

13 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Honest Will

Newby 13 Aug[us]t 1713

I perceive by y[ou]rs of the 3 & 7th that you have paid Mr Coulson two hundred pounds w[hi]ch you did mightly well in, Should be glad to hear you had made an absulate End <n.> that Idle fellow Greenwell, I hope then next will give me an Account of it, I do not in the least question y[ou]r Judgem[en]t in makeing the Dams as Substantiall as possible could be, & I hope they will have the desired Effect, w[hi]ch would be a great Satisfaction So let me know in y[ou]r Next if the tennants that farms the Tyths did not pay their Rent at Lammas day or a day or two after, if they did not hope you allowed them no assesments

y[ou]r assured Friend

13 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Mr Ward

Newby 13 Aug[us]t 1713

I Recd y[o]urs of the 10th as also the Inclosed from Mr Maynard, I refer wholly to you & Mr Maynard to make an End w[i]th Allinson [or Allason] as you shall think fit, & do not in the least question but you will do for me as for y[ou]r Selves, pray let me know by the next post the Rental of the ground & what is the least he will take for it, for am sure he can have no Manner of title, I dought [doubt] the ways are so bad that you cannot get the Mill stone in a little time but one Week good Weather will make the ways good againe <this is> all the lease takes Notice of concerning <--text missing on image--> Dam and in case any bottom breach or breaches shall happen in the said Damm then the Said Sir Ed[ward] Blacket his heirs & assignes shall and will bear Three Fourth part of the charge of repairing every such bottom breach during the said term, & at his own charge find & provide Millstones when there shall be need & that he shall and will Set them out Timber & Garell Sufficient to be cut down upon notice given him when & so often as there shall be Occation for same, pray give me a line assoon as conveniently you can I am

y[ou]r assured Friend

14 Aug 1713 John Blackett to Edward Barnard

[Note: Unnamed writer but presumably son John]

Mr Ed[ward] Barnard

Newby Aug[us]t 14 1713

Sir my Father is willing to pay you y[ou]r Note of £2:12 & if he had know of it would have p[ai]d it much sooner, for his gardiner Peter Aron never acquainted him w[i]th it, but what he writ to you was of his own head I am

Sir y[ou]r Humble Serv[an]t

14 Aug 1713 John Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: presumed to be written by son John to his brother Christopher in London]

Dear Brother

Aug[us]t 14: 1713

my Father is Indebted to Mr Edward Barnard two pound twelve Shillings for garden Leeds, w[hi]ch upon the Receipt of this letter you are desired to pay it & place it to his acct, he wonders he does not hear from you of the Receipt of the moneys of Mr Brumells bills, w[i]th all Services from hence I am

y[ou]r affect[ionate] Brother

To Mr Ed[ward] Barnard at Mr Charles Barnards leather Seller at the lamb & Sun in Newgate Street London

14 Aug 1713 John Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: presumed to be written by son John to his brother Christopher in London]

D[ea]r Brother

Newby Aug[us]t14 1713

my father Recd y[ou]rs of the 11th & is very much surprised that mr Charles Horton has not paid Mr Brummells bills of hundred and fifty pound, my father would have you keep the bills to Indeavoir to get the moneys for through Mr Horton has no affects of Mr Brummels in his hands yet will be obliged to pay the money, because has accepted them, if you have not protested the bills, be sure do it upon Receipt of this letter & than you will be no ways to blame, my Father Incloses y[ou]r letter to Mr Brummell to morrow; what I write about protesting the bills is of my Own head but I think will be Safest for you to do it, pray let me know in y[ou]r Next if Mr Horton is very substantiall, or if the bills are drawn in form of bill of Exchange or onely a Note, Mr Ed[ward] Barnard in Newgate Street will bring a letter to you from me to pay him upon my Fathers Acc[oun]t Two pound Twelve Shillings, must take his Receipt for the money, when have p[ai]d y[ou]r Self pray remit the remainder of my money to Mr John Van Mell in Rotterd[a]m, I See you design to be down in Octob[er] Shall be very

glad to See you, but in the mean time if am any ways Capab[l]e of Serving you
Comm[an]d & will very much oblige

Y[ou]r affe[ctionate] Bro[ther]: & Serv[an]t

my Father has read this letter so must be sure not to protest the bill till you hear from me or Mr Brummell, tis thought Mr Horton is a very honest & Substantiall Man, so tis not well done for Mr Brumell to draw on him when has no affects of his in his hand, Must be sure to make Inquiry about Mr Horton if is a very Substantiall Man if not must acquaint him that has orders to Note the bill, upon Receipt of this letter must go to Mr Horton & let him know if will promise to pay the bills in ten days time y[ou] must keep the bills or otherwise returne them, my Father will not trouble you any more of his bills, upon Receipt of this letter must be sure to write to my Father or me

15 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Mr Ward

Newby Aug[us]t 15 1713

I am now fully resolved to let all my grounds at Newby & does not in the least question to get Tenants, so if you have not already absolutely bargained for the Ten Ewes, do not buy them for shall dispose of all my stock in the Spring I hope you Recd my last letter so pray let me hear from you by the Next post I am

Y[ou]r

15 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell

Mr Brumell

Aug[us]t 15

S[i]r Inclosed I Send you my Son Christophers letter so by the very first post write a line to Mr Horton to pay the bills or otherwise they will be Noted & returned, I can say no more upon this Acc[oun]t onely that am very ill dealt w[i]th all by you, I thought Mr Brumell had been a much wiser man than to draw bills upon one that has no affects of y[ou]rs in his hands faile not to write a line to him by the very first post, as also to y[ou]r Humble Serv[an]t

16 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett

[Note: Recipient not known, nor the nature of the previous correspondence referred to, for no outbound letters survive between June 1711 (NRO ZBL 189) and the start of this book in August 1713. Messrs Reay and Coulson were in Newcastle, so was also possibly this kinsman's location.]

My D[ea]r Kinsman Newby 16 Aug[us]t 1713

am infinitely obliged to my dear Kinsman for the favour of y[ou]r letter, w[hi]ch gave me some comfort in this most Malancholy condition I am In, I need not name the Occation for I cannot name it without tears, for must own Tis one of the greatest troubles that ever befell me, pray god grant that I may not live to have such another, I can Say no more upon this Malancholy occation but that I am to your self & Family a reall & affect[ionate] Friend & most Faithfull Humble Serv[an]t

The above said is a Copy of my Last

I was in hopes to have heard from you that you had received all the money for wood Er this, you did get Good Security for <Erwins> money, as you formerly write me, So I doubt not but that money is received long Er this get all the remainder of my Rents of the Tenants as Soon as possible you can, for I have lately taken a house in Yorke for a terme of years and have it to furnish, it will Cost me many hundred ll [£], So pay all the money you recd to Mr Reay or Mr Coulson, and make all the Expedition you can in the receiving and Paying of it

I Lent a Gelding on Saturday Last to a friend of mine in Ripon, he put him into his Pasture that night, and never was heard of Since though all the Enquiry imaginable has been made about him, there [about 4 words missing from image] (who they Say were Scotchmen) Seen in Severall Pastures about the town, So tis believed they have Stole the horse, I would not take 12ll [£12] for him So make all the Enquiry Possible you can, and w[ha]t Charges you are at Shall be thankfully repaid

The marks are as follows

a bright bay Gelding 7 or 8 years old, his farr forefoot and nigh hind foot white, about 15 hands high and hath all his Gates

18 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

D[ea]r Kitty Aug[us]t 18 1713

Inclosed I send you Mr Brumells letters I doubt not long Eere this but you have Recd the money of Mr Horton wch give me Credit for, Inclosed I send you three bills For Hundred and Fifty pounds wch am very Sure will be punctually paid, acquaint me when bills are accepted by a very good hand whether you can dispose of them in pay[men]t for goods as ready money, though they be eight or ten days before they be due, faile not to own the Receipt of my bills by the first post after they come to hand w[i]th my blessing to y[ou]r Self & Wife & Service to all Relations I am

y[ou]r affect[ionate] Father

18 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to George Mashrother

Mr Mashrother 18 Aug[us]t

S[i]r Pray do me the favour by the bearer the post boy to acquaint me if Mrs Tompson be at home or where she is, for Mrs Millington has got [struck out: 'a sore'] a paine in her breast & would come to York & take Mrs Tompsons advice bout it, pray faile not & you will oblige

20 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett

[Note: The first appears to be an earlier draft of the second, dated 20th August. Recipient unclear, but mention of Lady Wandesford suggests the Nortons or Yorke, cousins via Sir Edward's marriage to Mary Yorke. Stavely was possibly the village between Boroughbridge and Knaresborough]

D[ea]r Cousin

you may depend upon it that the money you have upon Stavely is good security & whether the Mill & house are in good repair or not it does not much concerne you for you may have your moneys wch you have upon Estate repaid you in a months notice, as I am ve[ry] credibly informed & better Security for y[ou]r money you cannot possibly have, so I advise you to keep it w[i]th all Services fro[m] hence to y[ou]r Self & my Lady Wandesford I am Mad[a]m y[ou]r affec[tionate] Kinsman & Humb[le] Serv[an]t

D[ea]r Madam [overwrites Cousin] Aug[us]t 20

I Recd y[ou]r letter and would advise you rather to give somewhat more then Stavely is worth and so have an absolute Estate made of it, but if he stands upon unreasonable terms by all means Call In y[ou]r moneys for you have but a very indeferant man to deal withall this is the best advice I can give you all this family gives their humb[le] Service to y[ou]r Self & my Lady Wandesford & Pray believe me always
y[ou]r Faithfull humb[le] Serv[an]t

20 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Dear] James

Newby Aug[us]t 20th 1713

I Recd y[ou]rs of the 15th give my humb[le] Service to Mr Major & acquaint him I shall send for the hhd [hogshead] Wine assoon as the Weather is something Couler, I hope Mr Coulson will be as good as his Word to send me bills for W[illia]m Lowses two hundred pound by the next post as he promised you, I perceive Mr Foster told you if Mr Jones was perfectly well but I hear by Severall hands that he cannot walk over the roome without help

