

1 Jun 1680 **Margaret Grey**

[Note: Undated. Finch was Lord Chancellor from 1675 to 1682. He was created Baron of Daventry in 1673 and then Earl of Nottingham in 1681. This document must therefore have been written between 1676 (the year of the events described) and 1681 (the year Finch became an Earl). The Chancery Court records at the National Archives show that the case was commenced in 1678 (TNA C 22/831/7), and that pleadings (statements) in the case were taken in Northumberland in 1680 (TNA C 10/495/81). This document appears to have been Margaret Grey's own copy of her statement submitted in that year. 1st June is used here

The case concerned a financial dispute with the Grey/Thorowgood family regarding the profits from mines. A later financial settlement of the court case, dated 10 May 1682, is also in Dukesfield documents. Other Chancery Court papers covering the case are in The National Archives under the piece references C 10/146/28, C 6/276/123.

The mines concerned are the Grand Lease colliery (Gateshead) and lead mines at Settlingstones and Haydon Field (Northumberland) and Grass Groves (Teesdale, County Durham). Shares in these were owned by Ralph Grey (husband of Margaret Grey) and James Briggs (husband of Agnes Briggs). Margaret and Agnes were sisters. When James died his eldest son, Roger, inherited his share of the mines; the younger Briggs children (Thomas, Robert, Katherine and Margaret) were supposed to receive portions of other money, leases etc. James's will of 1668 is given elsewhere in Dukesfield Documents. Agnes Briggs subsequently remarried to John Ellyson, but then died in 1674. Her children (except Katherine who was in London) went to live with their aunt and uncle, Ralph and Margaret Grey, so the families were still on good terms.

Roger Briggs then died in March 1673, leaving Katherine his sister as executrix. She returned to Newcastle in May 1674 and took control of the estate including the share of the mines. Around this time she married Robert Thorowgood of Kings Lynn. Although not mentioned in this document, Katherine's sister, Margaret Briggs married a John Thorowgood (see the 1687 financial settlement). Ralph Grey died in December 1676, leaving his wife in charge of his share of the mines and other assets as their son (also Ralph) was a minor. She passed the assets to her son in a document of 1687 (elsewhere in Dukesfield documents).

It seems that Robert Thorowgood and his wife alleged that the inheritance of the four younger Briggs children from their father Ralph had been diverted to their mother's second husband Ellyson and to Ralph Grey who had lent out the money in their own name. They also claimed that Ralph Grey had creamed off the mine profits after the death of Roger Briggs, before Katherine and her husband could regain control of their share. Margaret Grey counter-alleged that she was due money for upkeep of the Briggs

children when they were living with her, and that proper accounts had been kept at the mines, which Robert Thorowgood and Katherine had seen and not queried. The inheritances of the younger Briggs children had been settled, at least in part, with the agreement of Thorowgood. She claimed she was still owed the Grey share of profit from lead sold by Roger Briggs before his death.

The 1682 settlement of the case with two of the Briggs children, Margaret and Robert, involved a financial calculation of how much the Greys had spent in upkeep of the Briggs children, how much inheritance was still due to the Briggs children from their late father, and how much money had been spent on, and profits taken from, the mines by the two partners. The final calculation showed that Margaret Grey had to pay a little over £400 to each of the them. Presumably there was a separate settlement agreed with the other two Briggs children, Katherine and Thomas.

Interestingly, a John Thorowgood set up a cupella in the Mendips in 1686 to extract silver from lead: information from the Gore records at Somerset Records Office, as mentioned in

<http://www.chert.org.uk/Is%20this%20a%20deserted%20medieval%20village.pdf>]

To the Right Honoble Henege Lord Finch Baron of Daventry Lord High Chancellr of England. Complaineing sheweth unto yor Lordshipp your dayly oratrix Margaret Gray of the Towne & County of Newcastle upon Tyne widow & Relict of Ralph Gray late of the said Towne and County Marchant and Alderman And Admin[estri]x of the goods & chattels of the said Ralph Gray

That one James Briggs late of the Towne & County of Newcastle upon Tyne merchant being in his life time seized of Divers Lands & Tenem[en]ts in the County of Durham & Towne of Newcastle upon tine and also seized of a third part the whole in three parts to be devided of certain Lead mynes called the Grass Groves in the Great Comon of Theasdaile in the County of Durham and possest of a fourth part of certaine Lead Mines in certain Lands called Satlingstone & [haudonfleild] in the County of Northumberland held by the lease from some one of the late Earles of Northumberland nowe expired and of a twenty fourth part of certain Coale Mines called the Grand Lease Colleiry lying in the parish of Gateshead & Whickham in the County of Durham & of other personall estate consisting of Ready Money household stuffe & other goods & Chattells the certainty whereof yor oratrix knows not & the s[ai]d James Briggs being sick of the disease hee after died of made his last & Testament in writing & gave to Roger Briggs his oldest sonne the Lead Mines att the Grass Groves & the said other Lead Mynes & the said twenty fourth part of the said Grand Lease Colliery & gave severall leases & Portions to his fower younger Childeren (that is to say) to Thomas Robert Katherine & Margaret & made Agnes his wife & the s[ai]d Roger his oldest sonne Executors of his will as by the s[ai]d last will & Testament of the s[ai]d James

