

27 Jul 1793 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

[Note: Nicholas Walton & Sir John Turner were Northern receivers from the Derwentwater Estate on behalf of Greenwich Hospital. John Ibbetson was Secretary to Hospital Commissioners].

Jno Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 27th July 1793

Sir

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that the riding or perambulating of the Boundaries of Grindon & Langley South Commons and Thorngrafton Common was very agreeably gone through and that we do not expect the least litigation concerning the same.

The Board will observe by the inclosed News Paper that the First Meeting of the Commissioners for the Division of three Commons is to be held at Haydon Bridge on the 15th of next Month at which we propose to attend and will endeavour to get the Commissioners to fix as early a Day as possible for their second Meeting.

The Expençe of riding the Boundaries is always paid by the Lords of the Manors in which the Commons lie and for riding Grindon Langley and Thorngrafton Boundaries amounted as follows

For

Grindon	£11:17: 4
Langley	9:15: 9
Thorngrafton	8:16:10
Going to Langley Mill, examining the Boundaries previous to the riding thereof and returning	7: 5: 9
	£37:15: 8

The Colours made use of in 1761 when the Boundary of the manor of Alstonmoor was rode were used upon this Occasion the Poles for which cost

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£37:16: 8

Mr Beaumont who succeeded Sir Thomas Blackett Bart as Lord of the Manor of Hexham having expressed a disinclination to ride the Boundary of the Hexhamshire and Allendale Common we were apprehensive of having some difficulties in getting forward with the Division of that Common but Mr Walton wth Mr Ruddock one of the Proprietors having had two meetings with Mr Beaumont he at last was prevailed upon to fix the riding of the Boundary to begin upon the 7th of August and an Advertisement appears in the inclosed Newspaper wherein the Time and place of beginning to ride are set forth and the business of the Division will follow of course.

In the same News Paper you will see an Advertisement concerning an intended application to Parliament for the making and repairing of the Roads from Burtry Ford to Alston, from Alston to Mere Burn, and from Alston to Burnstones. The carrying into effect these Propositions wd be of great service to Alston and particularly so to the Mines. Mr Walton intends being at the Meeting and we will write you upon the subject after it is over.

Herewith you receive our Cash Acct for last Month upon wch there is a balance of £2947: 7: 3½ in favour of Greenwich Hospital and we have since remitted a Bill for £3000 to Mr Edwd <Boxley> with which you are desired to acquaint the Board. We are
Sir Your most Obedt Servts
Walton & Turner

PS

Mr Walton proposes attending the riding of that part of the Hexamshire & Allendale Boundary that joins upon the Manor of Alstonmoor and also that part which joins upon the Barony of Langley which in the whole will be about Ten Miles.

20 Aug 1793 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

John Ibbetson Esq

Farnacres 20th August 1793

Sir

I recd the Boards Minutes which shall be attended to. I should have sooner acknowledged the rect of them had I not been eversince engaged, on acct of the Hexhamshire and Allendale & Grindon, Thorngraston and Langley Divisions.

The Boundaries of Hexhamshire and Allendale Common were rode or perambulated, upon the 7th & 8th Inst, and the first Meeting of the Commissioners for the Division thereof, is to be at Hexham on Monday the 9th of next Month, for the purpose of taking in Claims which may Affect the Boundaries, and, also Claims of Right of Common.

We have had a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed to Divide and Allot Grindon, Langley, and Thorngraston Commons, for the like purposes as are above mentioned, at which I delivered in, the Claims, on behalf of the Hospital, for the several Estates, in respect of wch Common Right is Claimed on those Commons, and 46 Claims were made, by others, for Estates in respect of which they Claim to be entitled to Right of Common; so that the business is 'going' on, as well as can be expected, which, I assure you, gives me much satisfaction, as the benefit to Greenwich Hospital, in consequence of the improvement of the several Commons, will be very great.