Order the Wherry men not to bring any of my lead from Newburne till they hear from me, tis much better to lay their then at Newcast[le], Shall not pay for the lead carriage till I have it from under the mans hand that looks to my lead at Newburne the number of peices that all are there & than shall pay them but not before I heartly wish the undertakers good Success in the New barga[i]ns they have let, I hope Mr Coulson has Sent me the two Reams of paper by the Ripon Carrier before this

my leg has been very ill but I hope itt will be well in a very little time I am
y[ou]r assured Friend

21 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Dear] Mr Ward

Newby 21 Aug[us]t 1713

Sir

I Recd y[ou]rs of the 18 w[i]th the Inclosed Note from Mr Rob[er]t Allason [Allinson?] so I leave you to deal with him as well as you can, & in the mean time Shall look over my writings againe & indeavoir to find a better title however assoon as possible you can & desire you will pay Mr Maynard his bills and give my Service & thanks to him for his Care & that he proceed no further in this business till he hears from me, for shall looke over my writings again and give you an acc[oun]t what I find I am

y[ou]r assured Friend

acquaint Mr Allason that the lease bears date 20 March 35 and by Mr Cronchs abstract Mr W[illia]m Conyers Died in 35 so at most Mr Conyers could but Survive the lease but 5 days so it will Satisfy you if they show you the deed or the ccopy of it made by Mr W[illia]m Conyers to Gerard Salvin dated after the lease as they pretend give me an acc[oun]t of this assoon as Conveniently you can as also that you have p[ai]d Mr Maynard his small bill for am very well assured it cannot be much & I do believe him to be a very honest man

24 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Honest Will

Newby 24 Aug[us]t 1713

I Recd y[ou]rs of the 19th the horse I writ to you about is at last found but very Soore abused tis thought that Some Scotch or Northumberland men had taken him for some other horses was awanting, but am glad he is found againe

I wunder t[h]e Tenants should complaine of the price of Corne this year For I doubt they will find corne cheaper the Next for wheat is fallen 18d in a bushell Since New corne in, busure Set all things streight with the <nanst> assoon as possible you can, I make <no> doubt but you have Recd the moneys for the Wood, long Ere this I wonder you did not name it in y[ou]r letter, let me know in y[ou]r next what is Standing out for Wood & by whome, and acquaint the Farmers of the Tyths if they will pay you in ten days time shall allow them for their assesments of last year but never hereafter, the Customary Tythes are so small that no doubt you may have them at any time for asking for asssoon as this comes to hand give a line to when Mewburne has weighd Mr Lorains ten tun Lead may pay him for it, tis £42:10 I say Forty two pound ten shilling
y[ou]r assured friend

24 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to Ralph Loraine

Mr Loraine

Aug[us]t 24th 17[13]

I Recd y[ou]rs of the 20th and am Sorry the undertaker has paid you £12 Short you may thank y[our] Self for makeing so foolish a bargaine I hope it will learne you to be wiser hereafter when Mewburne has weighd of y[ou]r Ten Tuns [struckout: 'ready to be weight off shall order Mewburne to go up & weigh it off, & than'] shall send you an order to Receive y[ou]r money of W[illia]m Lowes, I wonder the Work people does not advise the undertaker to carry up levell if they have such hopes of her proveing I will have none of my Lead go to Newcastle this year, neither y[ou]r Slag lead nor the Lead made on the old waste, give hARRY Tulop this letter & bid him send me an answer by the very first post, I am
y[ou]r assured Friend

24 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip

Honest Harry

Di[tto] 24 August 1713]

let me know by the very first post how many pieces of lead Mr Loraine has laying at the Mill & shall order Mewburne to go to fallowf[iel]d and weigh it off, & than will ord[e]r W[illia]m Lowes to pay him in case there be ten tun but not otherwise, you may assure his Creditors I will pay him punctually for every ten tuns he makes, therefore they need not Straighten him nor be too urgent with him for their moneys for they may depend upon it

Shall Expect a full answer of this letter by a line p[e]r first post too
y[ou]r assured Friend

24 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to Thomas Wilkinson

[Note: Undated but assumed the same date as previous letter]

Sir

I have the favour of y[ou]r letter must own a great many things has been told me both of y[ou]r Self & y[ou]r Father Mr Wilkinson w[hi]ch Surprised me very much being I always had so great a Value & friendship [struckout: 'respect and kindness'] both for y[ou]r grand Father & Father & am very sure they had no less for my Self & Family, & if [struckout: 'it was ever'] it were in my power to be serviceble Either to y[ou]r Self or [struckout: 'y[ou]r Father'] any Relation for their Sakes you may always depend upon y[ou]r Faithfull Friend & Serv[an]t

27 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James

27 [August 1713]

I Recd y[ou]rs of the 22th w[i]th the bills of £200 w[hi]ch I have given [struck out 'W[illia]m'] Mr Coulson C[redit] for, the moneys he Recd of W[illia]m Lowes, the perceiv there is 2 q[uar]ter]s of lead wanting so tis well if tis found amongst the undertakers Lead, you know they owed me Some 3 q[uar]ter]s or more w[hi]ch they have not paid for as yet, you must take as many q[uar]ter]s of theirs in lew of them,

I have writ to W[illia]m Lowes as also to Severall others to give their Votes & intrest for my L[or]d Hartford at Annwick so be sure you do the same though I am sure there will be no opposition however it will look well <...> my L[or]d Steward will acquaint his grace of it you must by almeans carry Some w[it]h you should they be not freholders, onely to showt & make a noyce [noise], for there will be no occation to vote being there is no opposition,

I can hear nothing as yet of the 2 Reams of paper Send me in y[ou]r next an acc[oun]t what moneys you have disburst of this last ½ years Rent, Shall writ you when I send for the Wine that you may see it tool [toll] free over the bridge For I am a freeman therefore ought not to pay any tool [toll] you must besure to See y[ou]r Self the hhd [hogshead] of Wine fild up w[i]th the Same Sort of wine,

I perceive Loraine has made 10 tun of lead I would have you go to Fallowfield Some day & See it weighd of & will[iam] Lowes will pay for it, what lead is now laying at Fallowfield or likely to be made for me shall not be brought In till next Summer give me an Answer of this letter by the next post I am

y[ou]r assured Friend

27 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Mr Ward

27 Aug[ust] 1713

I Recd y[ou]rs of the 24th & if I had known a month Sooner that D Johnson had a Daug[h]ter that was fit for a houskeeper would have sooner hired her than any other, in case she had been capable of it, pray get Mr Maynards Note assoon as possibly you can I know it Must be very inconsiderable we will let the matter rest for some time, am still in hopes to find Some writings if may be Serviceble to me in y[ou]r business I am
y[ou]r Assured Friend

27 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to Paul Foley

Mr Foley

27 Aug[ust] 1713

Sir I have the favour of y[ou]r letter and do assure you who ever told Jewler the basket maker that he had my liberty to vote for whom he pleased was a great knave and pray acquaint him from me that I do expect he shall vote for you and Mr Dunney as he promised me or otherwise he may never Expect my friendship, wishing you both all Success immaigenable I am

S[i]r y[ou]r most Faithful Humb[le] Ser[vant]

27 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: Undated. Assumed date of previous letter.]

Honest Will

my last to you was the 24th Since has not Recd any from you, This is chiefly to acquaint you that a particular friend of mine lost 2 horses last night out of the pasture, & are not to be found hereabout therefore Supposes they are Stoolen by some Scotch or Northumberland man, upon Receipt of this letter must besure so make Strict Search after them

30 Aug 1713 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie

D[ea]r S[i]r

30 Aug[us]t 1713

you know you may command me in any thing, but in breaking my word you must excuse me. I wish you had made y[ou]r mind know to me upon mr Worsleys Acc[oun]t when you were at London & then would willingly have Served him; but being Ingaged some time ago by my Neighbour S[i]r Brian Stapleton & his Son, as also by Mr Wakefield from my L[or]d Downes, I can neither in honour or Conscience break my repeted promises, w[hi]ch I know you will easily pardon, Mr Dawney Came heither yesterday and told me he did not in the least question the Election by a great majority it much concernes me that I cannot Serve my best friend Mr Aislabie who I hope will believe that I am

intirely & most affectionately y[ou]rs
To John Aislabie Esq[ui]re]

3 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: 'Mr Mayor' was probably Henry Reay of Newcastle, with whom EB had many dealings]

James

Newby 3 Sept[ember] 1713

I perceive by yo[ur]s of the 29th that you will Send me a note of what moneys you have paid & disburst out of this last half years Rent of Seaton Dalavall, & to whome, w[hi]ch besure faile not to doe,

I am much in y[ou]r opinion that there will be no Occasion for then going to fallowfield for Mr Loraines lead may be as well all weigh[e]d off next Spring, for I do not designe it shall come down sooner,

I Recd a letter from Fallowfield last post w[hi]ch acquaints me that Gerrard Dobson had taken a bargaine, the Shaft is on fallowfield side of the burne where the Oar was got before & that he is come to very good ore, how long she will prove no one can tell as yet, give my Service to Mr Mayor & tell him I heartily wish she may continue, acquaint me whether Mr Wrightson was Swone before the Election, that he was qualified having £300 a year according to the act of Parliament I can hear nothing as yet of my paper I am

Faile not to get a bill of y[ou]r assured Friend Mr Fenwick for the ballance of his Acc[oun]t & Send it me by the next post

