

6 Aug 1792 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

No. 26 Old Burlington Strt Aug 6th 92 –

Dear Sir,

I am favoured with yours, and we have signed both the deputations, and enclosed them; I have the pleasure to say that Mrs. Beaumont performed her journey very well, & I have got a very comfortable house, and everything as I could wish - In a letter from Mr. Skelton this Morning, he informs me of Mr. Westcomb's claim, I should imagine he [can] not make good his pretensions, I have given [missing: possibly 'instructions'] for every necessary precaution to be <taken>. I purpose leaving Town on Wednesday Morning, and as soon after my being at Bretton as possible will set forwards for Newcastle – We have not any thoughts of changing our Name. I hope about the 16 inst to be at Newcastle – Mrs. Beaumont unites with me in best Compliments to yourself & Captn. & Mrs. Collingwood – I am Dear Sir
Your much obligd. hum. Servant
Tho Rd Beaumont.

10 Jan 1793 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: A set of accounts, presumably the enclosure referred to, is given elsewhere in spreadsheet format in the file 'NRO Miscellaneous accounts', which can be downloaded from here]

Bretton Jany. 10th 93

Dear Sir

In a letter from Mr. Widdrington he says, "We have fully considered the Business and finding that to continue it in the way it has been carried on of late would on the whole be very disadvantageous to us we have come to the final determination to decline it for the future." As I do not know what sums of money have been lodged in their Hands from time to time, nor how long it has been continued, nor what they mean by referring to the manner the Business has been carried on in of late, it is impossible for me to judge of the Matter, and all I desire is that the Business might be transacted upon such a footing as to make it beneficial to the Bankers & in some degree to myself in case there should be any considerable Sums in hand for which purpose I conceive the Mode for Keeping the Account (as by the Copy herewith) would answer. And if the Bank are at any extra Expense in getting the Cash for the annual Pays that ought to be included. As the gentlemen of that Bank have done the Business so long, I wish them to have the preference. You will please to have a conference together and explain to me the matter fully - I am Dear Sir
Your most obd. Hum, Servt.
Tho Rd Beaumont –

P.S. Please to send me a Copy of the Account with the Bank for the last 2 or 3 years back -

13 Feb 1793 Ransom, Morland & Co to John Erasmus Blackett

London 13th Feby. 1793

Sir

We have received the pleasure of your letter of the 10th & observe the sums you have ordered to be paid into our hands on account of Thos. Richd. Beaumont Esqr. of the receipt of which we shall have the pleasure to acquaint him. We conceive it would be better that those sums already in London should be paid to our house than into the bank of Messrs. Surtees Burdon & Co. at Newcastle. We beg you to accept our best Compliments & have the honor to be respectfully Sir Your obt. hum Servts
Ranson Morland & Hammersley

John E. Blackett Esqr. Newcastle

P.S. Since writing the preceding part we have received the sum of £6281.5.10 on account of Thos. Rich: Beaumont Esqr. f<rom> yourself which is to the credit of his account.

13 Feb 1793 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton 13th Feby. 93

Dear Sir,

I was favoured with yours, and shall be glad to have a State of the Account when you have made the transfer – I don't perfectly understand what is meant by your having wrote for 10,000£ more to be paid into my Bankers hands, as I understood that all or most of the Balance of the Lead Account which you gave to me, would be wanted for the Approaching Pays. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in Compts.

I am Dear Sir

Your much oblig. hum. Servant

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

4 Mar 1793 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton March 4th 93

Dear Sir,

As some particular Business in Parliament calls me to London this Week it will not be in my power to come to Newcastle next Monday as I intended, and if Mr. Skelton

should not be with you then, which is at present uncertain, I shall be glad to have yours and the individual opinions in writing of Mr. Bell and the several Lead Agents how far the proposed Inclosure will affect my Interests in every point of View both for and against me, and particularly as to the Lead Carriage, and before anything is done towards carrying the Inclosure into Execution, whether it will not be proper to take time for considering the matter fully & what I ought to require to be done for the Accommodation of my Works and Estates & that may be requisite thereto in future and whether any Cast Iron or Railed ways can be laid in the now most impassable parts of the Roads to facilitate the carriage in general and especially in wet seasons. I shall be obliged to you to desire the Agents to take care that the Woods be well fenced and preserved – In your letter of the 10th Feby. you say you have ordered a sum of money about 10,000£ to be paid into the Hands of my Bankers, which you expected would be done in the course of ten days, which you hoped would be equally convenient to me, in my last letter I requested you would tell me whether it was intended for my private account or as part of the Pays. –

I am Dear Sir

Your most oblig. Hble Servant

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

14 Mar 1793 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton Feby. 14th 93

Dear Sir,

Since I last wrote to you I have appointed Messrs. Ransom Morland & Hammersley to be my Bankers in town, & on whose account you will please to transfer my Northumberland Cash in their Names to the Bank of Messrs. Burdon & Surtees, who are advised thereof – I will thank you to inform me what time in the Month of March the Agents come for their subsistence pay, as I intend myself the pleasure of <seeing> you then – I am very happy in having it to say that Mrs Beaumont and my little Boy are both very well, he grows very fast – She & Mr. Skelton unite with me in Compts. I had the pleasure of seeing Captn. Collingwood in town last Week and he informed me Mrs. Stead was there, I called upon her but was so unfortunate as not to find her at home.

I am Dear Sir

Your most obed. hum Servant

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

23 Apr 1793 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Reddishe's Hotel April 23d. 93 –

Dear Sir,

I had the Favor of your letter this Morning, and am very happy to find the Banks are likely to go on with their proper respect due to them, and shall be very happy that Messrs. Surtees can supply us in the usual way with their Bills, as it would be attended with very serious consequences our pays being postponed. I saw a letter this Morning from Mr. Burdon mentioning the 4 Bills amounting to 10,000£. Sir J. Trevelyan will pay the three thousand Pounds tomorrow – I was very sorry to find by one of your letters that you had been indisposed, but hope you have got quite recovered again – Mr. Stead did me the favour of a call, but I was unfortunately out.

I am Dear Sir Your most obd. hble Servant
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

27 Sep 1794 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Thorp by Malton Sepr. 27th 94 –

Dear Sir,

I will thank you to let me know if you will want any money this Month for the subsistence & what, and when the <Bills> will be sent I mentioned to you. As at present we are very scanty. I have the pleasure to say Mrs. Beaumont goes on as well as can be expected, & the Young <Cornets> are both very well, she unites with Mr. Bosville & myself in Compliments to yourself & Mrs. Collingwood.

I am Dear Sir –

Your sincere & obd hble Servt.

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

30 Jun 1795 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Morpeth June 30th 95.

Dear Sir,

I had intended giving Mrs. Beaumont the meeting at your House to day, but as we are so soon taking the Field it will be impossible. I met an elderly Gentleman that I did not know near Wheatly yesterday who accosted me, and told me there was a Navigation meeting to be held on Thursday next to finally settle respecting the canal to Hexham, it certainly would be more for my interest for it to go on the South Side of the Tyne than the North, but I think it a matter that so materially concerns me that even was it to go on the North Side it would be very advantageous to the lead carriage. You certainly must know in what manner it would affect me, & wish you would attend the meeting and let me know your Sentiments upon it, I understood from Mr. Straker that the Agents were to be down today for the Subsistence. I hope everything would be ready for them –

I am Dear Sir Yours sincere hble Servt.

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

18 Sep 1795 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton Sepr. 18th 1795

My dear Sir,

I hope this fine weather has enabled you to get more lead down for the Market, and that it is raised in price, the call of the Houses for the parliament meeting to be very soon as appears from the papers will I should imagine give us peace & raise the price of Lead. I did not write to Mr. <Trevylian> respecting you & Mr. Heron & Kit Blacketts consulting together about the necessary steps to be taken previous to the general election, as I thought you might probably see him, & communicate it to him. I request the Favor of him to give me his Sentiments with respect to what steps should from time to time in the different districts be followed, and what should be done as to the office holders that are in London, I am going up to Town tomorrow, & should wish to know whether I should see any of them. I hope you have got the Bills for the Lead that was delivered. I will enquire about Mr. Halls Money how that goes on. I shall be very glad when everything is settled with Forster at Allenheads, as Mr. Bell & Mr. Straker were to go up to settle with him, I should imagine his Affairs may be very soon settled, and possession had of his Land & House, and then the Affairs in that place may be put into a very different train, and not so much unnecessary Money laid out in the manner he used to do, and his Son may be very well situated with Mr. Dickenson, provided he is attentive and steady and attends to what Mr. Dickenson directs – Mrs Beaumont did not write to Mr.< Trevylian> as she expected my return any day. She begs to unite with me in best Compliments.

I am my dear Sir

Your sincere hble S[ervant]

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

1 Jul 1796 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: An annotation on the original gives a date of 1796, and mention of the sessions on 13th July suggest it was written shortly beforehand. The original letter is torn and some words are missing as a consequence.]

N.Castle –

My dear Sir,

I had the pleasure of yours at Bretton before I set off for this place. I was very sorry we could not have the pleasure of seeing you as you went thro' Barnsley. I most [si]ncerely hope you found Mrs. Stead much better [1-2 words missing] expected & that the <advise> that [1-2 words missing] procure from the person at <Chesterfield> will prove efficacious. We have had a very <gay> week & a good deal of Company, all is now [1 word missing], & we I am sure are perfectly satisfied, today I shall go to Axwell for a

few days and pay some visits in the Neighbourhood, and be at <Morpeth> on the 13th July the Sessions. I wish you could make it convenient to see Mr. [?]akepease about the Silver & settle whether we are to pay him by sending him the Silver, or he takes it & we pay him the Balance. Mrs. Beaumont will be at Bretton as you return & will be happy to see you. She does not leave home until the 15th July –

I beg my Compliments. to Mr. & Mrs. Stead.