The whole of the Hospitals Tenants, except for East and West Millhills and Lypwood and Lypwood well Farms, have requested to take the benefit of the Clauses inserted in. the Grindon and Langley Acts, for settling the additional or increase Rents and Compensations for Allotments, to be made in respect of the Farms and, of which

they are in possession for Terms of Years; and the Hexhamshire Tenants, have all desired to leave the settling of the additional Rents for their Allotments, to the Commissioners appointed to Divide and Allot the Hexhamshire and Allendale Common; and Printed Forms for the requests have been filled up and signed by the whole, except as above.

As there is a probability of our having some trifling disputes concerning Boundaries of Incroachments, where they touch upon the ancient Inclosed Grounds, and at the rough Plans made for the Receiver's use, tho' sufficient for the general purposes for which they were made are not so accurately drawn at the Fair Plans made by Mr Thompson in 1736, now in the Hospitals possession, wch are bound up in a Book, and the whole delineated upon Vellum, we beg leave to request to have that Book sent down, so as that we may receive it by the beginning of next Month, which will give Time for the examination of it, before the 2d Meeting of the Commissioners appointed to Divide and Allot Grindon and Langley Commons.

The principal Estate consists of five detached Parcels every one surrounded by the Hospitals Ground and in occupation whereof much inconvenience arise to the Hospitals Tenants as well as to the Farmers of the Five Parcels of Ground. The Freehold of them is in Sir Edwd Blckett but they are Leased to a Mr John Craig for a long Term of Years. He has every reason to believe that the Lessor, as well as the Lessee, is desirous that an Exchange sh[oul]d take place & that the Equivalent shd be taken from a part of Haydon Town Farm so as that the whole of Sir Edwards Estate at Haydon shd lie together. The situation of the several parcels of Ground will be best seen by referring to the inclosed sketch which shews the whole, including the Ground belonging the Hospital from whence the equivalent for the five detached parcels is proposed to be given & which you will observe is coloured upon the Boundary as Yellow. The Church Lands Freehold is not an object as to the Exchange as no detached pieces belong to it. Those Lands that are Freehold property of the same Mr John Craig who has the Lands Leased under Sir Edwd Blckett and shd the Exchange take place he will have his Freehold and Leasehold all together & the Hospital will have an entire Estate save only what he will afterwards have in possession and this extending from Haydon Bridge on the Northside of Tyne Eastwd to Allerwash. The Sketch is drawn upon a Scale of Four Chains to one Inch.

The next object of Exchange is that of a small parcel of Freehold which lies in Rattenraw Fields quite surrounded by the Hospitals Property & and for which an equivalent may be given from Broomhill Fore Field & Piece. It is impossible that anything can be more inconvenient than the occupation of this parcel of Ground both to the Hospital and the Owner and we hope he will be agreeable to have an exchange to take place. It is certain nothing cod be more advantageous to the respective Proprietors but Mr Matthew Parker the Owner is a strange perverse Man and unless the proposition comes from himself it is imagined no exchange can take place.

The third Estate in which it is probable that an exchange may take place is with Haydon Bridge School Trustees who are desirous to have the whole of the School Land laid together. Not knowing their wishes sufficiently to be enabled to state to the Board

exactly what they would have done, I can only say that from what I have heard the Trustees would like to have some part of the Common and part of the Hospitals Freehold near to the School laid to it and to give an equivalent to Greenwich Hospital from their remaining Allotment of Common & that wd be a desirable thing on the part of the Hospital as well as on theirs.

The last circumstance in which it can be at present seen to be proper that an exchange shd take place, is with the Owners of Stawards Estate, for a Field called Dewey Syke, which joins upon that Estate, on the East, West, and North, and upon Langley South Common on the South, and has no Housing belonging to it. The Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital are the Owners and as it only consists of 12³/₄ Acres and is at a considerable distance from any other inclosed Grounds belonging the Hospital it wd be an advantage to give it in exchange for an equivalent from the Allotment to be made in respect of the Staward Estate but there being a Minor who is a Ward of Chancery I very much doubt whether an exchange will not be thereby prevented.

