newcastle 20th June 1760

Sir

Above is a copy of a note wch Sir Walter has given Mrs Mary Mathews an old servant of Lady Blacketts. She leaves this place tomorrow and will be in London in 14 days when she will call upon you for her first half years payment due the 24th inst. Wch you will place to Sir Wrs acct and settle with her how the future payments are to be made. I did not know when

I wrote my last letter that Lord Chief Baron was gone thro' this place into Scotland. I do not doubt but he has given Mr Lisle proper directions, tho he does not say he has, only writes to his brother to ask me if Sir Wr intends to defend the cause. I saw Mr Forster as he went thro' this town and expect to hear from him when he has got the papers belonging to Sir Wr from Mr Scott. As the dispute between Ld Northumberland and the town of Alnwick is compromised I am apt to think Mr Forster will accept of being one of his Lordships auditors, if it is offered him. I am etc. JR

PS I have received Mr <Reedets> bill on Thos Natess and will send you the same for acceptance.

I do hereby promise and oblige myself my heirs and executors to pay to Mrs Mary Mathews an Annuity of Ten Pounds a year during her natural life, to commence from Christmas next in consideration of her long service. Wr Blackett
Newcastle 28th September 1759 Endorsed
To apply to Mr Wm Alvey Darwin No. 8 Greys Inn London for the payment of the annuity.

24 Jun 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

[Note: the Denmark case also relates to the debt originally claimed as unpaid by Sir William Blackett in 1656. See also 9th May 1760]

To Sir Wr Blackett MP at his house in Pall Mall London 24th June 1760

Honrd Sir

I return inclosed the Denmark papers sent down in your letter of the 19th inst. Jno Cooper was a Newcastle merchant and Sir William Blackett's Factor at Copenhagen therefore the bond or bill on <Marcellius> was made payable to him and he gave a Lre of Attorney to Henry Lad of Amsterdam to receive the money, and then Ladd afterwards renounced that authority to Sir Wm Blackett from whom you deduce your Title to the Debt. I wish you could procure the payment of the 9571 Rix dollars for the principal debt, detainer of the ship and charges; as for instrst tho' it is as due as the principal, I imagine it is in vain ever to expect it. I believe by the alteration of the Exch[ange] a Rix dollar is not now worth above 4s. But if you obtain payment of the debt it will be in Rix dollars, and if you must get it returned by Amsterdam acording to the course of exchange wch you will now reduce it to about 4s sterling pr Rix dollar, but in 1656 the Rix dollar was valued at 4s 6d. I can never think the payment of this money can ever be obtained but by a letter from the King to the King of Denmark, thro' the mediation of the English ministers. Therefore the gentleman that undertakes the thing may put you to a deal of expence to no purpose, and I doubt not but you will be cautious in giving any authority or letter of Attorney to any person you have not an intire confidence in for it may not be easy to get it revoked, and until that is done you cannot apply thro' any other channel. Besides the Danish Ministers will most likely say they can do nothing without seeing the original bill which I assume you will not part with it.

There is nothing said yet about Mr Eden's giving up his gown, and it is likely nothing will resolve on, as to that matter till it is seen how this affairs turn out. But I apprehend he can never more appear as a magistrate without being liable to insults, as was the case with Ald[erma]n Rudston. To chuse Mr Surtees would be throwing too much weight into one scale. Therefore I see no proper choice you have, when there is a vacancy but Mr Blackett who is a senior <peer> to Mr Scurfield. Ald[man] Ra Sowerbie has been ill for some months in an ague and I hear is still but in an indifferent way. There will be £50 of Mr Davison's money to be given to a young merchant the 29th July who is to be nominated by you and Mr Davison and I hope you will be here before that time to consider of a proper person. It must be to one that is free of the merchants Co.

I am informed Hannah Potts is a Freemans daughter, and a very proper person to be admitted into the hospital.

My son attended Lord and Lady Northumberland as they alighted on Sunday even with your compliments and offer of any accomodations your house afforded. His Lordship returned you thanks, but said they had engaged their old lodgings. Here are none lodge in your house but Mr Shuttleworth and Mr Carr

PS I forgot to aquaint you with the death of Mr Douglas and the vicar. Lady No'land's horse won the King's Plate yesterday I am etc. JR

19 Jul 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newc 19th July 1760

Sir

Inclosed is my bill on Messrs Plumbe and Browne for £200 wch I desire you will place to Sir Wr Blacketts acct and advise me on your receipt hereof. On the 11th inst I drew a bill on you for £7.6.0 payable to Mrs Esther Allgood or order at 10 days date wch is placed to your acct. I recd last post a copy of the special jury wch I have sent to Sir Wr at Wallington, who got well hither on Monday morning

PS The £70 of West Kenton money in my hands I want to be clear of and therefore hope Mr. Thomas will call on Mr Beaumont to pay the remaining £130 before next term that the affair may be settled and my recognizance discharged -- if not you'l advise me what method to use to get it done Iam etc JR

Newcastle 19th July 1760 £200
Sirs
Twenty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order £200 value received and place the same to acct as advised by Sirs Yo mo humble servt Jos Richmond
To Messrs Plumbe and Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

19th July 1760 Advised Messrs Plumbe and Brown of the foregoing draft on them for £200 payable to Mr Alvey Darwin or order 20 days after date JR

20 Jul 1760 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Rich Wilson Esq jun at Leeds 20 July 1760

Sir

As Mr Craister's and Mr Bewick's Ejectment cause ag[ains]t Sir Wr Blackett is to be tried at our assizes, Sir Wr desires you will accept of his compliments and if you come this part of the circuit, he desires hereby to engage you as his council in that cause and your retainer will be pd you when you come to this place where I shall be glad to see you I am JR

22 Jul 1760 Joseph Richmond to Plumb and Brown

22nd July 1760 Advised Messrs Plumbe and Brown of my draft on them this day to Henry Kindley or order at 20 days JR

25 Jul 1760 Walter Blackett to Isaac Brown

To Mr Isaac Brown at Berwick Newcastle 25th July 1760

Sir

Last night I had a meeting with Mr Geo Lisle and agreable to the proposal of yourself and Mr Jeffrey's contained in the letter of the 15th of last March to give up the coll[ie]ry at Whitsuntide last or Martinmas next we send you the following lease.

vizt Sir Wr Blackett and Mr George Lisle do agree that Mr Wm Jeffreys and partners shall be at Liberty to give up their term in the Threap Colliery between <Murton> and Unthank at Martinmas next on their giving Security to pay at that time all the rent and acct of rent that shall be then due for the same, and also that they shall leave the sd collry a current going collry and in fair working condition with all materials in as good repair as they entered to the same (reasonable wear and tear excepted) this I hope will meet with your Assent and that the affair may be concluded at Newcastle in the assize week I am Sir

your most obed Wr Blackett

25 Jul 1760 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London 25th July 1760

Sir

Sir Wr Blackett desires you will send down by the return of the post, the Orig[ina]l of Mr Craister's pretended agreement entered into at the last assizes if you have it and any other papers on the matters relating to that affair..... Sir Wr has the copy you sent my father along with Mr Wilson's letter I am HR

12 Aug 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt at Wallington Newcastle 12th Aug 1760

Honrd Sir

I am sorry I omitted to acquaint you last post that all matters are agreed with Mr Jeffreys and partns: Mr Browne and I waited on the two Mr Lisles and they were both at last satisfied that the collry should be given up at Martinmas next, and that the letter wrote to you by Mr Jeffreys etc was suff[cien]t security for the rent. And as to the condition the collry is in both parties are content it shall be refered to Mr Robsons single report when he goes to Berwick, so I hope you will have no more trouble on this

acct. But Mr Robt Lisle desired Mr Robson would call on him at Morpeth before he goes to Berwick, for what reason he did not say.

Lord Carlisle's Agent has prevailed on one of the Benton tenants to attorn and I hear Mr Bewick Mr Fawcett, Mr Collingwood and Mr Widdrington were among them yesterday, I am not certain what they got done but have some reason to believe they got some of them to attorn to Mr Bewick.

I am Honrd Sir JR

2 Sep 1760 Joseph Richmond to Nicholas Halhead

To Mr Nich Halhead at Auckland Castle 2nd Sept 1760

Sir

As it was agreed between us that my giving an answer in writing to the paper you delivered one would only be attended with replications and prolong the matters being br[ough]t to a conclusion, I have according to your desire sent you inclosed the particulars of the estimate delivered by Sir Wr Blackett to my Lord Bishop as taken from the quarterly acct or pay bills that any person may examine that his Ldshp shall please to appoint.

Since I had the pleasure of seeing you at Newcastle I have accidentally met with a copy of an old lease granted the Moormaster in 1641 in which it is mencond that he had a power to sink work and in any place within or thro' the 2 parishes of Stanhope and Wolsingham, so it be not in any man's several or inclosed Ground, which seems to infer that common pastures are held under the moor master lease. And on further inspection the quarterly accots or paybills I find that 12d a bing estimated for the charge of wood and contingencies is far short of what has been the real expense. As to the fifth part of the ore being deducted, it is hoped that his Lrdsp will think it right, as Sir Wr Blackett holds it of his Ldsp and the Rector of Stanhope by composition and if the composn had not been accepted when his Ldsp came to the See of Durham I can with truth say no more co[oul]d have been given by Sir Wr Blackett and the winning of the Slitt Grove wo[oul]d not have been attempted, for it is the having the dues under composition that it is the encouragemt to make expensive Tryal, of which few are attended with success. It must be granted that Sir Wr has gained by the composition but if his Ldsp was sensible of the small profits he makes by Weardale mines with all the advantage of the composn he would think him well intitled to it, for laying out 8 or £9000 a year as it appears in some years he has not made 5 p.cent of his money. As for the computation of the profits being made for 30 years it was believed hid Ldsp wo[ul]d be desirous to have the annual value brought to as great a certainty as could be in order to <settle> the fine on equal terms as lead mines are of so uncertain a Nture. And as to the future success it must be owned to be very precarious. You now know, or may know, all that is in my power today before his Ldsp for his consideration. I am etc JR

[margin note near top of letter] at Sanderson's lease of the mines in the inclosures

12 Sep 1760 Joseph Richmond to Plumb and Brown

12 Sept 1760 Advised Messrs Plumb and Browne of the piece of silver of 522 oz sent them this day by <Fryer> Todd JR

28 Sep 1760 Henry Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Willm Robson at Wallington Newcastle 28th Sept 1760

Sir Inclosed you receive two Arbitration Bonds, the one signed by Sir Walter Blackett and the other to be executed by Mr Smith, for refering the matters in dispute between them about Hawick Fell to Mr Ord and Mr Vaughan. Mr Widdrington has filled them up as you directed and you will deliver Mr Smith that wch Sir Wr has executed when he executes and delivers you the other.
I am etc HR

29 Sep 1760 Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse Newcastle 29th Sept 1760

Sir As there is likely to be a contest in the county of Durham on occasion of Mr Bowes's death Sir Wr Blackett would have you acquaint such of the freeholders in Weardale as you think will have regard to his inclinations that he is for Mr Shaftoe and hopes they will be of the same way of thinking: But Sir Wr would not have you press such as you find are dependant upon the Bishop. Below are the names of some who, I am told have freeholds. PS It may be proper to let us know how you proceed and send us a list of the Freeholders you can get intelligence of and how they stand affected. I am Etc HR

George Chapman of Frosterly
Thos Todd of do
John Chapman of Briggin House
Thomas Todd of do
George Mowbray of Bishopley

16 Oct 1760 Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thomas Maughan at Newhouse Newcastle 16th Oct 1760

Sir
Mr James Hopper of Black Hedley has wrote a letter to Sir Wr Blackett and Mr Bacon complaining of the damage done by the cuts made thro' his brother's out pasture and meadow ground at Wolfcleugh to convey water to the engine at the p[ar]tnersp Grove. Sir Wr and Mr Bacon desire you and Mr Wharton will acquaint them that they are willing to make such satisfaction as will be awarded them by two indifferent persons one to be chosen by Messrs Hoppers and the other by Sir Wr and Mr Bacon for any spoil of ground in such Inclosures as are antient, But that they can pay nothing for damage done to the fells or Wastes, or to any modern inclosures such as I suppose their out pasture to be, and this I apprehend has always been the custom in your part of the country and Sir Wr and Mr Bacon will not introduce any new ones. You now know I suppose that the Bishop has declared for Mr Shaftoe so that with his Ldsps agents I hope you will be able to make all the votes in Weardale. I desire you will let us have another list next week or as soon as you can of what you and thay have done. PS In such list I desire you will mention their freeholds and where they live. Pray let me know what sort of tenure Mr Hoppers Estate is of, whether freehold, copyhold, lease for lives or for years.
I am &c H Richmond

24 Oct 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt Newca 24 Oct 1760

Honr Sir
Dr Robinson writes that the £600 is now ready in Newca bank notes and desires to have a bond filled up for the £2200 when he will deliver up your two bonds for £1000 and £400£ and your note for 200£. You will be pleased to let Mr Pashley fill up a bond, and indorse up it that it is agreed between you and the Dr that the money is not to be called for nor paid in under 12 months notice, agreable to the Dr's desire you can then if you please call upon the Dr as you come to Newcastle and settle matters. Below you have an account of what intrst will be due on the £1600 to the 27th inst, when the bond should bear date, wch intrst the Dr should give you a receipt for. I am etc. JR

Intrt on £1400 from 27 Aug to 27 Oct	£ 9 7s 0d
on £200 from 4 Feb to do	£ 5 16s 6d
	£15 3s 6d

24 Oct 1760 Joseph Richmond to Revd Robinson

To the Revd Dr Robinson at Ponteland 24 Oct 1760

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 22nd Sir Wr is now at Etal and I do not certainly know when he will be here but as soon as the bond is executed for the £2200 you will hear further. If Sir Wr does not call upon himself will send my son to wait upon you and settle the intrt on the £600 to the date of the bond, but in the mean time you had better dispose of your bill for the £369 . 9 . 3 for I believe Sir Wr will have no occasion for it.

PS I have wrote to Sir Wr who I expect will be at Wallington today or tomorrow and he will probably call on you himself with a bond bearing the date 27th inst to which time the interest on the £1600 will be as follows I am JR

Intrt on £1400 from 27 Aug to 27 Oct	£ 9 7s 0d
on £200 from 4 Feb to do	£ 5 16s 6d
	£15 3s 6d

4 Nov 1760 Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Rich Ellis at Hexham 4th Nov 1760

Sir

Sir Wr Blackett desires you will enquire of Mr Crowhall [sic; Crawhall] who was lately Grove steward at Fallowfield, whether he is engaged with any body at present for if he is intirely at liberty Sir Wr has so good an opinion of him that he inclines to offer him a post in his service. If therefore he is disingaged I desire you will tell him that when he comes to Newcastle I should be glad to see him, but there is no necessity for his coming on purpose, as Sir Wr is gone to London and may not return these three weeks, only I should know whe[the]r he has entered into any engagements.
I am HR

5 Nov 1760 Joseph Richmond to Nicholas Halhead

To Mr Nich Halhead at Durham Castle 5th Nov 1760

I have recd your letter of the 27th ulto and have communicated the contents to Sir Wr who thinks that the fifth pt of the ore ought in reason to be deducted, and hopes his Ldsp should be of the same opinion when he considers that the composition now paid for the Lot & tithe the same that was paid to the 3 preceding Bishops and to the rector of Stanhope, for the ore got under both leases for lives and years. As to the calculation being made for 30 years I told you the reason of it was, that I was able to

make it for the time with regards to the quantity of ore raised, but not ascertain the charge for wood and contingencies till enabled to do it by the assistance of Sir Wr's agent in Weardale, who is ready to verify the truth of the acct these as sent you in my former letter, but as you think 30 years too long I should have been glad to know your opinion as to that point. You have before you every particular I know of the matter, and therefore nobody can judge better what fine is reasonable for his Ldsp to ask Sir Wr for a renewal. I do not imagine any stress will be laid on a lucky hit that has happened in Miss Shield's field in the last 3 years, as it is very unlikely ever any such thing will happen again.

The copy of the Moormasters lease in 1641 I understand to be an explanation of what is granted under the lease for lives, as Sir Wr holds the office of Moormaster with all the privileges in as simple a manner as ever any former Moormaster held or enjoyed the same but If I am mistaken in this or any other particulars, it is an error in my judgement only, for I never had any view to presume or represent any thing relating to this affair but what appeared to me agreeable to justice and Truth, pursuant to the order I rcd from Sir Wr so that if this matter is not brought to a fair and speedy conclusion I hope it will not be attributed to Sir yours etc. JR

Ps My son being ordered to attend the meeting at Durham, I send you this letter by him who will talk with you further on this subject if you are at leisure

7 Nov 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP at his house in Pall Mall London
Newcastle 7th November 1760

Honrd Sir
I have recd £600 of Dr Robinson £400 of my daughter wch is placed to acct and inclosed is Mr Thos Aireys bill on Messrs Hixom and Horne for £400 wch I desire you will please to advise the receipt of Your bond & note to Dr Robinson for £1600 are taken up and cancelled, my son not being yet returned from Durham, I know nothing of what was done there yesterday but you will no doubt have a particular acct by this post I am etc J Richmond

£400 Newcastle 24th Oct 1760
Twenty five days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order four hundred pounds value and place it to acct as advised by Thos Airey
To Messrs Hixon and Horne Billingsgate London

8 Nov 1760 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP at his house in Pall Mall London
Newcastle 8th November 1760

Honrd Sir

Ld Darlington Mr Verne Mr Shafto and Mr Halhead are of the same sentiments as yourself abt the Weardale Customary tenants, so that matter rests in Secrecy, and Mr Maughan promised to observe your directions minutely therein.

Mr Forster was not at Durham, but all matters preparatory to the poll were talked over and Mr Raper and Mr <Swainston> directed to put the same in execution. I think nothing material escaped their consideration.

Ld Darlington and MR Shafto both said they would write you last post about the writ of election.

I had a conversation with Mr Halhead about the renewal of the lease for years; but it was very unsatisfactory. For his determination was that no renewal should ever take place <wth> his approbation, while in our computations we deduct the dues, & insist upon the Comon pastures belonging to the moor masters lease. As to the former we understood his Ldshp desired to know your profit by the lease for years only and therefore gave Mr Halhead the q[uanti]ty of ore got in that liberty for 30 years past with the charge thereof. But from that ore we thought it right to deduct 1/5 for the dues because you hold them under the composition you made with his Ldshp and the Rector and not under the lease for years so that any profit made by those dues is a profit arising from the composition and not from the lease. But Mr Halhead says you got the better of his Ldshp in the composition (tho it is the same that the 3 preceding Bshps had) and therefore he will agree to no other method than dividing that composition among all the ore got under both leases, (for years and lives) and the deducting only such part of the said composition from the profits by the lease for years as will be in proportion to the q[uanti]ty of ore got under the same. But this would certainly be charging you a second time for what you have already purchased by the composition and is a point wch I cannot think his Ldshp would not suffer to be insisted upon if he was acquainted with the nature of it.

As to the common pastures, he insists that all inclosures, whether held in severalty or in comon are within the lease for years i.e. Sandersons lease, unless you can prove them to have been made since the date of that lease. Another objection was that the computation was made for 30 years, I propose making it for 20 years only, but he said neither that nor 14 years w[oul]d be admitted. I then asked what term he chose should be made for, to wch he gave no answer, to the purpose, in short he kept from such a distance from any conclusion, that I cannot help apprehending, he chuses the lease should run out. I was surprised to find fm him, that he told his Ldshp, my father had acquiesced in not deducting the 1/5th but the proportional part of the composition above mentioned, in lieu thereof. But I told him as soon as he mentioned it that I remembered very well his saying (when here) that That was the only way the computation ought to have been made, but that my father and I both objected to it and indeed treated it as a thing we could not think him serious in proposing. I was sorry he

had told his Ldshp so, because he said his Ldshp took it much amiss that my father had departed from this agreement, in the letter he has wrote since.

John Nixon a freeholder who farms £103 a year of you and Sir Edward & gets a great deal of money by the lead carriage, had promised your agent to vote for Mr Shafto, and at the Genl Elecon for Mr Vane and Mr Shafto. he happens to have a farm also of Ld Widrington of only £22 a year yet Mr Marley his Ldshp's steward has given him notice to quit at Mayday next in case he does not vote for Sir Thos. Nixon has told him he cannot depart from his promise to you but I find he is very uneasy abt losing this little farm. Probably this is Marleys own doing, whose <fa[the]r> is tenant to Sir Thos and his Ldshp may not approve of such violent measures. Sir Tho Haggerston was here to wait upon you, this week, and said it was the second time he had called.

PS It would be proper if you please to write Mr Forster to know if he chuses to assist the council at one of the booths or the council in the committee room I am Etc H Richmond

13 Nov 1760 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin at his Chambers No7 in Grays Inn London
Newcastle 13th Nov 1760

Sir
My father recd your letters of the 4th and 8th inst inclosing copies of the bill and Decree <ag[ain]st> the Hexham millers, and of the Exemp[lificatio]n of the judgement about tolls at Bradley Bank. I wish you would examine for the depositions in the cause between the Bp of Durham Wm Blackett esq and Hump Wharton Esq concerning the leases for lives and years of mines in Weardale; for if you find, as I apprehend you will, that that was a dispute similar to what we have at present with the Bp about the extent of Sandersons lease; it will be very proper to have a copy or at least an abstract of them, as Sir Walter pleases. The cause was tryed in the Exchequer at Westminster as appears by an endorsement made by the <Com[missioner]s> 10 July 1684, on a copy of the moor masters lease of 1641 produced before them. I have also found two papers of notice which are as follows, vizt Trin Term 19 June 36 Cha 2nd a motion was made and agreed to that a publication be made the 1st day of Mich[aelmas] term of the depositions taken and to be taken in this cause between Hump Wharton Esq pl[ain]t[iff] and Wm Blackett Esq and others defts. And Mich. Term 24 Nov 36 Cha 2nd a motion was made in the cause between Hump Wharton Esq plt and Nath Bp of Durham & Wm Blackett Esq and others defts; and it was ordered there upon that the said cause do <stand> in the paper of causes to be heard at the setting down of causes after the end of this term and that the former Order for several depositions of witnesses to be made use of in this cause (unless the deft shew,d cause to the contrary this day) be continued till this day senight

I am etc H Richmond

[Marginal note:] P.S. The Bp insists that the Comon Pastures belong to the Lease for yrs & we say that all inclosures wch are not held in severalty or wch have been made since the date of Sandersons lease ie. the lease for yrs belong to the Moor Ma[ster]s Lease. Our Reason for this is that the present MMs lease grants that Office in as ample a Manner as any former MMr ever held oe enjotd the same & we see that the MMrs lease in 1641 granted all the mines in the two parishes of Stanhope & Wolsingham So it be not in any mans Several or inclosed Ground. And the only Exception in this present MMr lease is of a certain Lease garnted formerly to Wm Hall Esq & afterwds to Barba Sanderson. And this Lease to Hall we think may be shown to have been in being in 1641 in the same words as the present lease for years.

14 Nov 1760 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To John Fenwick Esq in Roberts Place Near Bootham Barr York
Newc 14th November 1760

Sir You receive inclosed my bill on Messrs Plumbe and Browne for £42.10.0 at 15 days to discharge the ½ yrs intrt on Sir Wr Blacketts bond due the 12th inst at 4 ¼ p cent agreeable to Sir Wr's letter to you dated 22nd Dec last. I desire you will advise the receipt of the bill by the return of the post and mention that it is in full for the above ½ yrs intrt I am etc JR

Newcastle 14th Nov 1760 £42.10.0
Sirs Fifteen days after date pay Mr Fenwick Esq the sum of Forty Two pounds ten shillings value recd and place the same to acct as advised by Sirs Your most hmble svt Jos Richmond
To Messrs Plumbe and Brown Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

14 Nov 1760 Joseph Richmond to Plumb and Brown

To Messrs Plumbe and Brown Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London
Newc 14th November 1760

Sirs I have this drawn a bill on you for £42.10.0 payable to John Fenwick or order 15 days after date, wch I desire you will accept and place to Sir Wr Blacketts acct I am etc JR

15 Nov 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London 15th Nov 1760

Sir
Enclosed is Messrs Peareth and Sorbies bill on Messrs Freemont and Stainbanks for £495.0.0 to discharge <1/2> yrs inst on the 22000£ due to Mr Savage the 6th inst[an]t which I desire you will advise the receipt of and send me his receipt as soon as the money is paid wch I shall <own> the receipt of I am etc JR

Newcastle 7th Oct 1760 £495.0.0
Forty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order four hundred and ninety five pounds of value in acct with Sir Walter Blackett, place the same to acct and advise from Peareth and Sorsbie
To Messrs Freeman and Stainbank Merchants in London

21 Nov 1760 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett MP London Newcastle 21st Nov 1760

Hon Sir

Mr Shafto's intrest among the freeholders in this town and Gateshead, I think stands full as well as when you left Newcastle. Mr Dodd gave a treat last week to those in Gateshead. And intends one tonight for those in this place. he will continue to do this as often as shall be thought necessary, tho Sir Tho has given none, that I have heard of since that at Parkers.