3 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip

Honest Harry

Newby the 3 Sept[ember] 1713

I perceive by y[our]s of the 28th that Mr Loraine had 10 tun & 6 q[uar]ter]s of lead at the Mill, so the Inclosed letter to W[illiam] Low[e]s is to pay him for the 10 tun, you write me likewise that George Kell the plomer hath got 3 pigs of lead weighing four hundred two quarters & two pound w[hi]ch is but indiferent weight, am very glad the acc[oun]t you give me of the groves I hope Gerrard Dobson bargaine will continue good for a long time, w[hi]ch I heartily wish. I cannot pay the lead Carriers till the 2 q[uar]ter]s of lead be found, so if they be willing to deduct for the 2 q[uar]ter]s lead will ord[e]r W[illia]m Low[e]s to pay their money, & if they are found amongst the undertakers lead shall pay them their money againe, upon Receipt of this letter do you pay the 20 Shillings concerning the Wall Dumm

I thank you for your kind Inquiring after my leg I thank God it is almost perfectly well, give my Service & thanks to the person that writes y[ou]r letters & I desire he will write always y[ou]r letters when there is Occasion & he will very much oblige me I am
Honest Harry y[ou]r assured Friend to Serve you

asoon as this comes to hand send Loraine away to W[illia]m Low[e]s w[i]th his letter – let me know what I am Indebted to the Carriage men for the last lead they brought down

3 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Ralph Loraine

Mr Loraine 3 Sept[ember] 1713

Since myne of the 24th haife [have] heard nothing from you I am now resolved that none of my lead shall come down to Newcastle till next Springe, so there will be no Occasion for Mewburnes going to weigh y[ou]r lead haveing Inclosed a letter to W[illia]m Low[e]s by this post in H Tulops to pay you for ten tun & always as you make a hundred and Sixty pieces he shall pay you so that the lead need not be weight off till next Spring all together nor the lead made of the dead heaps likewise, I wonder I do not hear from you oftener & how the groves are I am

y[ou]r assured Friend

3 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: The last letter to Lowes was on the 27th (undated letter), and the 24th before that]

Honest Will

3 Sept[ember] 1713

My last to you was of the 20th about 2 horses being Stooles from my friend w[hi]ch are Since found [Struckout: 'is none too Certaine for they were met going towards Carlile, I wish you could make inquiry after them & you should be gratified to y[ou]r own satisfaction, they belong to Mr Dawney My L[or]d Downes Eldest Son, I doubt not if pains was taken but they may be heard of againe, I']

I perceive Mr Loraine has made 10 tuns of lead so do you pay him for it, & assoon as the harvest is got in, I would have you come over & Set all things Streight, though there be no opposition would [word obscured: 'have'?] you by almeans go to the Election & Showt for a <...>ford, upon Receipt of this letter give me a line
y[ou]r assured Friend

3 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Mr Ward

3 Sept[ember] 1713

The other Side is a Copy of my last, Since I Recd a letter from D: Johnson, pray acquaint her what I write you concerning her Daughter, I could heart[i]ly wish I had known of her sooner; & shall make it my business to get her a place if possibly I can pray discharge Mr Maynards Note & I hope by the very first post to hear that you have done it I am

y[ou]r assured Friend to serve you

3 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to James Scott

Mr Scott

Sept the 1st 1713

Sir about ten days agoe Mr Aldm Fenwick of Hull, writ me that my basket of Spa Water was arrived, & would Send it by the first Keel for Yorke, directed for you, I desire you will let me know if you have heard any thing of it, when it comes to y[ou]r hand must beg the favour of you to send it by the first Borrowbridge boat, & give them a great charge of it, & you will oblige

4 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Captain Fairfax

Sept[ember] 4 1713

D[ea]r S[i]r

I am informed that the Lord Mayor of Yorke has made a great numb[e]r of fre[e]men of Yorke of late on purpose to Serve his friend at the Election I can assure you that all the freemen that was made Since the test of the Rit that their Votes are Voide & will not be

allowed in Parliament so you may Stand upon it at the Election and let there be a query set on their names in case they are allowed to Vote assoon as this Comes to y[ou]r hand pray Satisfy me by a line to

Sir y[ou]r Most Faithful Humble Serv[an]t

Capt[ain] Fairfaix

am sorry my indisposition will not allow me to waite on you at Yorke

7 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Mr Ward

Sept[ember] 7 1713

I Recd y[ou]rs w[i]th Mr Maynards letter & bill I think it comes to a great deal of money considering no great matter done, for my part I do not much understand it & as he has referred it to y[ou]r Self pray do it likewise not doubting but you will get me what abatement possibly you can, I do think it very necessary that you keep a Court at Bisshopton after Michelmass, however I hope to See you after you have got your harvest Inn, & than Shall discourse you further about it, w[i]th my Service to Mr Maynard I am

y[ou]r assured Friend to Serve you

7 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Honest Will

Sept[ember] 13 1713

I peceive by y[ou]rs of the 31 that you think you Shall be Straightened to get moneys of the Tenants to pay Mr Loraine for the ten tun of lead, w[hi]ch I very much wonder at, I hope by thus time you have got most of y[ou]r harvest Inn, so acquaint[t] the Tenants that you are to come to Newby to set the last half year Streight, & that you must of necessity have all the Arrears, or otherwise you must pay it out of y[ou]r own pocket,

mr Driffield is very positive that the advise he gave you concerning the Wood is right that you need not trouble any other counsil about it, so you need not value their threats should be glad to hear offner from you & how the price of corn & Cattle Rules w[i]th you, I am

y[ou]r assured Friend to Serve you

I am glad you have got Urwins money Am sure his bondsmen ought to have paid Intrest for it, I perceive Browns & Compa[ny] Sixty pound John Coyne Sixteen pound is not due till next New years day & Tho[mas] Sparke Sixty pound is due next

decemb[e]r, Ralph pattison is to pay Thirty five pound Next New years day & he is to pay other Thirty five pound that time twelve month acquaint me if any others are oweing for wood & when payable

8 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Alderman Fenwick

[Note: Fenwick of Hull]

Mr Fenwick 8 Sept[ember] 1713

S[i]r

I have longe Expected my German Spa Water, but can hear nothing of it so pray let me know by the very first post, in what Keel you Shipt it & the day of the month For I am afraid there is some mistake, otherwise it would have been at Yorke long before this last post I recd a letter from Mr V[an] Meel of Rotterd[a]m wh[ich] informes me that he has two Cows & a bill for me their, but no Hull Ship being at the port, so pray acquaint if any ships are agoing shortly if not shall order them to be shipt for Newcastle I am

S[i]r y[our] obliged Humble Serv[an]t

8 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to John Van de Wall

[Note: 'Van Meil' here might be identified as the John 'Van de Wall' with whom John Blackett corresponded in 1710]

Mr Van Meel

Sir

8 Sept[ember] 1713

I perceive by y[our]s of the 8th that you have got one the two Cows & the bull Calf, am Sorry there is no hull Vessel w[i]th you at present, but I hope in a short time you will find a conveniency to Ship them for hull,

I wond[e]r my Son Christopher Blackett has not Remitted you more than Forty pound Sterling, for he has much more moneys of my Son Johns in his hand, shall write him by this post that if has not already done it to do it w[i]th all possible Speed,

my Son John owe as follows

Dr Wim Vishoek	£194 1
Mr Johnson	118
Mr Morgan	60

Mr Mingay 100

In all £472 1

when I know what you are in disburce upon my Acc[oun]t Shall order a bill to be Remitted to you w[i]th a thousand thanks given you by
y[ou]r most obliged & Faithfull Humble Serv[an]t

Mr V: Meel

8 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

Dear Kitt

8 Sept[ember]

tis now full time to Inquire how y[ou]r Wife does, I hope by this, She is nigh her time, & I heartily wish her a Safe delivery

Give my Service <Savill> & tell her I wonder I hear nothing of my handkerchiefs, if she has not already bought them desire her to buy them assoon as possible

<The casy> I had a letter the last post from mr V[an] Meel who writes me he has Recd a bill from you for £40 Sterling, I very much wond[e]r you did not remit the remaind[e]r of the moneys w[hi]ch you have of y[ou]r Brothers in y[ou]r hand, at the Same time,

Am very much concerned to hear that you & y[ou]r partner are resolved to part for he hath the Carecter of being a very Sober & judisious man, & in my opinion you could not have done better then continued together a Year or two longer, however I heartily wish you Success in all y[ou]r undertakens w[i]th my blessing to you both & Service to all Relations acquaint me what day of this Month, if you can learn y[ou]r brother the Capt[ain] Sailed

10 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: Mr Mayor was Henry Reay]

James

Newby the 10 Sept[ember] 1713

I perceive by y[ou]rs of the 5th that Mr Waters will give you a bill for the ballance of Mr Fenwicks Acc[oun]ts Acc[oun]t Mr Mayor that I shall Send a Cart from Newby on Monday Next for my Wine he will be at Newcastle Tuesday in the afternoon do you be their about that time so see the Wine fill[e]d up w[i]th the very best sort of Wine, & see the Man set out by times on Wednesday Morning, desire Mr Mayor to see the Kart over the bridge for being a freeman must pay no toll I had a letter from fallowfield that

Gerrard Dobsons bargain was very hopefull & got good one, I wond[e]r they write me if it is not so

11 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to J Blackburne

Newby 11 Sept 1713

Sr

I Recd yrs of the 8th past & I do assure you have no manner occasion for a Steward neither in Northumberland nor any other place where I am concerned, being all my Stewards are liveing I am

Sr yr Very humbe Servt

For Mr. J Blackburne To be left at the post house At Settle in Craven

11 Sep 1713 John Blackett to Isabel Blackett

[Note: Written to his sister, Bella, this appears to be composed by Edward Blackett's son, John, who was living at home with his parents at that time.]

Dr Sister Bella

my father ordered me to acquaint you tht he Recd yr letter & is very Sorry for Cousin Norton's misfortune, he has Sent the bearer on purpose to see him, he is very well pleased you have agreed wth the Washer Woman for mending, clearing, & washing tht linnen & she shall be paid quarterly as she desires my fathers leg is almost perfectly well, he send you his blessing & his service to Cousin Norton & his Family & believe me

yr affect Brother

14 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Captain Fairfax

[Note: Undated but sequenced between letters of 11th & 16th Sept. 14th used here.]