Briggs if yor oratrix had the same to showe to his Honoble Court would appeare And yor oratrix farther showeth that after the deat of the said James Briggs the s[ai]d Roger Thomas Robert Katherine & Margeratt lived with their said mother till she married Robert Ellyson of the Towne of Newcastle upon Tyne Marchant which was in about the month of – [left blank]

And Shee yor oratrix further sheweth that betwixt the time the said James Briggs dyed & her the s[ai]d Agnes her marriage with the said Robert Ellyson the s[ai]d Agnes Briggs & the s[ai]d Roger Briggs or the one of them lett out all Interest & otherwise all or the greatest of the ready money which the said James Briggs left at his death & took securityes for the same in their or one of their names out of which moneyes the younger childrens portions of the s[ai]d James Briggs were to be paid And the said the s[ai]d Agnes Briggs att her marriage with the s[ai]d Robert Ellyson took & Carried away with her A considerable parte of the personall Estate of the said James Briggs which never returned any more to the estate of the said James Briggs but the said Robert Ellyson has the same & the s[ai]d Roger Briggs & all the rest of the children of the said James Briggs [except] the said Katherine after the marriage of there s[ai]d Mother came to live with your oratrixes said Husband Ralph Gray yor oratrix being there mothers sister & the Katherine lives att London & the said Roger Briggs after his s[ai]d fathers death did manage the s[ai]d Lead Mynes & Colliery which weer left him & took an Accompt of the Lead wrought & Charges about working the same & what benefit they made thereby the Ralph Gray having alsoe a third parte of the s[ai]d Grass Groves & a fourth part of the s[ai]d other Mynes

And the said Ralph Gray was assistant to the s[ai]d Roger Briggs in what he could towards the managing his Lead Mynes & Colliery but never intermedled with any the Lead, which belonged to the said Roger nor oversold or disposed of the same or any parte thereof or took or received any money or other thing for the same & the said Roger Briggs afterwards made his will & thereby Gave to the said Katherine his sister since maryed to Robert Thorowgood of Lynn Regis in the County of Norfolk Marchent the moiety of the said Lead Mynes & made her Executrix of his will as by that will alsoe if yor oratrix had the same to show may appeare & the said Roger Briggs on or about the one and twentieth day of March in the yeare of our Lord 1673 died att your oratrixes house in newcastle upon Tine at which time the s[ai]d Katherine was at London & what money Bonds Bills Specialties deeds writings evidences Books of accompts & other accompts & papers which belonged to the said Roger or to the s[ai]d James Briggs & were in the possession of the said Roger at the tyme of his death were kept in a load & case of drawers till the s[ai]d Katherine came to Newcastle from London which was in the month of may in the year of our Lord 1674 & from the time of the death of the s[ai]d Roger till the s[ai]d Katherine came to newcastle as aforesade the said Ralph Gray managed the said Lead Mynes for the said Katherine & when the Katherine came to Newcastle from London she the said Katherine had & received from the said Ralph Gray all the money Bonds Bills & Securityes which the s[ai]d Roger