I have been at Wallington this week receiving your rents; but many of the tenants fell short in their payments among whom Mr Pickering, Geo Tweddle and Edwd Shotton were the worst; the first paid nothing at all, tho there is almost 2 yrs rent due from him at May day last.

As to the Kirkheaton tenants, 4 of them paid ½ a yrs rent but Jno Moraley notwithstanding the promise he made in his letr to you brought no money but an excuse that he had not got his cattle sold. His son did not appear at all. The payments at Wallington were near £700 for this <1/2> year.

I shall as soon as Mr Darwin sends me an abstract of the depositions taken in the dispute, wherein Mr Wharton was pl[ain]t[iff] and the Bp of Durham and Sir Wm Blackett def[endan]ts, draw up a state of the two cases about the Bps dues and the comon pastures in Weardale I am Honr Sit Your Faithful and most obt svt HR

21 Nov 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin in Grays Inn London 21 Nov 1760

Sir Yesterday I rcd the £30 for Mr Redets bill on Thos Nathers, wch is placed to your acct and will return you the money by the first opportunity, and inclosed I send you back Redets receipt wch you you left with me. Is anything more to be done as to Mr Beaumont, or wo{ul]d you have me remit you the 70£. I have rcd of him to be pd into the bank, for perhaps I maybe charged with interest for it as the parties may think it strange I keep it in my hands and they have no acct of it I am etc JR

28 Nov 1760 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richard Wilson Esq in Leeds Newcastle 28th Nov 1760

Sir
Inclosed is the acct of West Kenton rent for the half year ended at May day last, with two bills for £281.17.6 the balance thereof which I desire you will please to advise the receipt of, and sign and return me the duplicate of the acct. the years intrst for the years £300 rent Mr King not being yet due, and it being too hasty to call yet for the quarry rent due Martins, they will come into the next acct I am etc JR

[marginal note:] ps I find Mr King intends to apply to you to take his bills for the future payable in London, wch he says will be a convenience to him. I presume you have no objection to them without my Endorsement.

£48.5.0 Newcastle 24th Nov 1760
Thirty days after date pay to Joseph King Junr or order Forty Eigth pounds five shillings value Recd per advice from Ja King
To Fraser, Wharton and MollesonMchnts in London

No 7121 £233.12.6 Newcastle 25th Nov 1760
Twenty five days after date pay to the order of Mr Jos Richmond Two Hundred Thirty Three pounds twelve shillings and sixpence value received.
For Bell Cookson Airey and Self, Ralph Carr
To Messrs Vere Glyn and Halifax London

28 Nov 1760 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin London 28 November 1760

Sir

It is with great dejection I read your acct of Sir Wrs indisposition but hope you will be able next post to send me the agreable acct of the removal of this alarming disorder.

I have recd Mr Salvages rect for £495 for the 1/2 yrs intrst of his Mortgage on Wallington due the 6th inst and have given your acct order for the same &c

I am yr etc. HR

5 Dec 1760 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

Sir

Above I send you a bill for £255 to pay Mr Vernon for Lady Mansels ½ yrs annuity due the 10th of Oct last and to pay yourself the £30 wch I rcd of Mr Natters for Mr Reedits bill wch I desire you will place to my acct and advise the receipt of and send me Mr Vernons receipt as soon as the money is paid. pray send the bill imediately for acceptance

It is with great satisfaction that I find Sir Wr so well recovered as to be out of danger I am etc JR

Sirs Newcastle 5th December 1760 £255

Twenty five days after date pay Mr Wm Alvey Darwin or order the sum of two hundred and fifty five pounds value recd and place the same to acct as advised by

Sirs Your most humble svt Jos Richmond

To Messrs Plumbe and Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

5th Dec 1760 Advised Plumbe and Browne of the above <order> of ap of silver 596oz sent them this day by Fryer Todd JR

10 Dec 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart in Pall Mall 10 Dec 1760

Honrd Sir

Inclosed is Peareth and Sorsbies bill on Freeman and Stainbanks for five hundred pounds wch I desire you will be pleased to advise the receipt of and I hope this will find you much better and recovering every day. I have the pleasure to congratulate you on the news <James> Wilkinson brings me just now from Durham that Sir Thos Clavering has given up the Poll

I am etc JR

Newcastle 9 December 1760 £500
Twenty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order five hundred pounds the value in acct with Sir Walter Blackett place same to account as by advice from Peareth and Sorsbie
To Messrs Freeman and Stainbanks Mchts in London

19 Dec 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart. Newcastle 19th December1760

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I have with great Satisfaction rec[iev]ed your two last Lres [Letters], & hope your Disorder is quite gone off & that the medicines you are now taking will speedily <recruit> your spirits & provide your natural Rest, for which Dr <….> Lambert says they are only intended, but you have his thoughts in the inclosed Letter. Sir Edward Blackett thankfully acknowledges your Friendship but declines offering himself as a Candidate at the next Election for North[umber]land, he & most of the Gent[leme]n in this Qua[rte]r highly disapprove of Mr John Delaval offering himself, as it is said, on L[or]d North[umber]lands <In[erest]>, & it looks as that so <mu.. …eint> will be shewn on this occasion, as will probably put a stop to any contest. Robin & John Turner sett forwards with the Horses yesterday, & John Turner would call on Mr Swainston for the Return for the County of Durham as Mr Shafto finds it necessary to make some Stay in the Country, to counter act Sir Thos who is in Motion every where, but I am told he & the Gent[leme]n in his <In[erest]> are to have a meeting on the 26th when I hope he will think proper to put an End to any further Contest.

I heartily pray for your health & am Hon[ou]rd Sir etc JR

P.S. Mr Shafto is come to Town since the above & Mr Lowes & my son are going about with him among his friends this afternoon.

28 Dec 1760 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt. MP at his house in Pall Mall London
Newcastle 28th December 1760

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I will take care to remit you six hundred pounds payable within the time you mention. Sir Thos. Clavering & his friends had a meeting at Durham on Friday, but what resolution they then came to, I cannot learn, further than that they are to have another meeting in 10 or 14 days in wch time its believed he intends to try what further progress he can make, & then determine whether to give up the Contest or otherwise.

Mr Darwin has wrote for Mr Pool's & Mr Welbrahams opinions (about Kirkheaton) to be sent up by your Orders, I have by this post sent part of them under 3 covers directed to you & the rest are sent under 4 covers directed to Mr Darwin. I hope a very little time will restore you your natural rest, as its most probably the opeates given during your illness that has occasioned the want of it. I am etc JR

28 Dec 1760 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 28th December 1760

Sir
Under this & 3 other covers you will receive part of the cases ab[ou]t Kirkheaton with Mr Pooles & Mr Welbrahams opinions thereon, & also on the Extracts from the black book. The other part is directed to Sr. Wr. You will please to return these cases etc when you have done with them, as they may be of use to us hereafter. I see, with the greatest pleasure f[ro]m Sr. Wrs Lres [Letters] to my father that he is well again; & we were much obliged to you for your Letters while it was not convenient for him to write; for me had strange reports propagated here the week before the Election. I am etc HR

30 Dec 1760 Henry Richmond to Mark Harvey

To Mr Mark Harvey at Sr.Wr Blacketts in Pall Mall London

Sr.

The Laudau arrived about a week ago, & today the Coach maker uncased her in order to hang & clean her; when tho' the case was not the least damaged, yet he found one of the Glasses broke & the panel of the door split, without any marks of violence on the varnish, further than what was owing to the crack. This accident has manifestly happened f[ro]m the carelessness of the packer, who had put the two steps & a large screw driver loose in the inside of the Landau.

Gamble is pressing for payment of 18 kitts of Salmon, wch he says was sent to London in April & May last by your order, I desire to know whether so many were got for Sir Walter. I am etc HR

9 Jan 1761 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 9 January 1761

Sir Inclosed is a bill drawn by Peareth & Sorsbie on Freeman & Stainbanks for £ 225 wch you will please to place to my acco[un]t & advise the receipt of. The reason of

sending you this bill is; Sir Wr wrote me to remit him £200 to be ready in Leeds after he returned thither f[ro]m Bath, & can contrive no better method of doing so than sending this bill to you, in order that if he does come, that you may give him the bill if he pleases; in either case, I desire you will lay the inclosed receipt before him to sign, that it may be voucher to my acco[un]t. When you send it me I shall advise the receipt[t of it that will counter balance your advising the receipt of the bill I am etc JR

9 Jan 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. to be left at the Cocoa Tree in pall mall London
Newcastle 9th January 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I made enquiry the beginning of Nov by your direction, whe[ethe]r Mr Crowhall [sic; Crawhall] was disengaged f[ro]m the Co at Fallowfield; Mr Cookson one of the p[ar]tners, told me some time ago that they had done with him, but I did not receive any ans[we]r f[ro]m himself till yesterday, when he called to desire I wo[ul]d acquaint you that he is ready to enter into your service as mil[l] clerk at Allenheads whenever you please, at the same salary John Lee has, wch is 20 [pounds] a y[ea]r. If you think proper to appoint him, Lee sho[ul]d have notice as soon as possible, that he may quit at Mayday the little farm & house which belong to that office. The inclosed Letter was bro[ugh]t by some freeholders at Sunderland; but I told them you were at Bath; & I beleived wo[ul]d not be in London time enough to be of service to Jona[tho]n Baker, in whose behalf it is wrote: so that it need not occasion any further trouble than you please yourself to take in the matter when you come to London. I have enquired of Capt. Bouver about it, & notwithstanding his state of the case, I think according to the custom, wch I am told their Lords[hi]ps have allowed to take place in regard to protections, that the man & the ship owners have some reason for complaint. Agreeable to that Custom, the ma[ste]r of the ship having lost one of his men, struck his name out of the protection & endorsed Bakers in his room, who made a voyage with him, but on the ships coming to Stockton, Baker was press'd, upon wch the Master bailed him, but while his friends were making intrest for his discharge the master took Baker to sea with him, who upon the ships arriving at Sunderland was there pressed a 2nd time, but soon allowed his liberty upon the s[ai]d bail. But now Captain Bouver insists on his being delivered up.

My father will by post remit to Mr Darwin a bill for £225, wch will be due the 16th inst, he will wait upon you with it or the money as soon as you return to London, & my father desires you will please to sign a receipt, to be a voucher to his account. As to the Election, I cannot find Sir Thos gains any ground tho' his friends talk of very great matters. They were to have had a meeting on Tuesday next at Mr Wind's in this Town, but it is postponed upon some acco[un]t or other. I was very glad to hear by < Coll> Delaval that you were so well again & hope for a long continuance of your

health. P.S. Mr Robson has I suppose wrote you that he has let Wm Pickering's & the Rutter's farms, & will go over to Berwick in a few days, & observe your directions in letting West Ord farm I am etc H Richmond

13 Jan 1761 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. to be left at the Cocoa tree in Pallmall London
[Newcastle] 13th January 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I was in hopes to have made a pay in Weardale this Spring for your own mines there being a year due at Chr[ist]mas, but I find I cannot accomplish it. As for the <ye> p[ar]tners[hi]p mines, there are 2 years due, wch looks badly, but if I had the money I could not pay them, without Mr Bacon; who I do not find makes any preparation tow[ar]d it. I have given notice to pay the Leadmil[l]s, & Allanheads & Coalcleugh mines in March, as soon as the stewards can get ready with their Accts. , wch I expect will amount to between 7 & 8000 £. & I hope in March shall be able to remit you £ 500 at the same time I send you the £600 you ordered before, so think you need not borrow it. The int[e]r[es]t & other payments with the deficiency in the paym[en]t of the rents seem so high, & the price of Lead still so low, <the> I am obliged to sell, that matters are hardly kept a going. You have 10000 p[iece]s of Lead at Blaydon, & I should be glad to know, whether there are any hopes of a peace this spring; for the price at present is only £12.5s.0d for the common sort & 12.10.0 a foth[e]r for the refined; little more than it costs you when all the expensive tryals are bro[ugh]t to accot. When two pipes of wine arrive I sall send one of them with your Lre to Mr Collingwood, & will order in a pipe f[ro]m Mr Stephenson agreeable to your directions. Sir Thos friends now give out that he has got promises of 856 single & 550 split votes, that he will certainly stand the poll & offer wages that he will be returned one of the members; but I hope it is all puff & that he will be mistaken as much as he was before; however he continues taking a deal of pains; for with half a score of his friends he went again yesterday abt. this town; but I am satisfied they have not got a man by it.

I am much rejoiced by a Lre wrote Mr Thos Airey f[ro]m Bath, that you are in good spirits & look perfectly well; the long continuance of wch is the fervent wish of etc JR

Thos. Thompson of E[as]t Ord is in Arrear £411 due at May day last his rent 180 <g> a year
Mr Anderson of Unthank is in arr[ear] £165 due at May day last his rent 110 <g> a year
Mr Moraley of Kirkheaton do £119 due ditto his rent £46 a year
Mr Moraley jnr Ditto £ 78 due ditto his rent £22 a year

As Mr Fawcett gave his opinion, that if an heir at Law should recover Kirkheaton Estate you would be obliged to make good any Loss that should happen by too much forbearance you ordered Mr Robson to distrain last year, but it is not yet done.
There will be a Loss by Wm. Pickering & Thos. Robson
The Hexham tenants are many of them greatly in arrear.

16 Jan 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin Grays inn London Newcastle 16th January 1761

Sir Inclosed is Thos Aireys bill on Nixon & Horne for £284.8s.6d, wch you will please to advise the receipt of. This is my own money & I am desirous of having it laid out in purchasing £300 stock in the four p[er] Cent Annuities 1760 as I think the placing it upon that security will, after a peace, be advantageous. But I am sorry I cannot obtain the chance of that advantage without being troublesome to you. I am told the best way is to have it bought in my own name & to have the cashier's rec[eip]t sent me: & as to the int[e]r[es]t, if you can procure me the form of such an authority as is usual in such cases, for yourself, or if that is inconvenient, any p[er]son you shall recommend to receive it for me I shall sign it & return it. My father has placed this bill to your accot.& will give you credit on sending me the cashier's receipt & the Brokers charge I am etc
HR

£284.8.6 Newcastle Dec 24th 1760
Thirty days after date pay Mr Jos. Richmond, or order, Two hundred & Eighty four pounds Eight shillings & sixpence value recd as advised by Thos. Airey
To Messrs Nixon & Horne Billingsgate London
Endorsed pay the contents to Mr Henry Richmond or order JR
pay the contents to Mr Wm. Airey Darwin or order HR

18 Jan 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. to be left at the Cocoa tree pall mall London
Newcastle 18 Jan 1761

Hon. Sir On Fryday last Sr. Thos. Clavering had in this Town a general meeting of his friends, but I cannot learn upon what occasion; It has however produced the advertisement in the inclosed paper, in wch he boasts of the great Encouregem[en]t he has met with, tho' I hope upon no other foundation than the good manners of a majority of the electors: for if the returns for the Gen[era]l Election have equal truth in

them with what those for the last contained, the 2d upon the poll will beat him 500 votes, as I am told. But as this prospect ought not to occasion Indolence, the agents for Mr Shafto & Mr Vane are gaining all the proselites they can. As Richd. Papps, the stable boy, was become very uneasy, & desirous to be at home, in expectation of receiving his share of a Legacy lately left, I have p[ai]d him his wages in full to this day: Mr Robson writes he has left all his cloathes at Wallington. I am etc HR

23 Jan 1761 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. at his house in Charles Street near St James's Square London Newcastle 23rd January 1761

Hon. Sir

I am not able yet to make out an Accot. of the gross & neat Rental of your Estate for last year, because the Lead mines & mil[l]s accost. & the Land Stewards rentals for Hexham Dukesfield Winlaton etc are not yet come in. What I can say upon the subject at present is that, of 7200 <£> the amount of my Rental I have reced 4700 <£> of the last y[ea]rs rents to May d[a]y 1760; but I have p[ai]d the last y[ea]r upwards of 10700 <£> exclusive of all payments made on accot. of the mines & mil[l]s. The difference is p[ai]d out of the Lead that has been sold & protracts the paym[en]t of Weardale mines till I can sell the Lead at Blaydon.

Inclosed is an Accot. of all the debts annuities gratuities & Charities I know of. Yesterday L[or]d Darlington gave his Entertainm[en]t to the club, he called the morning, sends you his complim[en]ts, says Sr Thos. & his friends were at the club & that nothing passed but what was agreeable I am etc JR

24 Jan 1761 Henry Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm. Robson at Wallington Newcastle 24 January 1761

Sr. Sir Walter ordered Jo Wain's frock suit & fustian frock, if there is one to be sent to London; he writes that they are at Wallington & James Hepple knows of them. Sir Walter says " If it is thought proper to seize on the two Moraleys "& it is a proper time I have no objection, for I fear they are not quite fair & "honest" and you know what directions he gave before he went to London I am your etc HR

25 Jan 1761 Henry Richmond

[Note: a note to say that HR had written to various people concerning the change of mill clerk at Allenheads]

1761 Jan 25 wrote Mr Crawhall the Sr Wr had appointed him mil[l] clerk at Allenheads

ditto wrote Mr Isaac Hunter to discharge Mr Lee at Lady day or sooner as Mr Crowhall & he should settle it

ditto wrote Mr Caleb Hunter to give him notice to quit the farm at May day next. HR

27 Jan 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P.at his ho[me] in Charles Street near St. James's Square London Newcastle 27th January 1761

Hon. Sir

The obstacles in the way of renewing the Lease for years with the B[isho]p arise from Mr Halheads objections to three articles in the accot. of the profit you have made by that Lease to wit. to the deducting the ore got in the common pastures, to the deducting a fifth part for the Lot & tithe & to making the computation for 30 years. The reason for deducting the ore got in the common pastures is that the antient moor masters patents (wch were for one life only) granted all the lead mines in the two parishes of Stanhope & Wolsingham " so they be not in any mans several " or inclosed ground" wch reservation related only to Halls Lease afterwards Barb[ar]a Sanderson's, & was altered, on obtaining the Act for granting the office of moor master for 3 Lives, into an express Exception only of " certain Lead mines wch were formerly granted to Wm. Hall Esq & afterwards to B[abar]a Sanderson" & this as the only Exception in the present moor ma[ste]rs Lease. Now as the moor ma[ste]r is by his Grant to enjoy his office in as ample a manner as any former moor ma[ste]r ever held the same you have a right to limit Sandersons Lease by that old Exception; & as common pastures cannot be deemed " any mans several or " inclosed ground" any more than the wastes themselves can be, many of which are appropriated to Towns[hi]ps as well as these large out pastures, they undoubtedly, I think, belong to the moor ma[ster]s Lease. And the more so as it can be shewn that Mr Wharton wro[ugh]t in & let Leases of sev[era]l of these common pastures only as moor ma[ste]r.

The reason for deducting 1/5 for the Lot & tithe was that, those dues were yours independently of the Lease for years, namely by the composition, wch wo[ul]d have intitled you to have taken them during the B[isho]ps & the Rectors Lives, whoever might be the Lesse of the mines. The B[isho]p therefore having an Equivalent for his Lot & that under a distinct contract/ a copy of wch is herewith inclosed/ cannot equitably require of you how to pay a Fine for the advantage you may have made by that contract, especially when it is considered that you might have suffered a loss by it if the mines had not been good. Yet this is what Mr Halhead requires of you, because

he says you got the better of his Lords[hi]p in making the composition. As to his objection to making the computation for 30 years, I was in hopes of obviating that, by making it only the 14 years elapsed of the Lease, as in the inclosed accot.; But when I saw him it at Durham he told me that wo[ul]d not do neither. So that I imagine he wants to have the computation made just for the 4 best years after the Slitt Grove was won! A thing very unreasonable in my opinion. While his Lords[hi]p insists on your giving up the two first articles, & no medium can be found for the third I do not see what you can do. To offer any sum till his L[or]ds[hi]p sets a Fine, wo[ul]d answer no good purpose I apprehend; & to give up the common pastures, or suffer the least alteration to be made in the Lease for years might render the Lease for Lives scarce worth renewing.

Inclosed I have returned Mr Westgarths Letter; what he proposes abo[u]t your joining the Gentlemen of Newlandside in order to reduce to reason the person who is engrossing so large a part of Bollyhope Fell, may deserve your concurrence in proportion to your Estate at Woodcroft. But as to his complaint abo[u]t the mil[l] smoke or his Expedients of selling you his Estate, or your letting Harrison have the taking Mr Hutchinsos farm in his own name, it will be better, if you please, to write him you will consider of them, when you come into the country. The direction to him is To John Westgarth Esq at Unthank near Stanhope in Weardale by Durham. I have given directions as you ordered about Mr Crowhall & John Lee.

I sent on Saturday last by Mrs Lee's waggon, the box of linen etc; there is in it a shagrene case containing a pair silver buckles, a diamond ring, & a pair of Gold sleeve buttons; but the box of jewels etc, wch you mentioned sending at the same time, I think you lock'd up in the dressing room. I shall send the key of this box in the waistcoat pocket of Jo's Livery, wch I expect here for Wallington on Fryday & shall forward by the coach. I have given Mr Gibson the 20 guineas you ordered for Mr Eden.

I hear nothing but that the business of the Corporation proceeds in a direct & even channel. Sir Thos. Clavering's friends are much displeased at Mr Vanes & Mr Shaftos new advertisement; because it seems to question the very great Encouragement he says he has met with. There is no abatement in the health of any of your friends, that I have discovered, since you left this place, the Improvement in your own is a satisfaction to them all. It is a very great happiness to Hon[ou]rd Sir your faithf[ul]l & most obed[ien]t serv[an]t

Hen Richmond

6 Feb 1761 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esq at Leeds Newca 6th Febry 1761

Sir. I Receiv'd your Letter of the 31st past, with your bill on Mr Thomas Wilson for twenty two pounds payable to me order thirty days after date, which I have endorsed

to Mr John Cookson, & enclosed I return you his note for the <Glass>, with his receipt thereon for the same sum I am Sir your most hble Serv[an]t JR

6 Feb 1761 Henry Richmond to Earl of Darlington

To The Hon[oura]ble The Earl of Darlington at Durham Newca 6th Febry. 1761

My Lord As your L[or]ds[hi]p mentioned on Tuesday last , that you had heard some application had been made to the Customary Tenants in Weardale to vote for Sir Thos. Clavering at the General Election; I thought it right to send a p[er]son thither on purpose, to know from Sir Wr. Blacketts Agent whether anything of that nature had transpired, & have the honour of sending your Lords[hi]p herewith a copy of his answer I am your L[or]ds[hi]ps most obed[ien]t hble serv H Richmond

10 Feb 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin Greys Inn London Newcastle 10th Febry 1761

Sir

Upon making Enquiry after the names of some of the Groves mentioned in the copy of the first of the 3 depositions you sent me in the cause B[isho]p of Durham ag[ain]st Humphrey Wharton Esq. , I have some reason to hope there is a misnomer, or an Error in the Copy. For one of the Groves is first called in that deposition Lodge Slitt, but afterwards Lodgefield Slitt. Now as I can find no such Grove as Lodge Slitt nor even Lodgefield Slitt I am inclined to think that the deponent spoke of Slitt as a distinct Grove from Lodgefield, & desire you will examine & let me know how it appears to you. Slitt is the present & was the ancient name of a Grove in the common pastures & it will be much to Sir Wr's purpose if we can apply to this grove what is said in that deposition.

I am sorry you cannot obtain such copies or abstracts (tho' without the names of the witnesses), of the other depositions in this cause; for there may be things of consequence in them, tho till they are examined by persons who know the Groves & the nature of the present dispute it is impossible to say whether it may be worth while to be at the expence of office copies of them all. Tho' you were not so lucky as to meet with it, yet there certainly has been a cause in the Excheq[ue]r at Westm[inste]r wherein Hump[threy] Wharton Esq. was p[lain]t[if]f & Wm. Blackett Esq & other def[endan]ts. For I see Endorsem[en]ts made by the Comiss[ione]rs in such a cause on several deeds at their sitting 10 July 1684. And it appears to me that Mr Wharton filed his bill again[st] that Wm. afterwards Sir Wm. Blackett, in consequence of a debate between them before a committee of the ho[use] of Comons, relative entirely to these inclosures, on 23 May 1679.