Capt Fairfax

Sr

I Recd the favour of yr letter & I heartily wish you much Joy, you need not in the least fear Mr Jennkins petition, for you will find many more friends in the house then he will do when you can sare time all this family will be mighty glad to see you at Newby I am

Dr Sr yr most Faithfull Hum <I>

14 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to John Van de Wall

[Note: Undated but sequenced between letters of 11th & 16th Sept. 14th used here.]

Mr V Meel

Sr.

I writ you two posts ago & this morning I Recd a letter from hull tht there are some hull ships at present at Rotterdm & Robt hunter wth Some other ships are agoing, & if you do not get the Cattle shipt wth all possible Speed there will be an ordr here tht none will be Suffered to come into England by reason we hear the distemper is got amongst the Cattle in the provinsce of Uytrecht so if they be not not already shipt pray dispose of thm for what price you can get for them my son writes me from Londn tht he will send you a bill assoon as possibly he can get one,

14 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Undated but sequenced between letters of 11th & 16th Sept. 14th used here.]

Dr Kitt

I Recd yrs of the 12 & shall be very glad to hear yr Wife was Safely brought to bed give my blessing to her & tell her I am at her Service to stand God Father whether it be a boy, or a girl, besure fail not to send a bill to Mr V Meel wth all possible Speed wth my blessing to you I am

16 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to William Jones

Newby 16 Sept 1713

Honest Mr Jones

mighty glad to perceive by yours of yr perfect recovery, pray God continue your health, I have been much out of order this Summer wth a great dizziness in my head, & a very little stomach, I hope Company at Yorke this Winter will divert me, Should be glad to see you at Newby, & if you please shall send a man & a horse tht goes well for you all this family gives you their kind Services, the Capt bid me tell you tht he has a great miss of you, to take a pipd in a Evening, pray by the next post give a line too

Sr Real friend & Faithfull Servt

To Mr Wm Jones at Mrs Henrys house In Durham

18 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to John Van de Wall

19 Sept

Mr V Meel

Sr the above is a Copy of my last, this is onely to desire you to ships the Cattle wth all possible speed either to Hull or Newcastle & buy as much hay as will serve them to ther port, & beg yr pardon for all the trouble given you by

Sr yr obliged Humble Servt

18 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Mr Witton

18 Sept

Mr Witton

Sr I desire you will do me the favour to let me know what time you please I shall wait on you wth Sons Acct & his Severall letters tht the acct may be adjusted, I know you need not pay his debts unless you please but you have so great & good a Character in the Country tht I make do doubt, but you will do me right

18 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Dr Prescot

[Note: Undated but in sequence between 18th and 20th. 18th used here.]

Doctor Prescot

Sr I desire you not faile to Come to Newby on Monday morning next, & Desire Dr Burbec to come wth you, for I doubt my wifes Toe is much worse then it was when you was here last, I am much afraid that it must be Cut off, so bring instruments with you as are proper for that purpose, wth my Service to yr Self & Doctor Burbeck I am

Sr yr Very Humbe Servt

18 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Mr Loftus

[Note: Undated but in sequence between 18th and 20th. 18th used here.]

Honest Mr Loftus

I heartily thank you for yr most obliging letter, & perticuluirly for yr kind inquiring after my Wifes toe wch I am afraid is worse then we think oft, I have sent both for Dr Prescott & Dr Burbeck not to faile to be here on munday next tis thought they will be forced to cut it off, pray God send her a good amendmt of it, all this family gives you their kind services & believe me always

Yr Real Friend to Serve you

I perceive the Servt tht you are [sending] to help me, has got a fit of an ague, I hope there is no danger but he will prove well haveing so good a character, so assoon as he is Recovered should be glad to see him at Newby.

20 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to William Fenwick

[Note: Recipient unnamed, but there is a later letter to fenwick on the same subject]

Newby 20 Sept 1713

Sr

I thank you the News you send me of the arrivall of the two Cows & bull calf, I think 4 or 5 days rest will do thm no harm pray let me know if they are in a Condition to travell & shall immediately send for thm inclosed you have the bill of loading, I desire you will let me know what I am indebted to you , pray charge all the postidge of letters & shall pay if, either at Yorke or Newcastle as you shall arder, wth the a thousand thanks for the trouble given you by

Sr Yr Humbe Servt

22 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Recipient unnamed but probably son Kit given another mention of his wife's pregnancy.]

Newby 22 Sept 1713

I had a letter this day from mr V Meel who complains mighty that you have not returnd him the mony wch you had of the brothers, wch faile not the do p[er] first post, I do not Value how the Exchange goes, so you have but a good bill, for I had rather given double the Sume but the mony had been returnd assoon as is come to yr hands, as you was ordered, I shall be very sorry to hear that if is not returned before this, faile not to bring me my acct tht we may set all things strait for shall hav occasion for all the monys wch you have in your hands so you may order yr business accordingly

Should be glad to hear of yr Wifes safe delivery wth my blessing to you both and services to all Relations I am

Send me down by the very first ship 3 stone of the best block Tin directled for mr SCott Crane mastr of Yorke

24 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to John Ward

24 Sept 1713

Sr am sorry I had not a bit more discourse wth you about the two Tenants you said you could help me to, pray let me know wch part of Newby it is, they have a mind to take, & their names for I am desirouse in case I can Get good tenants to let tht most of Newby grounds & dispose of most my Stock into the south for there are severall Noblemen who will give me great prices for thm yr answers assoon as conveniently you can by a line to

Yr assured Friend

24 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

24 Sept 1713

Waugh brought the Wine safe to Newby friday in the afternoon, I thank you for the kind inquiry after my leg, thank God it is now perfectly well againe, I Recd the bill for the ballance of mr Fenwick[s] Acct the bills comes at a very long date you know I used formerly to have them at 12 or 15 days date I hope in a little time there wil be a demand for lead againe, assoon as the parliamt sits the first thing they [do] will be to pass the bill wch concerns the trade [with struck out: 'France'] & then I hope lead will advance in price, we havehad here the finest corne harvest wch has been known [in] the memory of man, & I hope you have had the same asoon as you have got the harvest & can spare a little time, I would have you come over, & set the last half years Rent straight, I wish you could get me a little Cavyare you may bring it in a little box dwhen you come to Newby you may have it well tyed down wth a strong string, & may bring it wth Ease in yr coat pocket

I know there would be no opposition for the county, let me know if many appeared for my Lord Hertford, & who they were I am

Yr Assured Friend

25 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to William Fenwick

25 Sept 1713

Mr Wm Fenwick

Sr I perceive form yrs of the 23th [sic] tht you delivered my cattle to my Servt, am sorry tht one of the cows got a strook, I doubt it will hinder her travilling by reason as they are not yet come to Newby, I have paid Mr Baines according to yr order six pound six shillings & one penny half penny, am troubled you have not set down the postidge of yr letters when yr occasions calls you on this side of the country shall be mighty glad to see you at Newby wth a thousand thanks for the trouble given you by

Sr yr Humble Servt

25 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge

[Note: undated but between 25th and 28th. 25th used here]

Mr Lodge

Inclosed sent you a letter to mr Witton of Wakefield desire you to deliver it yr self, & when have yr answer shall desire the favour of yr Comp<n> to his house

28 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Mr Loftus

Newby 28 '

Honest Mr Loftus

have sent you the bearer my servt £20 I desire you will buy me twenty little Ewes that you judge will bring up their lambs well & after we have killed off the lambs will feed that Summer the remainder of the money I desire you will lay out in two years old little weathers for wintering , there used to be little pritty hardy sheep about Laburne & no doubt but there will be severall of thm at yr fare, I shall send Robt by times in the morning to drive thm home wth my service to yr self & both to mr Wittons I am yr assured Friend to serve You

If you find a pennith may lay out £3 or 4 5 five pd more, shall pay at meeting

29 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett

Sr I desire you will pay the bearer my Servant £50 pounds in part of the two bills wch I gave you for £200 pounds & you will oblige

Sr yr Very Humbe Servt

29 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton

29 Sept

Mr Pemberton

Sr I am very much obliged to you for your kind Inquirings after y wifes health, she has been Extreemly ill, but I thank God she is now past danger & in a very fine way of Recovery, she gives you her Service & thanks & so doth

Sr yr obliged Humbe Servt

29 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Mr Loftus

29 Sept

Honest mr Loftus

I long to see the servt you Recommended to me I was in hopes he would have been at Newby before this, pray desire yr friend to write to him againe I do not much approve of my servt Mathew, so he goes away at martinmass, I wish you could get me one in his place likewise, have sent a man & a boy for the sheep so pray let thm be well marked that they may not be changed by the way, assoon as it is time to set a Quick hedge I would desire yr company at Newby, shall send a man & a horse for you I desire this season to make the <Fence?> up to the house and in summr will make a Stone or Brick Wall about the orchard for I doubt a Quick hedge will never turn a stone horse let me know by the bearer if you think you can get me a serv- in Mathews place, if you think not I must make I must make further inquiry wth my Service to yr self & both Mr Wittons I am

30 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Sept 30 1813

Mr Ward

I perceive by yours of the 29th that the two tenants must have convenient houses, & you know I have none there, so shall have no further thoughts of them, pray take care to send out a horse & arms to Thirske, shall send you a Warrant shortly to Serve upon mr Bellengers tenants who must take care to send it to his master,

I shall want an over man against Martinmass so I desire you will send over the man that I may see him, & upon yor Recommendation I cannot dislike him so the sooner he comes the better & may bring wth him the Sammon & bouts faile not by the first post to give a line to satisfy that this came to yr hand to