Briggs had at his death & all the James Briggs & the s[ai]d Roger Briggs their Books of Accompts concerning the s[ai]d lead mynes or any other Accompts of money lent or secured & which were then [supplied] soe the s[ai]d Katherine knew every penny of money the s[ai]d Roger Briggs had at his death & every bond bill specially or Security for money which he had at his death & the s[ai]d Katherine after the Death of the s[ai]d Roger & that she came to newcastle managed her estate herself took in and lett out money received Interest took securityes in her owne name & altered & did what she pleased with what money came to her hands either out of the personall or out of the said Lead Mynes & what profficts was made out of the s[ai]d Lead Mynes after the death of the s[ai]d Roger She the s[ai]d Katherine had and was p[ai]d to or for her use & by the Direcons & what proffictt the s[ai]d Ralph Gray received out of the s[ai]d Lead Mynes which belonged to the s[ai]d Katherine or other children or out of the other personal estate was laid & paid out for the s[ai]d Katherine & by her ordr & for charges about the s[ai]d Lead Mynes & for mainetaineing of her & the other children of the Agnes Briggs & hath been Accompted for by the s[ai]d Ralph Gray & an accomt given to him the s[ai]d Robert Thorowgood & Katherine his wife after there Intermarrage in or about the month of June in the yeare of our Lord 1676 which accompt was drawne out by the books papers & noates which he had of his owne & of the Stewards & persons imployed for the seeing & looking into the working of the said Lead Mynes the said Robert Thorowgood haveing been married with the s[ai]d Katherine about eight months & before the time of that Accompt which was given in June or July in the year of our Lord 1676 the severall particulars of the said Accompt as of receipts payments & disbursmts were made out of fully to the s[ai]d Robert Thorowgood & these very particulars notes papers & vouchers which the s[ai]d Ralph Gray & the s[ai]d other persons who were imployed in & about the s[ai]d Lead worke had & by which the same Accompt was made upp were delivered to the said Robert Thorowgood with the Accompt ittselfe which the said Robert Thorowgood & Katherine his wife or one of them still have & lately had & at that verry tyme when the s[ai]d accompt was stated & made there was an Agreem[en]t made betixt the said Robert Thorowgood & Katherine his wife and the said Mr Robert Ellyson the s[ai]d Agnes his wife being then dead after the death of the said Roger) Ralph Gray & other freinds settling out such securityes as were takeing by the said Agnes Roger & Katherine for money which belonged to the said James Briggs for makeing upp the porcons of the s[ai]d Katherine Thomas & Margaret left them by the said James Briggs by there said fathers will & there were severall of these bonds [& securityes delivered] to the said Robert Thorowgood for the said Katherine & Margaretts porcons & severall other of thoses securityes lef[t] in the hands of the said Ralph Gray for the porcons of the said Thomas & Robert & yor oratrix further showeth that the said accompt soe given as aforesaid was allowed & approved of by the said Robt Thorowgood & his said wife or one of them & they had noe manner of objections against the same nor overquestioned the said Ralph Gray whilst he lived about the said accompt or desired any other or fuller satisfactions concerning the same

And the s[ai]d Ralph Gray about the month of December after the making of the said accompt died Since whose decease yor oratrix took Admin[istra]tion of the s[aid] goods and Chattels of the s[aid] Ralph Grey her late Husband & did never imagine that the said Robert Thorowgood & Katherine his wife would have given your oratrix any trouble or brought any suites against her for any [of] the personall estate which belonged to the said James Briggs or to the said Roger Briggs or to the said Katherine Shee yor said oratrix haveing noe manner of way intermedled therewith or concerned herself therein butt now soe itt is may itt pleas yor Lordshipp that although the said Robert Thorowgood & Katherine his wife have all the books of accompts writings & papers which belonged to the said James Briggs & Roger Briggs or either of them & have all the books papers & Accompts which the said Ralph Gray or the said persons imployed about the said Lead works had and by which the said Lead accompt was made upp have all the bonds & securityes which were taken by the s[ai]d James Briggs Agnes Briggs Roger Briggs & Katherine Briggs or any of them for any money which belonged to them or any of them (exopt the said securityes which by the said agreement were deposited unto the hands of the Ralph Gray for the use of the said Thomas & Robert Briggs & have there agreem[en]t ittself in writeing & Cannot receive any fuller satisfaction touching the said accompt then they have had & can have if they will take the paines to look [at] the books papers & accompts which they have in there custody as aforesaid yett they the said Robert Thorowgood and Katherine his wife Imagining that there was greater advantage made of the lead Mynes then in truth there was & that the said Ralph Gray gott more for his own share then he should have had & that the said Roger & Katherine want a great parte of the profficts which the said Ralph Grey Gott as they alleadged alleadging that they never [was] any such disbursm[en]ts by the the said Ralph Gray about the said Lead mynes & otherwise as the said Ralph Gray in his said Accompt hath given into the s[ai]d Robert Thorowgood & alsoe vainely conceiving the personall estate of the said James Briggs was much much more than in truth it was [& takeing] the advantage that the said Ralph Gray who onely knew the truth of the [premises] & was able to make out the said accompts paym[en]ts disburse[m]ts is dead & that your oratrix his Relict is a Stranger to the same they the said Robert Thorowgood & Katherine his wife seeme mightily dissatisfied with the said accompt & would receive satisfactions from yor oratrix as to the same accompt & would have yor oratrix who is a meere stranger to the Said Ralph Grays receipts & payments about the said Lead Mynes [whilst] had managed the same for the said Katherine or had the keeping and maintaineing of the children of the said James Briggs & hath nott the least book paper or noate of accompt which belonged to the s[ai]d Ralph Gray in Relacon to the estate of the s[ai]d James Briggs Roger & Katherine or any of the children of the said James Briggs or any of them except a cobby of the said accompt to discover to the said Robert Thorowgood every particular of every Grosse Sume menconed in the said accompt & how such Sumes arise & for what & what payments were made in particular of the sumes mencioned in the said accompt to bee made & when & to [whom] & for what & soe to [preveall] all the particulars of the said accompt given in by the said accompt & if yor oratrix cannot doe the same