It appears also f[ro]m the minutes of the Chairman of that committee that Mr. Wharton alledged he had digged in the inclosures in Weardale for 40 y[ea]rs & hath a verdict at Law in the Exchequer for his right to them. If the record of this verdict, or any judgem[en]t obtained in consequence thereof could be found it wo[ul]d be of great use towards convincing the Bishop that he is for extending the inclosures beyond the ancient construction of the Lease thereof, to the prejudice of the moor masters Lease
I am etc HR

10 Feb 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. at his ho[use] in Charles Street near St. James's Square London
Newcastle 10 Feb. 1761

Hon. Sir

L[or]d Darlington called last week, & told me he had heard that an application had been made to the Customary tenants in Weardale to vote for Sir Thomas Clavering at the General Election. I mentioned that it was scarce possible for any overtures of that kind to be made without Mr Maughans hearing of them directly, & that he had your directions to send me word as soon as he got any intelligence of such a proceeding. But his L[or]ds[hi]p being desirous of knowing before the meeting at Durham, wch was yesterday whe[the]r there was any foundation for the report, I sent to Mr Maughan, & on the otherside is a copy of his answer of wch I also sent his Lords[hi]p a copy.

Thos. Rippon of Stanhope is a single vote for Sir Thos. & Cuthbert Bainbridge of the same place I doubt will be so too. The first is an agent & the other a tenant of L[or]d Carlisle's. Bainbridge is employed you as a Carrier, & inclined to give you the disposal of his 2d vote at least; but the fear of losing his farm, wch Rippon threatens shall be taken f[ro]m him, will probably confine him to Sir Thos. I cannot learn whe[the]r Lady Carlisle, or the Trustees, (of whom L[or]d Chief Baron Ord is one) are properest to be apply'd to for his L[or]ds[hi]ps int[e]r[es]t.

Mr Davison of Beamish desired I wo[ul]d acquaint you that Miss Conyers's tenant, who by her direction voted for Mr Shafto, has now got a Bias in favour of Sir Thos. Mr Steph[e]n Watson of No[rth] Seaton has the Guidance of the two Mr Hares of E Slitburn & Mr Potts of Newbegin. If you sho[ul]d think proper to apply to him for their 2d votes, he is now with his Co[mpany] at Berwick. Mr Ord of Fenham has a vote & I believe has never been applyd to, further than by a Letter f[ro] Mr Shafto; who, when he was here, had not time to wait upon him he is for Sir Thos. but I sho[ul]d hope will scarce give a single vote if you think it proper to ask one of him. I am etc HR

10 Feb 1761 Henry Richmond to Mark Harvey

To Mark Harvey at Sr Wr Blacketts etc London Newcastle 10th Febry 1761

Sir Inclosed I send you the Coachmakers charge here amounting to £1.16s.0d for a new Glass & repairing the panel of the Landau, occasioned by putting the steps etc loose into the body of it when packed in London. I desire you will acquaint Sir Walter that Mr Berry is willing to allow this £1.16s.0d to be deducted f[ro]m his bill; for to take the money of him as you mention, in order to bring it down here to pay of the Coachmaker, cannot so regularly be done. I am etc HR

15 Feb 1761 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. MP at his h[ous]e in Charles Street near St Jamess Square London
Newcastle 15 Febry 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Inclosed is Peareth & Sorsbies bill on Freeman & Stainbanks for £1100 wch I desire you will please to advise receipt of. I am sorry to find you are not quite well, & hope you will not suffer the hurry of business, or anything whatever to affect your spirits or give you uneasiness; for what is all the business in the world to your health.

I have considered as to raising £2000 in six weeks time, & find it cannot be done without manifest prejudice to your private affairs; wch stand as follows. I have money by me wch I expect will just about pay the mils & Allanheads & Coalcleugh Mines; & notice is given in the country that those pays will be made as soon as the Stewards get their acco[un]ts ready, wch will be in about a month. So that this money cannot be applied any other way.

As to Weardale pays, I was in hopes of making them sometime this spring & have sold part of the Lead at Blaydon for that purpose, & will sell the rest as fast as there is any demand. Mr Bacon talks of paying the p[ar]tners[hi]p mines about Mayday; your ½ thereof will come I believe, to about £2600. & it wo[ul]d be a pity your own mines sho[ul]d not be p[ai]d at the same time, wch will come to about £6000 more, & will be expected in the country. All the Lead at Blaydon ready for the market when sold will not do so much more than pay those mines, & the articles due for int[e]r[es]t, the B[isho]p & Rectors rents & other contingencies. & as to the stock of Lead wch you have at the mills, little of it can be got down before June, & cannot, even if there sho[ul]d be a demand, be turned into money till about Lamas. This is the situation of your affairs at present. But if you think proper to order £2000 to be ready to be p[ai]d in 6 weeks I must write to Mr Maughan to desist making preparation about Weardale pays till after Mids[umme]r, when they will come to 4 or £5000 more, & a pay cannot then be made till after Mich[aelma]s. As to raising £2000 any other way, I cannot think of any means, except perhaps it may be got of the Bank. But I do not imagine you wo[ul]d chuse to apply for it there for sev[er]e reasons. I am etc JR

Newcastle 10th Febry 1761 £1100.0.0
Thirty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order one thousand one hundred pounds, the value in acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett, place the same to acco[un]t as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie
To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks merchants in London

20 Feb 1761 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd Ellis in Hexham Newcastle 20th Febry 1761

Sir The tenants of the petty tithes bro[ugh]t me your Letter yesterday & after some talk at last agreed to give £72.10s.0d a y[ea]r clear of all deductions or allowances whatsoever, for the term that Dotland common is tithe free by the agre[e]m[en]t in the division & I promised them to write to you to draw an article or Lease as you think proper accordingly. I intended to advertise Allandale tithes this week but have put it off till I hear further f[ro]m you, because Mr Yare & p[ar]tners shew some inclination to take them also. They said they wo[ul]d imediately inform themselves as to their value & apply to you about them, & if you approve of them as tenants, & they will offer you a rent that you think ought to be accepted, I desire you will close with them, without giving them the trouble of coming any more to me. But if you do not come to an agre[e]m[en]t with them & no other person offer, that you like better in a weeks time, I will advertise these tithes in booth our newspapers on receiving a line from you. I am sorry to find money comes in so slowly, for I am sure it goes out very fast from me. I am etc JR

24 Feb 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 24 Febry 1761

Sir

I have your Lres of the 17th & 19th inst; & have sent you by this post under this and four other covers one of the Briefs at the last Assizes in the Kirkheaton Cause, & also Lawyer Wilson's Lre to Sr Wr Blackett abo[u]t the pretended agre[e]ment at the Assizes in 1759, wch you will please to take care of.

I am glad to find by your Lre of the 19th that you have met with the bill & answ[e]r in the Cause Wharton ag[ain]st Blackett & others; because they come fully up to the point now in dispute about the common pastures; & the Sir Wm. Blacketts allegation, are ag[ain]st us in the ans[we]r he then put in, yet I find by a Letter he wrote in 1704 that he had tired of the contest, & owns that he had found so much difficulty in it that he gave up the cudgeals. & I see that in 1687 he had an acco[un]t of these

difficulties sold Sandersons Lease to Mr Wharton for £150 tho' he had given £350 for it. This makes it clear to me that the depositions were upon the whole in Mr Wharton's favour. I make no doubt but they were published & that upon further search you will find them; for there was a motion made by Mr Wharton for publication of the depositions in this very Cause, as you will see in the copy of the notice of this motion wch I sent you in my Letter 13 Nov last, & of wch I send you another copy on the other side. If you meet with these depositions I desire you will take Sir Wr Blacketts directions whether you are to get office copies of them. Westgate hight, wch Sir William alledges he wrought in for Lead Ore under Sandersons Lease, is the very common pasture wch the B[isho]p is now claiming as an inclosure, & wch Sir Walter insists belongs to the Moor masters Lease.

I wish you would examine for the verdict wch Mr Wharton alledges he obtained & wch I mentioned to you in my last; & if you meet with it send me a copy of it, if it is a short thing: at least let me have the names of the places or Groves therein adjudged to belong to Mr Wharton; for it is possible they may be of great use in the present dispute with the Bishop. I am etc HR

24 Feb 1761 Joseph Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. at his house in Charles Street near St Jamess Square London
Newcastle 24 Febry 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I cannot think of any argum[en]ts about the renewal of Sandersons Lease, but what have in a great measure been made use of before, in the calculations & Lettrs you have upon the subject, wch I believe will bear the test of an impartial examination notwithstanding the Bp seems to be perswaded of the contrary.

Why will not Mr Halhead give himself the trouble of examining the quarterly acco[un]ts & pay bills, to be convinced whether I have made a fair calculation or not? In them surely there can be no art or deceit! The first estimate of the profits was called for in haste, before I co[ul]d have an opportunity of advising with Mr Maughan as to the wood & contingent charge & how much of the ore was got in the common pasture, wch I co[ul]d not myself distinguish. But those articles were set to rights in the 2nd acco[un]t made out for 14 years; & as the annual profits happen to be nearly the same in both calculations, this may possibly have occasioned the B[isho]ps beleiving there has been some contrivance. If his L[or]ds[hi]p will not first set you a fine, I am humbly of opinion it will signify nothing if you were to offer him £500. And if ever a renewal is obtained the common pastures sho[ul]d not be included in it, nor any variation allowed f[ro]m the present Lease; for that wo[ul]d be rending the Moor ma[ste]rs Lease of little value. Mr Darwin in his search into the dispute between Mr Wharton & old Sr Wm. Blackett about this very affair, finds that Sr Wm. in his ans[we]r to Mr Wharton's bill claimed the common pastures to be held und[e]r Sandersons Lease, But he was forced,

as he says in his Lre to his Attorney, to give up the cudgeals, & was glad to sell that Lease to Mr Wharton for £200 less than he gave for it. My son writes Mr Darwin this post to endeavour, if you please, to gain what further light he can into this matter. If this obstacle about the common pastures was removed there wo[ul]d then remain to be setled whe[the]r the 1/5 p[ar]t of the ore sho[ul]d not be deducted for the dues you hold by composition & for what no. of y[ea]rs the computation of the profits ought to be made. As to the first, it seems strange there sho[ul]d be any objection to your having the advantage, you have by an accident gain'd by the composition; for if you had lost by it, what satisfaction were you to have expected? & to make you pay now for the advantage in setting the fine is surely what the B[isho]p wo[ul]d never think of, if he considered the thing himself without Mr Halheads prepossession that the composition was artfully obtained; wch is so far f[ro]m having any truth in it, that you know you wo[ul]d never have given either the B[isho]p or the Rector a shilling more. The Rector of Stanhope may in my opinion with as much reason expect you sho[ul]d make him a compensation for the lucky hit you have had in Miss Shields field within the last 3 or 4 y[ea]rs. But you are in his L[or]ds[hi]p's power & he must do wch he thinks just & reasonable. As to the time that the profits ought to be computed for, I think every impartial man will say, it ought not to be for less than the 14 years expres[s]ed on the subsisting Lease.

The price of Lead continues here about the same it has been for some months that is £12.10s.0d for the refined & the common Lead in proportion. The best Lead at Stockton sold for £13.7s.6d has always been 5s a fo[the]r above the 2nd sort wch is all refined, wch ref[ine]d sort L[or]d Darlington sells at £13.2s.6d, & that price at Stockton is nearly equal to £12.10s.0d at Newcastle. I have for some time stood at £12.15s.0d, but nobody will yet give it. I have heard nothing f[ro]m the Gent[lema]n that applied to you for 250 tons of Lead. You have always chose to sell your Lead to the merchants, whom you know & with whom you are safe & to go into any other method now wo[ul]d disoblige them, without any advantage to yourself or even the Gent[lema]n who wants to buy the Lead. For if he will send his order to Messrs Peareth & Sorsbie they will observe his directions, if they approve of him, & charge him I believe no more than 1 per c[en]t; & that they are able to save him in the freight etc as they are better acquainted with the masters of ships. And besides if you were to ship your own Lead, the custom ho[use] officers wo[ul]d be an incumbrance upon you, & exact of you more than they get of the merch[ant]s for weighing at Blaydon.

Mr Gropty I look upon to be a very good marketter; he knows the Town & will be of more service to you this year than any stranger can; but I do not find that a woman cook, fit to serve under him, can be met with here.

I desire you know whe[the]r Mr Darwin will consult with Mr Ellis about drawing the bill to be filed ag[ain]st the absenters f[ro]m hexham mils, or with Mr Witheringten, or who else?

Mrs Turner, widow of our late vicar, & who lodges at Mrs Hacketts next door to the Sunfire office in Bedford Street Covent Garden, has a tenant named Wm. Atkinson who is at present inclined for Sr. Thos.; But Mr Geo. Ord says if he had her directions

he co[ul]d influence him to vote for Mr Vane & Mr Shafto. Mr Ord is concerned for Mrs Turner & says he is satisfied she has never been applied to by anybody, for her int[e]r[es]t. I have ordered two Kitts of salmon to be sent to Mr Darwin & am etc
JR

1 Mar 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. etc London 1st March 1761

Honourd Sir
A no. of Colliers waggon men & others assembled in sev[era]l places in the County of Durham last week & took the militia lists f[ro]m the Constables & committed other outrages, & yesterday a large body of them armed with sticks came to Gateshead where there was a meeting of the deputy Lieuten[an]ts. Two of the Ringleaders who I am told are known, distributed to the mob printed papers of wch the enclosed is a copy, for I have not been able to get one of the originals. The Yorkshire militia were under arms in the Exch[an]ge & Guildhall to be ready in case of the mischief; But that was prevented by Mr Ridleys going into Gateshead & giving the mob assurances that the present meeting was only to draw ten men out of their ward that in case any of them who were concerned in the coal works sho[ul]d be drawn their owners wo[ul]d find substitutes for them & that after this he was satisfied there wo[ul]d be no more balloting till the law wo[ul]d be altered, wch wo[ul]d have been done this session according to the Land tax or poor rate, if it had not been upon the Eve of a new parliam[en]t. This satisfied them, as they look[e]d upon this as having carried their point & they dispersed, all but about 200 of them, who with music at their head came into Newcastle, brandishing their sticks & publishing that they had got all they wanted, that there was to be no more balloting & that the folks in No[rthumber]land ought to follow their example. They were suffered to proceed without interruption thru' the town, as they did no mischief to any one. But many censure the tameness of the proceedings of the proceedings both in Gateshead & Newcastle, and apprehend that if any thing hereafter is to be done in execution of the militia law these folks will be much more difficult to deal with & some of the coal owners say Mr Ridley was not authorized to promise these people such things as he did I am etc HR

6 Mar 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr William Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 6 Mar 1771

Sir
Inclosed I send you an abstract of the Lease of such of the Kirkheaton tenants as have attorned to Sr Wr Blackett, with such other particulars as I imagine may be

necessary to enable you to prepare answers for them; as also the cancelled bond of indemnity intended for John Brown, who wo[ul]d not attorn; those bonds that were delivered were all in the same words as this, except Ann Atkinsons wch was for 100 £ only. I suppose you have a copy of the paper of attornm[en]t wch the tenants signed to Sir Wr., if not, let me know & I will send you one.

I have looked over the copy of Sir Robt. Bewicke's bill against Sir Walter in this Cause; in the 4th folio of wch there is an Error of Elizth. instead of Isable Henderson. In the 8th folio he says he is heir at Law to the s[ai]d Doro[th]y Windsor on the part of her mother, whereas, I think, by his pedigree, it is on the part of her Grandmother. And in the 9th folio he has omitted one of the degrees of his descent, for he makes Calverley Bewicke the son & heir of Robt. Bewicke whereas by his pedigree as laid before the court at the last assizes here, he made Calverley the son of Thos Bewicke who was the son & heir of Robt. Bewicke etc.

As to Math[e]w Atkinson & Mary Robson you will see by the inclosed paper of particulars how they come to be included in the bill. I suppose answers must be prepared for them & hope they will make no difficulty of declaring that they have turned over their int[e]erest in the Leases to their sons. P.S. I have ship[p]ped two kitts of salmon by Sr. Wrs. orders in the Hannah & Sarah. Brown, mas[ter] directed for you. I am etc HR

8 Mar 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. at his ho[use] in Charles Street near St James's Square London
Newcastle 8th Mar 1761

Sir

The success that apparently attended the Durham mob on Saturday senight has encouraged the same sort of people in No[rthumber]land to obstruct the Constable & Deputy Leiutenants in the Execution of their duty. Mr Ogle of Cawsey parks funeral wch was on Monday served as an Excuse for many of the deputy Leiuten[an]ts not meeting at Morpeth that day; tho' the real one was, I believe, the likelihood of mischief. Mr Fenwick of Bywel going to that funeral was stop'd in Chaise near Morpeth He got out & seized the man that held his horses, but was struck at by some of the mob, & hurt a little in the head & arm; after wch he with difficulty got to Mr Naylors where the mob broke the windows & did other damage before they co[ul]d be pacified. Mr Fenwick has got the names of 4 or 5 of the offenders & intends to punish them.

At Whittingham & Belford the deputy Lieuten[an]ts went thro' the appeals, but could not do the other business of the meeting, for want of the lists wch had been taken from the Constables by the mob. The meeting at Hexham is tomorrow, where tho' it is expected there will be a great & very unruly mob, yet the deputy Lieuten[an]ts, I am

told, are determined to do their duty: & to support them therein six companies of the Yorkshire Militia marched thither this morning.

This Ferment happens a little unluckily in that quarter, as your stewards will be upon the road on Tuesday with money for Dukesfield Allanh[ea]ds & Coalcleugh pays; wch cannot now be postponed. I am etc HR

10 Mar 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. London Newcastle 10 March 1761

Honourd Sir
At the meeting of the deputy Lieutenants & justices yesterday at Hexham S[i]r Lance[lo]t Allgood, S[i]r Robt. Bewicke, <Coll[one]l> Delaval Mr Fenwick Mr Reed & Mr Soulsby were present. The six Co[mpanie]s of the Yorkshire Militia, being about 240 men, commanded by Major Crow were drawn up in the market place before the Gaol Gate a little after 9 o'clock. About 12, the mob armed with clubs became very numerous & riotous in the streets & market place & so bold as to venture almost within reach of the Bayonets. Several of the heads of them declared to the Militia that they meant them no harm, & that if they wo[ul]d lay down their arms they sho[ul]d not be hurt but rather rewarded, but if they obstructed them, they wo[ul]d kill every man of them. By degrees they grew still bolder & more tumultuous & several times tried to put the Bayonets aside. The justices, who were in the senter of the square formed by the militia, now grew apprehensive that the mob wo[ul]d break in upon them, & therefore ordered the proclamation to be read; wch was accordingly done three times, But the mob treated it with contempt, & in about a qua[rte]r of an hour began to attack the militia in several parts of their square & actually broke thro[ugh] the line on the left by their weight notwithstanding several were wounded by the bayonets. In this scuffle Lieutenant Hart was shot thro[ugh] the body by a pistol fired f[ro]m the mob, & it is thought cannot recover, one private man was killed & two wounded. Upon this the order was given to fire wch was at first done by three files & then by a platoon, but this not at all intimidating the mob, tho' several of them dropt, the fire became general, & then the mob fled & dispersed imediately and I am sorry to acquaint you that 20 of them are killed & numbers wounded. This was a violent, but I realy beleive a necessary remedy for the disorder, wch was growing very great & contagious. Several bodies of men having catched It, & ignorant of what passed yesterday assembled this morning on Killingworth moor & other places, but I cannot learn what scheme they are upon. No doubt they will now soon disperse. The 6 Companies at hexham lay upon their arms all last night in the Abbey where they are still; but all, as I hear to day, is quiet in that quarter. I cannot learn that any of your miners were at hexham, I hope the expectation of their pay kept them at home. They will not be disappointed therein, for after this severe example it was thought there wo[ul]d be no disturbance or

Interruption to be met with on the road & therefore my Father & the Stewards set off this morning with the money. The behaviour of the Militia seems universally applauded for they were about 6 hours under arms, & bore the insults & attacks of the mob with great composure, till the order was given to Fire. I am etc HR

19 Mar 1761 Joseph Richmond to Mo. Harrison

Mr Mo. Harrison at Lintzgarth Mil Newca 19 March 1761

Mr Harrison
I have spoke to Sir Wr. about Mr Hutchinson's Lease, who says he does not intend to renew it, & I have wrote Mr Hodgson accordingly; therefore if you have not done it already you are at Liberty to take it your self. You remember what you said at Dukesfield that you would never require any damage on pretence of the mil reak I am etc JR

21 Mar 1761 Joseph Richmond to Caleb Hunter

To Mr Caleb Hunter at Allenh[ea]ds [Newcastle] 21st March 1761

Sir I have mentioned to Sir Walter what you said to me about the poorness of Allenheads mines, & he orders me to acquaint you that when you let the next Bargains he agrees in order to encourage the workmen that you may give 20s a bing where you find it necessary tho[ugh] the price of Lead is still so low that it will scarce afford it, he doubts not But you will act here in according to the Best of your judgement as occasion may require I am etc JR

10 Apr 1761 Joseph Richmond to Plumb and Brown

To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmith in Foster Lane London 10th April 1761

Sirs I have drawn a bill on you to pay for £304.10s.10d payable to Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin or order twenty days after date, which I desire you will accept & place to Sir Walter Blacketts accot., in being in full for the balance of your account with him to this day according to our books, & I hope you will find it agr[e]eable to yours, which I desire you will please to advise me, & let me know what the price of Silver now is, as I expect a cake to send you very soon. I am etc JR

10 Apr 1761 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

Newcastle 10th April 1761 £304.10.10
Sir Twenty days after date pay Mr Alvey Alvey Darwin or order three hundred four pounds ten shillings & ten pence value receiv'd, & place the same to account advised by Sir Your most hble servant JR
To Messrs Plumbe & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

Sir

Above you have my bill on Messrs Plumbe & Browne for £304.10s.10d payable at 20 days date which will be due in time to pay Mr Glover & <Mrs Sambrooks> half years int'rest, & I desire you will advise the receipt thereof & send me their receipts as soon as you have paid them there will then remain in your hand £42.2s.10d, which I shall draw on you for when I have occasion. Rob. Atkinson of Kirkheaton one of the tenants <than> attorn'd to for Sir Walter is dead.

The Poll for the County of Durham I hope will be ended tonight & there is no doubt but Mr Shafto & Mr Vane will be returned, for at ten o'clock this morning Mr Shafto wo[ul]d be about 180 & Mr Vane 140 a head of Sr. Thos Clavering who had polled all his voters as we have reason [to] believe I am etc JR

12 Apr 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 12th April 1761

Sir Sr Wr has ordered Mr Widdrington to examine into & make out a state of the case about the two Leases of Weardale mines to be laid before council. Mr Widdrington says, to enable him to do it completely he must have copies of the Bill & answer in the cause in wch the depositions you sent me were taken, to wit Wharton ag[ain]st the Bishop & others, & also copy of the Cross bill & answer & the sev[era]l depositions taken in the cause B[isho]p of Durham ag[ain]st Wharton & others in 1684. Sir Wr therefore desires you will order copies to be taken of these things & that you will send them down as soon as possible for he wants to have an opinion taken before the B[isho]p comes in to the Country. I hope the clerk in Court will be as expeditious as possible. I am etc HR

14 Apr 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 14 April 1761

Sir

Sr Wr desires you will order search to be made carefully for the Bill & ans[we]r in the Exchequer, Wharton ag[ain]st Wm. Hall Esq., wch must have been in or about the year 1664. for the verdict wch you sent me a copy of was obtained in 1666. If you find it & the B[isho]p is a party thereto, Sir Wr wo[ul]d have a copy thereof sent down as soon as possible; as also of any thing else you can meet with that will throw any light upon the verdict ag[ain]st Hall, because Mr Wharton's success in this cause seems to be very much in Sir Wrs favour. As the B[isho]p wants to bring every thing that can be deemed an Inclosure under Hall's Lease, Sir Walter must procure every proof he can of the Insignificancy of the Lease during all the time it was in other hands than the moor masters.