30 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby 30 Sept 1713

James

I Recd yrs of the 26th besure you take no bills from fitters upon any Crimps at London, For you know I have had to do wth them already, assoon as you have got in yr harvest faile not to come to Newby & set the last half Years Rent straight and if you do not Inclse me a bill by the next post you may bring the mony wth you, though I hope mr Coulson will be as good as his word and give you one, know the price of the very best block Tin, if you have not bought it, do not buy any till you hear further from
Yr assured Friend

30 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Dt

Honest Will

Yrs of the <27>th I Recd I hope by this time all or most of your harvest is got In, ther never was a finier [sic] in the memory of man as this Year, So when you are at leasure I would have you by all means come overe & set all things straight for I designe wth most of my Family to Winter at Yorke for hae taken a house their for a term of Years, Harry Tulop is in arrear £30 of the last half Years Rent so if he does not designe to come to Newby I would have you Receive if from him & bring it wth you have writ him to the same purpose let me know by the very first post when you think to be at Newby that I may not be from home I am

Yr assured Friend

30 Sep 1713 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip

Newby 30 Sept 1713

Honest Harry

N

tis a long time Since I had a letter from you besure you faile not to give me a line by the first post how the mines are at Fallowfield & whether they have any better hopes of their proving then formerly, I have taken a house at Yorke for a term of Years and designs always to Winter their wth most of my Family should be very glad to see you at Newby before I go, wch will be before martinmass, bu I hope all yr harvest is in or will be In Shortly, & your seed in the ground then you will have but little to do, mitty would be glad to dance a merry Trotter wth you before she goes to Yorke but in case you cannot possibly come you may pay what you was in Arrears wch in the last half

year wch is £30 to Wm Lows who designs to be at Newby in 14 days, upon Receipt of this letter give me a line to

Yr assured Friend

give my Service to yr Secretary

1 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to Roger Talbot

1 Octobr 1713

Sr

I desire you will do me the favour to ordr yr Clark to write on ordr of Summons against William Bellingham Esq, before the deputy Lietenants at Thirsk on the 12 day of octobr to shew cause why he refuses to pay his proportion for ½ a horse in the militia for his lands at Worsle in the sd Rideing, he is at present 14 years in arrear shall desire mr Reevely to sign the said order I am

Sr yr Faithfull Humbe Sert

To Roger Tolbot Esq. These
[struck out: 'Woodend']

2 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to John Van de Wall

2 Octobr

Sr

I perceive by yrs of the 3d that I am indebted to you £206:12 for the 2 Cows bull & charges wch you may draw upon my son Christopher at sight in Londn he will punctually pay yr bill, they came all very well to Newby & I thank you for the trouble you took to procure them, I had a letter lately from my son londn who advises me tht he had remitted yo a £60 bill wch I hope will discharge all my debts in Rotterdm, should be very glad to hear from you some times tof to give me an acct of yr good health wch I heartily wich being , I am

Yr obliged humbe Servt

2 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Almost certainly written on Edward's behalf by his son, John, who was at home at time time, and from content, to brother Kitt in London]

2 Octr 1713

Dr Brother

I Recd yrs & see you have remitted mr V meet & 60 wch is very well, he has bought 2 cows & a bull for my Father, & this post my Father has writ him to draw upon you at one or two days sight, I believe the whole may amount to about £30 Skr however what he draws you must give due honour to, if you come into thf Country before he draws on you, must besure to leave directions tht the bill may be paid, pray my services to yr Wife & all Friends & belive me to be

3 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to John Sharp

Mr. Sharp

3 Octobr 1713

Dr Sr <I hope> this will find you well in Town pray ordr yr Servt to send me down the evening post as formerly & you will much oblige all this family gives their services to yr self & lady

Yr Faithfull Humbe Servt

4 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to Mr Loftus

4 Octobr 1713

Honest Mr Loftus

I have Sent you by my Servant the bearer Six pounds, so I desire you will buy me twenty Ewes at Laburne you know what sort of Ewes I would have, such as would bring up their lambs well, and after they are killd off, will feed that summer I refer pray let me know whether you could hire a man from beadle to bring thm from laburne, or shall send a Servant from hence, had much rather you could hire an honest fellow, wish you that you can depend upon, for the careful driving of thm, I like the sheep you bought me very well with many thanks to you I am

Yr assured friend to Ser: you

You may go to the price of 10: 11: 12 shilling a ps as think convenient

4 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to Paul Foley

Newby Octobr 4th 1713

Sr

I Recd the favour of yr Lettr and wish it were in my <Power> at any time to be Serviceable to you in this County am much obliged to you for yr kind remembrance of

mr Lodge, and doubt not in the Least Question but yr intrest will Prevale for a Quallification for him

You know it is no manner of Charge to the a noble man, and am Sure the Prayer's of So Good and Pius a man as Mr Lodge is are valuable

[struck out: 'I am Sure I think'] you are very much in the right as not to Give mr Wortley any Disturbance in the next Election at oldburugh for it will Certainly Prevent a petition my Sons are much Yr Humble Servts and Pray believe me Sr yr most faithful Humble Servt

Have inlosed you a Lettr according to yr desire

For Paul Foley Esqr a membr of Parliamt at his Chambers in Lincolns Inn
London

5 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Mr Ward New[by] Octobr 5th 1713

The above <said> is a copy of my Last, I doubt it did not Com to yr by Reason I Possitively desire you to Give me a line by the very 1st Post having got a warrant of which will Send you a long by the 1st carefull hand which you must serve on mr Bellingham Servt and leave it with him tht he may inclose it to his master you need not trouble yr Self to send a horse to Richmond to appear at the militia for have taken Care of tht affair

I have found another Great <P>ack of Bishopton Writings So shall keep no Court till I have them p[er]used I have Expected every day to have Seene the Servt you writ me of

I am in hast yr assured

Friend to Serve you

6 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

oct 6 1713

James

the Inclosed are two Indentures the one I have to Indamnifie the Tenants the other I would have you sine & the rest of the tenants send for them to Seaton & give them a drink & read it to them & a Quent [acquaint] them that Seaton ground is in debted to me nigh 1500 pounds & not a tenant can keep a beast there till my full debt be paid & they may so that I have Indeamnified them a gainst Sr John & all other persons what so ever I hope with your Care & Industry you will get the deed Executed which will be a kindness to your assured

Let the Tenants agree amongst then Selv[es] who shall keep the deed that I have sined for there security & do you Keep theres till you come to newby & bring it with you & where the Blanck<s> are Set the Tenants names

7 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Francis Pemberton

[Note: Undated, but from a later letter Lady Blackett died on 'Wednesday', which was the 7th October. It appears to have been written by Edward Blackett's son, probably John, who was living at home with his parents at the time of their bereavement.]

Mr Pemberton

Sr according to yr desire, I acquaint you tht may Lady departed this life just at 4 a clock my fathers reminds you to let my Lord Warrington & the Dean of Bristol know of her death, & tht he was not in a condition to do it himself I am

<In haest> yr Very humbe Servt

8 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton

8 October 1713

Sr

when I signed the deed the other day wch concerns my dear Grand Daughter, I was so much concerned for my poor [struck out: Dear'] Wife tht I did not know well what I did, for you know it is not reasonable to pay a hundred pounds a Year to a child betwixt 9 and 10 Years old, when I never Recd one farthing of her Dear Mothers fortune, & I doubt not in the least but my Lord Warrington will think it so, however I am willing to whatever his Lordship thinks reasonable, & when I Receive the portion shall willingly pay her a hundred pounds a Year till she marrie, Pray let me ee you here assoon as you return out of Cleveland, for we are all in very great trouble, four our irreparable loss I am

Sr yr most obligd humble Sevt

Mr Pembeton

8 Octobr

Sr I desire you will peruse the inclosed, & pray write to Ld next as you promised Inclose it to him & make my Excuse for not writing to his Ldshipp I am Ser

yrs EB

9 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

9 Octobr

James

am very Sorry upon this Occasion that I must give you the [struck out: 'very'] sad & melancholick news of my Dear wifes death, who died on Wednesday last in the Evening, not onely this family but also all the <wl> neighbourhood lements the loss of her upon Receipt of this letter go & waite of Sr John wish him my Service & acquaint with it, I am in such a concern tht I can write no more but tht I am
yr assured Friend

James

9 Oct 1713 John Blackett to John Ward

9 Octobr 1713

Mr Ward

My Father is in so great a concern for the death of my poor Lady who departed this life on wednesday last at 4aClock in the afternoon, so what you heard of her being dead, was not so, he d never did designe to part wth any thing about bishopton now was there any offer made to him about it, we are all here in so great a concern tht I can write no more but tht I am

Yr assured Friend

JB

9 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Recipient is assumed to be Edward's son, Christopher (Kitt), judging by the reference to his wife being 'brought safely to bed', being the second similar reference in the letter book to his wife's pregnancy. Since he was addressed as Dear Brother, the letter would have been written by one of Edward's other children, almost certainly John, who was living at Newby at that time. Dated between 9th and 13th. 9th used here.]