then they endeavour to make yor oratrix liable to make them satisfaction out of the personall estate of the said Ralph Gray & [layt end] have a suit depending in this court against yor oratrix & yor oratrix had Answered to the effect afores[ai]d & that she hath nott any books papers or accompts concerning the said Ralph Grayes managing the said Lead Mynes or any estate belonging to the James Briggs save the cobby of the said accompt & such other accompts as are annexed to her answeare to the bill of the said Robert Thorowgood & his said wife prosecuted yor oratrix in this Court & will make yor oratrix liable to pay many hundreds of pounds as they [petitioned] due to them from the said Ralph Gray when in truth there is nott one farthing due but they rather indebted to yor oratrix & they well know that if they would produce the books of the said James Briggs his personall estate was butt small & noe such estate as they alleadged & the widdow of the said James Briggs heryte & the Childrens portons was the totall of that estate & if they the said Robert Thorowgood & his said wife would produse the books of the said James Briggs & the said Roger Briggs it would playnely appeare what the personall estate of the said James Briggs & Roger Briggs were & if they the said Robert Thorowgood & Katherine his wife would produce the said books of accompts papers & other memorialls they had which belonged to the said James Briggs & Roger Briggs or either of them or the books of accompts papers & noates in writeing they had from the said Ralph Gray & the other persons imployed about the said Lead Mynes the particulars of the said accompt would playnely appeare & yor oratrix needed nott to be troubled to give any particular accompt how the Grosse Sumes or disbursements in the said accompt given by the said Ralph Gray arise & how the payments in the said accompt mencioned were made yett will nott they the said Robert Thorowgood or the said Katherine his wife confesse they or either of them have or hath any any [sic] of the said Books of accompts papers or memorialls but sue yor oratrix for them & runne her to great charge & expence of money & would if they could lay upon & charge yor oratrix with all the sumes & disbursials by yor oratrixes said Husband made & menconed in the said accompt given by yor oratrixes said Husband not allowing one of them true & neither they the said Robert Thorowgood nor the s[ai]d Katherine his wife or either of them will confesse what money yor oratrixes said Husband p[ai]d to the said Katherine Thorowgood [since] the death of her said Late father or to any other for her or by her direcion or appointment nor will the said Robert Thorowgood & Katherine his wife or either of them confesse the truth of all or any [of] the premisses though oratrix hath divers times in a fare & freindly manner required them thereunto & more especially the said accompts bein[g] by this honorable Court directed to be taken by Sr John Knt one of the M[aste]rs of this Court the said Robert Thorowgood & Katherine his wife insisted before the said M[aste]r that noe sumes charged by the said Ralph Gray as paid upon the accompt of the said Roger Briggs & Katherine his Executrix or the said Robert Thorowgood in relacon to the said Lead Mynes ought to be allowed to the oratrix unlesse shee cann make prooffe of the actuall payment, of such sumes, they well knowing, it is very difficult, if not impossible, for yor oratrix, to make puntuall proofes, of such actuall payment, But the said Robert Thorowgood & Katherine his wife well knowinge & beleiveing in their consciences &