I am my dear Sir

Your sincere hble [Servant]

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

5 Dec 1796 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Decr. 5th 1796 –

My dear Sir,

The Stock has been paid this Morning to Mr. Burdon, & I shall loose by the whole about thirteen hundred Pounds. I always understood that Lancasters were to pay the full amount, however it is better to loose a part than the whole sum. What has been done about the Money, I hope we shall be able to recover some of that. I called this Morning upon Mr. Wilson who has been concerned for us in the Affair of the Stack.s – he told me their Solicitor had informed him that Mr S was about publishing a pamphlet <stating> my transaction and that it was to come out very soon.

It will be something novel, when it appears I will send you one down. I am

My dear Sir Your sincere hble Servant.

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

12 Jan 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Jan 12th 97.

My dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of yours, and am happy to say Mrs. Beaumont and her little Family arrived here perfectly well on Thursday last. I think Mr. Newton calls for the Money very soon as in knowing well that tradesmen give longer credit than he allows us, and from Mr. Bell I find his Son is almost constantly at the Abbey, which we never understood would be necessary, and at this time you will know we have not any money in advance. I think betwixt ourselves, that was Mr. Newton to be a little more explicit with the Masons at Hexham there certainly would not be any necessity for his Son being continually at the Abbey, as the expence of his going so frequently to us is <great> & what we did not understand was to be the case. Mr. Bell mentions this in confidence to us and as our only reliance is in You we hope the Business will be carried with the least expence possible – I am very happy to find that we are not likely to be any great <losers> by Foster, yet I fear it may be some time before we get the Money. I

wish to have Mr. Johnson & Mr. Surtees Bills paid – Enclosed I send you a letter from Messrs. Surtees by which you will see we owe them 21,000£, and that we have only <10,400>£ due in March. I greatly fear we shall be greatly distressed in our pays. Mrs. Beaumont unites with me in best respects to Mrs. Collingwood & Yourself. There is a report of <great News> being <announced> of the Capture of some of the French Fleet. I am My dear Sir Your sincere hble Servant
Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

14 Jan 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Jany. 14. 1797.

My dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you a Letter respecting a petition sent me from Coulthard & <Kid>, the petition I have directed also by this post. I will thank you to enquire into the particulars. Mr. Emerson seems still to be the bone of contention, and if what is stated is just, Mr. Emerson is highly culpable. I am happy to say Mrs. Beaumont and the Children are very well. She begs to unite in best respects to yourself & Mrs.

Collingwood –

I am My dear Sir Your sincere hble Servant

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

30 Jan 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Jan – 30th – 97.

My dear Sir,

Mrs. Beaumont & myself left Town on Thursday last on a visit to Lord & Lady Dudley for a Week, it is a most charming situation and the House very large and the Grounds very neatly laid out. I had the Favor of Yours wherein you mention you was to see Mr. John Surtees respecting the Letter you had received from Mr. Búrdon, I hope they will be able to assist us at the pays otherwise we shall be in very great distress, & I would not upon any account that the day should be postponed, for at this time it would be attended with many disagreeable circumstances to me in my present Situation – I purpose being in town on the eighth of next Month – Mrs. Beaumont joins me in respectful Compliments to Mrs. Collingwood & yourself,-

I am My dear Sir Your sincere hble Servant

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

[cover annotation in JEB's hand, with each item ticked off:]

Abbey Lead <Bearer>, Mr W.Forster, Offi<..> £550, Lead Carriage £1650

6 Feb 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Month inferred from sequence between other letters in the bundle]

<H.Com> 6th 97.

My dear Sir,

I am exceedingly obliged to You for your repeated information respecting the Banks at N.Castle and feel very much for the very great inconvenience the County must have been put to, and most sincerely hope every thing will go on very well. I have had some conversation with Mr. Burdon about our pays, & hope that when the Bills get again in good train that we shall be enabled to make our pays in May – I most sincerely congratulate you on the very great event that has taken place in the capture of the Spanish [.....text hidden in crease of original document] Captn. Colingwood having been one; these Canals have given me very great uneasiness, for all the Hexham & Neighbouring places have been at me. The Bill is to be presented today by Mr. Grey, and I am desired to say that it will be opposed in all its Stages – I am much concerned that it should have come to this pass. I shall report the Ponteland <road> Bill to day. I have great pleasure in saying that Mrs. Beaumont & the Children are all very well – I beg my respects to Mrs Collingwood & Yourself – I am

My dear Sir Most sincerely Yours –

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

14 Feb 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Month inferred from sequence between other letters in the bundle]

H[ouse of] C[ommons] 14th 1797.

My dear Sir,

I have just seen Mr. Burdon respecting the Money wanted for the pays, and he will write to Mr. Surtees on the Subject, I wish you would inform me the sum that will be wanted. He informs me you had an Idea of putting off the pays 'till June, at this particular period when the Men are so very much dissatisfied it would not by any means be prudent to put off the pays if the Money can be had at any rate, and as they have always been made in May, circumstanced as I am I certainly would move everything to keep to the exact time – I will be much obliged to you to say, what Bills will be due at that time, likewise what Bills will become payable in the course of a few Months –

I am My dear Sir

Your sincere Hble Servt.

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

21 Feb 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Feby 21st 97

My dear Sir,

I have seen Sir Wm Ridley and Mr. Burdon this morning who mentioned to me the circumstances of the Banks at Newcastle having had a great run upon them & that Mr Brandling had wrote down as his rent day was near at hand for any Bills that might be offered, to be taken as usual in payment. As the stopping of the Payments at the Banks does not arise from the want of capital but from the want of specie I hope it will only be a temporary embarrassment, & therefore hope you will not suffer much in the way of Business. You will please to use your own discretion in the way of receiving the Bills, but should think it highly necessary for persons of property in the County to give all possible assistance in giving Credit to the Banks, for should there be any serious alarm in the Country we should be most terribly embarrassed was the paper Credit hurt. Inclosed I send you another letter respecting Kidd &c. if what is true Mr Emerson is surely to blame, but I can not suppose he would stand it much in his own light. It is reputed that the French have been seen in the Coast but I don't hear anything authenticated. I am happy to say Mrs Beaumont and the Children are very well. She writes with me in best respects. I am My dear Sir

Your sincere Hble Servt.

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

7 Mar 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

March 7th 1797.

My dear Sir,

I have the Favor of Yours this Morning and am very sorry that you should be under the very disagreeable necessity of putting off the Pays, it is a thing which gives me infinite concern but how to remedy it, I can not say, I have this Morning seen Messrs. Burdon & Surtees on the Subject, they are most certainly anxious for every mode to be used for putting their House in negotiation again, but as this unfortunate demand for Money has so very generally prevailed the Bank either can not or is not able to put their Smaller notes in present circulation which makes this present inconvenience. I am to see them again in the Morning and will inform You of the result – I am My dear Sir

Most sincerely Yours,

Tho. Rd. Beaum[on]t

8 Mar 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

March 8th 97.

My dear Sir,

I have just seen Mr. Burdon and he informs me that Mr. John Surtees will be down at N. Castle on Sunday next and that he will bring £7900 <odds> pounds in Bills, and they are using their utmost to get their Bank open again. He is in hopes the <Lending> Money may be paid before the time you mention is expired. They will likewise use their utmost endeavours to be ready for the pays in May. We have got all our plate from Mr. Makepeace, and when he sends in his Bill I will send it to You, by which means it may be settled according to the Agreement. I am happy to say Mrs. Beaumont & the Children are very well. There is no News in Town to day. Mrs. Beaumont unites with me in best Respects. I am My dear Sir
Yours most sincerely
Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

23 Mar 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Letter dated March 23rd 1797 on cover.]

My dear Sir,
Enclosed I send you Mr. Makepeace's Bill & he has paid me the Balance to day, I did not give him a receipt nor he one to me. I have just come in and am obliged to go immediately to the House. I saw Mr. Collingwood this Morning & he looks tolerable, in haste –
Most sincerely Yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

12 May 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Letter plus enclosures]

12 May – 97.

My dear Sir,
I have the Favor of Yours this Morning, and I understood that the Pays are fixed by You for the 17th -18th – 19th Inst. & that they were not to be put off, as you express in Your letter. I have not been able to see Mr. Burdon to day but will see him in the Morn[in]g respecting more Cash. In all Your former letters I imagined that orders were given to proceed in due form against Mr. Forster for in one You mention that Mr. Bell was to take proper steps that I don't know what Answer is to be given to what you are asking – I feel most exceedingly for poor Kit Blackett, and will write to him. The News of to day is that Colpoys is in Town – I am happy to say Mrs. Beaumont and the Children are all very well. She unites with me in best Respects. I am my Dear Sir in haste
Most sincerely Yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

[This letter encloses the following fragment of a letter from Mr Bell – Hexham Abbey Steward – to TRB together with a covering note in TRB’s hand.]

The Slater has now begun to cover the West Wing of the Abbey and the Northern Side Wall of the South Wing is now taken down and will be ready to begin to be rebuilt next Week – The Foundation must be sank between two and three Feet deeper than it has been before and the Southern Side Wall of this Wing will to <underset> not less than between Three and Four Feet – I wish you could see it because it seems to me there will be very little difference in the Expence of taking it down and rebuilding it and letting it stand building up the Old Windows and breaking new ones in different Places in such an old thick Wall and undersetting it – This is only my own Idea

Mrs. Beaumont and the Family I hope are all well and I am
Sir Your Faithful and obedt. Servt.

