

16 Feb 1783 Luke Noble to John Erasmus Blackett

Sir

Sir Thomas Blackett orders me to inform you he received the Box with the Leases but found out the Mistake immediately but not being satisfied with our own Opinions consulted Mr. West also who agreed with the same, Sir Thomas desires you will get the Instrument which is Indorsed on the back of the Leases of Livery & Seisin executed as soon as possible & let him know when that is done, you will see by the Leases who is impowered to Act for the Bishop in that affair, & Sir Thomas you'll order Mr. Bell to attend to see them properly executed Sir Thomas intends going to Pontefract on Tuesday next to Sign the Counterparts of the Leases if they be got there & will return you the Bishops Leases to him by some of the Machines at Ferrybridge on that Day. Sir Thomas desires his Compts. to you & wou'd have wrote himself but has got the Rhumatism in his arm he returns you thanks for the Kitt of Salmon I am
Sir your most Obedt. Servt. Luke Noble

12 Apr 1783 Luke Noble to John Erasmus Blackett

Sir

yesterday I received yours of the 7th Instant covering a Bill for One Thousand Pounds for which you have a recet as above. I have acquainted Sir Thos. Blackett with the same who is now at Bretton and desires his respectful Compliments to you I am
Sir your most Obedt. Servt. Luke Noble

c.28 Oct 1783 Luke Noble to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: undated, but annotated by JEB 'received Oct and ansd Oct 29th']

Sir,

Sir Thomas Blackett orders me to inform you that He received your Letter (with a copy of another Inclosed from London) dated the 15th Instant. and (He not being very well orders me to give you the following answer) Vizt,

Sir Thomas says the misunderstanding which has been betwixt yours and his Letters is owing to the time of Mr. Anderson entering into possession of the premises, Sir Thomas thought Mr. Anderson was to have a year to pay the Sum in from the time of the Contract & to pay by Installments, but as he is to enter to the premises on the 2nd of February next Sir Thomas agrees to allow him Interest after the Rate of 4p Cent for the £1050 already paid and also for the £1050 intended to be paid on the 11th Novr. next to the said 2nd of February next and Sir Thomas expects what ever part of the Purchase Money shall remain unpaid at that time Mr Anderson is to pay him after the Rate of 4p Cent for one year only and if the principal and Interest thereon be not

discharged on the 2nd of Feby 1785 then Mr. Anderson to pay after the Rate of 5p Cent so long as the principal Sum remains unpaid.

Sir Thomas agrees with you in regard not to the altering the Channel of the Trade for Lead. He desires his Compliments to you and hopes this will explain everything properly. I remain

Sir Your most Obedt. Servant Luke Noble

30 Nov 1783 Luke Noble to John Erasmus Blackett

Sir,

Sir Thomas Blackett orders me to inform you He recd your Letter of the 26th Instant & agrees with you in the plan you recommend respecting the continuing old Mary to take care of the Fires clean the office & and to have an additional Clerk instead of Wm Foster.

In regard to the New Office Sir Thomas says He wou'd have you consider what Street and place will be most convenient for taking a House for the present time & then to talk to Mr. Anderson about Building a New Office and where. With respect to Mr. Peart House Sir Thomas says he will settle that point when he has the pleasure of seeing you. In regard to the proposal made by Mr. Robson and concerning Lead Mines on Wall Fell Sir Thomas says he wou'd have them strictly examined by some of his Lead Agents and a Trial made for ore & then make their report & He will then give orders what he will have done but he has no Idea of Letting a Lease. Sir Thomas has a plan here for New Offices which he thinks too High by the attick Story but says there is time to talk more about it when Mr. Anderson begins to pull down

Sir Thomas desires his Compliments & wou'd have wrote himself but has at times a tremor in his hands that he cannot write. I have recd Sir Thomas Cash Book & also Mr. Peart's Letter to whom please to give my Compts & I am

Sir your most Obedt. Servt. Luke Noble

5 Dec 1783 Luke Noble to John Erasmus Blackett

Sir

I am ordered by Sir Thomas Blackett to inform you he received yours of the 29th ulto. & desires you will take the House you mention of Mr. Wilson for an office & Sir Thomas is willing to give £36 a year for it without any Lease.

Sir Thomas says there will be room enough in the House for Mr. Peart Family & also for the additional Clerk to have a Bed in the House --- you will receive a Roll of Brawn & Mr. Wilson another in a few Days of which Sir Thomas begs your acceptance & I am

Sir your most Obedt. Servt. Luke Noble