having upon severall occasions declared that the said Ralph Gray was a very honest & punctuall man in his dealings & would nott charge any moneyes paid which had nott actually p[ai]d they ought to give credit to his Books & accompts by him Kept of such payments which they refuse to doe contrary to there [conscience] and more particulary whereas the s[ai]d Ralph Gray p[ai]d or delivered to the said Robert Thorowgood and his wife or order 100 piggs of Lead at £77:6s:5d & by one Woodrows bond £190 by Lead oare p[ai]d for the s[ai]d Robert Thorowgood £15 & by Cash paid to Richard Davey £12 & by Cash p[ai]d Mr Thorpe £8:9s:04d & by more cash p[ai]d to the Thorope £45 & by two yeares grasse wintering & Smiths note £10 & by legacies left by the said Roger Briggs by one yeare & halfe table of the s[ai]d Katherine before her marrige £25 & for the Tabling of the said Margarett Briggs £22:10s & for halfe a yeares table of the said Thomas Briggs £10 & by one yeares Table of the said Robert Briggs £10 & by cash p[ai]d to Mr Lilburne for advice about the writeings £6:6s:9d by cash paid Mr Lilburnes man for writeing them £5 & by cash p[ai]d to Mr Tempest Raine to draw up the accompt £6:6s and by Cash p[ai]d William Bowes as a third parte of <Wo. & si.e Quineyes> which the said Robert Thorowgood ou[g]ht to allow the said suit being defen[d]ed against the said William Bowes at this instance £36:13s:04d also £180:00s for Cloaths & [other] necessaryes for the pl[ain]t[iff] Katherine alsoe the sumes following p[ai]d by the said Ralph Gray upon accompt of the said Roger Briggs [paper torn – about two words lost] <Leadye> £11:2s for 44 piggs Mr £4:9s for a wigg sent over to the said Roger Briggs £3:11s:6d by Cash paid the said Roger Briggs by Mr Webb £6 for half Charges of 210 piggs of Lead sent by Mr Thorope £6:11:6p By Cash p[ai]d the Said Roger Briggs by Mr Wm Sanderson for halfe Lead £127:19s By Cash p[ai]d the deaneshipp which the s[ai]d Roger Briggs [received] £10:8s:4d To Mr Sayers by Mr Richardson £20 & more to Mr Say[ers] by the s[ai]d Richardson £2:10s: & by the said Roger Briggs mans diett & other things £32:10s all which last mencioned Sumes are char[g]ed as paid by the said Ralph Gray in his Almanackes & with his owne hand writeing upon the accompt of the said Roger Briggs as alsoe in the same almanacke there is charged £400 to be paid to [ar] payable by one malabar & the said Robert Thorowgood & Katherine his wife doe well know & are satisfied in there consciences & doe beleave that the said severall Sumes were paid or disbursed by the said Ralph Gray in manner aforesaid upon the respective accompts of the said Roger Briggs Robert Thorowgood & Katherine his wife Some or one of them & that the Sumes ought to be allowed accordinly Butt they contrary to all Justice & Equity refuse any such matter & more Especially as to the said £400 charged

10 May 1682 John Franklin

[Note: A report of a law case, with four appended schedules of account. See notes on the background to the case attached to Margaret Grey's statement in the case above. Franklin was a Master of the Chancery Court, ie. a court judicial official involved, amongst other things, with dispute resolution and adjudication]

[On title page:] Copy Report / Thorowgood & Gray

[In a modern hand:]

Margaret Gray/ 1682/ NRO 753/J

Date 10th die May 1682

Iuter Robertum Thorowgood et <... pl[ain]t[iff]> Quod Margareta Grey vi<...>:

Def<...>

In pursuance of two Severall orders one of the Twenty Seventh of February [..esimo] primo Carolus Regis and the other of the three and twentieth of February last I have beene attended by the sollicitors on both sides and have received my former Report dated the seaventeenth day of December last And doe finde that Ralph Grey late husband of the def[endent] margararett in his life time and the Def[enden]t margararett since his death have possessed themselves of and received the bonds securities sumes of money and personall Estate late of Roger Briggs deceased [mentioned] in the first Schedule hereunto annexed amounting in the whole to the Sume of Seaven Thousand Six hundred ninety & two pounds fower shillings and ten pence three farthings principall money And I alsoe finde that the defend[en]t and her late husband did pay the severall sumes of money [mentioned] in the Second Schedule hereunto [annexed] for Charges of workeing the lead in Question And for Kings and Queenes rents of the Same amounting in all to the sume of Five thousand Five hundred and ninety pounds three shillings and ten pence And I alsoe finde that the said Roger Briggs did in his life time pay for the charges of [ma]keing the Lead to severall sumes of money in the third Schedule hereunto annexed [mentioned] amounting to in all one thousand Four hundred twenty foure pounds twelve shillings and two pence Soe that the Defend[en]t, and her husband having paid more for and towards such charges then the Sayd Roger the sume of Fower Thousand one hundred fifty and five pounds & Eleaven Shillings and Eight pence. I have therefore allowed to the Defend[en]t according to [their] Interest in the Sayd Lead [mines] which is one moyety of the Same, one moyety of such overplus money paid by her and her Said husband being Two Thousand Eighty Two pounds ten shillings & seaven pence halfe penny And I have alsoe thought fitt to allow unto the def[enden]t the severall other sumes of money mentioned in the fowerth schedule hereunto annexed amounting to the sume of one hundred seaventy and three pounds one shilling and nine pence and which being Added to the sayd sume of Two Thousand Eigthy two pounds ten shillings and seaven pence half penny amounts in the whole to the sume of Two Thousand Two hundred Fifty and five pounds twelve shillings and fower pence halfe penny which being deducted out of the said Sume of Seaven Thousand six hundred ninety and two pounds foure shillings and ten pence three farthings there rested in the Defend[en]ts hands of the Estate of the Said Roger Briggs in June one Thousand six hundred Seaventy and Sixe the sume of Five Thousand foure hundred Thirty Six pounds twelve shillings and eight pence farthing principall money And inasmuch as by the order of the twentieth of Aprill [tricesimo