Dr <Brother>

my Father Recd yr letter but is so much concerned for the death of my poor Lady, who Died last wednesday in the afternoon at 4 a Clock, tht he ordered me to write you, he is

very glad tht yr wife is safely brought to bed & wishes you both much comfort of him,
he gives you both his blessing and his service to all Relations I am
yr

13 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett

[Note: Naming himself uncle might mean the recipient was one of his married Mitford nephews]

October 13: 1713

Dr Sr

am Infinately obliged to you for the great concern you have for my Irreparable loss of
of the best of wifes & one of the best of women God almighty support me in this sad
affliction I can write no more upon this Mellancholic occasion, but that I am to yr Self &
lady a

most affect Uncle & most Faithfull Humbe Sevt

14 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Mrs Cuthbertson

Octobr 14: 1713

Mrs Cuthbertson

The great affliction wch has happened this Family will prevent my Fathers Comming
to Yorke he is so much concerned tht he ordered me to desire you will Endeavoir to let
your house & dispose of the goods wch mrs Millington brought as you think
convenient all but the Scrutore For we have occasion for one here, my Father is
Informed tht mr Boldero would take the house being much nigher his business as his
friend but he could wish you could get a Tenant more to yr likine said then he thinks
he would be Pray order a paper to be set upon the Door the house is to be let, I think
there is no question of a Tenant being the house Stands so well at so Easy a rent wth all
Services from hence to yr Self & Daughter I am

Yr Very humble Servt
JB

mr Stephenson & Goulden was at the buying of the goods & will assist you in the
dispoing of thm & shall send you a particular charge what they cost If you please to
give yr Self the trouble

14 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Dorothy Porter

[Note: Assumed to have been ritten by son John]

14

Dorothy Parker

This brings you the Sad news of my Dear Ladys Death & tht they will want a Chamber Maid at Newby in Hannahs Roome for she goes away at Martinmass so upon Receipt of this Letter let me know whether you come or no, That Sr Ed may provide himself wth another if you come will send a horse for you 4 or 5 days before Martinmass, or if you hire a horse will pay for the hire of it wch faile not to do by the first post by a line to

yr friend

Millington

at Marrick

14

Honest Mr Conlin

I desire you will Send the Inclosed letter by a Carefull hand & you will much oblige

yr assured Friend

For Mr George Conlin at his house at Richmd

15 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to Henry Stephenson

Mr Stephenson

15 Octobr 1713

Sr I desire you will pay the bearer To: Staitham for ten Chaldron of Coals, pray Send me my Acct I believe there will be veryd little betwixt us, the first bills wch I get from Newcastle shall send you but are very scarce at present, so am forced to have money sent, & order a paper to be set above the door tht the house is to be let, I wish you could get me a good Tenant, & dispose of the goods wch you assisted mr Milligton to buy, pray discourse mrs Cuthbertson fully about the house, Iff you think you cannot get me a tenant, I had better give her some small sume than she may please her self wth a one, shall expect a lin form you by the first post to

yr assured Friend

15 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Mr Jones

[Note: Assumed to be by John]

Jones

15 Octobr 1713

Sr

The great affliction tht this family Especially my Father are in, for the death of my poor Lady is in Expressible, my father wants company very much & nothing will but diver him, he desires yrs assoon as passible you can, so pray let me have a line from you, by the next post whether I shall send horses for you, or you will come to Topcliff in the stage coach, & shall be ready to waite upon you their, wth our Charriot at the time appointed, My father hopes you will not refuse him his request, little Mitty goes to be Educated by My Ld Warrington so leaves Newby quite [quiet] wch is a very great concern to my Father, by agreemt she is to come to Newby every Summer for a month or six Weeks, Capt & his wife goes wth her, so you may see my Father will have but very little company, I am

yr Humbe Servt

JB

At mrs Hendrys house

15 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby 15 Octobr 1713

James Mewburn

I Recd yours, and am glad you have got, so many of the tenants to signe the attornment, and shall justify both you and them for so doing, as for the rest that refuses to signe, they must blame themselves, what trouble & charges may be occasion'd for not doing it, and for atkinson that has taken possession of Seaton house illegally, I am advised not onely to action of Trespass lyes against him for it, but an Indictment for forceabe Entry, and no ease shall b he find at my hands for his wrong doing, nor what charge I put him to, and besure you continue your Family in the house, & mind your affairs as you used to doe, I intend to send a gentleman over for quietness sake to Sr John & to prevent charge to trye whether he is for peace or War, if for the former, I may be favourable in the time of payment if for the latter, the Estate must make good the full principle, Interest, and charges occasioned thereby, you may Shew Sr John this letter & faile not to let me hear from you at the first post, no Tenant can keep any Cattle upon the ground till my whole sume is paid

16 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to Henry Stephenson

16 Octobr 1713

Mr Stephenson

Sr the Inclosed should have come by the boatman but he went away without Coming to Newby, as soon as you can bargain for a boat load or two of back Barnsley Coals pray send them up, For I will willingly have thm at Borrowbridge before the ways grows bad, I wonder coals should be so scarce at Yorke, they used to be very plenttyfull this time of the Year, pray oerusem seal, & deliver mrs Cuthbertsons letter, ordr a papr to be put above the door tht the house is to be let, I hope in a little time you will get a tenant of it shall send my servt to Yorke wth keys of the Rooms where the goods are I have writ so fully in the Inclosed tht I need add no more but tht I am
Yr assured Friend

16 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Maria Blackett

[Note: Assumed to have been written by John]

Sis Maria

16 Octobr

The great affliction tht this family Especially my Father are in, for the death of my poor Lady is in Expressible, so be order me to acquaint you that he Recd yr letter, if it had pleased God tht my lady had lived we all designed to have gone to Yorke at martinmass, for we had taken mrs Cuthbertsons house & bought furniture for it about 4 or 5 day before my Ladys death, not thinking in the least of her death, Go almighty prepare us all for our latter End, none knows how soon it may be our faite, my Father give you his blessing & Service to all friends wth my Service to you I am

16 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Isabel Blackett

16 Octobr 1713

Sister Bella

my Father Recd yr letter, but is in so great a concern for his loss tht he cannot ut en to paper, so ordered me to acquaint you tht you may buy a Crape Gown & petticoat for mourning at Knaesbroug & what other small things are Necessary & send the note to Newby & he well send you money to pay for it, the bearer will give you a little box of pills you may take 5 of thm at a time as you have occasion for they are very safe Physick, my father is Extreemly troubled tht you should have the least thoughts of coming to Newby, he has a great many troubles upon him & he says to see you would Increase them, he gives his Service to Cousin Norton & all his good Family, & would be very glad to see him here to morrow to discourse him about some business, he gives you his blessing & believe me
yr affect Brother

17 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Thomas Brummell

Newby 17 October 1713

Mr Brumell

The great affliction that this family Especially my Father are in for the death of poor Lady is in Expressible, so orders me to write to desire you to send the last half years Rentall as also a bill for the balance betwixt you, another half year you know being at hand, shall expect yr answer by the first post, my service to yr spouse I am
Yr Humble Servt

Mr Coulson 17 Octobr 1713

the Inclosed is a letter of great concern so pray hire a horse & send a carefull messangr wth all Speed, & order him to stay to bring an answer of it, & pray send it by the first post & you will much oblige both my Father &
yr Humble Servt
JB

17 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton

mr Pemberton

24 Octobr 1713

Sr

I heartily thank you or the Inclosed letter & am mighty satisfied to think tht my r Grand Daughter will be Educated under my Lord Warringtons Care

I had a kind letter the last post from the Dean of Bristol, he is well pleased that his dr kinswoman will be educated under my Ld Warrington's Eye

I had a letter lately from Sr John who appointed the 28 of this Month wch is St Simon & Jude for his friends Meeting mr Norton at Peasbridge, but tht day you know being a great fair at Leeds & he having business at most of the fairs could not agree to it, so I appointed tuesday the 3d of Novembr & shall have his answer on Munday wch shall send you, Inclosed you have my last Instructions to Mr Norton in Case Sr John Cannot rase the whole Sume Princip^{ul} & Interest for would willingly have the moneys out of his hand, he being but a Loose chapman, & pray give me yr opinion by the first post what you think Is proper to be altered in it,

am very sorry to hear you have a great cold going from Ripon, it was a mighty wet afternoon, so I expected you at Newby not thinking you would go home I am

Sr yr Most obliged & faithfull

Humbe Servt

18 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to Paul Foley

18 Octobr 1713

Mr Foley

I hope mine of the 4 came to yr hand, Since mr Wortley did me the honour of a Visit, I believe he has lodged his petition before this but you know he may with draw it when he pleases I hear it is a very severe one, I heartily wish for quietness sake tht my Ld Harley will give him no opposition in the next Election for Aldborough for it would reconcile both parties and make thm intirely friends, this I write out of Respect to you both & wishing a good understanding in the Neighbourhood of aldborough I am

Sr yr Faithull H. Set

To Paul Foley Esq. A Membr of Parliament at his Chambers in Lincolns Inn

18 Octobr

Sr The Inclosed is a Copy of what I have writ this day to mr Foley, pray my service to my Lady Mary I am

Sr yr Faithfull Humble Servt

Mr Wortley

18 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Edward Boldero

[Note: Recipient unnamed but Edward Boldero is inferred from reference to Mrs Boldero]

Sr

18 Octobr 1713

The great affliction that this family Especially my Father are in, for the death of my poor Lady, is in Expressible, so ordered me to give you thanks for the kind Invitation of yr house this sad misfortune has prevented this family coming to Yorke this Winter so if either yr self or any Friend of yours has a mind to take the house, he will let it at Reasonable Rent, it stands mighty well for the business, so consider of it, my Father would be glad to see you at Newby, wth my Service to yr self & Mrs Boldero I am

yr Humbe Servt

JB

18 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge

18 October 1713

Mr Lodge

Sr I desire you will deliver the inclosed to my brother Christopher, assoon as you hear he is come to town, he will be at Leeds on Wednesday or Thursday at farthest, all this family joins wth me in our services to yr self & mrs Lodge I am

18 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Mr Allan

18 October 1713

mr allan

This Sad misfortune wch has happened this Family will hinder my Fathers Coming to Yorke this Winter therefore he orders me to desire you will acquaint mr Gest tht he will have no occation for his Cops, or orchard, for his horse to run In

18 Oct 1713 John Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: Evidently from son John. Undated but in sequence between 18th and 20th. 18th used here.]

Honest Will

The great affliction tht all this family Especially my father are In, is inexpressible therefore he orders me to write you, to desire you to come over & bring the Rentall of the last half Year wth you that all things may be set straight, another half year you know being at hand, let me have a line from you be the medt post & you will oblige
Yr

let me know the day you designe to be here tht I may be at home, to take In yr acct

20 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Presumably from John and the only obvious brother to receive it was Kitt.]

