

7 Jun 1688 John Thompson to William Ramsay

[Note: The original is heavily damaged and very fragile. This letter tells of the transition from wages to piece work or bargains for the miners at Settlingstones]

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I have sent you the ling <bill> and with the <revanshons> [revisions?] of the dam noates and my man and the horses to be loaden with iron <&> steal I had some the last weak which is not sutabel for pickes yet will serve of horses the workmen and I is agreed in bargin for all the <stopes> in Satlingstones [missing, poss '15'] or sixteen shillings a bing and hadon all but 3 [missing poss 'stopes'] so thinkes to bring all into order in time they and I hath had some <tork> so for I could bring them into bargins, the north si[de] is <agre.ed> for for sixteen shillings a bing all but 3 hindermost stopes I think to bring into rightes by degrees, and all the south side of the gin both hadonfeald and Sattlingstones for 15s and 16s a bing till the next pay which I am satesfyed will tend to beter advantage than by dayes wages, so<pray> what <munes> you find is a wanting <send by the bearer yet can> never get a right of the other <veines?> for the <.....> but shall give an account as [1 word missing] as I can So having no more to ad but that < I am> your humbol Servant to comand

John Thompson

[Verso on cover]:

To

Mr William Ramsay

goald smith these present in Newcastel

Pray remember to hasten the dales [deals or planks?]