I desire you will examine among the writings you have of the Trust Estate, for the antient moor master's book ment[i]on'd in the depositions you sent me; for it is a thing we never heard of before; & if it is not there Mr Wharton surely has not delivered it up to Sir Wm. Blackett on his purchasing the mines; It would be of the greatest use to us at this day & corroborate the depositions very much. I have examined every abstract & place here for It, but in vain. I am etc HR

17 Apr 1761 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Richard Ellis at Hexham [Newcastle] 17 April 1761

Sir I am glad you have got Allendale tithes let, I think you have let them well. Sir Walter having given Mr Widdrington orders to file a bill against the people that grind from the mils, he will write to you to know whose names you think proper to mention, & I should hope on your acquainting them with Sir Walters resolution that they will submit without putting him or themselves to any trouble or expence, Sir Walter has also given orders to file a bill against the people that withhold their tithes, you are the best judge whether the custom of tithing in the parish of Hexham can be supported, or you think they will make any defence or would in my opinion be right to acquaint them what is intended, as I hope they will also submit & prevent any further proceedings, Mr Widdrington has all the papers ever had relating to these matters, so you will please to correspond with him about them. I am etc JR

21 Apr 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

[Note: Some of the Bishop of Durham's papers on the topic of his Lot ore, the lease between Bulmer & Hall, & subsequent disputes involving Wharton are given in R.Blair, 'A Number of documents relating to the County of Durham, etc.', *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, Vol 1, 3rd series, 1903, No. 1, pp.17-22]

To Wm. Alvey Darwin in Grays Inn London Newcastle 21 April 1761

Sir

I am glad you have discovered that there was a suit in 1633 relative to the dispute about the Inclosures, & desire you will send down the pleadings both in that & in the cause in 1664 or there abouts, if you are so fortunate as to meet with them in your search in the Tower; Those in the cause in 1663 will certainly throw a strong light upon this dark affair, as that cause was prior to the first Lease of the inclosures to Alphonsus Bulmer, of whom Wm. <Kell/Hall> purchased.

As to the pleadings & depositions in the suit B[isho]p of Durham ag[ain]st Wharton, unless you have taken full minutes of the bill & answers & it will be very proper that you take another carefull look at them; & if you find that the B[isho]p does not charge anything further than the non payment of the 1/9 th & the <undue> mixtures of ores, without mentioning what mines the s[ai]d 1/9 th has arose out of, or what ore Mr Wharton had mixed wch he ought not, then I agree with you that it will be unnecessary to put Sr Walter to the expence of the copies of them. But if any names of Groves, or fields, fells, wastes etc are mentioned you will be able to judge f[ro]m the depositions & schedule annexed, wch you sent me a copy of, whether it will be worth while to go any further. P.S. I shall see if Kirkheaton tenants next week & find whe[the]r any alteration is to be made in the dra[ugh]t of the answer they are to put in. I am etc HR

28 Apr 1761 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

No. 7040 £287.1.6 Newcastle 25 April 1761
Thirty days after date pay to the order of Mr Joseph Richmond two hundred eighty seven pounds one shilling & six pence value received. For Bell, Cookson, Carr & Self, Jos Airey
To Messrs Vere Glynn & Hallifax London

To Richard Wilson Esq at Leeds Newcastle 28 April 1761

Sir, I send you inclosed the acco[un]ts of West Kenton rents for the half year due Martinmas last, with a bill for two hundred eighty seven pounds one shilling & six pence the balance thereof which I desire you will please to advise the Receipt of, & return the duplication of the acco[un]t to. Im your most obed[ien]t serv[an]t JR

28 Apr 1761 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To Jno Fenwick Esq in Robert's Place York 28 April 1761

Sir I have acquainted Sir Walter Blackett who is now at Wallington with the contents of your Letter, & he orders me to write you that he agrees to pay you 4 ½ p[er] cent from this 12th of May next. I am etc JR

P.S. I shall pay your bills when due

30 Apr 1761 Joseph Richmond to John Harrison

To Mr John Harrison at Lintzgarth [Newcastle] 30 April 1761

Sir I desire you will set on your Lead carriage as fast as you can & if your Carriers will not abate of 9s. you must agree to give it them [in margin: C Bainbridge] for I do not find Mr Hunter is doeing any thing about it. I desire you will send in first, what lead & slag you know is unrefineable for we have working lead enough at Bladon, yours JR

1 May 1761 Joseph Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield May 1st 1761

Sir If you have not done it already, I desire on receipt of this you will order away the Lead from all the mils, as fast as you can, & if the Rookhope Carriers will abate nothing of 9s. you must agree to give it them, but order all the Common lead & slag lead to be first sent away for wee have working lead enough at Blaydon, pray direct the mil clerks to work up all the slag & wastes as fast as possible I am etc JR

5 May 1761 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

No. 7561 £400 Newcastle 5 May 1761
Thirty days after date pay to the order of Richard Wilson Esq. four hundred Pounds value received of Mr Jos. Richmond. For Bell, Cookson, Carr & self Jos Airey
To Messrs Vere, Glyn & Hallifax London

To Richard Wilson Esq. at Leeds

Sir I Rece[ived] your Letter of the 2nd inst., inclosing your Bond to Miss Hannah Headlam for four hundred Pounds dated 4 inst & inclosed you receive Messrs Bell & Co's bill on Vere Glynn & Hallifax for the same sum at 30 days date, which I shall be glad comes safe to your hand, I could not get it at a shorter date I am etc JR

8 May 1761 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 8 May 1761

Sir

Inclosed you receive two bills as above for £700 to enable you to pay Mr Savage's half y[ea]rs intrest due the 6th inst & Lady Mansels <1/2> y[ea]rs annuity due 5 of last month wch I desire you will place to my account & send me their receipts when paid, wch I shall advise the receipt of & I desire you will advise of receipt hereof.

P.S. I have rece[ieve]d copy of the Bill & answer Nickolson ag[ain]st Wharton in 1633, copy of the Bill & ans[we]r in the causes Wharton ag[ain]st the B[isho]p of Durham & others & Wharton ag[ain]st William Blackett Esq & others 32 Cha[rle]s 2nd. I wish the depositions in the cause in 1664 may come up to the allegations in the Bill I am etc JR

Newcastle 10 April 1761 £200 - -
Forty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order two hundred pounds the value in acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett; place the same to acco[un]t as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie
Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks Merch[an]ts in London

Newcastle 10 April 1761 £ 500 - -
Forty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order five hundred pounds the value in acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett place the same to acco[un]t
as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie
Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks Merch[an]ts in London

8 May 1761 Henry Richmond to Robert Shafto

To Robt Shafto Esq. M.P. at Whitworth by Durham Newcastle 8 May 1761

Sir

Mr Hen Wilkinson & I attended at Durham on Tuesday last as you appointed & went thro' all the Agents bills, wch Mr Swainston had then got in. After considering the great number of days charged by most of them for canvassing, & the vicinity of many of the places, wch they charge distinct days for canvassing at, we co[ul]d not help thinking that 10s.6d a day, over & above their horse hire & all expenses, which Mr Swainston assured us they had charged separately, was an ample satisfaction, for such journies; for the best attornies do not charge their constant clients above 13s.4d a day

besides expenses. As to the days on wch any of the agents have canvassed the places of their own residence, we in general supposed 6s.8d a day might be sufficient & have allowed no more; tho' indeed the agents for some towns may deserve double what others do. Mr Swainston & Mr Hugal were desired to examine, lest any of the agents may have omitted charging their horse hire; for 10s.6d a day will be too little where that is the case; & indeed in some other cases it may not be adequate to the trouble wch some agents may have had. But as to particular merit we referred the consideration of that to L[or]d Darlington & yourself having stuck pretty closely to the above rule. Only we tho[ugh]t it reasonable to allow Mr Ralph Robson a Guinea a day when upon his Norham Canvass over & above his Expences, as those Expeditions were attended with great Fatigue to him. We also have allowed a Guinea a day to the agents who were employ[e]d in Durham during the Election in taking the poll etc. Whatever his Lords[hi]p & you may think proper to pay the agents, whether the sums we have made their Bills amount to, or more, as the case may require; it is our opinion that it ought to be expressed in an Even sum without descending to any particular valuation of their time, or letting them know what that has been reckoned worth by the day. besides this method will give them no opportunity of comparing one with another, what is given by way of Gratuity above what their bills were made to amount to I am etc HR

15 May 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr. Wm. Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 15 May 1761

Sir

Sr Wr Blackett has sent me f[ro]m Walling[to]n a list of the sums you have to pay in London in each qua[rte]r on his acco[un]t. The last time we talked of this matter Sr Wr ordered my fa[the]r to make remittances to you half yearly to enable you to make these payments, & he will endeavour to make the first of them the latter end of next month; But if that won't do, pray let me know, & I shall take Sr Wrs further directions herein.

I have looked over the copies you have sent of the records relating to the moor mas[te]rs & Sandersons Leases; & I think the moorm[aste]rs right to all the mines in the two parishes is very fully proved; & only am afraid that as the Lease for years has been kept on foot ever since Bulmer's time & renewed & enjoyed by Sr Wr & his ancestors along with the moorma[ster]s Lease, it will be some impeach[en]t of the present Moorma[ste]rs right to the whole, & a sort of acknowledgement that something had been granted to Bulmer. But I have given them all to Mr Widdrington to state the case for Councils opinion. Pray who wo[ul]d be the properest to lay this long affair before, if Sr Wr sho[ul]d not be satisfied with Mr Widdringtons judgement on it? He sho[ul]d be a man of ability, Integrity, patience & Leisure. I wish you could find that Mr Wharton obtained a decree consonant to his Bill ag[ain]st the B[isho]p & Mr Hall in 1664, even tho' it sho[ul]d only be a general one to quiet him in the profession of his property as

therein claimed; if so,, & you can obtain It, pray send some Extract thereof. As Sir Walter has been at this great Expence in supporting the moormasters office, it will be very proper, as you propose, to put up the original copies of these records along with the title deeds in your profession; that those who come after may see how careful he has been to transmit the Trust Estate to them as entire as possible.

I suppose the decree obtained by Mr Wharton against Nicholson in 1633, & wch you say is enrolled, contains nothing more than the dismission of Nicholsons bill, with costs; as you do not take notice of any further particulars I am etc HR

P.S. Yo[u]r Lre advising the receipts of the bills had neither a date nor your name at it.

15 May 1761 Joseph Richmond to Plumb and Brown

1761 May 15 Advised Plumb & Brown of a p[iec]e Silver q[uanti]ty 980 Oz. sent them this day p[er] Lee's Waggon. JR

16 May 1761 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd. Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 16 May 1761

Sir In ans[we]r to yo[u]r Lre of the 14th the Intrest of the £378 was settled to one time of payment due the 29 Sept[embe]r 1741 & has been regularly p[ai]d at £18.18s.0d a year ever since & the last payment was made Mr Kirsop to the 10th April 1760 (allowing for the alteration of the stile) I wish you would fill up a proper bond & charge it your acco[un]t & you will consider whether it sho[ul]d not be dated the 29th Sept[embe]r 1741 & who is the proper party the money sho[ul]d be made payable to, & also whether it ought to be endorsed on the Bond that it is the School Money, wch Sir Walter took for the benefit of the school; in order to prevent any dispute that might happen afterwards. P.S. I hope the Boat for the Tyne Mills arrived safe; I have paid for it & charged it to Sr Wrs acco[un]t so that you will only have to pay for the conveyance of it f[ro]m Newburn I am etc JR

16 May 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt.at Wallington Newcastle 16 May 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Mr Widdrington thinks it would be best for you & Mr Ord to agree to move the Court to have the Depositions taken under the commission debene also read at the hearing of the cause, without having those witnesses examined again in their, & he

thinks the Court may be prevailed on to allow this; the [ye] usual method is to examine all witnesses under a Comission in Chief.

Mr Widdrington has now got copies of all the records relating to the moormasters & Sandersons Leases; & I hope will very soon make out a state of the case, & give you his sentiments on the affair, after which you will perhaps be better qualified to treat with the Bishop than at present I am etc HR

26 May 1761 Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd. Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 26 May 1761

Sir Mathew Carr, who is tenant of Hexham Fell Coll[ier]y, has wrote to Sr Wr Blackett, complaining that the owner of the Gro[un]d where he works the s[ai]d coll[ier]y now insists on satisfaction for spoil of Gro[un]d & that when he took the Coll[ier]y of you he did not apprehend he was to have any such damages to pay for. Sir Wr sees by the Act of Parliament for the division of Hexham Comon, wherein I suppose this colliery is wrought, that he is to make reasonable satisfaction for spoil of Gro[un]d to the person in possession of any allottm[en]t after the inclosure thereof; & he desires if you think the doing this ought not to be laid on Mr Carr that you will endeavour to adjust what is reasonable satisfaction to the owner of the Gro[un]d for the s[ai]d damage in such manner as you think right. I am etc HR

31 May 1761 Walter Blackett to Bishop of Durham

To the Hon[our]able & Rt. Rev[eren]d The B[isho]p of Durham London
Wallington 31st May 1761

My Lord I beg that my Silence in respect to the Lease for years may not be construed to my disadvantage. The renewal of that Lease hath employed my thoughts ever since I came into the country, & after making the best judgem[en]t I can upon the nature of it I desire your L[or]ds[hi]p will be pleased to sett a Fine for the renewal of it in the manner it is now & ever hath been drawn since the commencement of it, for a variation may hereafter be attended with many difficulties & disputes. & as I am only tenant for Life & a sort of Trustee for remainders I should be glad to leave it to them in the manner I found it without any variation. I hope my Lord you are in perfect health & that we shall soon have the pleasure of your company in the North, being &c Wr. Blackett

7 Jun 1761 Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Mr. Coll. Forster Attorney at Law in Alnwick Newcastle 7 June 1761

Sir By a Lre wch I rece[ieve]d last post f[ro]m Mr Darwin I find he has been called upon for Sr Wr Blacketts & the Kirkheaton tenants answers, & has been obliged to get six weeks time for putting in the same. To prevent the expence of further orders, Sr Wr desires all possible expedition may be used in preparing his answer & that of the tenants & hopes you wrote last post to Mr Darwin according to what was determined on at Wallington in regard to his own answer; & as to that of the tenants, I expect Mr Robson will get Reay to attorn that next week & as soon as it is done he or I will write you so. The persons to be named for Sr Wrs Com[missione]rs to take these answers I think sho[ul]d be yourself, Mr Jno. Brown of Kirkharle Mr Wm. Robson of Wallington & Sir your etc HR.

7 Jun 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 7 June 1761

Sir

My Father has rece[ieve]d Mr Vernons rec[eip]t: for Lady Mansels ann[ui]ty of £225, & Mr Savage's for £495 being ½ y[ea]rs intr[es]t due 6 May last; wch two sums he has placed to your credit in that acco[un]t between you & him. Tho' Mr <Coll[ingwoo]d> Forster is now concerned for L[or]d No[rthumber]land, yet Sr Wr employs him in the Kirkheaton cause as he thinks there is nothing in the dra[ugh]t of the answers improper for him to see. I met him at Walling[ton on Tuesday about them & he proposed some amendments wch Sr Wr agreed to, & other some he was to write to you about. One material amendm[en]t wch he proposed was that Sir Wr sho[ul]d demur to that part of the Bill wch requires his proving himself Lord of the manor of Anick grainge on wch Kirkhaton is dependant, & only answer that as the tenants have attorned to him as L[or]d of the s[ai]d Manor he hopes that by being in possession he has a right to hold the Estate until an heir or one that has a better right than himself appears. Sr Wr desired Mr Forster to send this amendm[en]t to you to consult council upon, whether the demur will be allow[e]d of, & whether if Sr Wr pleads only his possession, the Court will not probably appoint a receiver as prayd in the Bill to collect the Rents of Kirkheaton as well as the rest of Mrs Windsors Estates; & then whether by that Sir Wr will not be outed of possession so that if no heir appear, & if the right comes to be contested between the Crown L[or]d Nort[umber]land & Sir Wr, Sir Wr will not be on the same footing only with them, & obliged to prove himself Lord of the Manor etc & consequently lose all the advantage wch <we> expected he had obtained by the attornment. Sir Wr desires you will correspond with Mr Forster about these matters; who I make no doubt wrote to you by last frydays post; I have wrote to him today acquainting him that you have been called upon for the answers; & I have given him

the names of 4 persons for comiss[ione]rs viz. himself, Mr Jno Brown of Kirkharle Mr Wm. Robson of Wall[ingto]n & Sir your etc HR

P.S. Since the above I have rece[ieve]d a Lre f[ro]m Sr Wr desiring that no time may be lost in putting in the answers; I have wrote accordingly to Mr Forster; & desire of you of the points Mr Forster was to get you, as above, to consult council upon are not thought by you to be of so great consequence as to apply for more time that you will proceed without waiting for an opinion thereon, in such way as Mr Forster & you agree upon: for Sir Wr is apprehensive he shall be blamed for delay. .

8 Jun 1761 Henry Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm. Robson at Wallington Newcastle 8 June 1761

Sir The paper of Attornment signed by Edward Reay not being sufficient I have herewith returned it you & have sent you a deed of attornment to be signed sealed & delivered by him, and then after he has d[elivere]d a <turf> part of the premes, to you you will let the memor[an]d[o]m on the back of the deed be signed by two persons present at his doing, & their signing must be witnessed by two others. I have also sent you a bond of Indemnity f[ro]m Sir Wr Blackett to Edw[ar]d Reay, being in the same form as those given the other tenants as Sr Wr will see by the cancelled one I have also sent, & wch was intended for Reay if he wo[ul]d then have attorned. You will lay this Bond before Sr Wr to be executed by him in the presence of two witnesses if he thinks proper. This attornm[en]t, if possible, sho[ul]d be taken tomorrow morning, so that you can send a Line to Morpeth for Mr Coll[ingwoo]d Forster time enough to save the post, acquainting him that Edward Reay has attorned to Sr Wr Blackett for his moiety of Tofthall farm in Kirkheaton at the yearly rent of £22.10s.0d. I am your etc HR

12 Jun 1761 Henry Richmond to Earl of Darlington

To the Rt. Hon[oura]ble the Earl of Darlington at Raby Castle Newcastle 12 June 1761

My Lord
On the otherside is the form of the poll book printing by Thompson & Co for S[i]r Thos. Clavering; wch, as it was given me in confidence not to prejudice the person who gave it me your Lords[hi]p will please to keep as private as you can. I am assured it will be a month or more before it can be finished & therefore think it may be as well to let them proceed for one week more before Mr Vane & Mr Shafto advertise, lest he sho[ul]d delay his impression in hopes offering their poll book abroad first. But shall in White's next weeks paper if your Lords[hi]p does not order otherwise, take care to get an advertisem[en]t inserted in the manner you have sent it me; for White cannot safely make a paragraph of news of it, but of the following he can, if your L[or]ds[hi]p think it

right to be so particular. Viz. " we hear that Mr Vane & Mr Shafto intend soon to have the poll printed<of names> taken at the last general Election for the County of Durham" only Chester Ward is as yet sent to the press with orders to print no more than 1000 copies of it; & Mr Vane's & Mr Shafto's Agents sho[ul]d observe the same method of sending one ward as soon as they have finished it; because so many Letters of the same sort occur in this kind of work that the whole no. of copies for each ward sho[ul]d be printed off & the press taken to pieces, or else they will not have Type sufficient to go on. So it sho[ul]d be considered wch ward sho[ul]d stand first in the book. P.S. your L[or]ds[hi]p will see that Sir Thos. admits only his single votes among the constellations. I am my Lord your Lordship's most obed[ien]t hble servant HR

[There follows a sample of the Poll Book layout for Chester Ward referred to in the letter, the contents of which are as follows, though not in the tabular form as drawn in the original. V = Vane, S = Shato, C = Clavering]

Poll No C 156 Tho Atkinson FO of W Boldon voting for lands at same, occupied by himself,voted for Clavering

Poll No V 144, S 133 Jno Almond of Framwelgate, voting for house at same, occupied by himself

Poll No V 151, C 167 Jno Anderson of Gateshead, voting for houses at same, occupied by himself & others

Poll No C 263 Jno Andrews of Scots House voting for houses and land at Gateshead, occupied by Wm Methuen, voted for Clavering

Poll No C 294 Thos Anderson of Gateshead, voting for houses at same, occupied by himself & others, voted for Clavering

Poll No C 514 Chas Alder of <Moton fence Ho> Gateshead, voting for an annuity at Whittle, voted for Clavering

At the end of each ward the no. of the freeholders therein is to be put down, & at the end of the Book is to be a List of all votes rejected without marking what side they were for

16 Jun 1761 Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Mr Collingwood Forster Attorney at law in Alnwick Newcastle 16 June 1761

Sir

Edwd Reay became tenant to Sr Wr Blackett, not by executing the old attornm[en]t dated May 1758, but a new & separate one dated as I remember the 8th inst; But as Mr Robson has not yet sent it back f[ro]m Walling[to]n I cannot be certain of that nor tell you in whose presence he executed the same. I have wrote to Mr Robson & shall let you have an answer to these particulars as soon as I can. An Ejectm[en]t was served on Edw[ar]d Reay by me on the 1st May 1758; being the same time the other tenants were served. As Sir Wr & Mr Ord have now agreed upon <suing> out a Com[issione]r to examine in chief this summer, Mr Widdrington is at a stop for want of the copies of the bill & answer & other papers wch Sr Wr wrote to Mr Scott for, & wch you told me at Walling[to]n he had given you, & therefore you will please to send them by the first opportunity to Dear Sir yours &c HR

16 Jun 1761 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 16 June 1761

Inclosed is peareth & sorsbie's bill on Freeman & Stainbank's for £240 which I desire you will place to Sir Wr Blacketts acco[un]t & advise me of the receipt thereof & set that this bill is to answer Sr Wrs payments due about midsum[me]r. I am etc JR

Newcastle 19 May 1761 £240.0.0
Forty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order two hundred & forty pounds the value in acco[un]t with S[i]r Walter Blackett place the same to account as by advice from Peareth & Sorsbie
Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks Merchants in London

20 Jun 1761 Walter Blackett to Thomas Wentworth

To Thos. Wentworth Esq., at Godfrey Bosville's Esq. in Great Russell Street Bloomsbury London Wallington 20 June 1761

Dear Sir The inclosed agreement signed by Mr Ord & my self explains it self so fully that there is not occasion to trouble you with many words upon it. The intention of the commission to examine in chief is to corroborate the claim wch you or whoever of the remainder in S[i]r Wm. Blacketts will may come into possession of hexham may make to about 500 acres of moor ground wch is in dispute betwixt myself as the present possessor of hexham & Mr Ord the present possessor of Whitfield, & I have been principally the occasion of this Com[issio]n in order to leave to my successors the best evidence I can of their claim or right to that parcel of ground so that you may depend upon my word & honour for the propriety of your signing it. And when you have

signed it I desire you will inclose it in the cover, as it now is directed to Mr Rastall, for he & his wife are to sign it as Trustees, & send it to the posthouse. I hope this will find you in perfect health being <Dear Sir> Your Obed[ien]t Wr Blackett.

7 Jul 1761 Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd. Ellis at Hexham Newcastle 7 July 1761

Sir My Father received a Lre yesterday f[ro]m Mr John Johnson of Whitehall, in wch he says he is very ready to pay his petty tithes, as has been usual, & therefore desires no bill may be filed ag[ain]st him. I have acquainted Sr Wr Blackett of this who desires you will draw up a paper of the manner of tithing in hexham manor such as you think custom will support, for nobody can judge of that so well as yourself & then send for Mr Johnson & the other defaulters, whose names are below & tell them that by publishing their advertisement last year, by the meetings wch they held in consequence of them & by refusing to pay their tithe, they had made it necessary for him to order a bill to be filed ag[ain]st them in the Excheq[ue]r. But as he desires nothing but the preservation of the ancient & acknowledged rights of the manor he is ready to stay the proceedings at Law, provided they will sign such a paper as above ment[i]ond, admitting the customary method of tithing, & pay up all arrears. You will please to get something done, if possible, in this amicable way, as soon as is convenient to you & let my father have the paper signed by them or the names of those who refuse, that Mr Widdrington may proceed ag[ain]st them agreeable to the orders already given him. I am etc HR

13 Jul 1761 Henry Richmond to Mr Hill

[Note: File note]
1761 July 13th Wrote Mr. Hill of Manfield that Sr Wr desires he will send him ½ a doz. hams ½ a doz. <cheeks> & that Mr Darwin will pay him for them. HR

13 Jul 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

[Note: File note]
Wrote Mr Darwin that if he has any deed executed in 1752 between S[i]r Wm. Wentworth & Thos. Wentworth Esq his son on the one part & Sr Wr Blackett on the other, in wch is a covenant that Sr Wr is to keep all the Leases belonging to the trust Estate full & leave them so as his death that he is to send me a copy of such deed. & that he is to pay Mr Hill, as above [see letter to Hill of same date] HR

2 Aug 1761 Henry Richmond to Robert Averay

To Mr Robt. Averay at Tiverton Devonshire Newcastle 2nd August 1761

Sir
In answer to your Letter to Sir Wr Blackett, I am to write to you that the name of the person <…..> therein enquired after was Stephen Fryer (& not Pryer. I cannot find that he or any of the family ever were in America. On the contrary I am informed that the great fortune he has left, to be contended for, was acquired by his bro[the]r James & him as merchants & dealers in corn in this Town. Yet tis true he & his ancestors have for some generations been free cordwain[e]rs (i.e, shoemakers) of this Town. However for your further satisfaction I have procured you f[ro]m the parish registers here the following pedigree of the family. viz.