JW Bell

[TRB’s covering note to Bell’s letter reads:]

I wish that you could make some enquiry of Mr. Newton about what Bell says, because I don’t understand Buildings -

15 May 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Date of receipt from London annotated by JEB on cover.]

My dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you a letter I received this Morning. I have not the pleasure of Mr. Capon’s acquaintance, no[r] do I [know any]thing of what he mentions, please to [s]peak to him –

I am My dear Sir Most sincerely yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

Monday -

26 May 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

May 26th 1797.

My dear Sir,

I have the Favor of yours, and am very glad the pays are over & that there were no complaints amongst the men in the manner they received it. I approve much of Mr. T. Crawhalls manner & have no doubt but the Works will improve very much under his inspection, and I hope the Mines will continue to go on very well. I think it will be very advisable to take Mr. Williamsons opinion on what you state, but the Bishop will I fear have no part in the expense, the Rector of Wolsingham must be spoke to about the

taking of his proportionate share of the expense. I greatly fear the Alterations at the Abbey will be attended with heavy expenses and will be found to be in a worse state than at first expected to be. By yours of today you mention that Mrs Foster has give a Bond for £1047. 7s. – until the estate can be sold. I shall certainly have no objections to the allowance you State of the Money Foster laid out being admitted to be allowed as You recommend, as we do not wish his Family to pay anything that is not justly right: I am very sorry to see the price of lead fall, but from the precarious state of our affairs at present it is not to be wondered at. I am extremely distressed to hear the account you give of our very worthy friend Kit Blackett, but most sincerely hope he will soon recover, the unfortunate affair of his Brother Stoddart, as he has a very susceptible understanding I fear has distressed him greatly in his Mind. I am very glad Mr. Ingham thinks him much better. There has been a disturbance amongst the Men at Woolwich this Morning and Marq[uess]. Cornwallis went down to them, and harangued them, & he sent word up that all was very quiet, and the Men are all satisfied, at Sheerness also there has been and indeed said to be now some commotion that is feared will not end quite so well as is wished. Gen. Fox has marched down with some Reg[iment]s and what has been the Result has not as yet transpired. The Grand <Question> in our house to day is Reformation, and report say that there has been a quarrel amongst that party and that it will not come on, it is very certain that many are for an universal Suffrage. I am happy to say Mrs. Beaumont and the Child[re]n are all very well, She thinks of leaving town the Beginning of next Month as the hot weather is set in. She unites with me in best Respects.

I am My dear Sir Most sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

20 Jul 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Scarbro' – July 20th 97.

My dear Sir,

Enclosed is a letter I have this Morning received from Mr. Bell, he seems to think they estimate the Lead Mill at Allendale too much. I will thank you to enquire into this matter as it appears from this letter that it will make a very material difference to me in respect of the poor Rates – and I don't see we should pay any more than Greenwich Hospital. As I shall not be down at the time of the Moor Game Shooting, I shall send my Keeper upon the Moors, but shall not have a <tent> fixed. I should wish if possible to give the Moors a Jubilee, but whether as the other Gentlemen do not I can do it consistently. I purpose after Mrs. Beaumont has been confined coming down to N. Castle, I am very glad to see the Mines have been more productive, and that Allenheads has taken a turn for the better, and I hope the Mines will continue to improve. Should this negotiation go forwards I should imagine it will raise the price of Lead. I have had no accounts from Town how the proceedings go on but everyone most anxiously wait for the Events. I am happy to say Mrs. Beaumont & the Children

are very well & sea bathing agrees with them. Mrs. Beaumont unites with me in best
Respects –

I am My dear Sir Most sincerely yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

27 Jul 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Dated on cover of letter.]

Scarbro' –

My dear Sir,

I have the Favor of Yours and perfectly coincide with You in opinion that it would be very proper to have the Boundary ascertained & settled between the Hospital Estate & the Regality of Hexham.

I am My dear Sir Yours most sincerely
Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

1 Aug 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Scarbro' Augst. 1st. 97.

My dear Sir,

I have the Favor of Yours this Morning; it was my Intention to have been at the Assizes, and to have come to Newcastle in time to attend the Dinner on the Saturday, but from the Circumstances I mentioned to You it will be impossible, I will therefore thank You to make my Apologies to the High Sherriff & Gentlemen, if you think it necessary. I will send some Birds to Gen. Musgrave, I was under his Command at Manchester & he called upon me in Town. I would not have the Book case which is in the present office fixed upon this new <House> for I shall want it to put up in my Library at the Abbey, and there were several Beds & <tables> in the House which will be very useful there also, for there will not be any necessity for fitting up any spare Bed room, or having any useless furniture as the House will never be used for anything but an Office, as we never make any other use of it, and as it is a commodious House the Books & papers will be better in a Closet. We purpose leaving this place on Saturday next for Bretton, I am happy to say bathing has agreed perfectly well with both Mrs. Beaumont & the Children, I have had a letter from Mr. Geo. Silvertop, he is to be with me on Tuesday next to dinner, there is a <Baron> Selby along with him – Mrs. Collingwood must have been very much alarmed. Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Lee are coming to us at Bretton next week for a few Days, everything is entirely settled – Mrs. Beaumont unites with me in best
Respects –

I am My dear Sir Most sincerely Yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

I intend the Book case to be put up in my <?Smoking> room, and if it is too high for that in the Drawing - -

4 Aug 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: annotated with date in a different hand at the head of the letter]

Scarbro' –

My dear Sir,

We purpose leaving this place tomorrow Morning for Bretton. I should hope that the miners that are at present in Possession of Harehope Gill Mine in Weardale are not allowed to continue working, for as the right is not settled and perhaps may be some time before it can be, they will be getting as much Ore as will pay their Costs, and they will claim all the Ore that will be got, when the decision is known. Enclosed is a letter from Sir H. Wilson about the payment of the Interest of the Money upon Mr. Bosville's Estate. I have sent you a letter I got this Morning from Mr. Newton in Answer to the one I sent You. he does not say within what they are now doing or what they have done, only that what has been done he approves of. I am happy to say the Bathing has had the desired effect. Mrs. Beaumont unites with me in Respects.

I am My dear Sir Most sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

8 Aug 1797 Robert Newton to Thomas Richard Beaumont

[Note: This letter is referred to in TR Beaumont to JE Blackett (no date) August 1797.]

Hexham August 8th. 1797

Sir

Being desir'd by Mr. Blacket to give you some information respecting the Alterations at Hexham Abbey – I wrote to you from Durham the day after, but am afraid my Letter had not been put into the Office there as you did not mention the rec[eip]t of it in your last to Mr. Blacket. My Fathers to you was sent from Hexham (without my knowledge) prior to the time that Mr. B. mentioned your Wish. I have not a doubt but you would find some errors in it but extreme weakness from severe disease I hope will plead an excuse.

The Works at the Abbey are going forward tolerable Well, the Plastering of the West part I expect will be finish'd in September, the Carpenters are in great forwardness having several at the Abbey and much of the Work done at N. Castle – The Building next the Garden will be ready for Covering next Month & the interior will finish very quick as I intend to employ additional Workmen as soon as the roof is cover'd – I have not the least doubt but each part will be finish'd before the time agreed

- There is a door from the <best> Staircase to the West & a Carriage road can be made to it in the field without much Labour –

Sir I have the Honor to be Your very Humble Servt.

Robt. Newton

To Col. Beaumont

8 Aug 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Dated August 1797 from handwritten annotation. The letter from JEB referred to was dated 6th August (NRO 672/E/1E/5) so this one is likely to have been written on the 8th]

Scarbro'

My dear Sir,

I have the Favor of yours and am much obliged to You for making my apologies for not being able to be at the Abbey to give the Bishop the meeting. If you think it absolutely necessary to have a House for to keep our Papers &c in, the smaller the better as we don't want either a spare Room or bed as we never make use of either. I should not wish to take any one for more than seven Years I would rather have one for five. I will be much obliged to You to desire Mr. Newton would inform me in what State the Abbey is in, as we think we might make the approach to the House at the West front. I see by the papers Charles Grey has given two Guineas to the prisoners at Morpeth. I will thank you to do the same for me. Mrs. Beaumont joins me in best Respects.

I am My dear Sir Most sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

10 Aug 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Newton's letter is dated the 8th, so this one is assumed to have been written two days later, also giving time for Beaumont to have left Scarborough and arrived at Bretton]

Bretton –

My dear Sir,

Enclosed is a letter this Morning from Mr. Newton, I wanted to know the difference of the Expense betwixt making the entrance at the West front, and that of raising the old Archway, as I should imagine there will be something very considerable – I am very sorry that nothing can be done to hinder the Lessees from working the Mines, as unquestionably we shall be very great Losers. If you will write to Sir H. Wilson as you always pay the interest from Newcastle and say if he will appoint some person to receive the interest you will pay it when due, I don't know his Address. Young Mr. Silvertop has wrote to me as you said for leave to shoot, I could not well refuse him tho

I saw it was to <save> his own Moors. Cap[tai]n Thomas I know and have no objections to his taking a couple of days diversion. Mr. Bosville and the Lees are here. If Sir J. Trevelyan & Miss Trevelyan are with You, I beg You will make our best Respects to them, & we should be exceedingly happy in the Honor of their Company if they could make it convenient to take us en route to the South – All here beg to unite in their best Respects to Yourself and Family –

I am My dear Sir Most sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

11 Sep 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton Sepr. 11th 1797

My dear Sir,

I am very much obliged to You for Your information about the Disturbances in the North, I greatly fear there will be some more serious work yet before every thing is settled. I will order a Buck to be killed and sent to You, if You will be so obliging as to settle with our Friend Mr. Kit Blackett when it will suit You both, they are in as fine Condition as they will be in. I hope you found Mrs. Collingwood well. Mrs. Beaumont joins me in best Respects to her & Yourself. I am

My dear Sir

Yours most sincerely

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

25 Sep 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Dated on cover of letter.]

Monday

My dear Sir,

Enclosed I send You a letter I got this Morning from Mr. Wilson, he appears to think nothing on our part has been done and altho' he employs Mr. Williamson, as he says in the last letter I sent You, he does not approve of our proceedings. I will thank you to answer his Letter as you are upon the Place you can inform him more than me. I have by the Coach today sent You half a Buck which I hope will prove a good one, and meet the Approbation of my Friends of the Buffaloe Club. Mrs. Beaumont is not as yet confined but we are in daily expectation of it. I fear Lord <Malmsbury> return will hurt the sale of Lead.

