

**19 Apr 1775 Anthony Hewatson to Thomas Marshall**

[Note: NRO 672/A/36/25. Right side of sheet is trimmed, removing part or all of some words. Address on reverse. In 1771 Anthony Hewatson of Gracefield, Alston pa. and Mary Loraine of Hexham let a lease of Old Cars lead mine to John Hutchinson of Nentsberry Greens, John Hind of Crookbank and Alexander Thompson of Alston, miners (NRO 672/1/CO/4/A). Thomas Marshall was Mary Loraine's agent. For Mary Loraine's involvement in the lead industry see R.A.Fairbairn, 'Lancelot Allgood and Mary Loraine', in B.Chambers (ed) *Out of the Pennines*, (Friends of Killhope, 1997)]

Gracefeald April 19th 1775

Dear Sir

We Have come to the flatt in the S[o]uth cross cut but she is all under our sols we have just Broke in to the Top of hir, but Cannot Say what she will be as good as Littol Triyol [Little Trial] is made, the ore that w[e] See is very good I hope in a fortnets time I shall be abol to give you a b[etter] account, She is Very Hard. <Disire you> will send us two washers <.....> popole is all Started to wash <.....> I should be glad to Have them on Monday first, we have never gott[en] the shafts and kibls you ordered [from] Wm Wilson I wish you could s[end] them

from your Humb Sevt

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[address on reverse]

To Mr Thos. Marshal in Hexham

**1 Jan 1792 Thomas Emerson, Joseph Dickinson, Westgarth Forster, and Isaac Hunter**

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Queries to be answered

What is the Wages of a Miner who directs the Shaft and superintends a few Workmen?  
If this is meant to be a principal Agent £100 PerAn:

Is it more eligible to pay so much PerCent on the Produce or regular Wages? – and what PerCent?

There are no mines in Northumberland Cumberland or Durham wrought this Way

Is it esteemed a rich Mine that Produces from its washed State 13cwt.1Q.7lb in a Ton and Two Pennyweights of fine Silver in a Hundredweight which is two ounces in a Ton?

Yes with respect to produce of Lead but very poor as to produce of Silver and not worth refining in the above Counties.

What is the Expence of erecting or furnishing a small Smeltinghouse and is it more adviseable to erect a Cupola and which is the cheapest and best?.

No answer can be given to this for want of knowing the Situation as to Materials for building and for Fuel.

Is Handy's Miner's Guide the best publication?

Having never seen it no answer can be given.

From another Assay of Lead pick'd up upon the Surface of the Ground producing equal to 11cwt.1Q.0lb – and three Ounces five pennyweights of Silver in a Ton – What would be or ought to be the clear reserved Share to the Landlord a[nd] Company working them or would there appear sufficient Encouragement to work them at all the Veins lying in general a few yards under the Surface.

Mines let in the above Counties are wrought by Adventurers at 1/5th Duty

Thos. Emerson

Westgarth Forster

Jos. Dickinson

Isaac Hunter