tertio Car Scdi] Robert Briggs who [...] Brother and John Thorowgood and Margaret his wife one of the Sisters of the Sayd Roger Briggs are at liberty to come in before me on the account and have their proportions of the said Estate of the Said Roger Briggs in the [defendents] hands I have therefore in the [presence] of the sollicitors for the Said Robert Briggs and John Thorowgood & margarett his wife considered of their respective proportions of the Said money in the [Defendents] hands And doe finde that according to the Will of the Sayd Roger Briggs the proportion of the sayd Robert Briggs of the moneys in the [defendents] hands amounts to nine hundred seventy and five pounds ten shillings out of which being deducted the sume of Five hundred and twenty pounds seaven shillings and fower pence being the proportion of the Said Robert of the Charges allowed in the second schedule to the defend[en]t working the lead and also Fifteene pounds fower shillings & nine pence more disbursed by Ralph Grey and the Defend[en]t for necessaries for the Said Robert and allowed to her in the fowerth schedule hereunto annexed there rents to bee paid to him by the [plaintiff] out the moneys in the Defend[en]ts hands when the [plaintiff] shall have received the same the sume of Fower hundred and forty pounds ten shillings and ten pence farthing And I alsoe finde the proportion of the sayd John Thorowgood in right of his wife of the moneys in the Def[enden]ts hands amounts to nine hundred Seaventy and five pounds ten shillings, out of which being deducted the sume of Five hundred and twenty pounds seaven shillings and fower pence three farthings being the proportion of the said Margarett of the charges allowed in the Second Schedule to the defe[enden]t for workeing of the S[ai]d lead And also two and Twenty pounds Seaventeene shillings and twoe pence more disbursed by the defend[en]t for necessaries for the Said margarett & allowed to the def[enden]t in the fowerth Schedule hereto annexed there [rests] to bee paid to her and her husband out of the moneys in the Defen[en]ts hands when the [plaintiff] shall have received the same the summe of Fower hundred thirty two pounds sixe shillings and sixe pence three farthings All which money soe due from the Defend[en]t she is to pay accordingly And whereas the [defenden]t [demands Fe.....] Estate [sett] apart for Robert Briggs portion Seaven hundred pounds Itt is agreed before mee that upon the delivering the securities for the same into [Court] the [defendent] is to bee prote[...] have the same struck out of the Account as the Court shall direct. All which I humbly Certify and submitt to the Judgem[en]t of this hono[ra]ble.

Jo. Francklin

The first Schedule mentioned in this Rep[ort]

For lead sold by the Def[enden]t & her husband from the 1st of July 1672 Untill the 12th of Sept 1677 as appeared by an Acc[ount] from the Weighhouse booke £10425:16s:01d: a moyety whereof comes to £5212:13s:00 ³/₄d

That the def[enden]t hath oversold the [plaintiffs] since the pl[aintiff] Rob[er]t [entred] on the lead [mynes] as appeared by the Acc[oun]t from the Weighhouse bookes 62 fodder 18[.] & 24[.] of lead valued at £723:00s:04d the moiety of which money belongs to the pl[ain]t[if]f & the Def[enden]t therefore to bee charged with the same, being
0361:12:02

Oct 12th 1674: For moneys rec[eiv]ed by Ralph Grey of Anthony Gallely for rent due to the pl[aintiff] [Katherine] 007:10:[00]

Dec 22th 1674: For soe[.]th rec[eive]d of Wm Gallely 010:00:00

Nov 11th 1674 For 60:10 Chalders of Coals being the pl[aintiff]s proportion of 960 tenns of coales wrought by Robt Elliott out of Ridingleild Colliery at 1s per Chalder
030:00:00

Nov 12th 1680 For moneys paid the def[enden]t by Mr Robert Thorogd for the pl[aintiff]fs use 030:11:08

1677 For rent recd by Mr Ralph Grey for lande at Teasdale from 1673 to 1677 being 4 yeares at £41:10s per ann[um] £166 whereof the pl[aintiff]s are Intituled to a third.
041:10:00

For Fower hundred pounds principall money owing to the pl[aintif]f Katherine by Ralph Grey & Mr Mathew Matfin by bond dated [..] Jany 7 1674
400:10:00

Roger Batemans bond	100:00:00
[Hector] Gilroys bond for	020:00:00
John Milbornes Severall bonds	140:00:00
Mary Delavalls Bond	025:00:00
Thickpennys bond	030:00:00
George Horseleys bond	050:00:00
John Puncheans bond	020:00:00
Richard Gilroys bond	020:00:00
Mathew Roades bond	010:00:00
Mr Nathaniell Johnsons bond	100:00:00
Mr Nathaniell Johnsons bond	053:00:00
Thomas Elliotts bond	050:00:00
William Cheesmans bond	010:00:00
William Greys bond	100:00:00
Fenwick by Land security	700:00:00
Wards bond	020:00:00
Mary Fell	010:00:00