20 Octobr 1713

Dr Brother

My Father orders me to acquaint you, that he will have occation for the balance of his acct therefore you must besure to bring money wth you to Newby, my Ladys Funeral

cost a great deal of money, & wants money to pay for it, therefore you must bring money, for bills will not doe I am

20 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Shem Bridges

[Note: Presumably from son John]

Dr Uncle

20 Octobr 1713

My Father Most humble begs yr pardon tht he did not ordr me to give you an acct of my poor Ladys death, the great affliction tht this family Especially my Father are In is Inexpressible was the occation of our great Neglect, father is and has been ever since very much out of order & my brother Blacket is & has been so Extremely ill of the gout, that 3 or 4 days ago we was afraid he would not live, wch adds to my Dr fathers grief, wth all Services from hence to yr self mr Bridges & mrs Richardson I am

Sr Yr affect Nephew

Dr

To Shem Bridges Esqr to be left at mr Ch Blackets house
at the Signe of the White hart In bread Street Londn

22 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to John Delaval

[Note: Recipient unnamed but clearly Sir John based on subsequent letter to James Mewburn]

22 Octobr 1713

Sr our great fair at Leeds is of St Simon & Jude wch is the 28th so mr Norton having Extraordinary occation at that fair, cannot possibly attend this time, but tuesday the 3rd day of Novembr if it be convenient for yr friend, will not faile to meet yr him at Peasbridge that day, so let me know by a line by the post whether or no it suits your friends conveniency I am

Sr yr Faithfull Humbe Servt

22 Oct 1713 John Blackett to James Mewburn

22 Octobr 1713

James

My Father ordered me to acquaint you tht he Recd yr last letter, Inclosed is a Copy of a letter he Send to Sr John by this post, give my Fathers Service to Sr John & know if the

letter came to his hand, If not must deliver the Inclosed to him, if the former came to his hand may burne this letter am much afraid tht mr Norton & Sr Johns friend will not agree the matter, for my Father will not abate any thing tht is his Right, I doubt it must be desided in Chanchery at last, though my father could wish otherwise I am

yr assured Friend
John Blacket

23 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett

23 Octr 1713

Sr

I know you Cannot take it ill in acquainting you you that the militia in the North Riding of horse and foot hath been up last week and one part at one place of the Riding & sume at another so hearing nothing from yourself nor yor nephew maleverer of late obliges me to send you this Inclosed I should be very sorey to do an unmannerly thing to mr Billingham but hearing nothing from you of late you cannot blame me you would Certainly have been made a bearrer to a Leiutenant for half a horse but I prvented it & assured that he would have been pay'd yearly so I would advise to desire your nephew to Come over to Newby & give me what I think is reasonable to bye me a horse which will not be nigh the sume that you are Indebted to me & will be oblig'd to pay upon this account if I hear nothing from you you must Excuse me if I take other methods which I should be very sorey for

23 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Henry Stephenson

[Note: Presumably by son John]

mr Stephenson

23 Octobr 1713

my father perceives that you disigne for Chester next Week he desires that you will give his humbe srvice to my poor ladys kinswomen they are informed of it before this, however he desires tht you will go wth his service to thm all & acquaint thm how great Concern it is for my Father to loose the best of women & the best of Wifes he heartily wishe you a good journey –

we have had here a great plenty of water & Continues so, we much wondr tht neither you nor mr goulard haith sent up a boat or two load of coals before this according to his desire, pray do it if possible you can before you go for the ways are pritty good for leading of thm nor we much nor mush rely upon mr goulard

25 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to Robert Booth

25 Octobr 1713

Dr Sr

am mightyly obliged to you for yr conolance for unexppressible lass I have had, of the best of wifes & best of women, God almighty suppot me in this great affliction, & prepare us all for our latter End, my Ld Warrington is so kind as to undertaken the Education of my Dear Grand Daughter, wch am infinately obliged to him for, and am very sure he will have p peternal care of her, all this family are much yr humbe Servt & pray believe me always

yr Most faithfull humbe Servt

To the honourable mr Booth Dean of Bristol

I must own tht Revenue of the Customs of Bristol are ten time more then Newcastle wch I could not have believed

27 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to George Booth

Newby 27 Octobr 1713

My Lord

I most humbly thank your Lordship For yr Condolance I must own the great trouble & Concern I am In for the Loss of one the best women & best of wifes are inexpressible God almighty Suppt me in this Sad affliction

am Infinately obliged to yr Lordship tht you will give yr Self the trouble of Education of my Drst Grand Child, who is the chief comfort I have in this world, yr Ld Ship may be assured whatsoever Sume yr Lordship thinks fit to lay out in her Education, shall be most thankfully allowed & repaid wth all the gratitude Imaginable, all this Family are much yr Lordships Humbe Servts & pray believe me always

My Lordship yr Most obliged & most Faithfull

Humbe Servt

I desire yr Lordship will please to oblige me wth a line that this Came to hand

For the Right Hobourable The Earl of Warrington at Dunham In Cheshire
pr Knuksford [sic] Bagg via London

15 Oct 1713 John Delaval to Edward Blackett

[Note: Evidently a copy of the original for the ensuing draft reply from Sir Edward is in the same hand.]

October the 15th 1713

Sr Edward

I had an Account by Mr Mewburn of the Death of yr Lady, for wch I condole wth you but was Surprised at the Methods he has taken wth the Tenants at Seaton wch I may conclude was without your directions, the Estate I take to be mine charged wth my Nieces portion, and why your Steward should persuade any of the tenants to attorn you, I cannot apprehend, for I must not suffer him to deal large pennyworths out of my Estate, nor can I think you design it, I am not for spending money in law, you may remember the last contend was not to either of our advantage, & therefore if you are pleased to make any reasonable proposal & appoint any friend of yours, I will procure one of mine to meet any where about half way to Newby, my desire for peace, & a friendly end occasions this & I do it thus Early, that what ever may be the consequence of a breach, I may Justify my self not to be the aggresser, there is a large field of contention open, I hope none will prevail on you for their Interest, (I am sure none shall on me) to give the law any money tho I shall always defend my Self against oppression, the Sooner you are pleas'd to give me your thoughts of this Matter, it may be of more Service to us both I am

Sr Yr Most Humbe Servt

Sign'd John Delavall

17 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to John Delaval

Newby 17 October 1713

Sr

I recd yr letter wch is very Acceptable to me, & I thankfully acknowledge yr condolence wth me for my Dear Wifes death, & yr kind offers of having matters accommodated between us in an amicable manner, and I do assure you it shall be none of my fault if they be not, I most readily agree to your proposal of having two friends to meet & discourse the concerne and have prevailed wth my Couzin Wm Norton Esq to attend what friend you please to send to Presbridg [Peircebridge] any Day you shall appoint, if you please to allow a Weeks time for it, then you may hear from me again & know that I approve of the day you set – you may depend upon it that I shall do nothing to oppress you and shall be content wth what is my Rights, I hope there is no such large Field of contention open in this affair as you mention, but yet the matter lies in a little Room, I own the Estate my Wife held in jointure desends to you and shall wish you all happiness of it when I am paid my dear Daughters portion wth the Interest due for the Same from the day of her Marriage to the day of my Wifes death. Secured upon the Same, wch I doubt not will appear so plain to you that you will not deny it, I am

Sr yr Most Humbe Servt

EB.

Witnesses Names to my Wifes Settlem[en]t

George Swettenham - Dead

Dan Pegge -Uncertain

Josiah Horne - Dead. Servt to old Sr Ralph as also to Sr John Delaval

Hugh Johnson

Thomas Heayes -Uncertain Servt to Young Sr R Delavall, kept an Inn in Ouburn in Bedfordshire

Adams, Fr Pemberton, Ch Barker - See Sr Ed Blacket & Signe

Daniel Thomson, Tho Walton, Wm Shaw -See my Lord Warrington Signe

28 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton

Newby 2<8> Octobr 1713

Sr

Inclosed I send you <that> letter wch You had from my Ld. Warrington, as also one wch I had the last post from him & My answer to it, wch pray return by the bearer

I am In very great haest

Sr yr obligd. humble Servt

Mr. Pemberton

I am very well assured that Sr. John & I must go to law there is nothing to be depended upon his word

29 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: There is no date on this letter, but the next letter in the volume is dated 29th October 1713. As this letter covers the same ground as the following letter it may be an earlier draft of the same letter. From evidence from other letters James is James Mewburn (c.1680 – 1731) the steward at Seaton Delaval Hall. Sir John is Sir John Delaval 3rd Baronet (1654 -1729)]

James

Inclosed I do send you a bond of £10000 to Indemnify all the Tenants & Cottigers <of> Seaton Delavall that continues, and attorns, tenants to me, if they understand their own

Interest, I doubt not but every Individuall man will Comply for am Sure I have and Shall have in a very little time much more upon Seaton Delavall Estate than it is worth, they may intrust the bond in Mr. Mitford, of Sighill hand, Mr. Reay, Featherstone, Mr. Coulson, Mr. Davison, or Mr. Wilkinsons or any of their hands of Newcastle, who I am sure will be very faithfull & just to them, I wond<er> Sr. John should think of Sending Mr. Ord over who is an attorney, to meet a gentleman who knows nothing of the tricks of the law, though I Have too much reason to believe that their meeting will be to little or no purpose, give service to Sr. John & acquaint him that Mr. Norton will not faile to Meet his friend at peasbridge on tuesday the 3 of Novembr upon Second thoughts I have Inclosed the bond to Mr Reay, Coulson thinking it will come more safe acquaint me how the match goes forward wth Sr. Johns Daughter & Mr Rogers, & where you think it possible he can procure so much mony as he is indebted to me, am almost Sure Shall have a decree out of Chancery for the Selling of Seaton Delavall, & when it is so I wish it may pay what is due to me, be sure.