I am for Sir John Turner & Self Sir Your most Obedt Servant
Nich Walton Junr

11 Sep 1793 George Bates

To the Commissioners for dividing and allotting and inclosing Grindon Common

Sir Edward Blackett Bart and Mr John Craig being desirous of exchanging with the Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital five several parcels of Ground lying in the Chapelry of Haydon and bounded as follows that is to say One of the said parcels of Ground bounded by Lands belonging to the said Hospital called the Folly on the East Lands called High Close on the West and South Lands called East Field on the North; another of the said Parcels of Ground bounded by other Lands belonging to the said Hospital called Lilly Burn Field on the East Lands called Long Flatt on the West Lands called Lowshield on the North and Lands called Howden Cleugh on the South, another of the said Parcels of Ground bounded by other Lands belonging to the said Hospital called Low Close on the East Lands called Hobs Bank on the West Lands called Bank Close on the North and Lands called Bigland Dale on the South, another of the said Parcels of Ground bounded by other Lands belonging to the said Hospital called High Field on the East, Lands called Whetstone Dale & Horse Fords and Pit Field on the West and South and Lands called Bog Close on the North, and the last of the said Parcels of Ground bounded by other Lands belonging to the said Hospital called Hingyshea Top on the East and South Lands called Forefield on the West and Lands called Orchard on the North, forpart of Lands at Haydon belonging to the said Commissioners and Governors called Bullion of equal Value to the said five Parcels of Ground. Now we George Bates (as Agent for and by order and direction of the said Sir Edwd Blackett) and John Craig, and Nicholas Walton Junr Esqr

(as Receiver for the sd Commissioners and Governors Mind and Desire, and request you or any two of you will settle ascertain and fix such Exchange, Given under our Hands this eleventh Day of September 1793

For Sir Edward Blackett
George Bates
John Craig

For the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in the County of Kent
Nich. Walton Junr

Subject to the approbation of a General Court of the Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital

22 Jan 1794 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 22d January 1794

Sir

On the 30th & 31 Ult. I attended the third Meeting of the Commissioners appointed to Divide Hexhamshire and Allendale Common and was accompanied by Mr Willm Peters Junr.

After having considered the Claims affecting the Boundaries we proceeded, with the assistance of Mr Peters Mr Heron of Newcastle and Mr Ruddock of Hexham, in settling the form of objection, which having got finished on the 30th as many of the those forms as appeared to be necessary were made out and the next Day signed and delivered to the Commissioners

The Claims affecting the Boundaries which were objected to are as follows.

	Acres in Dispute
Thos Richd Beaumont Esq & Diana his Wife for Westburnhope	946
Gill Brown for West Green Ridge	639
Edwd Charleton Esq for East Green Ridge	1421
D[itt]o and Wm Ord Gent for Ardley Common or Fell	377
The Trustees of Lord Crewe late Bishop of Durham for a place called the disputed Ground	2247
Charles John Clavering Esq part of last mentioned Claim called Middle Rig	
D[itt]o for Riddlehamhope and Hallywell Commons	1287
The whole of the above Claims are persisted in.	6917

It was also thought necessary to make objections to the following Claims.

Thos Richd Beaumont Esqr & Diana his Wife respecting incroachmts at Wesburnhope
Persisted in.

Do respecting encroachments at or near Allonheads – Given up.

Messrs Mattw Fairless respecting Boundary of Ground near Do – Given up

Lord Crewes Trustees as to Common Right for pt of Burnshield Haugh - Persisted in

The several objections to the whole of the above Claims were signed by Sixteen of the Proprietors and as I had previously consulted Robt Hopper Williamson Esqr who was of the Opinion that any Ten of the Proprietors or their respective Agents signing Objections would make the whole of the Proprietors liable to join in the expence of Litigation I signed the whole as Agent for the Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital.