Thomas Blayers Bond 100:00:00

In all - 7692:04:10 ³/₄
Jo: Franklin

The Second Schedule mentioned in this Re[por]t

	£	s	d
March the 30th 1670	010	11	08
Aprill 26th 1672	120	00	00
May 16th 1672	040	00	00
June the 19th	160	00	00
July the 19th 1672	040	00	00
August 24th	060	00	00
Sept the 26th	060	00	00
Sept the 3d 1672	020	00	00
Sept the 19th 1672	060	00	00
Nov the 21th 1672	095	00	00
December the 13th 1672	030	00	00
Feby the 6th 1672	040	00	00
Aprill the 10th 1673	032	00	00
Aprill the 5th 1673	040	00	00
May the 7th 1673	030	00	00
May the 7th 1673	045	00	00
June the 17th 1673	064	04	05
August the first 1673	030	00	00
August the 4th 1673	064	00	00
August the 20th 1673	039	07	09
Sept the 10th 1673	050	00	00
October the 8th 1673	050	00	00
November the 13th 1673	070	00	00
December the 10th 1673	060	00	00
February the first 1673	087	13	00
Aprill the 4th 1674	206	[.]:	00
June the 3d 1674	100	00	00
Aprill the 20th 1674	003	01	03
June the 24th 1674	100	00	00
June the 25th 1674	014	12	08
Augt the 4th 1674	160	00	00
Augt the 22th 1674	080	00	00
Sept the 8th 1674	060	00	00
Oct the 5th 1674	100	00	00
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October the 4th & Nov the 3d 1674	008:05:00
Novembr the 4th 1674	200:00:00
Nov the 17th 1674	001:03:04
Dec the 5th 1674	030:00:00
Decem the 11th 1674	100:00:00
Jany the 20th 1674	200:00:00
Jany the 24th 1674	002:11:08
March the 11th 1674	150:00:00
March the 31th 1675	157:13:00
Aprill the 5th 1675	022:05:00
Aprill the 24th 1675	040:00:00
May the 14th 1675	001:02:06
May the 18th 1675	200:00:00
June the 5th 1675	040:00:00
June the 9th 1675	080:00:00
June the 25th 1675	080:00:00
Ditto	020:00:00
July the first 1675	190:00:00
Augt the first 1675	060:00:00
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Septemb the first 1675	100:00:00
Sept the 3d 1675	060:00:00
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Octob the 20th 1675	160:00:00
Nov the 13th 1675	100:00:00
Novemb the 25th 1675	040:00:00
Sept the 25th 1675	007:02:10
Novemb the 30th 1675	050:00:00
Dec the 18th 1675	200:00:00
Feb the 3d 1675	100:00:00
Feb the 18th 1675	060:00:00
Feb the 28th 1675	050:00:00
March the 16th 1675	050:00:00
Aprill the 8th 1676	080:18:01
Aprill the 6th 1676	070:00:00
Ditto	027:08:03
Aprill the 23th 1676	080:00:00
Ditto	001:02:00
	2961:17:00
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May the 9th 1676	160:00:00
June the 21th 1676	177:17:00

June the 30th 1676	055:00:00
The King and Queens rents <.> acquittances	014:00:00
	406:17:00
In all	5590:03:10

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Third Schedule mentioned in this report

	£	s	d
30th March 1670: John Swinborne	010:11:08		
26th Aprill 1672 To Ditto	100:00:00		
19th June To Ditto	040:00:00		
To Ditto	080:00:00		
20th July To Ditto	040:00:00		
24th Augst To Ditto	060:00:00		
3 September To Ditto	020:00:00		
19th Sept To Ditto	060:00:00		
26th September To Ditto	060:00:00		
19th Oct To Ditto	100:00:00		
22th Nov To Ditto	050:00:00		
22th Nov To Ditto	045:00:00		
13th Dec To Ditto	030:00:00		
By Mr Henry Bland upon the Acct of Roger Briggs as by his bookes appeares	087:00:00		
7th May 1673 John Swinborne	055:00:00		
30th May To Ditto	050:00:00		
17th June To Ditto	020:00:00		
25th June To Edward Robson	060:00:00		
1st Aug To Edward Robson	030:00:00		
4th Augst To Fr Ethrington	032:00:00		
4th Augst To Ditto	032:00:00		
20th Augst To John Swinborne	039:07:06		
10th Sept To Ditto	050:00:00		
8th Octo To Ditto	050:00:00		
13th [torn] 1673 To Ditto	020:00:00		
13th [..] To Ditto	020:00:00		
13th [..] To Ditto	030:00:00		
10th Dec To Ditto	066:00:00		
10th Feby To Edward Robson	030:00:00		
10th Feby To John Swinborne	042:13:00		
10th Feby To Ditto	015:00:00		