9 Novr. 1600 Steph[e]n Fryer son of Roger Fryer Cordwainer baptized
6 June 1644 Thos son of Stephen Fryer & Doro Fryer baptized
31 May 1683 Stephen son of Thos Fryer, Cordw[aine]r, & Marg. his wife baptized

This Stephen Fryer, the person you enquired after, had 3 brothers, vizt. James (who was elder than himself) & John & Thos (younger than himself). James left all his fortune to the s[ai]d Stephen. As to John & Thos., no account has yet been rece]iv]ed of them or their issue that can be depended upon, for they left Newcastle many years ago. This pedigree does not correspond with the claim set forth in your Lre; but I have sent it you such as I have found it & am etc HR

7 Aug 1761 Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster

[Note: File note]
1761 August 7. Wrote Mr. Coll. Forster that Sr Wr was at Walling[to]n & had taken the mat[te]r of his own & the Kirkheaton ten[an]ts answers with him, but that I would write him tomorrow that a peremptory order is obtain'd for putting in his ans[w]er in 6 weeks f[ro]m 26 July- Sent Mr Forster a copy of Edw[ar]rd Reay's attornment. HR

8 Aug 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr. Wr. Blackett Bt. at Wallington Newcastle 8th August 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir By the inclosed Letter wch came yesterday f[ro]m Mr Forster it appears that yours & the Kirkheaton tenants answers to Sr. Robt. Bewicke's bill must be put in

before the 6th of next month. You will please to consider what Mr. Forster says about retaining Mr Norton. I hope you are a great deal better. I am etc HR

10 Aug 1761 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr. Wm. Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London

Sir Mr Thos. Dunn Ald[erma]n of Durham who marr[ie]d a Daug[the]r of Edwd. Harrison's called on me today by the ord[e]r of Mr Meackham abo[u]t Mr Beaumonts money. I have acquainted him how the matter stands, that I have rece[iv]ed £70 & that £130 remains yet unp[ai]d wch I cannot get notwithstanding the sev[era]l processes I have served on him, & sent up my affid[avi]t of serving the same wch has been attended w[hi[ch £0.19s.1½d Expence besides all my trouble abo[u]t it. Why Mr Beaumont has been so indulged I do not know. I am sure I have done all in my power to get the money I hope before you come out of Town you will get Mr Thomas or some of the parties to write to Mr Beaumont to pay me the money for he does not regard my speaking to him. You know I wo[ul]d have remitted the £70 as soon as I rece[iv]ed it, but it was tho[ugh]t fit I sho[ul]d not do it till the whole money was paid.
I am etc JR

20 Aug 1761 Joseph Richmond to William Fetherston

To Mr. Wm. Fetherston Westgate Street 20th August 1761

Sir As Mr Swinburn who took Kenton stone close, Hall, & stables of Sir Walter Blackett says he has turned the same over to you who are to pay the Rent in arrear, and there Being 4 years rent due at Mayday last, which comes to 120<g>, I desire you will pay me the same before Mich[elm]as at which time I always make up my Rental, for so large an arrear would look very ill in my accounts. I am etc JR

1 Sep 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 1st September 1761

Sir On Saturday last I sent directed for you the answers of Sir Wr Blackett & the Kirkheaton tenants, all but Jno. Moraley junr., by one Willm. Turnbull serv[an]t to Mr <Mw> Bell & who will deliver to you I expect on Fryday or Saturday next. I gave the young man 5s. with it for his trouble & hope you will receive it in time to comply with the peremptory order of the court. Young Moraley was so wrong headed, that tho he

heard the answ[e]r read over & said he had no objection to it yet he absolutely refused to sign, notwithstanding he was told what might be the consequence. I am etc HR

4 Sep 1761 Henry Richmond to Mr Selby

To Mr Selby at Wm. Fenwick's Esq at Bywell Newcastle 4th September 1761

Sir I find by a Letter I rece[ive]d yesterday from Mr Thos. Maughan that you & he did not conclude anything at Newhouse about the Tack wch Mr Fenwick proposes to take of Sr Wr Blackett. He writes me that he will be here on Fryday afternoon the 11th inst. & on Saturday morning the 12th. So that if you chuse to have any further conversation with him about this matter you will find or hear of him here at either of those times. I am etc HR

4 Sep 1761 Henry Richmond to George Davison

[Note: File note]
4 September 1761 Sent Mr George Davison of Newton Cap Mr. Bacon's acco[un]t of his propor[ti]on of Weardale Rents for the year 1760.
NB. I saw Mr Davison since & he told me he had got the acco[un]t & wo[ul]d pay it soon.

4 Sep 1761 Henry Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm. Robson at Wallington Newcastle 4 September 1761

Sir I am sorry you are likely to have so much trouble about young Moraleys crop. I think you had better proceed upon the authority wch the law gives S[i]r Walter as Landlord, I mean by Distress, rather than upon the right you suppose the settled acco[un]t between Moraley & you has given you over this standing crop. Therefore look into the Landlords Law & see whether you can sell the crop before you cut it. I think you cannot. But you can reap it, carry it off the premises to any Barn hired for the purpose, not too far off, & then you can get the same appraised & after that can dispose thereof. But you are within a week after you remove the crop to give him notice where you carry it to. In all other respects you are to proceed as in distraining any other goods. I have sent you a pig of Lead. P.S. I wo[ul]d give him notice that you distrain such & such corn for, so much rent due to Sr Wr Blackett. You know that the arrear due Mayday last was £101.5s.0d of wch you have accounted to me for £68.4s.10d.
I am etc HR

9 Sep 1761 Henry Richmond to Thomas Lee

[Note: File note]
1761 Sept. 9 Advised Mr. Thos. Lee of a Box being sent in the Sea Nymph Thos. Hopper ma[ste]r directed for him cont 6 pots of moor game wch he was desired to send according to the directions on the several potts HR

23 Sep 1761 Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thos. Maughan at Newhouse 23rd September 1761

Sir

When you were here I desired you wo[ul]d as soon as convenient enquire into the tenure of Mr Kenedys Estate in Weardale, adjoining as I am told on Bollihope Fell, whe[the]r the s[ai]d Estate is freehold or copyhold. & also that you wo[ul]d send me your opinion of the Grove wch has been wro[ugh]t formerly in that Estate, whe[the]r it is worth while for Sir Walter to buy the Estate for the sake of the Leadmines thereunder, or to take a Lease of the s[ai]d mines if they can be proved to be in a freehold Estate, wch is what I much question.

Sr Wr now desires you will as soon as possible give some ans[we]r to the above points as a Gent[lema]n of his acquaintance has applyd to him either to buy or take a Lease, & he wants to an answer. I told you that I believed these workings are in Cove's vein. I am etc HR

24 Sep 1761 Joseph Richmond to William Sleigh

To Wm. Sleigh Esqr. at Stockton Newcastle 24 September 1761

Sir I have been abroad since the date of your Letter wch is the reason I have not answered it before this. As to the refined Lead we have not above 500 p[ieces] at market unsold wch I am willing to take £14.12s.6d a fo[the]r for, the Newcastle fo[the]r. But we have of the 2 [n]d sort enough to compleat 100 fo[the]rs wch I am willing to sell at £14.7s.6d a fo[the]r in the sale of wch every 10th pig is always slag lead, for we never sell slag lead by it self. My orders are never to sell any lead but to the merch[an]ts of this Town, so that if you chuse to buy any at his market, you must apply to some here to buy & ship it for you, & I think Messrs Peareth & Sorsbie are the properest persons you can apply to. Their comis[sio]n I believe is only one p[er] c[en]t. As to the credit given it is generally two months f[ro]m the time of shipping, & we allow a fortnight or thereabouts to ship it in after the bargain is made. P.S. If you chuse to write to Messrs Peareth & Sorsbie to buy you 100 fo[the]r of the second sort of lead as above. I will

abate half a Crown a fo[the]r towards paying their Comission, but this must be done on Receipt hereof, otherwise the Lead may be sold. The Lead lays at Bladon, about five miles up the river & the buyer always pays the charges of shipping it but what that is I really do not know.

26 Sep 1761 Joseph Richmond to Plumb and Brown

[Note: File note]
1761 September 26th Advised Messrs Plumb & Brown of a p[ie]ce of Silver sent them this day by Jno. James a q[uanti]ty 745 ounces & desired they wo[ul]d charge it at the market price & advise me of the receipt of it. Also acquainted them that I sho[ul]d in about 3 weeks draw a bill on them at a short date payable to Sir Wr Blackett or ord[e]r for £300. JR

9 Oct 1761 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esqr at Leeds 9th October 1761

Sir Mr Willm. Brown who is concerned as a viewer for some of our Coalowners, has made a proposal to Sir Wr Blackett for the taking of Kenton Coll[ie]ry copy of wch is herewith inclosed. But he did not think proper to discover on whose acco[un]t the proposal is made, wch it is necessary to know before any treaty is ent[e]red into for he himself is not equal to the undertaking. Sir Wr thinks the certain rent sho[ul]d not be less than 300 [g/£] a year & the tentail rent not under 14 or 15s as the Ten is very large. I expect Mr Brown will be with Sir Wr again in a few days & let him know who are his principals & their resolution as to this rent & wch shall be communicated to you for your consideration by. Sir your etc JR

13 Oct 1761 Henry Richmond to Nicholas Halhead

To Mr Richd. Halhead at Durham Newcastle 13th October 1761

Sir By Sir Wr Blacketts direction I have sent you herewith enclosed, as you desired the copy of the depositions taken in the Cause between Hump[hre]y Wharton Esqr Comp[lainan]t & the B[isho]p of Durham Wm. Blackett Esqr. & others Defend[an]ts about the Lease of the mines in the Inclosures in Weardale wch I mention'd to you at Durham & wch when you have perused I desire you will return to Sir Your mo[st] hble serv[an]t HR

sent by Mr Shaftoe's serv[an]t Thos.

13 Oct 1761 Joseph Richmond to Plumb and Brown

[Note: File note]
1761 October 13 Advised Plumb & Brown of my Dra[f]t on them to Sr Wr Blackett for £300 at 10d dat[e]d 12th inst.

13 Oct 1761 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esqr. in Leeds Newcastle 13 October 1761

Sir Mr Willm. Brown has been again with Sir Wr Blackett abo[u]t Kenton Coll[ie]ry but stands to his first proposal without offering any advance of the certain rent, or discovering who are his principals. So that at present Sir Wr does not think the proposal merits any consideration. For Kenton Coll[ie]ry will let some time or other to persons who will give a better rent, & treat in a more open manner. Sir Wr sets forward for London tomorrow I am etc JR

13 Oct 1761 Henry Richmond to Plumb and Brown

To Messrs Plumb & Brown Golds[mi]ths in Forster Lane London
Newcastle 13th October 1761

Sirs

Since my Father sent his Lre to the post advising you of his dra[f]t upon you yesterday he has rec[iev]ed yours acquainting him of a deficiency in the w[eigh]t of the p[iec]e of Silver sent you by John James the carrier on the 25th ulto. wch we are surprised at & desire you will let us know whe[the]r it appeared to you on opening the packing that anything had been cut off the cake; or any other suspicious circumstances appeared. If not; & you on weigh[in]g it again find it so much short of 745 oz., wch Sir Wr Blacketts refiner & I weighed it to, I see nothing else but to return it by the first carrier wch my Father & I desire you will do there being no other way of satisfying the Refiner. P.S. I desire you will weigh the cake carefully before you give it to the carrier & take his promisory note to deliver such weight of Silver Bullion to Mr Jos Richmond in Pilgrim Street Newcastle in 15 days wch note please to send to my father I am etc HR

PS. Pray inform us wh[ethe]r you <safe> It opened yourself or let us know the name of the Serv[an]t that did open it. I can be certain I think both of the weight & the form of the cake.

14 Oct 1761 Henry Richmond to William Dalton

To Mr Wm. Dalton at Blaydon Newcastle 14 October 1761

Sir I desire you will recollect as well as you can the shape of the last piece of Silver that you bro[ugh]t in; for the Goldsmiths in London to Whom we sent it write us that it does not weigh so much as we made it by above 60 ounces, so that I apprehend something must have been cut off it & have therefore ordered it to be returned by the first carrier that we may examine it I am etc HR

22 Oct 1761 Henry Richmond to William Dalton

To Mr Wm. Dalton at Blaydon Newcastle 22nd October 1761

I wish you wo[ul]d come to Town tomorrow or Saturday, that we may consider abo[u]t the deficiency in the weight of the last p[iec]e of Silver. & desire in the mean time you will recollect how much you weighed it to at home, before you brought it hither I am etc HR

23 Oct 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. to be left at the Cocoa tree Pall Mall London
Newcastle 23rd October 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Your friends here are sorry you have travelled so far to be laid up by so painful a disorder; but as it seems a regular Fit of the Gout, they are easier than if it had been a return of your late complaint, wch they had heard was partly the case; because they think the Gout, while in the Extream parts is symptomatic of a good Constitution & Long life. I hope so.

I have not yet received the pedigree of the Liddell family from Mr Ellison. I have been with Isable Pattison, whose Testimony, I think will not afford any proof of relations[hi]p between the Fenwicks & Mrs Windsor. She says. she never knew any Sir Francis Liddells but one, & that he lived at Ogle & was about 60 years of age when he left that place to go & live at Stannerton with Parson Fenwick, who had married his Daughter Mary. She says she has heard that the s[ai]d S[i]r Francis's Lady came f[ro]m Bambroughshire. So that probably she was Relict of Nich[ola]s Forster, as men[t]ioned in the Eng[lish] Baronetage. I shall see Mr Coll[ingwoo]d Forster in a day or two, & will communicate to him what I have gathered f[ro]m this old woman.

I wish an abatement of your pain & am Hon[ou]rd Sir Your faithf[ul]l & mo[st] obed[ien]t Serv[an]t HR

23 Oct 1761 Joseph Richmond to Bishop of Chester

To the R[igh]t Rev[eren]d the Lord Bishop of Chester in Downing Street London
23 October

My Lord
I have paid your three bills for £52.10s.0d each, being for the half year Composition for the tithe oar in Weardale due the 11th July last, I desire when you draw for the next half years Rent, you will please to mention in your Letter of advice, that it is for the half yrs composition for Weardale tithe oar due from Sir Walter Blackett the 11 Jan[ua]ry 1762; which will be a more regular Discharge on my Account.
I am My Lord
Your L[or]dships most obed[ien]t Serv[an]t JR

24 Oct 1761 Henry Richmond to Plumb and Brown

To Messrs Plumb & Browne Golds[mi]ths in Forster Lane London
Newcastle 24 October 1761

Sirs Sir Wr Blacketts refiner & I have this day compared our Recollections & are satisfied that in weighing the last p[iec]e of Silver, sent you, we must have reckon'd a 64 oz. weight as a 128 oz. weight, wch as it brings us within 2 oz. of what you made it, has made me charge the p[iec]e at 679 oz. agreeable to your Letter. You will please therefore to give us a Letter of advice as usual of the sum we are to place to your acco[un]t for this piece. I am very sorry for this mistake. You will Excuse it. & we shall be more careful for the future I am etc HR

2 Nov 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. to be left at the Cocoa tree in Pall Mall London
Newcastle 2nd November 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir
It is with much concern that I find your disorder still continues attended with such violent pain: but I hope the sweating & other Evacuations, tho they reduce your strength for the present will soon procure you Ease & health. I have acquainted Dr Lambert the acco[un]t you give of your illness & he will write you in a post or two.
I saw Mr C Forster last week & he thinks nothing satisfactory is yet obtained as to the relationship of the Fenwicks to the <Stotes>. It appears probable in deed that

parson Fenwick did marry Mrs Mary Liddell & also that they were married at some place not far f[ro]m Ogle; because Sir Francis Liddell & his family never stirred much f[ro]m home, on acco[un]t of the badness of his circumstances. But if that marriage could be certified, it wo[ul]d amo[un]t to little unless that of S[i]r Francis with a Sister of S[i]r Richd. Stote co[ul]d also be proved; wch at present rests only upon tradition & the credibility of this Tradition is weakened by S[i]r R[ichar]d Stote's making no mention of this marriage in the pedigree of his family, wch he gave into the Heralds office tho' he therein mentions to whom two of his Sisters were married. & further by the proof of S[i]r Fran[ci]s having married the daughter of S[i]r Geo. Tonge & also the Relict of Nich[ola]s Forster of Bambrough. I desired Mr Mosley to enquire of Johnson the militia man, but have had no Letter f[ro]m him yet. I have enquired of some old people at Redheugh but with no success, & I have heard nothing yet f[ro]m Mr Ellison ab[ou]t the pedigree of the Liddell family.

On the other side is a copy of Mr Wm. Newtons opinion abo[u]t Kenton Colliery for wch no further offers have yet been made. I am etc HR

Kenton Colliery I think is worth 15s. a ten accounting 22 wag[on]s to a ten, 19 bolls to a wag[o]n & 36 Gallons Winchester measure to the boll. Certain rent 400<g>. vizt. 200<g>. for a moiety- Such covenants as are usual in colliery Leases. Two years without any certain rent only paying for what coals are wro[ugh]t yearly in that time - it being supposed to take two years in Winning effectually.
Wm. Newton
Octob[e]r 30 1761

NB the above ten is the same with wch Mr Brown required all but two bolls, the above ten being 418 bolls & his 420 bolls.

3 Nov 1761 Henry Richmond to Richard Cornforth

To Mr Richd. Cornforth at Quarrington to be left at the Golden Lyon in Sadler Street, Durham
Newcastle 3rd November 1761

Sir I am sorry the Redburn rent is not paid so regularly as you could wish, & can think of no readier or more certain way of paying it for the future, than your sending a receipt to Sir Wr Blacketts office here by any person you would chuse to receive the money, upon wch it will always be punctually paid. Only please to mention in your receipts that the money is rec[iev]ed of Sr Wr Blackett by Mr Richmond I am etc HR

3 Nov 1761 Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

[Note: File note]
3rd November 1761 wrote Mr. I. Hunter that 1100 p[iece]s were wanting of the Rookhope Lead. 23 of Allenh[ead]s & 82 of Dukesf[iel]d & that no more Lead was to be d[elivere]d till the spring. HR

3 Nov 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr William Alvey Darwin at his Chambers in Greys Inn London
Newcastle 3rd November 1761

Sir

I hope you got well to town before this. Sometime ago, by Sir Walters directions I sent Mr. Halhead the depositions in the cause Wharton ag[ain]st the B[isho]p & Sir Wm. Blackett & others, wch were taken on behalf of the Comp[lainan]t but have heard nothing f[ro]m him. I conclude we shall have an Enquiry made soon, after the depositions taken in the same cause on behalf of the def[endan]ts, & therefore hope you have given directions to search according to the minutes you made in your pocket book when here for I sho[ul]d be sorry they sho[ul]d find them out & we remain ignorant of them.

I wish you could explain how it happened that the B[isho]ps ans[we]r was not put in till 1693. I have some notion that this is an ans[we]r to a differ[en]t bill than what Sir Wm. Blackett answers to in 1681, both because the B[isho]p answers to points not suggested in the bill, & also because of the publication of all the depositions made so long before as in Mich[alma]s term 1684 I am etc HR

3 Nov 1761 Henry Richmond to Plumb and Brown

[Note: File note]
1761 November 3rd Advised Messrs Plumb & Browne of a p[iec]e silver q[uanti]ty 676 ½ oz. sent them on Saturday last by Matt Lee the London Carrier. HR

6 Nov 1761 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin in Grays Inn London Newcastle 6th November 1761

Sir You receive herewith inclosed Messrs Peareth & Sorsbie's bill on Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks for £495 to pay Mr. Savages's half years intrest due this day, wch I desire you will advise the receipt of & send me his receipt as soon as the money is paid. I hope this will find you got well to Town & shall be very glad to hear Sir Wr has got

clear of the Gout, wch has been a severe fit. I wish it may be long before he has any return of it I am etc JR

Newcastle 25th September 1761 £495
Fifty days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order four hundred ninety five pounds the value in acco[un]t with Sir Wr Blackett place the same to acco[un]t as by advice f[ro]m Peareth & Sorsbie
To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks Merchants in London

9 Nov 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London Newcastle 9th November 1761

Sir

Yesterday my father rec[iev]ed your Lre inclosing Mr Glovers receipt for £140 & also Mrs Sambroke's order & Mr Bonholes receipt thereon for her £140 wch two sums are for the ½ years int[e]rest of their mortgage on Kenton due f[ro]m Sr Wr Blackett on the 27th September last & are accordingly placed to your credit on the acco[un]t between you & my father.

My father desires when you meet Mr Rees & the parties that you will let it be understood by them that he does not desire to have Mr. Beaumont prosecuted, who he believes is much strait[e]ned in his circumstances; but only that he wants to be clear of the money remaining in his hands & have his recognizance discharged & this he hopes they will agree to without any further delay. I am very glad to hear Sir Wr is so much better & am etc HR

P.S. The sum due f[ro]m Mr Beaumont you know is 130.0s.0d

9 Nov 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. to be left at the Cocoa tree in Pall Mall London
9th November 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I am very glad to hear you are you are better & hope you will soon be able to walk without support. Since my last I met with Mr Ellison, but he co[ul]d tell me nothing further than Isable Pattison had done before, he says by the pedigree he has it appears, Sir Fra[nci]s Liddell had 2 sons & 2 daughters & that one of the daughters was mar[rie]d to Parson Fenwick & the other to R[ichar]d Heron. but as to his wife there is no mention of her name, nor does it appear that he was marr[rie]d more than once. R[ichar]d Johnsons acco[un]t, which I have just rec[iev]ed, is to the same effect, only he

adds that the 2 sons dec[ease]d without issue & that Fra[nci]s Liddel the Eldest was a Lunatic. So that there is no evidence yet of S[i]r Franci]s Liddells marrying a Stote, wch is the Sine quo no. Parson Thompson, who is one of the Lecturers of Sandgate Chapel at £40 a year, is a dying & probably you will soon have applica[ti]on about it. I do not yet hear of any that stirr for it except Mr Aldersen. The magistrates I am told intend to consult you & Mr Ridley before they dispose of the place. The step taken at Durham by the Mr Gowland & his friends of making abo[u]t 300 honorary freemen in order to secure his Election against Gen[era]l Lambton is by many look'd upon as unconstitutional. It may secure his Election, but is apprehended it will occasion mischief at the poll & a petition to parliam[en]t in case Mr Gowland is chosen. I hear Sir Jam[e]s Lowther S[i]r Wm. Meredith S[i]r Ra Milbanke Sir Jno. Eden & S[i]r Thos. Robinson have got their Freedom on this occasion I am etc HR

11 Nov 1761 Joseph Richmond to John Fenwick

To John Fenwick Esqr. in Roberts Plce without Bootham Barr York
Newcastle 11 November 1761

Sir

You receive herewith inclosed a bill on Messrs Plumb & Browne for £45 payable 15 days after date to pay the ½ years int[e]r[es]t of £2000 due f[ro]m Sir Wr Blackett this day wch I desire you will advise the rec[eip]t of by the return of the post.

I wrote you before that I desired to <becaused> drawing in the form you sent me, as the affair between Sir Wr & you has nothing to do with the Kings Money & your Endorsement of the bill will answer your purpose full as well. The collectors of the sev[era]l branches of the Revenue here who take my bills never require any such thing of me. Sir Wr is in London, when he comes into the Country I will get some franks & send you I am etc JR

Sirs Newcastle 11th November 1761 £45.0.0
Fifteen days after date pay Mr. John Fenwick or order, the sum of forty five pounds value rec[iev]ed & place the same to acco[un]t as advised by Sirs Your mo[st] hble serv[an]t Jos Richmond
To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

11 November 1761 Advised Plumb & Browne of the above dra[f]t on them for £45. JR

17 Nov 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. to be left at the Cocoa tree Pall Mall London
Newcastle 17th November 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

My Father & I rejoice that you are so much better, & I am sure it will be a great satisfaction to everybody here to see you well again in Newcastle.

Inclosed is Jos Airey & Cos bill on Vere Glyn & Hallifax for £300 which you will please to advise the receipt of. My father rec[eiv]ed of Mr Robson Lady Loraines Money on the 28th of last month, out of wch £67.10s.0d was allowed for intrest. He did not emit you this money before because he understood you intended that this & Ogles money (wch is not yet paid) sho[ul]d replace in part the bills you took with you, in order that the miners at Allenheads & Coalcleugh might be p[ai]d ag[ain]st Xmas. The Stewards are now reckoning with them; but I fear there pays must be postponed, unless I bring more money on Saturday next f[ro]m Wallington than I at present expect.