The Claim of Messrs Wm Adamson and John Johnson respecting unenclosed Waste Ground as being part of Spital Shield Freehold was admitted.

With regard to the Objections to all encroachments, not included in the Objections ment[ione]d on the otherside Mr John Bellas Agent for the Lord and Lady of the Manor saved the Proprietors a great deal of trouble by making no less than 179 Objections some of which take in three four five and some even more than five encroachments; but as the encroachments are in general well known it is not expected that there will be any litigation of consequence as to what are encroachments.

The settling the Claims affecting the Boundaries it is probable will be attended with considerable expence and as upon some late and similar occasions to the present Arbitrations were found to be enormous in that respect it was thought by the whole of the Proprietors who signed the Objections to the Claims affecting the Boundaries, except one, that Tryals at Law were to be preferred to that of Arbitrations in which opinions having acquiesced I joined the Fifteen Proprietors in a request in Writing that the whole of these Claims should be Tried at Law and that request was immediately delivered to the Commissioners. There was no avoiding making the option at the Third Meeting, as in case of it not being made then, it could not be made afterwards.

Under the circumstance of the last mentioned Resolution it appeared necessary to retain Council for the Northern Circuit and therefor instantly after the Resolution was come to a Letter was written and sent from Hexham the same Day in consequence of which Messrs Chambre and Law have been retained in behalf of the Hexhamshire and Allendale Righters.

I would have written sooner upon the subject of the Hexhamshire and Allendale third Meeting but waited in hope to have been enabled by this Time to acquaint you that some of the Claimants had given up but am sorry not to have heard anything of the kind. I am

Sir Your most Obedt Servt

Nich Walton Junr

14 Feb 1794 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 14th February 1794

Sir

On the 27 November last a list of the several Claims affecting the Boundaries of the Hexhamshire and Allendale Common was sent you, and on the 22d Ult we informed you that Objections had been made to several of those Claims amounting to 6917 Acres.

When at Hexham on the 4th Inst some very agreeable intimations were given respecting the Claims above referred to and it is with great satisfaction that the Board can now be acquainted of there being a pleasing expectation that the following Claims will be settled without expence and to the wish of the Proprietors interested in the Division of the above Common Vizt

	Acres
Thos Richd Beaumont Esq & Diana his Wife for Westburnhope	946
Gill Brown for West Green Ridge	639
Edwd Charleton Esq for East Green Ridge	1421
Do & Mr Wm Ord Gent. for Ardley Common or Fell	377
Total	3383

No judgement can yet be formed whether the Claims of Lord Crewes Trustees & Chas John Clavering Esqr amounting together to 3534 Acres will continue to be persisted in or not.

The Meeting on the 5th Inst at Hexham relative to the Burtry Ford Road by Alston to Burnstones was well attended and the utmost unanimity prevailed. The Bill and Petition were read approved and signed and Mr Peters Junr who is to solicit the Bill proposes very soon to set out for London. Mr Gray has been desired to present the Petition and to give his assistance in the House of Commons and Lord Lonsdale has been written. To and his Lordship's support requested when the business goes before the House of Lords.

Herewith you will receive Estimates for some necessary Rebuildings & Repairs for which we shall be glad to receive the Boards commands as soon as convenient. We are

Sir Yr most Obedt Servt
Walton & Turner

25 Jul 1794 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

[Note: In 1782 the famous Crowley Iron Works was sold to Isiah Millington, a long serving employee and renamed Crowley, Millington & Company.

Mrs Elizabeth Montagu (nee Robinson) widow of the MP Edward Montagu, Earl of Sandwich, who owned numerous coal mines and estates in Northumberland. The family manor house was East Denton Hall, which since 1942 has been the official residence of the RC Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle (now up for sale - April 2020). Mrs Montagu led & hosted the Blue Stocking Society. In 1776 she adopted her orphaned nephew Matthew who became heir to the estate. In 1777 she had Montagu House built in Portman Square near Oxford Street in London. It was later destroyed in the Blitz.