I am My dear Sir

Most sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

[Addressed to JEB in Morpeth]

26 Sep 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

My dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform You that Mrs. Beaumont was Yesterday brought to Bed of a Daughter, and am very happy to say that She & the Child are as well as can be expected. I purpose being at the <Gill> on the tenth next Month, I will thank You to mention it –

I am My dear Sir

Most sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

Bretton

Sepr. 26th 97.

27 Sep 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

My dear Sir,

Enclosed I send You a letter from Sir H. Wilson, I told him the Money should be procured as soon as possible, the Deeds were in Your Hands & I would write to you, I don't know whether he is entitled to the Money, or it is vested in trust for the Children. I am happy to say Mrs. Beaumont & the Child are very well.

I am My dear Sir

Yours most sincerely

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

Wednesday 27th 1794

29 Oct 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton Octr. 29th 1797

My dear Sir,

I purpose sending my Steward Tweedale over to Hexham to see the Buildings and to speak to Mr. Johnson & the Plaisterers, he has some plans of Cornishes &c, he will leave this in the Morning and will be at Newcastle on Tuesday & will have the Honor of waiting upon You when he arrives. I will be much obliged to You to send the enclosed by the Post to Mr. Bell. Mrs. Beaumont unites with me in best Respects –

I am My dear Sir

Most sincerely yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

7 Nov 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Novr. 7th 1797.

My dear Sir,

On the other side I send You the Decision of the Business of Stackpool finally settled. I have the pleasure of both Your letters, & I sent Your enclosure to Mr. Coutts. It would have given me very great pleasure to have had the Honor of attending at the <Veaders/Recorders> Club, to have met some many of my Friends, but shall hope another time to be more successful. I have this morning seen Mr. Long at the treasury Mr. Rose being out, he informed me that Mr. Pitt intended to lay a Tax on all kinds of Ore, not he thought in its raw state but when smelted. In fact no mode as yet of laying on the Tax has been properly digested he said he would speak to Mr. Pitt & as soon as any plan or Idea was drawn out he would let me see it, & you may depend upon it I will not delay sending it to You. I sincerely hope you will benefit by the Waters –

I am My dear Sir

Most sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

I am happy to say Mrs. Beaumont & the Children are all well.

Copy

Mr. Wilson's respectful Compts. to Col. Beaumont, he call'd to acquaint him that the Cause with Stackpool was heard & finally decided on Thursday last, & is happy to inform him that the Chancellor has ordered 1200£ Per Anm for Mrs. Stackpool's allowance between Sir Thos. Blackett's Death & her Marriage amounting to £1936.3s. instead of 500£ pr. An. proposed by the Master wch. with 1764. 3s. 2d. Received by Mr. Stackpool from Mrs. Stackpools Bankers on his marriage making altogether £3700. 6s. 2d. had ordered to be deducted from the £4500 paid by Colonel Beaumont to Mrs. Stackpool, for three half yearly payments of the Annuity before her Marriage, & Col. B. is to pay Mrs. Stackpool the Ballance being only £799. 13s. 10d. – as to the Debts owing by Mrs. Stackpool at the time of Her Marriage his Lordship would not meddle with them. Mrs. Stackpool might pay them if she chose, or the People might get them as they could -

8 Nov 1797 Diana Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton Novr. 8th 1797

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to hear by Tweedale that it is on account of your Health you are now at Harrowgate, & hope you will receive much benefit, if you will not consider the Journey

too long at this Season of the Year, it will give me great pleasure to see you at Bretton. I have two Young Ladies to introduce to your Acquaintance I think you have only seen my Boys; Col: Beaumont's return is I fear uncertain tho' he writes that he hopes to be with me in a fortnight or 3 Weeks.

I am very distressed to find things have been carried on so extremely wrong at the Abbey, from Tweedale I have been informed of all particulars, Mr. Newton must have been out of his Senses the whole time, for No one that was not deranged in his Mind could possibly have ordered and conducted the Business as [he] has done, Colonel Beaumont & myself must lament that we were not informed of his Situation, every thing is done contrary to what we order'd & from the beginning it appears he must not have been himself, & his Son quite incapable; Tweedale informs me Miss Newton imagined there must have been a Paper signed by Col: B. & her Father, & that he was Building it by Contract, you know we never had an Idea of the kind, Mr. Newton ought not to be allowed any consideration for his foolish plans wh[ich] evidently were done out of this Senses or for the useless Journeys of his Son, I imagine the Gentlemen have been properly instructed in these particulars who are to be the Arbitrators –

I remain Dear Sir Very sincerely yr. most Obedt.

D Beaumont

14 Nov 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Novr. 14th 1797 –

My dear Sir,

Enclosed I send You a letter from Mr. Bell stating his Opinion about the work done at the Abbey, under the present situation of the Health of Mr. Newton I really think it would be much better to finally settle with him, as at present there does not appear any necessity for an Architect, and he never can be able himself to attend. I have wrote to Mrs. Beaumont by this Post. I hope that the dispute about Harehop Mine is getting forwards with.

I am my Dear Sir

Most sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

10 Dec 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Decr. 10th 1797.

My dear Sir,

Mrs. Beaumont had the Favor of Yours, and we should most certainly wish to have everything settled respecting Mr. Newton's Business, as it would be impossible to continue him any longer in the carrying on the work, for should another illness seize him, and He should then not have arranged everything we should be then still worse. I

am happy to say that Mrs. Beaumont & the Children are all very well. She unites with me in best Respects –

I am My Dear Sir

Most sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

14 Dec 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Decr. 14th 97.

My dear Sir,

Mrs. Beaumont was favoured with Your Letter, I can't conceive that Mr. Newton can claim in any degree that an Agreement was entered into, he produced a paper of Calculations but they did not in any degree tend to make any binding contract. I think You are perfectly right in discharging Mr. Newtons people both in Newcastle & Hexham, that things may be brought to some issue with him. Both Mr. Cockshutt & Mr. Cotton are alive & very well & the Will was proved at Yorke. No mention was made at all of Mr. Newtons having any of the materials to me, they appear to want to claim a contract – What is said about the <Assessed> Taxes here they don't go down? I am happy to say that Mrs. Beaumont and the Children are all very well. She begs to unite with me in best Respects to Mrs. Collingwood and Yourself.

I am My dear Sir

Yours most sincerely

Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

15 Dec 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Undated but annotated on reverse December 1797. JEB's letter of 19th Dec refers to letters from Col Beaumont on the 14th and 15th Dec. This must be the letter of the 15th]

My dear Sir,

I have the Favor of your letter this Morning. It will not be convenient at present to let Tweedale go over to the Abbey but as the Business is to be referred to Mr. Ebden & Mr. Stephenson Mr. Bell can settle the matter with them two Architects, as it is a matter that lays between themselves in their professional line and as referees. As to the continuing of Smith the foreman of Mr. Newton to carry on the business I can't see how that can be done, for as long as he continues servant to Mr. Newton he may think he is still employed by me and be giving him some directions. Mr. Newton should not charge for every Journey he & his Son made to Hexham for he gave them no plan to work by, and was going very often over there. I have by this post wrote to Mr. Bell, to desire he will

settle any arrangement with Mr. Ebden & Mr. Stephenson – I am happy to say Mrs. Beaumont and the Children are all very well. She unites with me in best Respects –
I am My dear Sir
Yours most Sincerely
Tho. Rd. Beaumont,

29 Dec 1797 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Marked on cover of letter with the date December 29th 1797.]

My dear Sir,
I have the Favor of Yours this Morning, and with respect to Mr. Herons Bill, I thought everything that had been done would have been settled previous to Sir Thomas Blackett's Death, and as to anything that has occurred since, I concluded would have been settled by You, as to Mr. Wilson having been paid by me 200 Guineas, I can't at this moment say how much he has received as I have not the Bankers account by me, but he has been employed as a professional Man & has paid for the writs of the Elections, that all his Bills might perhaps have amounted to that Sum but as any <gift> for that purpose solely he never has had that Sum, by reference to the Bankers Book. You will certainly see that I should wish Mr. Herons account to be settled as it is of too long a standing – I am happy to say Mrs. Beaumont & the Children are all very well. She unites with me in best respects with the Compliments of the Season.
I am My dear Sir
Most sincerely Yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

10 Jan 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton Jan. 10th 98

My dear Sir,
I have the Favor of Yours and as Mr. Ebden & Mr Stephenson the two Gentlemen fixed upon for the Business to be referred to will meet. As you are fully acquainted with all the transactions that have passed You can relate to Mr. Ebden all the circumstances that have happened, and when they have given their Opinions I should wish to see them. You knew that no Agreement was made with Mr. Newton, & I think his Son ought not to be paid for his journies as he did nothing when he went to Hexham. We are just setting off for Town where we hope to be on Saturday next. Mrs. Beaumont unites with me in best Respects.
I am My dear Sir
Yours most sincerely
Tho. Rd. Beaumont.