As soon as there is any demand for Lead it will be necessary to sell. For the mills pay, wch can't be less than £3000, must if possible be made in March & we have no other means of making provision for that pay than by selling Lead. & yet to offer It before commissions arrive will precipitate the price, wch is already upon the decline, as Low as ever.

Mr. Harrison gives good hopes of high Coalcleugh vein f[ro]m her present appearance in the plate; but he says he must rise a sump into the sill before he can judge fully of her.

I do not doubt but Mr Pitt has been able to give such Reasons to the house for his conduct, as must satisfy all candid judges I am etc HR

P.S. I have heard nothing yet f[ro]m Mr Halhead, wch I wonder at.

No. 8165 Newcastle 17th November 1761
£300
Twenty days after date pay to the order of Mr Jos[ep]h Richmond Three hundred pounds Value received. For Bell Cookson Carr & Self Jos Airey
To Messrs Vere Glyn & Hallifax London

17 Nov 1761 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esq: at Leeds 17th November 1761

Sir Wee have heard nothing further from Mr Brown about Kenton Colliery I am apt to believe that his proposal was on the behalf of a Gentleman in this Neighbourhood, who if Sir Walter & you were to engage with would give you trouble enough. Mr Brown hinted to me as if Mr Ald[erma]n Bell was to be concerned, who would have been a very good tenant but when I mentioned it to him he declared he knew nothing of the

matter. Sir Walter Before he went to London ordered me to take the opinion of some able viewer & on the other side you have copee of Mr Wm. Newtons opinion who I look upon to be the most experienced viewer here a very honest & disenteressed man. & is well acquainted with the nature of the coal, & all circumstances relating to Kenton Colliery Sir Walter is very desirous of letting her, if any person of ability & character would offer any reasonable terms, She has been advertised some years ago, & it may be done again now if thought proper but is so well known, that when any of the Colleries that lay nearer the River are wro[ugh]t will Let to much better advantage, I saw Mr <King> this morning, & he desires me to let you know that he can't conveniently pay his Rent till the beginning of next month I am etc JR

24 Nov 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sr Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. to be left at the Cocoa tree in Pall Mall London
Newcastle 24th November 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I am glad to hear you are better & have been able to get on horseback.

The Wallington tenants paid last week as well as could be expected f[ro]m the Badness of the harvest & Fairs. & yet there remains above £2000 due f[ro]m them for arrears & last mayday rents. Most of them declared they have little prospect of paying you. & many of them want to be released f[ro]m their farms. The bills I paid at Wallington for mason work, carpenters work, turnpike roads, & on the house & stables acco[un]t etc amount to near £700, wch is so great a deduction f[ro]m the money I rec[iev]ed as makes the payment of Allanh[ea]ds & Coalcleugh miners ag[ain]st Xmas still depend upon Contingencies.

Mr Robson has this day paid my fa[the]r John Ogle's £300, wch he has charged in his cash account. And inclosed is Messrs Surtees & Burdons bill on Messrs Henton Brown & son for £300 wch please to advise the receipt of. This & Lady Loraines money, wch was remitted in my last Letter; is, I presume, what you expected "remained to be returned". I cannot tell when Miss Harbottle's money will be got, for she is obliged to send for a writ against the person that owes it her.

Mr Groptys box was at Wallington; but it is now sent by the London Carrier directed to Mrs Gropty in Mount Street. Inclosed is a copy of the receipt wch he gave for his wages.

Mr Robson will enquire at Ogle & Whalton about Sir Fran[ci]s Liddells wife.

Mr Collingwood told me this morning that all the Longbenton tenants, except him that had attorned to Lord Carlisle, have now attorned to S[i]r Robt. Bewicke & Mr Craister. but I cannot learn with certainty whether Jno. Brown of Kirkheaton has attorned to them.

My father has wrote Mr Wilson & sent him Mr Newtons opinion about the offers for Kenton Coll[ie]ry. Mr Newton is esteemed a man of ability & Integrity. his

judgem[en]t I think could be no way biased upon this maker for he refused taking any thing for his opinion, tho' he took some care to form a Right one. I am etc HR

P.S. I am told Mr Roberts of Hexham is dangerously ill.

Newcastle November 24: 1761 £ 300
Twelve days after date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or order Three hundred pounds value received as advised by Surtees & Burdon
To Messrs Henton Brown & son Bankers London
Endorsed pay the contents to Sir Walter Blackett Bar' or order
No. 18523

1 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Mr. Collingw[oo]d Forster Attorney at Law in Alnwick
Newcastle 1st December 1761

Sir I sho[ul]d be glad to know whe[the]r you have got any acco[un]t yet f[ro]m Mr Newton or any other about Sir Fra[nci]s Liddells wife & what likelihood there is that she was a Sister of Sir Rich[ar]d Stote's: For I have made all the Inquiry I am able but without success. Sir Walter is pressing to have something conclusive upon this point & therefore I am desirous of knowing sentiments thereon, being with Esteem Sir Your etc HR

1 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm. Robson at Wallington Newcastle 1st December 1761

Sir Sir Wr is very desirous of having all possible Inquiry made who was S[i]r Fra[nci]s Liddell's wife, that is, whether She was S[i]r Richard Stote's Sister or no? therefore pray make your Examination at Ogle & Whalton a soon as convenient. & don't neglect to look over the Tombstones; for if she was buried at Whalton you will probably find her Christian name wch may help our conjectures a good deal. A search sho[ul]d also be made at Stannerton where I am told S[i]r Fra[nci]s Liddell died & was buried I am etc HR

1 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. to be left at the Cocoa tree Pall Mall London
Newcastle 1st December 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I deferred writing anything more about Allanheads & Coalcleugh pays till I co[ul]d speak with certainty about them. I now find they can be made without your returning any money f[ro]m London; for Mr Harrison's paybill. wch we have just got, does not come to so much as we Expected. He gives no further acco[un]t of high Coalcleugh than I mentioned, Except that he hopes to rise to the sill about Candlem[a]s & to be able then to judge fully of her.

Your subscribing £4000 to the present Loan to the Government will undoubtedly be advantageous, provided you can get the payments made without suffering in your stock of Lead as much as you will gain by the stocks. You know that the Interest & Annuities go so deep into your income that the Residue is not sufficient for your other occasions, & that there are no other means here of providing for the calls upon your Subscription than by Selling Lead. But the Likelyhood of a Spanish war has given so great a check to the demand for It, that there is little prospect of selling enough to make the Mills pay in March, & less of selling so much as to do both that & fulfil your Subscription. But we will neglect no opportunity of Transmuting as much Lead as will answer these purposes, if it can be done without reducing the price.

Inclosed is a copy of a Tack note, in 1748, wch is the latest we have here.

I shall try to get further Information about Sir Fran[ci]s Liddells wife.

It is rumoured that Sir Robt. Bewicke & Mr. Craister have bought the attornm[en]t of the Longbenton Tenants at so high a Rate as the forgiving them all their arrears & granting them a 21 years Lease at the old Rent!

Sir Edwd & Lady Blackett set out this morning for London: but do not propose being there before Thursday Senight.

So unusual a mortality will, I fear, give a great stock to Mr. Chr Blackett. I hope warmth & a little more time will clear you of all remains of the Gout.I am etc HR

2 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London 2nd December 1761

Sir

My father has rec[iev]ed this day Thirty pounds of Mr. Jno Ord on your acco[un]t. I gave him a Receipt for It, and have placed it to your credit in the acco[un]t between you & my Father. My father thinks the properest direction to Mr. John Beaumont will be to him at West Denton to the care of the postma[ste]r in Newcastle. But desires no more processes may be sent to him to serve on Mr Beaumont. he having already served a notice of motion & two writs of Execution on him.

I shall be glad to receive the copies of the depositions in 1684 as soon as possible & wish you wo[ul]d enquire of your clerk in Court whether any body else has been searching or got copies of these depositions. For as I have heard nothing from Mr

Halhead I suppose he must be endeavouring to procure some information about them, as I told him we had not been able to meet with any depositions on behalf of the defendants I am etc HR

5 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

Hon[ou]rd Sir

A Dispute has arisen between your agents in Weardale & Mr Bacons, wch like most others has some things clear & some involved in obscurity.

The Groves in Welhope Fell are all your own, & in Kilhope Fell adjoining there is a partners[hi]p mine called Cowhaust wch is what is called a Float, & wch as it has no Che<e>ks Mr Bacons agents claim an unlimited width for, while it continues in Kilhope Fell, but further, the boundary of these two Fells is not well ascertained. So that the points in dispute are the Boundary of the Fells & the width of Cowhaust mine. Again in Welhope Fell your Agents are working a Grove called Lingyhow, wch also is not a regular vein, but some what of the Float likewise: & as you are working it up tow[ar]ds this disputed boundary, Mr Bacons agents directed a shaft to be sunk to intercept these workings as soon as they sho[ul]d come into Kilhope fell & this shaft was sunk so far wide of all Cowhaust former workings as your agents think Mr Bacon cannot justify. & therefore it was ordered to be thrown in, to the end that Cowhaust mine might not hereafter be deemed to extend to so great a width, & because, upon a view of all your mine stewards, Lingyhow Grove is adjudged to be distinct f[ro]m Cowhaust & consequently Mr Bacon could have no right to sink the s[ai]d shaft upon the random of it, even in Kilhope Fell. Mr Bacons agents by way of reprizel, in the night, took away about Ten bings of ore f[ro]m Lingyhow Grove, at a place wch your agents say they can prove is in Welhope Fell. Upon this Mr Maughan was sent to Mr Bacon to learn whether he ordered the s[ai]d ore to be taken away, who said he knew nothing of the matter. but Mr Geo Davison, his chief agent, has since owned that it was so done by his (Davison's) order. However he has so far admitted the illegality of this proceeding as to agree that the s[ai]d ore shall be bro[ugh]t back to the Grove. And upon their doing this it is this day proposed among us, that, if it meets with your approbation, the other points shall be refered to Mr James Elliott Grove Steward to L[or]d Darlington on your behalf & to Mr Thos. Tweddle Grove Steward to the Quaker's Comp[an]y on Mr Bacons. If this is agreeable to you, you will please as soon as convenient to get his Lords[hi]p to write a Line to Mr Elliott allowing him to attend this reference. I imagine you will hear from Mr Bacon about this.

I shall enquire if any clergyman hereabouts wants a curate. I don't know of anything that requires your coming into the North at present. I have given Wm. Ireland directions abo[u]t the pineplants for Mr Ridley & am etc Hen Richmond

10 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm. Robson at Wallington Newcastle 10th December 1761

Sr.

Your Lre of yesterday about Edward Fenwicks descent f[ro]m Sr. Richard Stote does indeed put me upon the scent as you say, but it is so faint a one & so different from what we have hitherto been upon that I shall be quite foiled unless you can give me some more particular information. Because as there are some records that clash with your acco[un]t it is impossible for any body to form a right judgement upon this subject unless the three following articles can be well supported 1st you say, that Sir George Tong married a Sister of Sr.Richard Stote- upon what authority have you this ? is it f[ro]m any Register of marriages? & pray what was her name, & where & when were they mar[rie]d?

2dly. you say That Sir Fran[ci]s Liddell married Eliz[abe]th the Daughter of Sr. Geo Tong. how does this appear? f[ro]m any Register of marriages? & pray when & where were they married? You say 3dly. That Mary Daughter of Sr. Fra[nci]s Liddell was mar[rie]d to Parson Fenwick. pray how do you Learn this? from Registers? When & where were they mar[rie]d? & was this Mary the daughter of the s[ai]d Sr. Fra[nci]s Liddell by Eliz[abe]th his first wife or by Agnes his 2nd wife? I desire you will satisfy me in such of the above queries as you are able- for hearsay Evidence will have but little weight. I wish you better of your cold, & a good journey to Berwick: < &……> you are there pray ask Mr Douglas for the money for the Lead wch comes to £57.18s.6d He has a note of it on wch you may give him a receipt if he pays you the money. I am etc HR

11 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to George Douglas

To Mr George Douglas in Berwick 11th December 1761

Sir Above is a note of the Lead you bought of Sir Walter Blackett & as it is now high time it sho[ul]d be paid, I must desire you will let Mr Wm. Robson have the money as soon as he comes to Berwick, wch will be in a day or two & his receipt upon this Letter shall be your discharge I am etc HR

11 Dec 1761 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esq at Leeds Newcastle 11th December 1761

Sir You receive herewith inclosed Mr Joseph Kings bill on Smith Wright & Gray for £286.17s.6d wch with the allowances made him is in full for his half years rent due May day last. I desire you will please to advise the receipt thereof & sign the duplicate

of the inclosed acco[un]t as I have given Mr King a receipt for the rent. I have heard no more of Mr Gunn, but Mr King tells me he is making the conduct required I am etc JR

£286.17.6 Newcastle December 11th 1761
Twenty days after date pay to Richard Wilson Esq or order Two hundred & eighty six pounds seventeen shillings & six pence value received by Advice Jos King
To Smith Wright & Gray Bankers in London

12 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to John Mann

To Mr John Mann Attorney at Law in Durham Newcastle 12th December 1761

Sir
I have been desired to make Enquiry after Sir George Tong of Denton in the County of Durham, & shall be obliged to you if you can get me any information about him, his wife or children; especially the name of his wife & whose Daughter she was. I do not know how you are to obtain this unless you have some old people living in Durham that remember anything of the Family. Or you can meet with any will of the said Sir George's in the Registry Office, or any Marriage Births or Burials of the Family in the Registers of the parish in wch Denton is. but I cannot tell you in what parish it lyes. The search should be made f[ro]m about the year 1590 to 1656 inclusive. The charge for any Expence you are at in making this search & for your trouble in it I shall pay you, for Sir Wr. Blackett by whose directions it is made. P.S. I shall be obliged to you for an answer as soon as you can conveniently. I am told that a son of the s[ai]d Sr. George Tongs was parson of Brancepeth I am etc HR

13 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. to be left at the Cocoa tree in Pall Mall London
13 December 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir
The poll for the city of Durham ended last night when the number for Major Gowland was 775 & for Gen[era]l Lambton 752 so that the former will be returned. As Major Gowland has polled 214 of his honorary Freemen it will certainly occasion a petition to parliament on behalf of the General. But whatever may be the fate of this return, those here, who wish well to our Constitution, wo[ul]d be glad to have the door shut, by an Act of Parliament, ag[ain]st any further practices of this sort, as they will apparently make the representation even of great Cities & Towns corporate depend on the sentiments of a Few.

I am endeavouring to procure the best ultimatum I can in respect of Edward Fenwicks claim. Mr Roberts of Hexham & Dr Robinson of Ponteland both died on Tuesday last. I have not yet heard of any parson who wants a curate, but probably in a few weeks I may. I have been asked if Mr Leake is in orders & whether he wo[ul]d accept of a curacy of £30 a year if no better should offer. Parson Dockwray has got the Living of Stamfordham on the resignation of Dr.Baker. Mr Brewster is soliciting for Sandgate Chapel, but I apprehend he is too late, & that it will be given to Mr Wilson of Gateshead a warm friend of Sir Thos Claverings, as Mr Ridley interests himself in his behalf. P.S. past 7 o'clock. I have this moment rec[eiv]ed your letter & will take care of its contents. The common council will be held tomorrow senight, the 21st inst I am etc HR

14 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to John Mann

To Mr John Mann Attorney at Law in Durham 14 December 1761

Sr. I find my Brother is to be at Durham tomorrow, & if he has time he will certainly be calling upon you. It is therefore proper that I should acquaint you that he & I are on opposite sides in the cause wch the Enquiry about Sr George Tong relates to, that you may not mention anything of it to him I am etc

15 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to William Robson

[Note: File note]
1761 December 15th Wrote Mr Wm. Robson agreable to Sr. Wrs Letter of the 10th inst to buy him a saddle horse or two fit to carry him upon the Road as he intends to use them more in his journies than he has of later years. HR

15 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to James Elliot

To Mr James Elliot at Middleton in Teasdale 15th December 1761

Sir. By Sir Wr Blacketts directions I acquaint you that he desires you will take the trouble of being his referee in the dispute that has arisen between his & Mr Bacons agents about Cowhaust Grove. Mr Maughan waits upon you to acquaint you further about this dispute & to appoint a time for your viewing the Grove. Sr. Wr has wrote to the Earl of Darlington for your leave to attend this Reference & I imagine you will soon receive his L[or]ds[hi]ps permission I am etc. HR

16 Dec 1761 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr. Wm. Alvey Darwin Newcastle 16 December 1761

Sir

Above you have a bill for £30 to pay that sum I rec[iev]ed for you of Mr John Ord the 2nd inst wch I desire you will advise the receipt of & place to my acco[un]t. I have rec[iev]ed Mr Savages receipt for £495 & placed the same to your credit. I am your etc JR

PS I have rec[ieve]d the copies of the depositions in 1684 as I remember you mention[e]d something of a decree for an issue to be tried by a Middlesex jury I co[ul]d wish to have some abstract thereof.

Sirs Newcastle 15th December 1761 £30.0.0
Twenty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order Thirty Pounds value received & place the same to acco[un]t as advised by Sirs Your most hble Serv[an]t Jos Richmond
To Messrs Plumb & Browne Goldsmiths in Foster Lane London

19 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to John Mann

To Mr John Mann Attorney at Law in Durham 19 December 1761

Sir
I was sorry my Employm[en]t this morning wo[ul]d not allow me to wait upon you in Gateshead. But since my father saw you there we have enquired & cannot find any body in this Town well enough acquainted with Mr George Surtees of Mensforth to write to him about looking into his deeds relating to Sir George Tong, whose Estate you say he purchased: & therefore must request you will apply to him in such manner as you judge Likeliest to succeed. For it is very probable that the name of Sir George Tongs wife may be discovered f[ro]m some marriage Settlement, or will, that may be in his custody. And if the names of any of Sr. George's children can also be learnt f[ro]m any of Mr Surtees's purchase deeds, it will still make the matter clearer. I am etc
HR

22 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P. to be left at the Cocoa tree in Pall Mall London
22nd December 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Edw[ar]d Fenwicks pedigree, as given to you at first, was <….[ripped]> his g[ran]f father married Mary, Daughter of Sir Fra[nci]s Liddell whose wife was <….[ripped]> to Sir Richd. Stote. But it is now removed a degree further back. For Mr Robson writes That he & Mr Scott who mar[rie]d Ed Fenwicks Sister, have learned that Sir Fra[nci]s Liddell mar[rie]d Eliz the Daug[the]r of Sir George Tong & that it was Sir Geo Tong who mar[rie]d Sir R[ichar]d Stotes Sister. This descent will still be preferable to Sir Robt Bewicks & Mr Craister's, if any proof co[ul]d be given of it. But I have enquired here & searched the parish registers, & have also employed an Attorney at Durham to enquire abo[u]t Sr. Geo Tong (who lived at Denton in that County) & to examine the registers of the parish in wch Denton lyes & also to search for his will or any Lres [Letters] of adminis[tratio]n in the office at Durham. And all I have obtained in favour of this new pedigree is only Hearsay, collected by Mr Scott & Mr Robson.

Against wch the following Facts appear 1st. Sir R[ichar]d Stote on the 25 Aug[u]st 1666 certifies to the Colledge of Arms a pedigree of his family, & sets forth that his Sister Barbara was married to Rich[ar]d Hodgshon of Whickham & his Sister Ann to Wm. Comandale merch[an]t but makes no mention of St. Geo Tongs having married any relation of his.

2dly In the parish register of St. Nicholas in this town I find that on the 7th December 1635 Mr. George Tong married Barbara Carre (who appears to be the Daug[ht]er of Ralph Carre merch[ant]). Now if this was the Sr. Geo. Tong (For he might afterwards be Knighted) It must be shewn that he had another wife before or after this Barbara & that she was a Sister of Sr R[ichar]d Stotes, notwithstanding the silence of the above certificate. And if it be alledged, as from the Enquiry at Durham appears more probable, That it was this Mr Geo Tongs father who was the Sir George; then I think a greater difficulty, if not an Impossibility <…….> occur ag[ain]st Edwd Fenwicks claim under Him. For from Sr Nichs <regi[ster]> it appears that Sr Richd Stote's father married Jane Bewick on the 14 Ap[ril] 1618 & that his Eldest Daug[the]r Eleanor was baptized the 24 October 1619, but di[ed] before she was 15 y[ea]rs old. That his 2nd daug[the]r Mary was not baptized till 7 December 1628 & died within the year & That his 3rd Daug[the]r Marg[are]t was baptized the 27 December 1629 & consequently co[ul]d not be mar[rie]d to the s[ai]d Sr. Geo Tong, so as to have a Daug[hte]r marriageable before or in the y[ea]r 1656. & yet, by Mr. Ellison of Parkhouse's Minute, Sir Fra[nci]s Liddell had mar[rie]d Elizth Daug[the]r of Sr Geo Tong before or in that y[ea]r. Besides, if better Evidence than Hearsay should be procured about this marriage of Sr Geo Tongs with Sir R[ichar]d Stotes Sister, & all the difficulties wch occur, as above, were removed: yet there wo[ul]d still remain so many others abo[u]t the marriage of Sr Fra[nci]s Liddell with Eliz Daug[the]r of Sr. Geo Tong; & about the marriage of Edw[ar]d Fenwicks Grandfather with Mary Daug[the]r of Sr. Fra[nci]s Liddell; as wo[ul]d make a legal proof of the s[ai]d Edw[ar]d Fenwicks descent from Sr. R[ichar]d Stote almost to be despaired ag[ains]t.

I was told the other day that Mr Geo Surtees of Mensforth has purchased a part of Sr Geo. Tongs Estate; & therefore have desired a Gent[lema]n who has some Acquaintance with him to enquire whe[the]r he has any deeds that mention the name of Sr Geo Tongs wife? If any thing material is met with I shall im[m]ediately let you know it. I am etc HR

P.S. Mr Brewster has got Sandgate Chapel, so that the Curacy of St. Nich[ola]s will be to be disposed of by Dr Brown.

24 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to Nicholas Halhead

To Nich[ola]s Halhead Esqr. in Durham Newcastle 24th December 1761

Sir

On Fryday last I rec[iev]ed your Favour of the 14th inst in answer to my Letter of the 13th Octo[be]r inclosing the Depositions.

I observe you say the present moor masters Lease is dated the 29th Aug[u]st 1732 but it is dated the 6th April 1750, having been renewed with Bishop Charles in London, & the Lives are all in being.

With regard to what you say about the two Leases of Weardale mines, I agree, That in the moor master's Lease there is an Exception of "certain Leadmines which were formerly granted to William Hall Esqr. & afterwards to Barbara Sanderson Widow". But what those Leadmines were may at this day be difficult to prove, since Hall himself; tho' possessed of a Lease of the Inclosures in the same Terms as the present did never obtain Enjoyment of any mines. And neither He, nor Sanderson, nor her assignee did ever make good against the moor ma[ste]r any right to any mines in Weardale.

But whatever Disputes upon this point may hereafter happen between the possessors of these two Leases in case they should ever fall into different hands; most certainly such Disputes cannot be prejudicial to the Rights of the See of Durham, tho' they may to Its Revenue. Because 1st. If the Bounds of the moormasters Lease should be straitned by taking from it the inclosures, He will in many cases find it not worth his while engaging in expensive Levels & workings for the winning of veins, part whereof will belong perhaps to the Lessee of these Inclosures. 2dly. The boundary of the moor ma[ste]rs Lease, & the method & Liberty of working would Then in many cases become uncertain & disputeable & upon every occasion almost, proof would be necessary of what were antient & what modern Inclosures; & during these contentions such workings wo[ul]d stand still. 3dly. As a Lease for three Lives, often times more from Fancy & an opinion of the Goodness of the Lives inserted than from the greater Length of the Term, is found to give better Encouragement to mine adventurers than a Lease of 21 y[ea]rs so the moor ma[ste]rs while he is allowed to consider these inclosures as held under his Lease will undoubtedly, as Sr Wr Blacketts Ancestors & himself have done Expend larger sums & carry forwards the workings in these

inclosures in a more Extensive manner than if the mines therein were held only under a Lease for 21 years: great part of which is often spent before the vein is effectually won. 4thly. Tho' Sr Wr Blacketts Ancestors, since the cessation of former Disputes, have advanced the Lot Ore from £100 to £350 a year; yet of the above mentioned Limitation, Contentions & Discouragements were to recur, it is most probable that the annual value of that Lot would decrease considerably, as the workings wo[ul]d thereby be Lessened both in the Fells & in the inclosures. And Lastly Because the Fine on renewing the moor ma[ste]rs Lease must be Lessened in proportion to the mines taken from It, & to the difficulties laid upon the enjoyment of such as shall be left under it.