The Keelmen Riots 1794 – from about 1750 staithes began to be used to deliver coal from wagonways direct to collier ships, without the need for keels. This was the beginning of the end for the keelmen and they realised the threat that the coal staithes posed. Strikes and riots resulted whenever new staithes were opened. In 1794 the Tyneside keelmen went on strike against the use of staithes for loading coal]

John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 25th July 1794

Sir

Herewith you will receive two Proposals for Lead Mines which you are desired to lay before the Board.

It is with much concern when we acquaint you that the Keelmen still continue riotous. Yesterday they attacked the Workmen at Mr Millington & Co Iron Works in Swalwell and forced several of them to leave their work after which they treated them very ill. Upon application from one of the Agents of Mr M & Co at Newcastle several Horse and Foot were sent to Swalwell attended by two Magistrates and about One Hundred Constables specially appointed and chiefly Gentlemen. * Mr Montagu, who changed his Name from Robinson and is nephew of Mrs Montagu of Portman Square was at the head of the Constables and has distinguished himself by his exertions towards quelling this Riot. – Eight of the Keelmen were laid hold of at Swalwell and have this Day been committed to Durham Jail notwithstanding which the rest seem determined not to go to work tho' they are less riotous than they have been. Many of the Keelmen have been at Sea and are fine Stout Fellows and their <Purlections> are out tomorrow. The sight of a Frigate or two in Shields Harbour might have a good effect. There does not appear to an inclination in the Pitmen &c to join the Keelmen which is very fortunate. But they will I fear join if an end is not soon put to the Riot of the Keelmen. We are

Sir Your most obedt Servt

Walton & Turner

* Mrs Montagu's Estate and Colliery Lie to the West of Newcastle abt 9 miles. – General Grant who has the command of The Troops, now resides about Seven Miles west from Newcastle and 15 Miles from Shields Harbour---

13 Dec 1794 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 13th December 1794

Sir

As several Trees stand in the way of the Fences necessary to be made for completing the inclosure of the Wood Ground in the Copyhold of Rawgreen Purchased of the Bacon Family by the Hospital, we have caused an Estimate to be made of the Value of the Wood from which it appears probable that the Sale of it will produce about One Hundred Pounds after deducting the expence of rooting up the Trees and removing the Roots. With the Boards permission we propose offering this Wood for Sale along with Seven Parcels the Particulars of which were sent you the 29th November.

One John Horsley having of late very much interfered with Willm Hetherington the Hospitals Bailiff for the Manor of Alstonmoor with which Office the latter is also Cryer or Bellman as hath been usual; Mr Henry Dixon the Hospitals Courtkeeper served Horsley with a Notice not to Act as Bellman or Cryer within the said Manor to the prejudice of the Right of the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in the County of Kent Lords of the said Manor; notwithstanding which the said Jno Horsley still continues to Act in the same manner. Under the circumstances of it being known that this Office of Bellman or Cryer at Alston has been enjoyed by the Hospitals Bailiff exclusive of all other Persons it seems necessary that something should be done to compel Horsley to cease acting as he does and desire the Boards Orders that he may be proceeded against.

The serving Writs upon the Crow Coal Defaulters has had a very good effect but we are obliged to have a strict Eye upon them and hope in a little Time that nothing improper will be done in that respect.

We inclose a Proposal for a Lead Mine lately discovered in Dilston Estate and are

Sir Your most Obedt Servt
Walton & Turner

PS It is thought that the perquisites of Office To a Bellman wd be Three or Four Pounds P Anno if exercised by one Person

10 Jun 1795 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 10th June 1795

Sir

I have this Day recd your Letter of the 8th Inst relative to the addn Rood for Haydon Chapel and Chapel Yard and £8 towards completeing Newbrough Chancel. I

have no doubt you will attend to the Lime Kiln on Thorngraston Common as also the exchange for Dewey Syke when a Gen[era]l Court is held.