25 Jan 1798 Bishop Durham to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Mongewell, Wallingford Jan 25 1798

Dear Sir,

It has been intimated to me that many of the Proprietors of Lands in Weardale are desirous of an inclosure. The idea meets with my fullest approbation from a conviction that the greatest benefits will result from the carrying it into execution both to the individuals concerned, & to the county at large from bringing into cultivation such an extent of unproductive soil. I should hope that it will appear to you & Mrs Beaumont in the same light. If it does, you will have the goodness to signify to me your consent to the division as a general measure; not binding you to any specific terms, which may be adjusted in the prosecution of the business.

Mrs Barrington's best comp[liment]s accompany mine to Mrs Beaumont & yourself.

I am Dear Sir, with much regard, your faithful servant

S Dunelm

26 Jan 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

My dear Sir,

Enclosed is a letter this day received from the Bishop of Durham and wish you would give me your opinion upon it, I think that this certainly is not the time for so very great an undertaking as what he mentions, & I think it would meet with peak opposition. The Miners Galloways and petty Sm[all]holders I think would be very much affected by it. In your Favor of the 19th inst you mention having paid to Messrs Surtees on the 17th Bills amounting to 34348 £ in a letter from them they credit me for 20981 £. but since their letter was wrote there is a mem[oran]dum, that they have paid 1500£, which was my drafts for the <...>, which will reduce that sum to 19481. therefore including the Bill you have sent adding the two sums together amount to 53829. that I hope we shall not find any difficulty to make up the Pays in May. I had the pleasure of seeing Mr Davidson of Harpin <Street> this morning he told me he had been buying some Lead of Lancasters & he want more as the Ports of Hamburgh are not shut. I hope yet we shall be able to make another sale. I have not heard from Mr Bell but am sure I shall in due course. I sent your letter to Mr Blackett as also that to Mr Makepeace. I am happy to say Mrs Beaumont and the children are all very well. She writes with me in best respects. I am my dear Sir, most sincerely yours Tho. Rd. Beaumont

23 Feb 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: undated but annotated in JEB's hand on cover as received on 24 Feb 98]
Portman Square

My dear Sir

I have the favor of yours this morning, and the Bishop of Durham called upon me to say he will write this Post to Mr Pearson, saying that he should wish you Mr Heron himself & Mr Moffat should have a meeting and consider what would be the proper steps to be taken & the claims to be made previous to a general one being called. I think that a number of people will claim the Right of Freehold without having any first claim, & when your consulting together you might be able to form some opinion whether it would answer to have an Inclosure proposed to the Public. at any rate, I think in the present state of affairs this would not be the time to agitate the Business. You will please to arrange with Mrs Ebdon. Mrs Beaumont & the Children are all very well, she writes with me in best respects.

I am My dear Sir, Most sincerely Yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

10 Apr 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: undated but annotated in JEB's hand on cover as received on 11 Apr 98]

Portman Sq

My dear Sir

I have this day paid into the hands of Messrs Barkclay & Co £3368-5s-6d on account, to be placed to the Credit of Messrs Surtees and Burdon. I am very happy to find that every thing will be in readiness about the Pays. I greatly fear that in this juncture of Affairs that it will hurt the Lead Trade very much. I will be much obliged to you to say what you think will be expected of me to give as a voluntary subscription my assessed Taxes will come to near 2000£, it cannot be expected for me both to subscribe in North'd & in Yorkshire. I should not wish to be thought remiss nor would I wish to appear ostentacious. I hope you will find Benefit by the change of air. we are going tomorrow into Kent for a few days. I am sorry that <Will> your Servant is indisposed. Mr & Mrs Lee are come up to Town for a little time and are with us. They beg to write with us in best respects to Mrs Collingwood & Yourself.

I am dear Sir yours most sincerely
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

[annotated notes by JEB:] writ of Winlaton Contribn Sales

1 May 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

May 1st 1798

My dear Sir

Enclosed is a letter I have from a Mr Fairly. It appears to me to be an affair which I should not answer without consulting you upon it. Mr Bell thinks it of consequence <for> he declines saying anything on the Subject. I shall be much obliged to you to enquire into the matter & to write to Mr Bell on the subject. I don't think this is the time for purchasing, unless it is a thing of very material importance, and what he has to sell from the nature of the <soil>, was it judged to be of material benefit could not I think be of any great consequence as to the value. There is no news in Town today . There has been a report, but it did not gain much ground that Guernsey & Jersey are to be attacked.

Mrs Beaumont joins me in best respects.

I am my dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours

Th. Rd. Beaumont

12 Jul 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

July 12th 1798

My dear Sir

I have the Favor of yours and since we came down We have been at Harrowgate & almost constantly upon the <Wing>. we purpose setting off for Newcastle on the 22d inst. We are to stop a day with Sir B. Milbank and at Rookby. I am sorry the lead Trade is so very slack, but there is not much prospect of a greater Demand, and as so much lead is upon Sale, we are perfectly satisfied the sales you have made are certainly very right and proper, as it is absolutely neces[s]ary some sales must be made. I am sorry to say that the report of Mr Cockshutt's Death is too true. He died above two months since. I have very great satisfaction in saying Mrs Beaumont & the Children are all very well. We came over here upon a visit to Mrs Lee. Mr Lee is incamped in <Holderness>, & tomorrow we are going to see Wentworth who is now Bathing at Burlington. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in respects to yourself & Mrs Collingwood.

I am, My dear Sir Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

27 Aug 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Ballinalloch August 27th 98

My dear Sir,

We arrived here last night after passing some days at Blair with the Duke's family, who I think are the most pleasant people I ever met with, their attention makes every thing so affable & without any the least Form. We found here some Gentleman & Ladies of

the General's relations very pleasant, & agreeable society, and the place very <healthy> he keeps an excellent House; enclosed I send you a letter from Mr Dixon, he spoke to me about the candles which I understand he supplied in past for the Mines, he entered into some particulars, that his <Amours> might have given offence for his continuance, but that as to Business he had always had been attentive to give satisfaction, that his affairs had been a little deranged, but that some sale either had or would be made which would settle every thing. I told him I would speak to you about it, but not having an opportunity we did not I believe settle about it. As I am confident you will act in the most proper manner you judge best for the interest of the Miners in this occasion, was my reason for enclosing you his letter, & requesting of you to speak to him on the occasion, as I shall not write to him. It is our intention as I am one of the Stewards for Morpeth Races to make a point of attending there, altho' from the advertisement I have seen they begin on Friday the 21st Sept which [1-2 words missing] strange as Sunday will intervene. <I will> be much obliged to you if you could procure lodgings for us for the time, we had an offer of being at Sir M: <Ridleys> but in Mrs Beaumont's present situation it would be too much for her. She beg to write with me in best respects to Yours & Mrs Collingwood
I am My dear Sir Most sincerely yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

We propose remaining about ten days here and then moving but I will have the pleasure of writing to you again

Elgin, August twenty seventh 1798

13 Sep 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Perth Sepr 13 98

My dear Sir,

I have the favour of yours and we are much obliged to you for the use of Mrs Collingwood's House. I hope that it is not on our Account she is so obliging as to give up her staying over the Races, we purpose being at Edinburgh tomorrow and shall stay Saturday and go to Admiral Rodhams on Monday, & will thank you to desire mrs Collingwood's maid to have the Beds ready for us on Tuesday evening. We left Lord Adam Gordons this morning where we arrived on Tuesday Evening, we passed a very pleasant day with him and he has a most beautiful place, and an excellent House, we found Lord <Luign/Luyn> his Son Mr <Meluke> & Colonel Imrie, his Lordhsip made many kind enquiries as did also Colonel Imrie after You & the Family, we should have stayed on another day but Morpeth Races are fixed two days earlier than were mentioned to me. I am very sorry for the loss of poor Straker, I did not think him so near his end. I will be much obliged to you to tell young Crawhall to send my letters to

Morpeth. I hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing you during the Races. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in respects to yourself & Mrs Collingwood.
I am My dear Sir Most sincerely yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

14 Sep 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Edinburgh Sepr 14th 1798

My dear Sir,
We are this moment arrived safe & well from our Tour, which we have passed very pleasantly. I have by this post wrote to Bretton to have a Buck killed, I hope it will prove good. I fear it will require a good deal of Wine to get it down. I beg you will present my Compliments to the Brethren of the Buffalo, & had I been favored with your letter sooner it would have met with their Approbation much better. Mr Beaumont unites with me in best respects to Mrs Collingwood & Yourself.
I am My dear Sir Most sincerely Yours, Tho. Rd. Beaumont

1 Oct 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to Henry Errington

[Note: Copy included in this collection is in JEB's hand]

Bretton 1st Oct 1798

Sir

I had the honour of your letter which I would sooner have replied to had I not been on a tour in Scotland where your letter followed me.

I am informed that some years ago Sir Edward Blackett had a promise from the late Sir Thomas Blackett of a Lease of Longage & Wall fell Colliery at the expiration of the Old Lease that Colliery being contiguous to his Estate & Lead Mine at Fallowfield which Promise on Application being made to me previous to the receipt of your letter I confirmed on which account I hope that you will excuse me for not complying with your request.

I have the Honor to be

Sir Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

T.R.B

Henry Errington Esq.