In all 1424:12:02

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	£	s	d
Money paid to James Emerson	100	00	00
Money paid out of Katherines particular for Expences	035	00	00
For Robert Briggs Expences	015	04	07
For Margaret Briggs Expences	022	17	02

173:01:09

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11 Aug 1687 Margaret Grey to Ralph Grey

[Note: An agreement between Margaret and Ralph Grey, passing over land in Backworth from Margaret to Ralph, previously owned by Ralph Grey, father of Ralph and late husband of Margaret. The estate of Ralph (senior) is described as including lead mines and collieries. Margaret Grey was previously involved in a legal battle with the Briggs/Thorowgood family over proceeds from mines owned jointly by the Greys and Briggs]

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11th Augt 1687

Margaret Grey to Ralph Grey an article --- whereby She agrees to pass over all her dower of Lands in Backworth

No. 5

Articles of Agreement Concluded and Agreed upon the Eleaventh Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand six hundred Eighty and seavon Betwixt Margaret Grey of Backworth In the County of Northumberland widdow of the one Part And Ralph Grey of the Towne and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Esqr on the Other Part

Imprimis Whereas the above said Ralph Grey att the Death of Ralph Grey his late father which happened about the fifth Day of December one thousand Six Hundred Seauenty and Six was an Infant about Eighteen years of Age and unfit to Mannage the Colyeries Lead Mines and Other Estate which Descended to him from his father by Reason whereof the above named Margaret Gray Tooke upon her the Management of the Same which she Haith Continued unto this present Day By virtue and [Collout] whereof She Haith Recd very Greatt sumes of mony Amounting in all to two thousand

nine Hundred Eighty and One Pound one Shilling and six Pence as Appears at large by an accompt Stated and made up betwixt the said Parties the Eleaventh Day of August one thousand six hundred Eighty and Seaven. She having made no other Allowances Payments or Disbursements to or for the use of the said Ralph Grey then in the said accompt is mencioned and sett forth and their being Really and Bona Fide Due and still unpaid from the said Margarett to the said Ralph the sume of two Thousand foure hundred fifty and six Pounds one shilling and six Pence And whereas by Reason of Insolvent Debts and Other Greett Losses and Misfortunes which she the said Margarett Mett with During the said Time She is not in a Capassity otherwise to Satisfie the said Ralph for the Profitts and Proceed She Recd and Made out of his said Estate During the said Time of Mannagement She the said Margarett (for and in Consideration of the above mencioned sume as alsoe for and in Consideracion of the Sume of One Hundred Pound Secured to be Paid to the said margarett within a fortnight after the date of these payments by a note under Hand and seald of the said Ralph) Doth Covenant Promise and agree to Pass Over to the use of the said Ralph Grey and his Heires By Surrender release or such other Convayance or Customary Settlement as he the said Ralph Grey shall Require or be Advisd to All that her Right Title Estate Interest and Claime of and unto All those Six farmes of Cobbyhold land lying and being in Backworth within the mannor of Tynemouth in the County of Northumberland And all that her feild called Pearsons Feild in the Possession of Henry Grower Containing by Estimation one third of two farmes lying and being in Earsden within the said mannor And all her Customary lands called the Rake now in the Possession of Wm Robeson and lying within the said mannor And allsoe all that Customary farme In Preston within the said mannor in the possession of Robt Smallpage And all other her Customary lands and Tenements within the said mannor which were the lands of Ralph Grey her late Husband deceasd All which above mencioned lands she is Intituled Dureing her widdowhood to Enjoy & Possese by vertue of the Costume and usage of the said mannor of Tynemouth

Item the said Ralph Grey for and in Consideracion of the above mencioned Covenants & Agreements Doth by those payments for himselfe his Exts Adms and assignes acquitt Discharge And Release unto the said Margarett Grey her Exts and Adms All and all manner of Action and Actions Suite and Suites which he the said Ralph Grey might have or bring against her or them for the Rents of his lands or other Proffitts or Proceed which she made or Recd out of his above mencioned Estate from the said fifth Day of Decembr one thousand six hundred seaventy and six to this present Day And all other Debts Dues and Demands whatsoever In Wittness whereof the above mencioned Partyes have hereunto Interchangeably sett their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Margarett Grey

Memoranded that the word one hund[red] was Interlined Before the sealing &
Delivery of these Presents Signed Sealed & delvrd In the Presents of
Geo: Whinfield
Ro: Fenwick
Tho: Hutchinson