For some time past there have been various intimations of an intention to rate Langley and Blagill Lead Mills wth their respective appurtenances to the relief of the Poor. Sir John Turner and I have as much as in our power discouraged such ideas but from the inclosed state of our Case with Mr Williamsons Opinion thereon it appears clear that Lead Mills are liable to be rated and on a full consideration of the matter & looking into some determined Cases it certainly will be proper for the Hospital to submit to the Rates and when it is considered that the Rates for Langley Mill for One Year of £100... communibus Annis will not amount to more than £3:15..., full two thirds of which will go in relief of the Hospitals own Tenants, the Business does not appear to me an object of any further consideration than that of submission and I am the more convinced that it will be proper to admit the Rate because there have been some innuendo's that the Duty Ore is liable to be rated and consequently it will be right in every one concerned for Greenwich Hospital to avoid entering into distinctions as to what or what is not liable to be rated and that the Rate as stated in the inclosed Case may be admitted without observation. I am

Sir Your most Obedt Servt

Nichos Walton

Case

The Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital are Owners of Lands at and near Langley Castle in the Chaplaincy of Haydon and County of Northumberland, and about the Years 1766 and 1767 A Mill for smelting Lead Ore, with Houses and other conveniences were erected by the Hospital upon part of Langley Castle Farm; the Grounds occupied by and with the Lead Mill have been rated to the Poor, but for the Mill and appurtenances occupied by the Hospital for the purpose above mentioned no Rate hath ever been made. Enquiry hath been made in the Neighbourhood as to what has been usual relative to Assessing Buildings of a similar description and us'd for smelting Lead Ore, to the Poor's Rate and from the Information received it appears that there are no Instances of any Lead Mills either belonging to Mr Beaumont or the Quakers Company, or in short any other Lead Mill in the neighbouring Parishes having ever Been rated to the relief of the Poor.

At Haydon Chapel Vestry held on Monday 1st June 1795 Langley Lead Mills, occupied by the Hospital, hath been rated to the relief of the Poor for that Chapelry, and this being contrary to what has been usual – Your Opinion is therefore desir'd whether the Overseers, and Inhabitants of the Chapelry of Haydon assembled in Vestry, have a right to assess Langley Lead Mill to the poor Rate for that Chapelry or not, or whether the same is liable, under any of the Laws, or Acts of Parliament now in being for the relief of the Poor, to be rated or assessed thereto.

There cannot I think be a doubt but that this Lead Mill is rateable to the relief of the Poor, and presuming that the Rate in which the Lead Mill is included is legal in other Respects I see no reason for disputing the validity of such rate on account of the assessment of Langley Lead Mill occupied by the Hospital

Rd Hopper Williamson
N.Castle 8th June 1795

8 Aug 1795 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

Jn Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 8 August 1795

Sir

On the 24th November 1793 we sent you an Accot of the several Claims which Affected the Boundaries of the Hexhamshire & Allendale Common amounting in the whole. to A[cres] 7194 R[od] 3 P[oles]31 and on the 22d January following Mr Walton acquainted you with the proceedings of the 3d Meeting for the Division of the above Common which was held at Hexham the 30 & 31 of December. To our Letters of the two first abovement Dates we beg leave to refer and have much pleasure in acquainting the Directors that all the Disputes have been settled amicably (Except with Lord Crewes Trustees) amounting in the whole to A4947 R3 P31 and that we have succeeded in the Tryal wth the Tustees for 2247:3:31, so that now there does not remain any thing in Dispute and the Division will go on without any further delay. We are

