

29 Apr 1698 Thomas Featherstone to Thomas Brummell

[Note: Thomas Featherstone was the mill agent at Dukesfield, possibly since the death of John Mowbray in 1687, and was succeeded by his son John Featherstone after Thomas died in February 1699. The letter suggests that Thomas Brummell, a Newcastle merchant, was acting as chief agent for William Blackett II.]

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Sir,

this comes to give you an acct that I am like to get very little lead in and if my life lay at stake I cannot help it for I have used all the ore and still I have but all to noe purpose pray see wt you can doe wth the Bearer Ger[ar]d Farbridge, /, for I have <proflead> there all that they shall have wt Moneys they please they say fother is not to be had for Money, Ger[ar]d tells me there was yesterday at the ½ way 250 ps & there is a 100 ps gone from the milnes today I think those may at most goe to Morrow, I – doubt there will be little done at Darwent for Thomas Lawson was at Duxfd yesterday to borrow moneys I lent him wt he l demanded for to encourage him, but got very little from him for he told me plainly it <be> as very little that he could doe and he doubted his P[ar]tners as little

being in great haste I am

Yr most humb servt

Thos Featherston

For Mr Thomas Brumell in Newcastle