I hope you will excuse these conjectures; & if you think I judge partially, at least believe that I mean well. For as I see by former transactions, That this Lease of the inclosures has been kept on foot by the moor ma[ste]rs since 1684 for peace sake, as they obtained the renewals for sometime without any Fine & afterwards for but a small one: So I am inclined to believe that the same measure will still be most advantageous both to His L[or]ds[hi]p & to Sr Walter Blackett. You know that Sir Wr is willing to pay as great a Fine as has ever been paid for renewing this Lease. Nay that he is not inclined to stand with His Lords[hi]p about a Trifle. And yet notwithstanding this Disposition has been expressed more than once, a conclusion seems as remote as Ever I am your etc Hen Richmond.

25 Dec 1761 Joseph Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Richd. Wilson Esqr. at Leeds Yorkshire 25th December 1761

Sir I rec[iev]ed the favour of your Lre last post advising your receipt of mine of the 11th inst. I am sorry I sho[ul]d have given you so much trouble, wch I hope you will excuse as the bill was at so short a date. Mr James King has built nothing at Kenton but a Cottage for a tenant that has taken his share of the West farm & he seems to have laid aside the thoughts of building any thing more. What they build is meanly done & badly designed, just to serve their present purpose & will be of little or no advantage to the Estate when the Lease expires. If any of them sho[ul]d apply to you for a Building Lease & desire you to contribute tow[ar]ds the Expence they sho[ul]d mention the place & send you a plan of what they design & the work sho[ul]d be done under your direction. If you please to send your Letters to me under a cover, directed for Sr Wr Blackett to be left with me I shall get them free of postage. I wish you many happy years & am etc Jos Richmond

25 Dec 1761 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr. Wm. Alvey Darwin Grays Inn London 25th December 1761

Sir Inclosed you receive two bills as above for £335.8s.0d the re[ceip]t of wch you will please to advise me of, & place them to acco[un]t with Sr. Wr Blackett tow[ar]ds making the quarterly payments. & in your Lre of advice I desire you will mention that you have rec[iev]ed them for that purpose, that it may be a proper voucher for me. P.S. I am sorry you sho[ul]d have given yourself so much trouble abo[u]t Andrew Richardsons money. I expected it was to have been bro[ugh]t to you. If you receive it, place it to my acco[un]t & let me know what it is when the charges are deducted that I may pay his mother. I should be glad to find that Sr. Wm. Blackett was by order of Court in 1684 to have been pl[ain]t[iff] in the issue then directed to be tried abo[u]t the Leadmines. Because I see by his Lres that he was ab[ou]t that time anxious to get the matter settled with Mr Wharton by selling him his Lease of the Inclosures for £200 less than it cost him I am etc JR

£135.8.0 Newcastle 28 November 1761
Thirty five days after date pay to Mr Jos Richmond or his order One hundred & thirty five pounds Eight shillings value received & place it to acco[un]t as advised by –
Messrs Robt Willis & Co Wm. Clayton
Merchants in London

Sirs Newcastle 25th December 1761 £ 200 - -
Twenty days after date pay Mr William Alvey Darwin or order Two hundred pounds value received & place the same to acco[un]t as advised by
To Messrs Plumb & Browne Sirs Your mo[st] hble serv[an]t
Goldsmiths in Foster Lane Jos Richmond
London

25 Dec 1761 Joseph Richmond to Plumb and Brown

[Note: File note]
1761 Dec 25th Advised Messrs Plumb & Browne of the foregoing dra[ugh]t on them of this date

26 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bt. M.P. to be left at the Cocoa tree in Pall mall London
26th December 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Mr Wm Featherston died on Wednesday night of a Dropsy. People speak variously of the circumstances in wch he has left his family: & therefore as he owed you £135 for 4 & ½ years rent for Kenton Hall, Stone Close, etc due at Martin[ma]s last I desire to know whether you will allow the Hay & Horses which are now there to be removed before this sum is paid, or sufficient security given for it. I am informed Mrs Featherston will take administra[tio]n, as there is no will; & that Mr Ab[raha]m Dixon intends to assist her in settling her affairs.

Allanheads & Coalcleugh pays, wch came to £4179.14s.2d were made on the 17th inst. And my father has remitted Mr Darwin £335.8s.0d on acco[un]t of the Quarterly payments to be made in London.

Mr Surtees of Mensforth is abroad, so that no ans[we]r can yet be got from him about Sir George Tong I am etc HR

28 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP to be left at the Cocoa tree in Pall Mall London
28th December 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

It seems now to be the General opinion that Mr Featherston's Effects will not be sufficient to pay his Debts. Therefore, as there is at present Enough upon the farm at Kenton to pay you & as in case an Execution sho[ul]d come ag[ain]st the Goods there you would only get one y[ea]rs rent out of the 4 & ½ y[ea]rs rent due at Martin[ma]s you will please to consider whether or no a Distress sho[ul]d be made?

I wish you many happy years & am etc HR

29 Dec 1761 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. as above 29 December 1761

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Mr John Cookson tells me that it is not Mr Dixon but himself that is to assist Mrs Featherston, & that Mr Stewart is to collect the acco[un]t of the debts.

I find by him, ie Mr Cookson, that the debts already known amount to above £10000 & that he does not think there will be enough to pay the cred[ito]rs. Please therefore to consider whe[the]r it is proper to secure to yourself that preference wch you are intitled to as Landland [Landlord], by seizing the hay & horses upon your farm at Kenton, or you will rather take an uncertain divid[en]d with the rest of the creditors. If the horses were to be seized I imagine the other cred[ito]rs wo[ul]d join in paying or securing your rent, rather than suffer you to proceed to sale- for tho they value the horses there at above £1000 probably in such a sale they wo[ul]d not fetch above a

quar[te]r of that valuation Mr Dixon's & Mr Shafto of Dunston's debts amount to about 7000 all upon no better security than Bonds & notes, as Mr Cookson says he beleives I am etc HR

1 Jan 1762 Henry Richmond to Revd Naylor

To The Rev[eren]d Mr Naylor in Morpeth Newcastle 1st January 1762

Sir, Sir Walter Blackett wrote to me sometime ago to enquire if any clergyman in this neighbourhood wanted a curate, for he has a young man at the University, whom he could wish to have provided for, in that way, for the present. I therefore take the Liberty of Enquiring of you, whether the report that Mr Coxon is to have the Living of Sunderland, & that you will want a curate in his place, be true; & if so, of Desiring you will please to let me know what the annual value of the Curacy may be; & I shall immediately acquaint Sir Walter of it I am etc H Richmond

1 Jan 1762 Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster

[Note: File note]
1762 January 1st Wrote Mr Coll[ingwood] Forster inclosing him the rec[eip]t wch he left with me for £12.15s.0d wch sum I paid him the 28 ult[im]o he having now sent me his bill (wch he had then forgot) with a proper receipt thereon. HR

3 Jan 1762 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP to be left at the Cocoa tree in Pall Mall London
Newcastle Sunday 3rd January 1762

Hon[ou]rd Sir

I am sorry we cannot at present remit any more money nor pay the the dra[ugh]ts you propose to Mr Bell without putting off the mills pay, wch I suppose you wo[ul]d not chuse. I wrote you sometime ago that this pay wch sho[ul]d be made in March, wo[ul]d come to £3000 but f[ro]m the acco[un]ts wch are now sent in I judge it will amo[un]t to £4000. Mr Maughan computes that there is above £7000 due to the Weardale miners at Xmas last. When we shall be able to pay this sum is impossible to say; since the demand for Lead appears to be quite over, f[ro]m the likelihood of a Spanish war. I am afraid this additional war will lay you under many difficulties: But of These you can judge as well as we.

I acquainted Mr H Wilkinson some time ago of what you wrote about Mrs Vasey.

As to Mr. Featherston's debt, I sho[ul]d have made the distress yesterday morn[in]g but was informed (by Mr Widdrington) that there were some niceties about the manner of doing it, on acco[un]t of the assign[en]t f[ro]m Mr Swinburn to him; & some other points. & therefore have taken Mr Fawcets opinion, wch tomorrow will be pursued.

Mr. Halhead has at last returned the copy of the depositions; But seems steady in his opinion that the stinted pastures must be deemed to be held under the Lease for Y[ea]rs unless you can prove the inclosure of them to have been made since the granting of Halls Lease. I find he knew nothing of the renewal of the Moor masters Lease in 1750, for he speaks of the present Lease as dated in 1732 tho' it was renewed with B[isho]p Chandler in London upon an Exchange of Mrs Bruces Life in 1750 of wch I have informed him. If they have no acco[un]t of this renewal in their office, it must have been the Fault of B[isho]p Chandlers Secretary. I do not know of any thing that requires your coming into the North at this season, unless you think that your health will be benefited by the journey.

It was agreed upon as a preliminary, that the ore taken away f[ro]m your Grove called Lingybrow in the night time by Mr Davison's order should be bro[ugh]t back. I am told this is not yet done; & therefore desire to know whether we are to insist upon its being done before the Referees meet I am etc HR

6 Jan 1762 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP to be left at the Cocoa tree in Pall mall London
6 January 1762

Hon[ou]rd Sir Pursuant to your directions, of securing the rent due from the late Mr Featherston in the civilest manner, I put off distraining till Mr John Cookson came to Town on Monday: when I acquainted him of what was intended, & desired that, if proper security co[ul]d not be given, such horses might be pointed out to be seized as would be sufficient for your rent & least prejudicial to the assets. He desired I might not do anything till he consulted with some other persons concerned. & yesterday he gave me His promisory note for £135 payable to you at Mayday next, being in full for the 4 and ½ y[ea]rs rent due at Martin[ma]s last; a copy of wch note is on the other side. I accepted this security, as I was of opinion is [it] wo[ul]d be sufficient & more agreeable to you than a seizure & sale of the Race horses probably much under their Reputed worth among the Gentlemen of the Bridle; by some of whom they are valued at £1600. I hope what is done will meet with your approbation & am etc HR

8 Jan 1762 Henry Richmond to William Fenwick

To Wm. Fenwick Esq at Bywel[l] 8 January 1762

Sir

In our last conversation about the Tack wch you wanted Sir Walter Blackett to grant you of a Lead mine that you were not willing to name or point out, I told you that provided it was not in Kilhope Fell & provided it was not any mine wrought hitherto, nor cuts off, nor interferes with any present workings, Sir Walter was willing to grant It. And that one thing more, necessary to be known, was whether the mine you have in view is in Weardale or hexhamshire. Because if it is in Weardale, that is, either in the parish of Stanhope or Wolsingham, then Mr Thomas Maughan of Newhouse has orders to treat about the said tack. But if it is in Hexhamshire then either Mr Caleb Hunter of Allanheads or Mr Rich[ar]d Harrison of Coalcleugh must be applied to. For we here cannot judge completely of the matter.

I am glad to find by your letter, that the said mine is not in Kilhope Fell but wish you had mentioned in what Fell it does lye because then I could have told wch of Sir Wrs mine stewards sho[ul]d be applied to & co[ul]d have wrote to him directly. I can only say, at present, that f[ro]m what you told me I understood the said mine was in Weardale, & therefore gave directions to Mr Maughan, by Sir Wrs order, to conclude & grant a Tack when the above & such other Terms as are usual I am etc HR

12 Jan 1762 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt MP at the Cocoa tree in Pall mall London 12th January 1762

Hon[ou]rd Sir

At Mayday next you will have had Mr Fenwicks £2000 four years the int[e]r[es]t paid him at first was 4 p[er] c[en]t; but f[ro]m Mayday 1760 it was advanced to 4 ¼ & f[ro]m Mayday last to 4 ½. The pres[en]t situation of affairs < & ray> make it prudent to comply with the further advance to 4 ¾ p[er] c[en]t provided he will let it remain quietly for the term of 5 years. but his requiring you to be bound for so long a time & himself at Liberty to call for his money or a further advance of int[e]r[es]t is very unreasonable. And yet there is no way to pay him off that I know of, except you were to defer paying Weardale mines.

Inclosed herewith is a copy of Mr Halheads Lre when he returned me the depositions; by wch it appears that nothing less will satisfy him than your admitting that all the Mines in the Inclosures in Weardale are held under the Lease for years. If you were to admit what Mr Halhead here requires, then I am very sure you co[ul]d not afford to pay the £150 a y[ea]r certain rent for the mines that would remain to you as Moorma[ste]r and if his L[or]ds[hi]p was only to require you to admit that all antient inclosures, i.e. such as were inclosures at the time of granting Halls Lease were held under this Lease for Years, then so many difficulties & disputes would arise about what were antient & what modern inclosures, as would render both Leases of less value than they are at present both to his Lords[hi]p & you. I thought it right to set the matter in

this light before Mr Halhead, & inclosed is a copy of the Lre I wrote him. While the pretensions on acco[un]t of this Lease for y[ea]rs are so Exorbitant I doubt it will signify little to propose giving up any particular inclosures, & fear that whatever might be so proposed to his L[or]ds[hi]p would only serve as certain ground for Mr Halhead to stand on while he disputed for the Rest. besides I cannot discover from the depositions what Inclosures ought to be admitted to belong to the Lease for years. Indeed if his Lords[hi]p would agree to the sinking of this Lease into the Moor ma[ster]s Lease by virtue of an Act of Parliament, upon reasonable terms, it would put an End to these difficulties & might be an advantage to both you & him. But I apprehend the affair will not admit of such a Conclusion while his L[or]ds[hi]p seems to consider this Lease for Years as the principal Lease by wch you hold Weardale mines. It would become so in Effect if Mr Halhead was to obtain what he is claiming for It. I am etc HR

13 Jan 1762 Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr. Thos. Maughan at Newhouse, Weardale 13 January 1762

Sir

Sir Walter has got L[or]d Darlingtons Leave for Mr Elliot to attend the Reference about the dispute with Mr Bacon.

I expected before this to have heard something f[ro]m you about this affair. I mean 1st whe[the]r the ore was brought back; for without that, you know, you are not to agree to the Referees meeting 2dly. what points you & Mr Harrison think ought to be refered. This, you remember, I wanted to have had ascertained when he & you were here for the money for the pays, but he chose to have another view first. If this is not yet done pray write to Mr Harrison & get your opinions upon it put into writing, for Sir Wr wants it. He says he will have nothing refered that is Evidently his Right, or that can probably be maintained to be so. There are two points wch f[ro]m the first I have been of opinion Mr Bacon co[ul]d have no Right to. 1st. to take away the ore from Lingy brow Grove wch had been wrought by Sir Wr; & to take it in the night time too! 2dly. to sink the shaft 7 or 8 fathoms wide of any of the former workings of Cowhaust vein, or any drift driven to demonstrate that That vein or Float extended to such a Breadth. If this was to be submitted to, he would of course have a right to sink where he pleases. These two points therefore are not to be at all refered. There are two others wch were talked of as proper to be submitted to the Referees. 1st whether the Boundary of Kilhope & Welhope Fells is up the Ridge or up the Greensike from the Bounder Shaft. 2dly. Whether Lingy brow Grove, after she comes into Kilhope Fell, is distinct f[ro]m Cowhaust, or any part of her falls down into that Float and if so, then whe[the]r Sir Wr ought not to have a greater proportion of the ore after such junction, than one half. But this last point, you know, was what Mr Harrison wanted to have a further consideration of before he could give his opinion whether it ought to be refered. that is, he wanted to see whether it is clear that Lingy brow is distinct f[ro]m Cowhaust

in Kilhope Fell. For if it is, then this point must not be refered neither if otherwise it may be refered.

I desire your ans[we]r hereto as soon as possible. PS Candlemas was the time limited for the Referees to make an End of this affair. I am etc HR

15 Jan 1762 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett M.P. at the Cocoa tree in Pall Mall London 15th January 1762

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Mr Davison, whom I saw last week, said he thought the ore had been brought back, & promised. if it was not done already, it sho[ul]d be done directly. On the 15th of last month I desired Mr Harrison to join Mr Maughan in considering what points were proper to be laid before the Referees, & that they wo[ul]d both take care that nothing wch was clearly your Right, was submitted to Their decision.

If Weardale pays can be made any time before mids[umme]r it will satisfy the people. We got 4000 p[iece]s of Lead sold towards It just before the declaration of war ag[ain]st Spain; & hope, if the arrears & last Mart[ims]s Rents are tolerably well paid up at the next collection, & your own Occasions do not require any large sums, that we may be able to make these pays before that time. But the prospect beyond That is not agreeable; especially as the Int[e]r[es]t & annual payments stand so thick & require so much punctuality.

As to the Terms upon wch the Lease for Y[ea]rs may be sunk into the Lease for Lives: I believe, if you were to offer his L[or]ds[hi]p £30 a year additional Rent to the £150 wch you pay as Moor Ma[ste]r, He wo[ul]d slight the proposal: And yet, It would be equal to offering him a Fine of £420. That being the pres[en]t worth of £30 a y[ea]r for 21 years. If you were to offer his L[or]ds[hi]p £50 a year, That would, by the same computation, be equal to a Fine of £700. & besides you would have the charge of the Act of Parliament to pay. But it is principally to be considered, that the increasing the certain Rent of £150 a year will be found very Inconvenient in case the Groves sho[ul]d fail, or you be obliged to lay in many of them on acco[un]t of the Lot & Tithe being taken in kind after the Expiration of the pres[en]t composition.

Mr Ord & partners got to the Coal at Walker yesterday I am etc HR

18 Jan 1762 Henry Richmond to Nicholas Halhead

To Nicholas Halhead Esq in Durham 18 January 1762

Sir

Those who are placed in different Stations see objects in different lights; and so you think Sir Wr Blacketts Agents are blameable for what they think they are justifyable in.

For my part, I acknowledge, I cannot see that any opportunity of renewing the Lease for years upon reasonable Terms has yet been let slip. Nor do I think such an opportunity could ever present itself while your declaration remains "That the Fine is to be computed upon a supposition that Sir Wr Blackett may hereafter gain £4500 a y[ea]r" by mines wch my Father shewed Sir Wr had only gained £218.10s.0d a y[ea]r by, at a medium for 30 y[ea]rs past. Neither do I think such an opportunity co[ul]d offer while you insisted that Sir Wr sho[ul]d allow all the stinted pastures to belong to this Lease for y[ea]rs by wch nothing wo[ul]d be left under the moor masters Lease, except three Fells; Or at least insisted that Sir Wr sho[ul]d shew what Inclosures did belong & what did not belong to the said Lease. A Description not at all in his power to make. But as you now say, in your Letter of the 15th inst, that you are able from indubitable authority to remove all doubt what Those mines are, one great step seems to be made towards an Agreement. And as I dare say it will be a satisfaction to Sir Walter Blackett to find that you can show This, & you are so good as to say you will do it when I come to Durham: I shall make it my Business to wait upon you there very soon. & in the mean time assure you I shall be very glad to find that the apprehensions wch I had, that the uncertainty of the Boundary between the two Leases might' upon the supposition I put, occasion continual disputes, were groundless: & consequently that any conjectures about any prejudice which might arise there from to the Revenue of the B[isho]ps of Durham were so too I am etc HR

21 Jan 1762 Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thos. Maughan at Newhouse in Weardale 21st January 1762

Sir

I have just now rec[eiv]ed your Lre of the 18th inst & think you are right as to the points wch are proper to be refered. However it will be better to have Mr Harrisons opinion joined with yours & reduced into writing for Sir Walters Satisfaction. I am sorry they have not yet got the ore bro[ugh]t back; however as the weather will not, you say permit them to do it now, it must be left to you to give them such further time as you think reasonable & will not prejudice the working of Lingybrow Grove; for Sir Wr ought not to be restrained much longer f[ro]m sending away the ore f[ro]m that Grove. But you are a very good judge of this point. Therefore as soon as the ore is sent back proceed to the reference upon such points as you & Mr Harrison settle; excepting only the two wch I mentioned in my last.

I must desire you will, as soon as you can conveniently, let me have an acco[un]t of what Fells & stinted pastures are inclosed, & what are not; And in order to Enable you to do this accurately I have put down the names of the Fells & Hopes, on the other side: I mean the antient names of them, such as I find them expressed by in the Depositions; & wch I hope they are known by at this day. Any of these Fells & stinted pastures that you think are antient inclosures I wo[ul]d have you mention to be

supposed to be so: & such of them as are modern I desire you will express to be so: & put down, so far as you think you can proving by living Evidence the time when you believe they were inclosed; or in other words, how many years ago it is believed, or remembered such inclosures were made. Also where any part of these Fells have been taken in, proceed in the same manner. I shall tell you the intention of this Enquiry when I see you; But the carrier will not allow me time to say any more at present I am etc HR

Ireshope Kilhope Bollihope Crawley Burnhope Welhope
Billing Newlandside Whestenhope Heddry Clough Middlehope Peakside
Swinhope Middleblack dean Westgatehight Woolsingham Harthope
Easter blackdean Rookhope Dadry Shield Sedlinhope Stanhope

23 Jan 1762 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. MP at the Cocoa tree on Pall Mall, London
Newca 23rd January 1762

Hon[ou]rd Sir

Inclosed is a copy of a Lre I rec[eiv]ed f[ro]m Mr. Halhead & of what I wrote him in return. I waited on him at Durham on Wednesday last to see the Indubitable authority wch he mentioned & found it was no more than the Enrolment of the Lease of the inclosures to Wm. Hall in 1661, exactly in the same words as the pres[en]t Lease of the inclosures to you, & that his reasoning upon this Enrolm[en]t was, That Halls Lease being expected out of the Moor Ma[ste]rs Lease, his L[or]ds[hi]ps producing the said enroled Lease was a suff[icien]t proof of what belonged to It, namely; "All the mines within the parks of Stanhope & Wolsingh[a]m & within the Lands Closes & inclosed Grounds of all & singular the copyholders Leasors ten[an]ts for y[ea]rs & customary tenants of the B[isho]p of Durham in Weardale".

In answer to this I told him, that his L[or]ds[hi]ps producing this enroled Lease to Hall co[ul]d at most only show that it was such inclosures as were actually made before or on the year 1661 that were Then granted to Hall. But that this enrolled Lease no way contributed towards ascertaining what inclosures are so antient as 1661. I added that this was the point in question & wch I supposed wo[ul]d occasion continual disputes in case of a separation of the two Leases. He replyed that, if such a case sho[ul]d happen, the disputes between the two Lessees wo[ul]d no way concern his L[or]ds[hi]p & they might adjust them as well as they could. After talking with him near two hours his final determination was, That all the inclosed Grounds in Weardale, wch his L[or]ds[hi]p had the Royalty of, belonged to the Lease for y[ea]rs Except such as you could prove were made since 1661. I told him you co[ul]d not prove this for no Living Evidence co[ul]d go far enough back to do justice in this point, and besides this was requiring you to take a difficulty upon you, wch I was satisfied wo[ul]d, whenever

such proof was requisite, lye upon another. He said, However, till this point is settled it will be to no purpose adjusting any other matters relative to the Fine. For his L[or]ds[hi]p must know the premes before he can tell the value of Them. During our Conversation he mentioned one piece of information, wch he said he had rec[eiv]ed, that made great impression upon me; which was, that too much was granted to you, & that more ore wo[ul]d be raised in Weardale if the mines There were in more hands than one. He said he had this from persons who co[ul]d have no interest to serve in telling him so; & that he only mentioned it to let me see what some people thought of this affair. I have acquainted Mr Widdrington of Mr Halheads demand; & his opinion is, that the Exception in the Moor Masters Lease extends no further than to what was actually granted to Hall, which could at most be only the Inclosures Then made. But Hall himself did not claim so much, For in his deposition in 1684 he says that what he held by vertue of the said Lease way such inclosures as were made before the Time of memory. And further owns that a verdict was obtained against him in 1666 by Mr Wharton for working in an inclosure; but alledges that the said verdict went against him only because such inclosure had been made within the time of memory. Mr Widdrington therefore thinks that it is not possible for you or anybody, at this say to say what are the particular inclosures that belong to the Lease for years, & that the only reasonable Explanation that can be obtained of the Exception in the Moor Masters Lease is this Testimony of Mr Halls and consequently that there is no way to avoid disputes but to keep the two Leases united I am etc H Richmond

28 Jan 1762 Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thos. Maughan at Newhouse Weardale Newcastle 28 January 1762

Sir

Mr Fenwick of Bywel, or some person properly authorized by him will, I expect call upon you soon about taking the Tack of a Leadmine; but they don't chuse to mention the place where it lyes, tho' I think they ought at least to mention the Fell. This is so Loose a way of letting a Tack that I think it will be necessary for you to insert such limitations as the following, to wit In any place in Weardale belonging to Sir Wr B]lacke]tt as Moor Master, except Kilhope Fell; provided the said Leadmine or vein has not been wro[ugh]t hitherto nor cuts off nor interferes with any Leadmine or vein hitherto wrought; & if you also limit them to so many yards in length f[ro]m the first shaft they sink & so many yards on each side of the vein, & restrain them from hushing except with the Licence of Sir Wr Blackett or his chief agent for the Leadmines in Weardale.I think they cannot any way prejudice Sir Wr. These are such provisions as occur to me; but you can judge better what is necessary in this case than I can. You know that 25s. a bing is the highest price that is to be given then & that only when lead sells at £15 a fo[the]r, & so to fall in the proportion as inserted in your common Tack notes.