Sir Your most Obedt Servt
Walton & Turner

3 Sep 1795 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnarces 3rd Septemr 1795

Sir

By the Post of Thursday last, we reced from Mr Dyer, a Letter which had been sent to you by Edwd Coats relative to the taking of Hay from the Woodlands of Greenwich Hospital. It is certainly a fact, that, since the Stealing of young Trees in the Hospitals Woods has taken place, the Grass in all parts where it was likely to hurt the young Plants, has, by our Direction, been permitted to be cut with Sickles, by Persons whom, it could be depended upon would rather encourage the growth of, than injure the young Trees, and this was determind upon, after due consideration, and after finding that the Expencc of cutting and removing the Grass or Hay would cost the Hospital more Money than the Hay would sell for, the Persons, therefore, who have been permitted to cut the Grass, have been permitted to do it and to remove it and the Hay at times when they found themselves at liberty, and we are perfectly satisfied that

it will be proper to go on in the same way, and for those, who cut the Grass as above mentioned, to have it for their trouble, as they have hitherto had, as by Experience we find it to have been the best and cheapest mode, and that the Plantations have received great Benefit by the Gras being so removed: but as to Woodhall Mill Dean, we do not think it necessary or proper that any Grass should be cut there, the young Trees being sufficiently above it, neither do we think that Edward Coats would prove to be an efficient Tenant, as we do not find that after various applications to discharge his Arrears of £7:1: Heardley Acre he is at all able to pay any part of the Debt Money

Sir Your most obedt Servt
Walton & Turner

PS Edwd Coats's Letter is returned herewith

July 18th 1795

Sr

I beg Leve to Let you know How Affairs in the North is Going on there is Rogery caryed Two a hight in the Wood Land. Their is Many Pound worth of hay Cut and Carry out of the Wood Land, Sr there is A peace of Wood Land known by the Name of the Woodhall Mill Dean if you Will Let Me Have It I will give you a guinea for What I can Nick out amongst the bushes. If it be With more I will give it you When I have taken it Up. Sr I will let you know About a great maney Other things that is Carryed on

Sr I am your Svt
Edwd Coats

Haydon Bridge

14 Nov 1795 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

John Ibbetson

Farnacres 14th November 1795

Sir

Mrs Brown who farms Langley Castle grounds having had very great losses, but particularly of late Years by the death of several Horses etc entirely owing to the poisonous quality of the Lead Mill Smoke and Water impregnated with Particles of Lead Ore, which are unavoidably carried down the Stream that runs from Langley Mill thro' Langley Farm, has applied to us and requested that the Grounds liable to receive injury from the Causes abovementioned may be taken by Greenwich Hospital and an Annual Allowance made to her out of the Rent of £112:10.. now paid for her Farm.

In consequence of Mrs Browns application the Ground has been viewed and Messrs Mulcaster consulted upon the occasion and as they confirm what Mrs Brown

has represented and think it absolutely necessary that the Hospital shd relieve her by taking the Ground in which the Horses etc have been poisoned, we on Monday last went upon the Spot and made an Estimate of the annual Value of the Ground amounting to Fifteen Pounds.

As it is the Opinion of Messrs Mulcaster as well as ourselves that it will be impossible for Mrs Brown to continue her Farm, without being utterly ruined, unless the Grounds above referred to are taken from her, and an annual Allowance made to her, we beg to leave to recommend that being done by the Hospital, and. That such Allowance to the amount of Fifteen Pounds may be made to her upon the 12th Day of May annually. After the 12th Day of May 1796.

Though the Grounds in which the damage has been done are certainly unfit for Cattle of any kind to Graze upon, yet we are inclined to think that considerable parts thereof may be made beneficial to Greenwich Hospital by being planted with Wood and therefore advise the Directors to make Tryal as to that in Winter 1796 & Spring 1797.