9 Oct 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

October 9th 1798

My dear Sir,

Enclosed is a letter I have just received from Mr Bell, and I will be much obliged to You to give me Your Opinion what should be done about it. I have wrote to Mr Bell to have his Sentiments upon it before I give an Answer.

I am My dear Sir Most sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd Beaumont

19 Oct 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Donkin

[Note: copy in another hand]

Newcastle 19th Oct 1798

Sir

I received your letter of the 16th Inst the contents of which I communicated to Sir Edward Blackett who is not a little surprised to find that it has been represented to Mr H Errington that his Application for the Lease of Longage Colliery was not for the Convenience of his own Concern But for the purpose of excluding Mr Errington and accommodating Mr Tulip or some other person wh[ich] is void of truth. And I am much surprised to hear what you say respecting Mr Tulip as he must be very sensible that Sir Edw[ar]d Blackett had made Application Not only to Col[o]n[el] Beaumont but likewise to the late Sir Tho[ma]s Blackett for a lease of that Colliery at the expiration of the Old Lease. Col[o]n[el] Beaumont has accordingly acquiesced with his request and a lease will be granted to him accordingly.

Sir Your Humble Servant

T.R.B

Mr John Donkin

26 Oct 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Cusworth Oct 26 '98

My dear Sir

I have received a letter this morning here from Mr Bell wherein he mentions, that Mr John Donkin agent for Mr Henry Errington had called upon him on the 22d inst. I had bid him 200£ a year for the Collieries (St. John Lee & St Oswald) on behalf of his Master, which he desired I might be made acquainted with. As you had wrote to Mr Bell to know when the Leases expired, I thought best to send you what offer had been made him. We shall return home tomorrow. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in best respects.

I am My dear Sir, Most sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

30 Oct 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton Hall Oct 30th 1798

My dear Sir

I have the Favor of your letter respecting my applying to the Lord Chancellor in Favor of Mr <Mewburn> for the Living of Felton. I had wrote to the Chancellor at the time I was favored with Yours or should have been very happy to have made the Application I have wrote to Mr <Mewburn> about it. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in best respects.

I am My dear Sir

Most sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

4 Nov 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

November 4th 98

My dear Sir

I have considered a good deal about purchasing of the Land Tax, & should be glad to purchase mine both in Northumberland, & here. But I fear I shall find some difficulty in raising the money for there will be so much land brought into the Market that we shall not be able to find purchasers, could I raise the Money to buy stock, or could I get anyone to lend me some stock, I would immediately buy my land Tax. I go up to Town on the 17th inst to the meeting of Parliament, Charles Brandling comes here& we go up together. We have a party come here tomorrow, the Lees & some others it is Wentworth's Birthday. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in best respects to Mrs Collingwood & Yourself.

I am My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

7 Nov 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Nov. 7th 98

My dear Sir

I observe by to days Newcastle papers that You have subscribed to the Widows of the Men who so honourably fell in Ad. Nelson's Victory. I will thank you to put my Name down either for 10 or twenty Guineas as you may think the most Proper, as I see the Gentlemen in general have subscribed.

I am My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

5 Dec 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Undated but annotated 5th Dec 1798 on cover in JEB's hand]

My dear Sir

Enclosed is a letter I have just received from Sir H Wilson Kt. I have given no Answer to it, but will thank you to do it, & give him such as it deserves. I most certainly should wish to purchase my Land Tax & from the Calculations you have sent me, the sum you mention required is £1537. when I get up to Town I will purchase that sum into the 3 p Cents. at the same time I will thank you to write to Mr Bell to know what the amount would exactly come to. I have had the pleasure of seeing Mr Collingwood, who I think looks very well. We purpose setting off early in the Morning. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in best respects to Mrs Collingwood and Yourself.

I am My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

Enclosed is Bill I will thank you to pay & the other is an Account of Wine sent to Hexham, which I shall be obliged to you to <let> Mr Crawhall inquire about.

[cover:] Wakefield December 5th 1798

J.E. Blackett Esq., Green Dragon, Harrowgate

13 Dec 1798 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

My dear Sir

Enclosed is a letter w[hi]ch Mr Burdon gave me respecting Mr Healls affairs, I will thank You to give me Your Opinion on the Matter. As the sale of the Land Tax is put off for some time longer, a more accurate account may be made out than in a hurry. It appears to me that a Bill which has passed will affect a certain description of people in this Country, & I fear will cause some inconveniences, that is that when One Pound notes, the immense circulation of Notes <of 5s> & 10s-6d in Yorkshire are really a great inconvenience to the Country in general, & I fear will be of very bad tendency. I perfectly agree with you that Sir H. Wilson's letter was very ridiculous but what can You say to a man like him, he is totally ignorant of what he has stated but only <gives> it in the manner in which it was mentioned to him. As the 25th of this Month now approaches, it will be necessary that some steps should be taken about the Colliery <Sir Ed.> I hope has made up his mind about it. as some decisive Answer should be given to Mr Errington who I must see very soon, as he as well as my self are anxious for a

decision You can have no doubt that every preference w[o]uld be given to Sir Ed[ward] Blackett. Tomorrow is the day fixed for Mr Pitts motion about the tenth of income, as Mines will be materially affected in that, I will thank you for your Opinion on that head, as on a former occasion when that was suggested you wished to have some <previous> notice upon what Grounds they [word missing] to act upon. I am now going down to <the> House on the Land Tax Bill. I hope you excuse haste as I have been on <N[orthumberlan]d Business.

In haste, most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

4 Jan 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

My dear Sir

I have this morning seen Mr Hammersly the Banker, who I presume has some active part in the Sale of Mr Benfield's concerns. He told me his House which I wrote to You about, is valued at 25,000£ we are to see it to morrow, and are to have the <first> Refusal, what the selling price is, I can't say, he said part would be expected to be laid down, & perhaps the other might be so arranged as to accommodate each party. I will to morrow write You word of the terms that You may be enabled to judge whether it will be judicious for us to make such a purchase. There does not seem to be a more favorable opportunity likely to offer, for if a peace should come all things will rise, & I hope lead amongst the rest. We are now paying a heavy rent for our present House, & have only it for a Year. There is no news at all to day. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in best respects to Mrs Collingwood & Yourself.

I am My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

25 Jan 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Jan 25th 99

My dear Sir

I have very great pleasure in informing You that Mrs Beaumont has this Morning presented me with a Son, I have great Satisfaction in saying that both She & the dear Babe are as well as can be expected. I will be much obliged to You to let it be inserted in the Newcastle papers. I send you a letter from Mr Hind, he is determined not to loose sight of any opportunity of offering himself. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in best respects to Yourself & Mrs Collingwood

I am, My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Your.

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

28 Jan 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Undated letter but the Revd George Busby, master of Hexham Grammar School, died on 27th Jan 1799: M.A.Richardson, The Local Historian's Table Book, Vol II, (1842) p.409]

H[ouse of] C[ommons].

My dear Sir,

In a letter from Mr Bell today he informs me of the Death of Mr Bushby in Confidence, I ask You whether You think the Brother of <Kit> Blackett, Mr Fleming of Houghton Le Spring, who keeps a School would be a proper person to succeed to the Curacy. He being well qualified as a Schoolmaster for to Serve the purpose, & I should hope the Trustees for the School would have no objection in case such Appointment should take place to give up the School to him he having had a very good one before, & they having so much complained of being ill served. None of the Party being apprised nor any application being made to me of my thoughts on the matter no disappointment can arise, but do You think that Mr Fleming would give up his School for the chance of Hexham. Enclosed I send You a letter from Mr Tweedale which I will thank You to answer as soon as possible, I am now in the Committee Room & Mr Pitt is up on this Grand Question.

I am My dear Sir Most Sincerely Yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

I have great Satisfaction in saying that Mrs Beaumont & the Child are very well

1 Feb 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: undated but annotated 1st Feby 1799 in JEB's hand on cover]

My dear Sir

I have very great pleasure in saying that Mrs Beaumont & the Child are going on very well. I am very glad You have retained Mr Williamson he certainly is a very sensible clever man. When the Bill is brought into the House, who is the person who will bring it in. it must I suppose go into a Committee, when the Clauses there can be agreed upon, but previous to its being presented if you will let me know the Solicitors I can consult with them what steps they would have me take. We had a very long debate last night. I beg my respectful Compliments to Mrs Collingwood & Yourself. I am

My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours.
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

[cover:] J.E. Blackett Esq. Newcastle upon Tyne

13 Mar 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: undated but annotated 13th Mar 1799 in JEB's hand on cover]

H.Cm.

My dear Sir,

I have the Favor of yours this morning, and most sincerely do I hope that public confidence may again be restored in the County. I saw Mr J. <Surtees> yesterday in the park & was sorry to find he had not been able to succeed in procuring a sufficiency of <paper>. Makepeace has entirely finished all our plate, and says that the last Cake of Silver that was sent him has over paid his Bill, therefore unless you send him Silver on any other Account, You need not send him any more. I will get his Bill & send it to You. Pray what credit do you give to Mr Brown for Silver. I see by the papers that Silver is raised in value. I hope that the Banks will go on paying very soon & that the pays will be made this Week - in haste -

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

16 Mar 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

My dear Sir

I have the Favor of Yours this morning enclosing Mr Herons form for the Appointments to the Curacy of Hexham, I will see the Bishop of York on Monday about it. I should wish most certainly to Buy my Land Tax, in January I bought in 4000£ in the 3 p Cents, for which I got 7547£. 3s. 5d. by which means I could very easily transfer 1581£ 18s for my Land Tax. Do you think it would be better for us to pay the Income Bill in North[umberlan]d or in each County separate, as it can make no difference. As soon as the Bill has passed and been amended I send it You down immediately, it will be a complex affair, there have been so many alterations, and such a number of Clauses. I am happy to say Mrs Beaumont & the Children are all very well. She unites with me in best respects to Mrs Collingwood and Yourself.