I shall be glad to know whether you have any pastures or inclosures in Weardale known by the following names, to wit, Hunshelford pasture, Burnthills, Hollin hill Smallbourns in Rookhope & Wolfeclough foot & Green clough sheil also taken off Rookhope pasture I am etc HR

PS I have rece[ive]d yours & Mr Harrisons opinion wch I think is very right

4 Feb 1762 Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thos. Maughan at Newhouse Weardale Newcastle 4th February 1762

Sir
As Sir Walter has told me he will allow me a clerk; & you were speaking of a son of the late Mr Peart's, whom you were desirous of putting soon to some business, I shall be glad you will let me know what age he is; & that, if you have not already provided for him, you will bring him hither as soon you come, that I may be able to judge whether he will do. In the mean time, I would have you send me two or three Lines of his writing, & let him be improving himself in arithmetic. I am etc HR

9 Feb 1762 Henry Richmond to Nicholas Walton

To Mr Nicholas Walton at Farnacres Newca 9 February 1762

Sir
I want much to know the price at wch Lead ore has been sold by the Bing every year for 18 y[ea]rs past; & cannot think of anyone who can inform me of this so well as yourself. If therefore you will be so good as, at your Leisure to give me the prices at wch your dues have sold each year for the above 18 years I shall be very much obliged to you & am etc HR

10 Feb 1762 Henry Richmond to Richard Harrison

[Note: undated but sequence amongst others places it between 9th and 27th Feb 1762]

Mr Richard Harrison at Coalcleugh

Sir

I am very glad that the dispute about Cowhaust has been determined as you mention. And that you go on so hopefully with Coalcleugh.

As to Moohope, we will defer the consideration of her till you come hither, & we have Sir Walters directions.

If anything offers, suitable for your son in Law, I shall do all I can for him. I wish I had known before that he is so well qualified for business as you say he is I am etc HR

27 Feb 1762 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. at Wallington Newca 27 February 1762 past 3 o'clock

Hon[ou]rd Sir
I have just now heard that the mail wch was dispatched last night from the post office here with the Newcastle Letters for London was lost in Birtley Lane: of which Accident I think it necessary to acq[uain]t you as I was told Jack Smith bro[ugh]t some Letters f[ro]m Wallington for London I am etc HR

1 Mar 1762 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin at his Chamber in Grays Inn London
Newcastle the 1st March 1762

Sir

On Saturday last I sent you by Fryer Todd the London Carrier a large Box of plate, the contents of which you have on the other side; you will also receive from the said Carrier a small Box wch contains the key of the large one. Sir Walter bid me send this plate to you & said he would write you himself what he would have done with it. You will please to advise either him or me of its coming safe; & pray the Carriage of the same agreeable to the inclosed promisory Note signed by the said Carrier. I have weigh'd this plate as near as our Scales will go but probably a Goldsmith who can weigh the whole at once will make it an ounce or two more than I have done. As to the value of the Silver it will be worth by the ounce as much as Spanish pieces of Eight, the markett price of which you can always see by Lloyds Lists: & this without reckoning anything for workmanship.

As there is still no Likelyhood of getting a renewal of the Lease for years of Weardale mines, I should be glad to know whether Sir Walter when he entered upon the Receipt of the rents & profits of the Trust Estate about the year 1731 & 1732 did lay himself or his representatives under any obligations to renew & keep on Foot all the Leaves of the mines. if any such Agreement or decree was made you will certainly find some traces of it among Mr. Denton's paper's. My father say's he cannot remember certainly whether anything of this sort was done or not.

I have great reason to conclude that a decree was made between the 13 May 1693 & 28 December 1694 in favour of Mr Wharton in the Cause B[isho]p of Durham against Wharton for detaining the L[ea]d Ore & non pay[men]t of the Moor Masters rent. upon

account of the injury done the said Moore Master by the B[isho]p's granting the Lease for years to B[arbar]a Sanderson. I desire you will search for this Decree & send me some little abstract or minute of it if you can procure the same ; for it may be a usefull precedent if a renewall cannot be obtained upon reasonable Terms. I am

Sir Your most hble Serv[an]t Hen Richmond

NB it appears by Mr Darwins Lre of the 23rd March 1762 that the Goldsmiths weighed this Silver plate to 4060 ¾ oz & that the value of it, at the different prices allowed for the same, amounted to £1137.2s.0d.

	Ounces	Dwts	
49 Dishes	2222	10	
7 doz & a half of plates	1596	10	
2 Mazaz.s or fish plates	55		
1 Mounteth or Scallops ring	17	15	
2 punch bowls	90	10	
4 salts	8	10	
6 large spoons	45	10	
3 punch Ladles (computed On account of the wooden Handles as 12	4048	5	at 5s.7 ¾d p oz this post by Lloyds List
3 Gold cups	35	13	at £3.18s.9d p oz this post by ditto

A collection of medals foreign coins etc in a small Box seal'd
A collection of 52 Gold rings in a small Box seal'd

P.S. Sir Walter says he would have you take out the small Box marked Medals & keep the same till he either sees you, or gives particular directions about them. But the rings are to go with the plate. You will find these little Boxes, wrapt up in Baze, in the corners of the Square where the punch bowls, plates & Gold cups are put. HR

Copy of the Carriers Note
1762 February the 27th Receiv'd of Sir Walter Blackett Bt. a large Box of plate weighing twenty six stone seven pounds which I promise to deliver to Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin at his Chambers in Grays Inn London in fifteen days from this date He paying me after the rate of two shillings & eleven pence p[er] stone for the carriage of the same.
As witness my Hand Fryer Todd

Witnesses
< page ripped > 26 stone 7lb at 2/- p[er] stone comes to £3.17s.8 1/2d.

1 Mar 1762 Joseph Richmond to Plumb and Brown

[Note: File note]
1762 March 1st Advised Messrs Plumb & Browne of the p[iece]s of Silver sent them the 27th ult[im]o by Fryer Todd the London Carrier. JR

9 Mar 1762 Henry Davison to George Davison

To Mr George Davison at Newtoncap to the care of the postmasters in Durham
Newcastle 9th March 1762

Sir I am sorry to find by you[r] Letter of the 7th inst that you charge Mr Maughan with using undue influence over Mr Elliott in the Reference occasioned by the dispute between Sir Walter Blackett & Mr Bacon about Cowhaust and Lingybrow Groves and the Boundary of Kilhope & Welhope Fells. As all Sir Walter Blacketts Agents know very well that every unfair proceeding wou[l]d be disagreeable to him, I can hardly think Mr. Maughan wou[l]d in this affair go further than giving the necessary Information to Sir Walter's Referee. And yet on the other hand I can scarce think you wou[l]d without some reason complain so much of ill usage. I am therefore at a loss what answer to give at present to your Letter further than I will enquire particularly into this matter as soon as I see Mr Maughan. Indeed I have a Letter from Mr Elliott wherein he gives his opinion upon the point, you say you differ[e]d about, with so much clearness, & supports the same with such reasoning as does not at all look like his having acted under Influence, but from Judgement. I am Sir Your most Hble Serv[an]t Hen[r]y Richmond

9 Mar 1762 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

Mr Willm. Alvey Darwin at his Chambers in Grays Inn London
Newcastle 9th March 1761

Sir

Sir Walter Blackett has had some talk with Sir Robert Bewicke about giving up Kirk heaton Estate to him. And as Sir Robert is willing to allow Sir Wr his costs about this Estate, I desire you will as soon as possible send me a Bill of such costs as you have paid, or know Sir Walter has been at in London, ab[ou]t defending this Estate, from the beginning till the present Time

P.S. The settling the terms of this turn-over is left to Mr. Coll[ingwoo]d Forster & Mr Widdrington; but if anything occurs to you as proper for Sir Walters Security, I shall be glad if you will mention it. Iam etc HR

17 Mar 1762 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir walter Blackett Bart. M.P. at the Cocoa Tree in Pall Mall London
Newcastle 17th March 1762

Hon[ou]rd Sir
This morning I waited upon chief Baron Ord at Fenham with the Deeds wch were in your Secretere, relating to Ord Estate and his Lor[d]s[hi]ps Opinion upon the 2nd observation mentioned in Mr Darwins Letter (wch is herewith inclosed) is that, as Circumstances now stand, Mr. Darwin is in the right in proposing to have the deeds of 1716 & the Fine & recovery then suffered, appear in the abstract. But the manner <page torn> appear therein cannot be settled till the deeds of 1716 wch < page torn > Darwin has, are seen, & the Effects thereof considered. His Lordship says he will be in London in ten Days & will give any assistance in his power. As Mr Darwin mentions in his Lre that he has a copy of the deeds of 1733 I imagine it will not be necessary to send the deeds themselves to London. If it shou[l]d I shall send them by the first Carrier on Mr Darwin's writing for them.
I hope you are well after your journey, I am etc. H.R.

19 Mar 1762 Joseph Richmond to William Darwin

To Mr Willm. Alvey Darwin at his Chambers in Grays Inn London
Newcastle 19 March 1762

Sir Inclosed is Messrs Peareth & Sorsbie's bill on Messrs Freeman and [Stain]banks for two hundred and Eighty Pounds which I desire you will advise receipt of and place to my account for I intend this money to pay Mr. and Mrs. Stainbanks half years interest which will be due the 27 In[stant]. As I have no prospect of getting another bill in Time to discharge the <torn> I shall make you a further remittance as soon as I can, to <torn> quarterly Payments on Sir Walters proper Account. I am etc JR

Newcastle 10th February 1762 £280. .
Fifty Days after Date pay Mr Joseph Richmond or Order Two hundred and eighty Pounds, the value in Acco[un]t with Sir Walter Blackett place the same to Acco[un]t as by advice from – Peareth Sorsbie
To Messrs. Freeman and Stainbank Merchant in London
Endorsed pay the contents to Wm. Alvey Darwin or order Jos. Richmond

24 Mar 1762 Henry Richmond to William Robson

William Robson at Wallington Newcastle 24th March 1762

Sir
I received a letter last night from Sir Walter in which he bids me send to <London> the Box of dressing plate which came from Wallington. I have enquired <torn> Jenny Gray; but she does not know any thing of such a Box, so tha<torn> must have it still at Wallington I suppose. And therefore des<torn> it may be sent hither tomorrow in the Cart which Robin tells me expects will come for some trees. I desire I may have it tomorrow. I have something else to send with it and must have it Time enough to get a Box made that will hold the whole before the Carrier goes. I am &c HR

28 Mar 1762 Henry Richmond to William Robson

William Robson at Wallington Newca 28th March 1762

Sir

I received by Jack Smith a Box containing part of the dressing plate so much I suppose as Sr Wr ordered to be packed up to be sent to London; whither I sent it by yesterday's Carrier

Monday, that is, tomorrow fortnight I expect there will be a meeting at Wallington of Sr Robt Bewicke Mr Colld Forster &c to do something about the Kirkheaton affair. This is the day talked of at present, & wch I think it proper to apprize that you may not be from home that Week if you can help it. Mr Forster is wrote to, to know if that day will suit him, or what other day he would rather choose & as soon as the dayes fixed you will have an accot of it. In the mean time it will be best to say nothing of this Intention least Accidents may happen to change it. I am &c HR

28 Mar 1762 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. M.P. at the Cocoa tree in Pall Mall London
Newcastle 28th March 1762

Hon[ou]rd Sir
I have been told today that Sir Robt. Bewicke has determined upon accepting Kirkheaton Estate upon the Terms wch Mr. Collingwood, Mr Coll[ingwoo]d Forster & Mr Widdrington talked over one day last week; & left with Sir Robt for his consideration. The substance of wch, I understand, is that Sir <Ro..> & Mr Craster are to give bonds of indemnity , are to allow all your costs <……> are to dismiss the bill filed against you, & to please the tenants, if the giving them Their discharge for all rent & arr[ea]rs to May day last & returning them all the money wch they have paid, excepting the costs, will please them so that Sir Robt. is to enter upon the Estate as from

May day last, & the ten[an]ts are, on receiving his bonds of indemnity to give you up yours & the receipts given them for rent paid to you. But by this adjustment the money wch you will have to pay Sir Robt. or else to repay the tenants immediately will amount to above £600 which is so large a sum as will retard the payment of Weardale Miners a little, because we did not expect this draught upon us on such a sudden. However, if you are inclined to be now clear of this affair in the manner which Mr Forster proposes, it will be proper, if you please, by the return of the post to signify your approbation of our paying to Sir Robt, or refunding to the tenants, all or such part of the rents, which they have paid to you, as Mr Coll[ingwoo]d Forster shall settle. P.S. The affair is proposed to be transacted at Wallington if it is agreeable to you, on Monday the 12th of next month I am etc HR

30 Mar 1762 Henry Richmond to William Darwin

[Note: It is assumed that this letter was written by Henry Richmond because there are no intials etc at the end of it.]
To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin at his Chambers in Grays Inn London
Newcastle 30th March 1762

Sir
I sent you last Saturday by Fryer Todd the London Carrier a Box of dressing plate; a List of which you have on the other side; and in the same Box you will find wrapt up in oil cloth the Lease and Release of 2nd and 3rd April 1733 and the Fine and Recoveries which were levyed in consequence thereof, all which Sir Walter Blackett wrote me to send to you and I shall beg lad to hear you receive them safe. if so please to pay for the carriage of the Box agreeably to Mr Todds promisory note which is herewith inclosed. I am glad the Silver plate which I sent you before has turn[e]d out more, both in weight and value, than I computed it at. I suppose I had made too great an allowance for the handles and the turn of the scale on the severall weighings which I was obliged to make. Sir Walter will I think soon get clear of the Kirkheaton affair, upon the Terms settled by Mr Forster Mr Widdrington and Mr Collingwood: the substance of which, as I understand, is that Sir Robert Bewicke and Mr Chaster are to give Bonds of indemnity. to allow all Sir Walters costs. to dismiss the Bills filed ag[ain]st Sir Wr and the tenants. and are to do, or allow Sir Wr. to do, something handsome for the tenants out of the Rents they have paid Sir Wr. The 12th of <next> month tis intended to adjust all these Articles if nothing intervenes.
PS I acquainted Sr Wr. last post of what is intended about the Kirkheaton affair.

2 Candlesticks
1 pair of Snuffers & Stand and Extinguisher
4 Canisters
4 Square Boxes

1 Large chest
2 Candle cups and covers B. these Covers and the Extinguisher
2 Salvers are in the large chest, as I remember.
1 pincushion
1 Brush hand

1762 March 27th Received of Sir Walter Blackett Bart. a Box of Silver plate weighing six stones…… pounds which I promise to deliver to Mr. Wm. Alvey Darwin <torn> his chambers in Grays Inn London in fourteen Days from this date paying me after the rate of 2½ d p[er] pound for the carriage of the same as wit<nessed by> my Hand
Fryer Todd
Witness Robt. Scott

30 Mar 1762 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Barot. M.P. at the Cocoa tree in Pall Mall London
Newca 30th March 1762

Hon[our]d Sir :

On Saturday last I sent by Fryer Todd the London Carrier, the box of Dr<missing, torn> directed to Mr Darwin within which I have put the Lease and Release 2nd of April 1733 and the Fines and Recoveries which were levyed in consequence thereof and have advised Mr Darwin accordingly.

Inclosed is the paper about Chollerton Chancel which you left with me <torn> bid me send and write something about. I have therefore informed myself <as> well as I can, without going to Councel, and find it ought not to be expected to contribute towards to the repair of the Chollerton Chancel in proportion to the present improved value of the Tithes of Chipchase and Birtley. But in proportion only to the modus of £4.6s.8d which you receive in lieu of the great Tithes of those Estates. As to the Owner of these Estates; it does not appear that his paying you this modus will exempt him from contributing, towards the repair of the chancel, in proportion to the present improved value of his Ti<thes> Because, tho' modus's may be deemed to have been originally the full <…….> of the Tithes, and tho' the payment of them may have been established by custom or composition; yet these being only private transactions for the benefit of the parson or Impropriator and the Owner of the Estate, they cannot, if <……> Andrews' Opinion in Law, dissolve the connection between the Right of Tithe and the charge of repairing the chancel. And the very Payment of a modus implies that there is such a Right of Tithes in somebody purchased as it were by this annual payment called a modus and it seems not material whether this Right is in the Owner of the Estate, or in another. As to his claiming an Exemption from these repairs on account of his repairing Birtley Chapel, it seems not reasonable. For chapels being built for the convenience of the proprietors of particular villages or Townships they ought in

reason to put up with the Inconvenience of repairing them, And not be < missing, torn> with draw themselves from the mother Church expect <…> in Tithes have no further connection with it. Neither does it appear that the Great <Tithes> are applicable to the repairs of such chapels. For the parishioners of <……..> in this town lately commenced a suit against Sir Matthew White in the E<cclesia>stical Court to compel him to repair their chancel because he has the great T<ithes> of Gosford Parish, within which St. Nicholas stands. But they soon dropt the <Suit> and have paid the costs and repaired the chancel themselves.

I gave Mr. N. Fenwick your Letter: he has not paid me any Money yet but promises he will very soon.

I am glad the Silver proved more, both in weight and value than I computed it to be.

I do not know how the £2000, which you want against Christmas can be raised; for here is no demand yet for Lead, and if we cannot get a quantity sold soon, the want of money will be very great, even for necessary occasions.

I am etc HR

30 Mar 1762 Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Mr Collingwood Forster Attorey at Law in Alnwick

Sir My Brother shewed me a Letter on Sunday, which he was going to send you by that post; to acquaint you of Sir Robt Bewick's desiring you would meet at Wallington on the 12th of next month to settle the Turn-Over of Kirkheaton from Sir Wr. Blackett to him, but I had not then Time to write any thing. And all I have to say now is, that you are best judge whether it may not be proper for us to see you here before the meeting at Wallington. perhaps somethings may want adjusting; and I find Mr. Widdrington will not be able to go with us. Pray will there not be some difficulty about the Indemnification of the Tenants against the money, which they paid Lord Windsor; especially as part of that money was due to Mrs Windsor; I hear Sir Robt. does not intend to secure either Sir Wr or the Tennants against this Dem. I am etc HR.

2 Apr 1762 Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster

Mr Collingwood Forster [Att]orney at Law in Alnwick Newcastle 2nd April 1762

Sir,

I am sorry we can't have the pleasure of seeing you here before the meeting at Wallington which agreeable to your Letter is fixed to be on Tuesday the 13th inst. for the Tenants, but Sir Robt. Bewicke will be there about noon on Monday the 12th in order to adjust with you any thing that may be wanting and therefore I hope you will

be there as soon that Day as you can conveniently. My brother and I will be there I expect before you.

I have been this morning with Mr Widdrington; and that terms which he is willing that Sir Robt. shall offer the Tenants are as follows. That they shall be discharged from all Rents and arr[ea]rs of Rent due at <mart[inmas]>. And that Sir Walter Blackett shall repay them all the Rent <…….> received of them. But that S[i]r Robt shall not indemnify them ag[ains]t the money <they paid> to Lord Windsor but only pay Sr. Wr. his costs in money and give him <…….> of indemnity in such form as Mr Widdrington will send you by Sunday <……..> and as to the Tenants Sr. Robt. is only to give them a Bond of indemnity ag[ainst] money they shall pay hereafter to him. And this Mr Widdrington hopes will <procure> the delivering up of Sr. Wrs. Bonds. I have desir'd him to return your <draft> of the Bond with any observation etc that he thinks necessary to make upon for fear lest this proposal made today, may not be feazable and to the End <ma……> we may be provided ag[ains]t the perverseness of the Tenants. I shall only add that it is very unlucky we cannot see you here before the meeting < I am etc HR>

2 Apr 1762 Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richard Ellis in Hexham Newcastle 2nd April 1762

Sir I am inform'd that a Number of Trees, about a hundred, have <…….> and sold as belonging to Beaufront Wood tho' they stand in the <He……..> do more probably belong to Alnwick [Anick] grainge. It would be right <therefore…….> to Mr Harbottle to procure you such proof as he is able of Sr. Wr. <Blackett> to these trees; for I find that even those who have sold them had <some……..> they might not be Sr. Walters property: and have accordingly covenanted the value of them out of the purchase money in case they shall be claimed <fo…….> or any obstruction given to the cutting them which no doubt ought to be <g……..> if you have reason to think they are Sr. Walters. I hope you are well & < I am etc….> JR

3 Apr 1762 Henry Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Mr Collingwood Forster Attorney at Law in Alnwick Newcastle 3rd April 1762

Sir

I met with Mr Collingwood to Day upon Change, when I told him the Form which Mr Widdrington proposed to offer to the Kirkheaton Tenants agreeably to what I wrote you last post. Mr Collingwood thinks all is very proper <except> the Refusal to indemnify them against the money they paid Lord Windsor for this he thinks ought to be done, or else they will solicit and teaze <Sir Walter> as soon as they are called upon

to pay the same over again: notwithstanding they may have delivered up Sir Walters Bonds. but possibly they will not <part> with them without being secured against this money which is only £201.11s.6d.

This opinion of Mr Collingwood's is only inter Nos. But he thinks the matter of so much consequence and that your coming here before the meeting at Wallington, is so absolutely necessary, that he desires me to tell you he will meet you at Mr Places on Monday at 12 o'clock, that He, you and Mr Widdrington may adjust this and every other point that Afternoon. And next Mo<… …>ing early we will have a good easy postchaise ready to convey you to Wallington where we shall arrive I dare say before the Tenants.

Mr Widdrington says he will send you the draft of the Bonds, but ne<… ….> to see you here on Monday as soon as you can. Mr Collingwood told me he would be in Newcastle by 11 o'clock that morning. So that I humbly wish you cou[l]d slip away from Alnwick on Sunday Afternoon.

PS I hope you can order your Business so as not to go from Wallington till Thursday lest we should not get so well forwards on Tuesday as is to be wished. I am etc HR

5 Apr 1762 Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

[Note: Calender's Garden refers to the Callenders' nursery garden in Newcastle, see Maddison, M. 'The Callenders, eighteenth-century northern nurserymen and seedsmen' *Garden History*, 33(2) (2005) 210-224.]

Sir Walter Blackett Baro[ne]t MP at the Cocoa tree in Pall Mall
Newcastle 5th April 1762

[Honourd] Sir
The price given for Standard Silver by Refiners, & other large dealers, is variable like that of the stocks; but like that may be known at the Exchange or by Lloyds Lists every day. And I should think Messrs Plumb & Browne, for their own characters sake would give you the market price. But probably after they had bought the Silver at that price they would not retail it out to Silversmiths without a profit of 1 ½ or 2d an ounce which is only about 3 p[er] cent for their trouble. This may Acco[un]t in some measure; for a Silversmith's paying a Refiner 5s.10d p[er] oz. sometime ago for Silver; and I remember Standard Silver Sold last year as high a price as 5s.8½d an oz. at the Exchange to which the refiners profit of 1½ or 2d an oz. being added, makes 5s.10d or 5.10½d p[er] ounce, for the retail price. I shall endeavour to get Lodging for Mr Leake against the 24th inst. Inclosed is a List of such of the trees, you bid me buy, as I could meet with at Calendar's Garden & I have sent directions about them to Jos. Thompson, pursuant to your Letter. Mr Robson tells me Lady Loraine has disposed of her money, & that he has wrote you so. My Sister cannot meet with so large a set of China in the shop's here as

you want; & thinks you will get them more to your satisfaction in London than by telling our Dealers send for any on your account. I am etc HR

10 Apr 1762 Henry Richmond to Revd Railton

To The Reverend Mr Railton in Knarsdale Newcastle 10 April 1762

Sir
Sir Wr Blackett having given me directions to pay you a hundred pounds I desire you will call upon me for it when you come to Newcastle. I am etc HR

10 Apr 1762 Henry Richmond to William Robson

[Note: It appears that letter is incomplete, and it is possible that a page is missing at the end of the volume, the last few pages of which are frayed and torn]

To Mr Wm. Robson at Wallington Newcastle 10 April 1762

Sir Mr Bullock call'd upon me last Wednesday about the trees which Mr Errington has sold, tho' they stand in the Anick grainge side of his stone wall, & where I apprehend no person can come to cut them without Sr. Wr. Blacketts Leave. He says Mr. Harbottle and Mr Bell have viewed them & find only seventeen that there can be any doubt about and says further that Mr Errington is willing to refer the matter to two infl<uential> persons. But I cannot judge whether this would be a step …