We send you herewith Copies of the Proceedings of the Last Juries for the Baronies of Wark & Langley last Month, upon which as also what relates to the damaged Grounds near Langley Mill we shall be glad to receive the Boards commands & are Sir

Your most obedt Servt
Walton & turner

17 Nov 1795 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 17th November 1795

Sir

Herewith we send you an Accot shewing the Parcels of Wood which it will in our Opinion be proper for the Hospital to offer for Sale next Spring. We have reason to hope that the whole will sell for upwards of Three Thousand Pounds clear of all Expenses; but that will depend upon a great measure upon the continuation of the demand for Wood and the price of Oak Bark, The amount above referred to is accompanied by an Estimate of the Expence of Replanting the Ground from which it is proposed to cut the Wood.

You will also receive herewith an Estimate of the Expence of making several fences in the Derwentwater Estate this year which with the above Paper you are desired to lay before the Board and we shall be glad to receive the commands of the Directors as soon as convenience will admit. We are

Sir Your most Obedt Servts
Walton & Turner

An Account of Timber in the Derwentwater Estate which it may be advisable to take down in the Spring of 1796

Lot	Where situated	Ashes & Elms	Alders & Birch	Oaks
1	Turf House & Peacock House			418
2	Rawgreen Hills Field	20	8	444
3	Highwood including 218 Oak <Cyphers>		92	1885
4	Capons Cleugh including 16 Oak <Cyphers>	38		436
5	Altonside	36		213
6	Newlands South Farm			376
7	at Whittonstall Hoods Close Farm			126
	Little Dean Field			183
	Hollin Hill			47
	Rye Hill			92
	Lawsons Farm			16

The above it is expected may Sell for upwards of Three Thousand Pounds

Observations

- [1] The replanting estimated to cost £8:19:8.
- [2] The replanting estimated to cost £12:16:3
- [3] The replanting estimated to cost £29:5:10
- [4] The replanting estimated to cost £13:6:8
- [5] No Planting necessary
- [6] The replanting estimated to cost £8
- [7] The replanting estimated to cost £24:13:4

Those Trees being interspersed it is proposed to stock or root up the Wood

Farnacres 17 November 1795
Walton & Turner

An Estimate of the Expence of replanting Ground in the Derwentwater Estate from which it is proposed to cut Wood in Spring 1796

Number of Trees				
	Turfhouse and Peacock House			
700	Oaks.....2 Feet.....	£1	8	.
700	Larches.....2½ D°.....	1	15	..
700	Beeches2½ D°	1	15	..
700	Ashes3 D°	1	1	..
	Carriage and Planting	<u>3</u>	<u>..</u>	<u>8</u>
			£8	19 8

Rawgreen Hills Field			
1000	Oaks.....2 Feet.....	£2
1000	Larches.....2½ D°.....	2	10 ..
1000	Beeches2½ D°	2	10 ..
1000	Ashes3 D°	1	10 ..
	Carriage and Planting	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u> <u>8</u>
			£12 16 8
2000 Highwood			
4000	Ashes.....2 Feet	£2	10 ..
1000	Larches2 D°	8
1000	Beeches2½ D°	2	10 ..
10000	Birches1½ D°	1	5 ..
	Scots Firs1 years transplanted	3	15 ..
	Carriage and Planting	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u> <u>10</u>
			£29 5 10
Capons Cleugh			
1000	Oaks.....2 Feet.....	£2	10 ..
1000	Larches.....2½ D°.....	2	10 ..
1000	Beeches2½ D°	2	10 ..
1000	Ashes3 D°	1	10 ..
	Carriage and Planting	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u> <u>8</u>
			£13 6 8
Newlands South Farm			
600	Oaks.....2 Feet.....	£1	10 ..
600	Larches.....2½ D°.....	1	10 ..
600	Beeches2½ D°	1	10 ..
600	Ashes3 D°	18 ..
	Carriage and Planting	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u> .. £8
Whittonstall			
2000	Oaks.....2 Feet.....	£4
2000	Larches.....2½ D°.....	4
2000	Beeches2½ D°	5
2000	Ashes3 D°	3
	Carriage and Planting	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u> <u>4</u> <u>£24</u> <u>13</u> <u>4</u>
39200			<u>£97</u> <u>2</u> <u>2</u>

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