I am My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

March 16th 99

22 Mar 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

My dear Sir

I have enclosed You the Ages of my Children, as the Bill has been amended I will send it You, I perfectly see the great perplexed state in which the Bill now stands and the Difficulty that must arise. I will have the pleasure of writing to You to morrow.

I am My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

Friday 22d 99

30 Mar 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

My dear Sir

By the last post I sent Mr Tweedale's accounts of Rents etc but he has omitted one Farm of 144£ per year which I have wrote about. Stanhope rates <8 %> for his Farm houses & 10 % for Cottages, how far he may be right I can't say but I am <sure he will> not exceed his valuation. But he will charge as much for the Reduction as any man can do. I have seen the Archbishop of York this morning and the Appointment of Mr Fleming will immediately take place. I am happy to say that Mrs Beaumont & the Children are all perfectly well. She unites with me in best respects to Mrs Collingwood & Yourself.

I am My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

March 30th 1799

11 Apr 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: Undated but annotated Apr 1799 in JEB's hand on cover. JEB's letter of 8th April mentioned the Land Tax schedule being sent on the 5th. Since 11th April was a Thursday this letter is given that date]

My dear Sir

I have the Favor of Yours, & I yesterday received the schedule of my Land Tax from you [struck out: Mr Bell] for the County of Durham. When I am to transfer the stock it shall be done immediately. You may depend upon it I will take no measures respecting the Hexham Turnpike Road until I hear again from You. I will tell Sir George what You say, about the Miners, it is one of his wild Ideas. In a letter from You dated 8th March you mention the Pays will amount to about £51,000 and that there was in Bills & Money 61202£. I have this morning had the offer of a most charming House, and the

price asked is 1200£. the Gentleman who has the House has <over run> the Constable and it must go. the terms of the Lease and other circumstances are such, that if they ans[we]r to what we have been told, will make it a prodigious purchase, as yet no one knows, the least the House is to be sold it is a sudden thing. I think the exigency of the Business will bring it lower. We are to have the particulars tomorrow or next day & will write You word. I am happy to say Mrs Beaumont & the Children are all very well. She unites with me in best respects to Mrs Collingwood & Yourself. I am My dear Sir
Most Sincerely Yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

Thursday

8 Jul 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

My dear Sir

I have the Favor of Yours of the 2nd and observe what You say about my Subscription to the Hexham Road & will be much obliged to You to put my Name down for 300£. As I shall so very soon have the pleasure of seeing You at Newcastle, where we propose being on Friday Sennight the 19th. I will not enter upon Mr Scrutons conduct about the Weardale enclosure Bill. In a former letter I think I mentioned to You my having £7547 in the 3 p cents which a part of might be transferred towards defray[ing] our Income Tax, provided You approved of the mode of payment. Mr Hardinge's claim I agree most perfectly with You is a <vast> deal too much and requires to be duly considered. as Mr Kit Blackett has made us an offer of his House we purpose going there on Friday Evening. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in best respects.
I am My dear Sir Most Sincerely Yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

July 8th 1799

12 Sep 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Burlington Sep[tembe]r 12th 1799

My dear Sir

I had the pleasure of writing to you yesterday. We are very happy to find that the Price of Lead is raised, and hope it will continue. I trust Mr Hunter will use every Exertion in getting the Lead down as fast as possible, and carry forward the Works at the Several Lead Mills with Briskness. It most certainly would be advisable should the Executors of Mr Newton's Family intend to Contest the Affair of their Account, to give up one half the Amount, and a full discharge for the remainder. Mr <Sowton> has given a satisfactory reason for why the Bill did not pass in its former manner, & seems to have

attended to it, by opposing the Clauses being left out. Should any other enclosure be mentioned to me I will give the Answer you mention to me in Yours of the 6th. I am happy in saying that the Sea air and bathing has been of very great use to the Children, & that they and Mrs Beaumont are very well, She unites with me in best respects.

I am My dear Sir
Most Sincerely Yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

We propose leaving this on Wednesday next for Bretton

11 Nov 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton Hall, Novr 11th 99

My dear Sir

At the time I rec[eived]d Your letter in town respecting the purchasing of the Land Tax I did not see it in the light I do at present or should most undoubtedly have made the purchase on the Spot, Tweedale has not made out his Estimate as yet, when he has I will settle with the Commissioners here, as I shall have the Land Tax to pay for Weardale, had I not better send a Power of Att[orne]y up to Messrs Barclay for the Money I have in Stocks; & then he can replace the 2622 which will be bought by Messrs Surtees. I am exceeding concerned for giving you so much trouble, and very much hurt at my own want of attention, it was at the time I was ill, and I was great taken up about my <Rgt> as it was just landed and not settled. I hope it will make no material difference. I have sent the redemption Contract to Messrs Barclays

I am my dear Sir
Most sincerely yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

15 Dec 1799 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton Hall Decr 15th 99

My dear Sir

I have just received the enclosed letter this Morning, and shall acknowledge the receipts of his, and tell him I have sent it to You, as I know nothing of the transaction. As the Demand is of such a magnitude, I think perfectly with You, it is highly proper to consult Mr Williamson & Mr Heron on the Subject, as She has employed a Gentleman of the Faculty to proceed for her. I have also enclosed You a letter from Mr Bell concerning the Meeting about the Road at Hexham, and will thank You for Your opinion how I should act upon it. I am happy to say Mrs Beaumont and the Children are all in good Health and Spirits, She begs to unite with me in best respects.

I am My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

9 Jan 1800 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton Jan[uary] 9 1800

My dear Sir

I have the Favor of yours and shall be much obliged to you when you send to Mr Bowns the Accounts to write him word when they will arrive. inclosed is a letter from Mr Ruddock respecting a farm which he does not seem satisfied about, I will write to him and will say I have referred the matter to you, and will thank you to give him an Answ[er]. We purpose setting off for Town to morrow morning & hope to arrive there on Sunday or Monday next. I am happy to say Mrs Beaumont and the Children are all very well & in high Spirits. She begs to unite with me in best respects, I am My dear Sir,
Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

Please to direct to No. 35 Portman Square

22 Apr 1800 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

April 22nd 1800

I have made all the enquiry I can, not only at my Agents but with many mercantile Houses, and they say there has been a rumour about the calling in of the Silver but they don't think there is any foundation for it. However, I think that Messrs Surtees ought to furnish more gold, and less Silver. I am happy to say Mrs Beaumont & the Children are all very well. She unites with me in best respects.

I am My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

13 May 1800 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: undated but annotated May 1800 by JEB on cover. Reference to '12th inst' and that it was written on a Tuesday suggest a date of May 20th]

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure of Yours and I understood You had settled with Col. Bates for his House, Mrs B[eaumon]t and myself went on Monday out of Town to see my Son &

only returned in the Ev[enin]g the rent 6 Guineas a <Weeke> in Your letter of the 12th inst., you mention Col. Bates consents give up the Servant's Room that you mentioned, therefore I concluded You had arranged every thing. We shall be at Newcastle on the 28th in the Evening.

In haste, Most Sincerely Yours
Tho. Rd. Beaumont

5 O clk Tuesday

12 Dec 1800 Diana Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton December 12th 1800

Dear Sir,

I am favor'd with yours of the 5th & am really sorry that you should have so much trouble about the House in Northum[berla]nd St[reet]. I gave the Post you sent to Mr Brown, as he was the person that took the charge of every thing in the House, & deliver'd them up to Mr Lewis., (Gen[era]l Balfour[']s Servant) & each of them signed the list that all was right except[in]g a very few things that were specified, he has now wrote to Lewis respecting them , & requested Mr T. Crawhall might copy the list, the <Wind up Jack> that is named in the list you sent, Brown says was not once used, it was so bad it was not possible, & the <Smokers Jack>, he says he paid a great deal to put it in repair to make it of use w[hi]ch Sums he showed me in the Bills, this covering of <ye> Bed was not seen after Col. Bate's Housekeeper went away, but as it was in the list we enter'd on, our Servants should have taken care. she did not take things out of the House, it is only a trifle, & of course we must pay for it, the lamp & other things the Servants say were not broken for they did not on entering examine every crack in each article, the method you mention will be the best to have an indifferent Person to settle what ought to be done & what we should pay for the articles missing by the list signed by Brown & Lewis; we paid 18£ for the alteration of the Stable in the Croft; in any manner that you settle this we shall be satisfied & have done with Col. Bates, I am sorry for the credit of <ye> Army so Shabby a man should have belong'd to it.

I enclose a receipt from Mr Deakin who you will have the goodness to send to Mr Bell, it is on account of Cattle sent here by Mr Bell. Mr Bowns has this morning left me, he thinks we ought not to confirm the agreement made by Mr Bell, respecting Stublick Colliery & notice should be given to the People to desist working, & that it should be won by us under the direction of Mr Crawhall in the manner mentioned by Mr Cockshutt in his report, & when the lower seam is open'd or laid <dry>, then will be the time to <Lett> it, I don't understand Collieries that I may not express myself in proper terms, but you will comprehend my meaning, the agreement which Mr Bell proposed don't even mention the Lower Seam, w[hi]ch is the only one proper for our Works. Mr Bowns does not approve of our purchasing Mr Hunter's Estate as we must borrow the Money, if we had the Money it w[oul]d be different, but in the present state our

finances, he don't think it advisable, I will thank you to say we are obliged to Mr Hunter for the offer of it , & beg to decline it, Mr Bowns does not think the Dam being put in the Steel Hall Estate is any reason for our putting ourselves to the inconvenience of raising Money to purchase the Estate , he is of the opinion in case the Estate should be likely to be Sold, it should then be named to Mr Hunter, not as a thing of consequence but as his Father had done it of himself; before the Estate was Sold he should confirm it to our use as his Father intended, & no consideration to be offer'd, as it may be supposed that was settled between my Father & his, if any was thought necessary; I will keep the plan till you may want it. We hope you will press for the 900£ as soon as possible, or for the Bond bearing Interest, Mr Bowns says they <might> to feel much obliged to me for not demanding Interest for the Years past. He wishes Mr Foster to be again spoke to for the Money, & all arrears to be got that can possibly be procured, & all the Sums deposited in the Banks that you are able to obtain, for we are now paying Interest for a larger Sum than we ought , & Mr Bowns will have to draw for larger Sums soon, 1500£ for Mrs Lee & Mrs Stacpool & upwards of 1000£ to cover advances made for us in Yorkshire, & other Sums also I fear. Mr Bowns does not recommend our purchasing Mr Bosville's Land Tax & he thinks probably no other person may purchase it that we may have an opportunity, when we have more Money to spare.

I am just returned from viewing some Ironstone <Pitts> & have been five Hours on my Horse in incessant Snow & Rain, & in worse Roads than are to be found even about Allenheads, that I really write with some difficulty as my fingers are froze, & my faculties not the brighter for being completely soaked, I never take a Cold, & in Col. Beaumont's absence it is my Duty to be active for him, as he is serving his Country, he is by this time at Portpatrick, I hear from him daily, he is quite well, Six Troops of his Reg[imen]t are safe in Ireland without any accident, & the whole will be soon over now.

[End of letter. Lack of signature might indicate that another sheet was once present]

10 Jun 1802 Thomas Richard Beaumont to Bishop Durham

[Note: copy in JEB's hand]

London 10th June 1802

My Lord Bishop

I am informed that your Lordships Agents have lately made a Claim for Dues of Lead wrought in the Weardale Mines for some time past, a Claim which has surprised me much, You must be sensible that there is a Subsisting Agreement between your Lordship & myself for your one Ninth Dues which Agreement it is my Resolution to abide by.

I have the Honor to be with Great Respect
Your Lordships &c

Thos. Rd. Beaumont

Copy

19 Jun 1802 John Erasmus Blackett to Thomas Richard Beaumont

Morpeth 19th June 1802

Dear Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 10th inst.. enclosing copy of the Bishops letter to you, your answer to which was in my opinion very proper, for an interview with him could not answer any good purpose to you, & the less that you said on the business the better; the Bishop I have no doubt will be disappointed & highly displeased with your answer, he wished to have drawn you into a Compromise, or Reference, but Circumstanced as you are, that certainly was to be avoided: I can scarce think that the Bishops Lawman will advise him to bring the matter into a Court of Law, but should he be so ill advised, you must be prepared to meet him in which case it will be necessary that you should retain Council, Mr Wood & either Serg[ean]t Cockle or Mr Parks may be very proper Persons to be employed for you; I shall be at Newcastle early tomorrow morning, shall consult Mr Williamson & write to you by the following post. I am Dear Sir Yours JEB

Colonel Beaumont

8 May 1803 Duke of Northumberland to Thomas Richard Beaumont

North[umberlan]d House 8th May 1803

Sir

Being desirous of increasing the Number of Deputy Lieutenants for the County of Northumberland, for which purpose I shall send in some Names to His Majesty for His approbation, I could not think of so doing, without first desiring to know whether you will allow me to propose your Name for that situation. If I should have your consent, Sir, I must trouble you to enter your proper Qualification , for this office, with John Davidson Esq at Newcastle, the Clerk of the Peace for the County, as this Circumstance is required by Law to be inserted in the Body of Your Appointment. I have the Pleasure to be

Sir Your most obedient Serv[an]t
Northumberland

Tho. Rd. Beaumont Esq

10 May 1803 Colonel Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

May 10th 1803

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a letter which I have received from His Grace of Northumberland, & will be much obliged to You to let Thomas Crawhall give in my Name and Qualification to Mr Davison. At the same time he may inform Mr <Herde> the Clergyman at N[ew]Castle that the living of Shillbottle had been promised some time before I applied <for it>. I hope now we have got some warm weather your Influenza will leave you. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in best respects to yourself & Admiral & Mrs Collingwood

I am Dear Sir, Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

5 Jul 1803 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

We have the pleasure of your letter last night and am sorry for this unfortunate Event, but I hope in the end it will not prove very serious, enclosed I send You a letter I have received from Mr Burdon this morning, we were much concerned to find it had so very materially affected Your nerves. We shall remain here until the 12th when we return to Town. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in best respects.

I am My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

July 5th 1803

10 Aug 1803 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Aug 10th 1803

My Dear Sir

I observe by the morning post of this day, that the Duke of Northumberland has gone down to Alnwick, I will be much obliged to You to inform me whether it is imagined he will call a County meeting for the purpose of addressing his Majesty, if he should whether it will be necessary for me to attend, as I expect daily to be called upon to Town having offered my Services, & w[hi]ch I understand are excepted by H.R. Highness the Commander in Chief, Mr Beaumont wrote You very fully a few days since our anxious wishes to contribute to your case. She unites with me in best regards to Yourself & Mrs Collingwood.

I am My dear Sir Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

31 Aug 1803 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Aug 31st 1803

My dear Sir,

I have by this days Coach sent you half a Buck I hope will prove a good one, & enclosed I send You a letter from Mrs Beaumont, as she has wrote to Mr Burdon I don't think it will be necessary for me to say much to him, altho' I by no means think he has acted fairly to us nor in the manner I should have expected he would have done. I am going today to attend a meeting at Barnsley respecting the raising of the Volunteers. I shall settle my plans for the North when I have the pleasure of hearing from You.

I am My dear Sir,

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. B[eaumont]

4 Oct 1803 Colonel Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Tuesday 4th Oct[obe]r

My dear Sir

Mrs Beaumont & myself are much obliged by your kind congratulations and am happy to say that She & the Child are going on as well as I could wish, we are indebted to You for several letters during her confinement and are much pleased to hear of the Sales you have made I hope to hear of others soon. I thank you for the Statement of the Intrest, I <observe> to Bills in Bank due Dec[embe]r 4454£.11s.11d. which I <imagine> is the Bill in Morlands Bank as it precisely the same & due the 25th Oct[obe]r and not December as T. Crawhall states it. I don't observe the sum of 750 which you was to receive the 5th of <Oct> from the Iron Company being half the amount of the Bill Mr Bowns left with you having so very lately <smarted> from the Stopping of the Bank, I must own I feel alarmed about Morlands, but this much only to Yourself, a great rum is expected to take place upon them, as it is well known they are deeply concerned with Burdon, & the Stratford place Bank is removed into Pall Mall with Davison at their head, & will be most powerful opponents. Mr Davison told me yesterday that before he <entered> his name in the Firm his lawyer had examined their property & found their land was upwards of 53,000£ per An[num] & he showed me a receipt which he had paid in to the Bank for his Share for 165,000£. & from the very handsome manner in which he has behaved to us in offering us money at any time & to any amount I think we cannot do better than make use of their bank wch would be more disposed to accommodate us than Morlands either could or are disposed to do. If you recollect they even hesitated when Burdon stopped to let us have 2000£ at his request on our own Acct. if this Idea shd meet Your wishes & will let us know, we can speak to Mr davison on the Subject, & he will probably come forwards with the proposal, & I think we can

get very well off with Morlands, by saying how the very bad state of Burdons Bank, we may probably want a very large sum of money in may for our pays, & we apprehend they would not wish to assist us to that amount, & have therefore made other Arrangements without intending any disrespect to them – could there be any impropriety in my asking them for 4454£.11s.11d.& keeping it in my own possession until it becomes due, & then placing it in Davison's hands the remaining 1400£ I could draw out as I may have occasion for it which is all they have in their hands. I should be glad of Your Answer as soon as you can, as no time is to be lost with Regard to <M-de>. Mr Bosville is alarmed at what he hears & means to change when we do. Mrs Beaumont unites with me in best regards, to Yourself & Mrs Collingwood.

I am My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont

Mem[orandum]

In consequence of an advance of 20 to 50000£ for the month of May, a floating balance of ten thousand Pounds should always exist on the Accounts and every sum above that shall be entitled to Interest at the rate of four per cent we establishing a credit with a Newcastle Bank for this purpose and to issue to Your orders from time to time such Sums of Money as may be required by You, so that by such an arrangement you would be relieved of <multiple> accounts, having one only with us to be adjusted annually, & whatever Balance of Interest may be due, the Amount thereof to be earned to the Credit of Your Account on 31st Dec[ember] in each Year.

20 Nov 1807 Thomas Richard Beaumont to John Erasmus Blackett

Bretton Hall Novr 20th 1807

My dear Sir

I am extremely sorry that by the Bishops Management of this Cause your Evidence should be necessary to be given in London at so unseasonable a period of the Year. I beg to inform You that I have made proposals to the Bishop, that all Matters in dispute between us should be determined by an Arbitration, & if his Lordship should acquiesce in this proposal Your Evidence will then be given before the Arbitrators, instead of a publick Court.

I am, My dear Sir

Most Sincerely Yours

Tho. Rd. Beaumont