29 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James
JR [in a different hand]
Newby 29 Octobr 1713

Shall not faile to Send you a bond of £10000 to Indemnify all the Tenants as soon as Mr. Norton returns & then can likewise acquaint you what they have done Shall Inclose it to Mr. Coulson thinking it will come Safer to yr hand, for if Sr. John should Suspect any think, he might Send to the post house for yr. letters, so tis much the best way to prevent it, acquaint me how the match goes forward wth. Sr. Johns Daughter & Mr. Rogers, & where you think it possible he can procure so much money as he is indebted to me, faile not to give a line by the first post, to

29 Oct 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James
I have Inclosed you a letter to Mr. Coulson
I am yr. Friend EB
2<9> Octobr

My Service to Sr. John & acquaint him Mr. Norton will not faile to meet his friend at peasbridge on tuesday the 3 of Novembr.

29 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Doctor Prefect

[Note: John was with his father at the time]

Sr.

29 Octobr. 1713

My Father ordered me to acquaint you that he would be glad to see you, in yr. return to Yorke I am

Sr. yr. Humb.

To

Doctor Prefect at

Witherington Castle nigh Morpeth In

Northumberland

29 Oct 1713 John Blackett to Stephen Coulson

29 Octobr. 1713

Mr. Coulson

Sr. I desire you will deliver the Inclosed letter to Mr. Mewburne when he comes to Town on Saturday, there is no Occasion of Sending a Messenger on purpose wth it wth my Father & my Service to yr. Self & partners I am

Sr. Yr. Very Hum[bl]e Servt.

JB

5 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: The phrase 'I am yr assured friend' sits awkwardly in relation to the rest of the text in the letter below and may not be attached to this letter but to the following one.]

5 [struck out: 'Octobr'] Novembr 1713

James

I Sent the bond by my Son Christopher to Mr. Coulson So do you call of him for it & send for all the tenants & read it to thm there are two or three little blanks in it, not knowing Wid[o]w Moors Christen Name wch you may fill up I do not in the least question but it will give great satisfaction to all the Tenants, you may acquaint thm tht I have nigh fifeteen thousand pounds upon it, wch they own is more than the Estate is worth, besides Interest runs on wch is £900 a Year, & Every Year will be more & more, so if the Estate were double in a few years it would run it out, at Mr. Nortons & Mr. Ords Meeting there was nothing done, though Mr. Ord Ownd the whole Sume, but Says the Estate is not able to pay it, that is to Say, there is more money upon it than it is worth, but would give me Land in another place in Northumberland, for the clear yearly Rent I make of Seaton Delavall wch I possitively refused, you may assure the Tenants I will not part wth. Seaton Delavall upon any Terms, [struck out: 'resolving to keep it my Self you may acquaint the tenants that does'] till my whole Sume is paid

wch is Never likely to be having so great a Sume upon it you may likewise acquaint all the Tenants that does not pay me their Rents that they may never Expect any favour from me as soon as you have read this letter & bond to the Tenants, Send a letter to Newcastle by the very first post, & ac[quain]t me their answers. Also assure the Tenants that If any of their goods should be distrained, by Sr. Johns order, do you repl<ace> them in my Name, & Shall indemnify them upon all accts, against Sr. John, this is as full as I can write, I am yr assured Friend If any of the tenants has a mind to have a copy of the bond you may give it him but do not part wth the originall, but to a Mercht. in Newcastle that the Tenants & you shall pitch upon

5 Nov 1713 John Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: The letter must have been written by one of Sir Edward Blackett's sons, presumably John, who was handling other correspondence for his father at the time.]

5 Novembr 1713

Honest Will

I Recd. Both yr letters, my Father & Self are very Senceble for yr inexpressible Loss, & he ordered me to acquaint you that you may take yr. own time in Coming to Newby for he is in no haste I am

Yr. assured Friend

5 Nov 1713 John Blackett to Stephen Coulson

5 Novembr 1713

Mr. Coulson

Sr.

My Father desires you to deliver the letter wch my Brother Christopher gave you to Mr Mewburne, & give it a charge to observe the Contents of it I am

Ir yr Humb. Servt. JB

5 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton

5 November 1713

Mr. Pemberton

I Recd. yrs. wth. The Inclosed, wch. Satisfies me, Mr. Norton, & Sr. Johns friends, could come to no Conclusion, though they own my whole debt was due, but Said the Estate was not worth it, but offered to give me lands in Northumberland for the Real value of

moneys, I made Yearly of Seaton delavall wch. was not likely to be agreed to, so have ordered a bill In chancery to be Exhibited against him

7 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to John Delaval

[Note: Although the letter is only addressed to 'Sir' the subject matter shows that it was written to Sir John Delaval]

7 9br 1713

Sr.

it was wth. great pleasure I Recd. your proposals of a meeting at peasbridge for which purpose I prevailed wth. Mr. Norton to attend your friend their, hoping that all disputes might have been amicably agreed but am Sorry the meeting between thm proved not so Effectuall as I hoped it would have been, you must be Sencible that the debt now due upon Seaton Delavall Estate being nigh £15000 is so great a Sume, that it is both our Interests to have it Speedily discharged, I do assure you I am not for Spending moneys in law, but when my just right is deny'd me, & the Duty I am under to my Family, obliges me to take the best and Speediest way to do me right, but if we could peacebly agree the matter I would upon Receipt of my moneys willingly contribute by joyning wth. you in Sale or Mortgage of Seaton to any other, but as the moneys will be more Serviceable to me than land, I cannot think of continuing it any longer [~~struck out: 'upon that Security'~~], much less in takeing any other Estate in Lieu thereof, [~~struck out: 'therefore I desire you will oblige me wth a line of yr intentions herein tht I may take orders according'~~] designing nothing may be done but what may attend to yr. advantage as well as that of

11 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to John Delaval

[Note: From context the addressee was clearly Sir John Delaval]

Sr. 11 Novembr. 1713

Sr.

I Recd. the favr. of yr. letter & shall god willing meet you at Yorke at the time you appoint wch. is Saturday Sevenight being the 21 of this Month, for for desires nothing but my just Right am as much for a friendly agreemt. as <there> can bex, if you alter yr. Resolution in not comeing to Yorke at the time appointed pray give a line to

Sr. yr. Most H: Ser

X Shall desire Mr. Norton to accompany me So you may bring what friend you please wth. you,

12 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Novembr 12: 1713

James

I Recd. yrs of the 10th & I do believe Sr. John does not design to destrain of any of the Tenants, if he do it will be much worse for him, he desires me to meet him at at Yorke Saturday the 21st of this Month so give my Service to him, & acquaint him if he did not Receive my letter, shall not faile to meet him their at the his time appointed, you may acquaint the tenants that <are> in Sr. Johns Interest that they must not blame me, if I use the utmost severity, being they used so unkindly, giving them a bond of £10000 to indemnify them as for Hallowell quit Rent if it was due at Michelmass distrain immediately let me know what all the Tenants Said when you Shewed them the bond of £10000 to indemnify them I am

Yr assured Friend

13 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to Leonard Bentham

[Note: Presumably the Revd Leonard Bentham of Acomb]

9br the 13:1713

Mr Benthem

I wonder you should trouble me wth other peoples concerns, for have much more of my own than I know how to manage, you must easily be sensible of the great perplexity & concern I am Under besides I have been so often troublesome to my worthy Friend Sr. M. Wyvill upon this acct. that really I am ashamed to recommend any more not but the person may be very capable of his business, though I find in the certificate Signed by Mr. Dale there is part of it cut out wch. will certainly do him a discredt. at the <Court> < I am> so I return the certificate by the bearer

13 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Maria may be Sir Edward's daughter. Sir Brian Stapleton was a neighbour.]

13 9br 1713

D[ea]r. Kitty

This to advise you tht have this day drawn on you two bills to the ordr. Sr. Brian Stapylton, one at four days after Sight of Fifty pound, & the other Eighty Six pound Twelve shillings & Ten pence at Eight days after; Sight, Maria must be sure to take <S>atch next Thursday, & do you furnish her wth. what money she shall have occasion for upon her Journey.

16 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to John Delaval

Sr

Newby the 16. Novr. 1713

I received yr lr & the proposall you make is soe much less than what is undeniably due to me, that I can shall never consent thereto, & if the Estate will not pay my just debt, am positively resolved to try what can be made of it, you may be sencible, that the hardship is as great on my Side as yors. & could wish you would pay what is due without any expence being satisfied it is for yor. advantage soe to doe for the Intrest every half year runs to a great Summ. Soe what my Lord Chancellor thinks fitt to decree, we must both acquiess howevr. I much rather have the Family <have> the Estate than any other being I am Sr yr most humble Servt

To Sr Jno Delavall Bart.
At NewCastle

17 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Note: The very melancholy account is probably the recent death of Sir Edward's third wife.]

Newby the 17 Novr. 1713

Mr Ward

I desire you will either come or send what you mony you can possibly raise with all convenient speed for I have more than ordinary occasion being my disbursements of late have been very great upon a very Mellancholly acct.

I am

17 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to George Booth

My Lord

17

I am favoured with yr Lordships letter of the 6 wch am much obliged to yor Lordship for Mr Pemberton has sent the deed executed, to London by a carefull hand, directing it for yor Bro[the]r Mr Booth at his Chambers in the Temple. & when yor Lordship has perused it, I desire the favour of a line to –

yr Lordships Most Faithfull & most obedt huml Servt

To the Right Honble The Earle of Warrington
At my Lady Mary Ro<barts> in Poland [S]treet
Over against Marlborough Street London

17 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to William Norton

Sr

17 Novr 1713

I desire you will peruse the inclosed lettrs & return them, am glad you will not have the trouble of goeing to Yorke, soe pray when you can spare any time, let me have yor Company at Newby & you will very oblidge

Yor Affect Kinsman & Humble Servt

To Wm Norton Esqr

At <Sprusta>

19 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

19 Novr 1713

James

I rec'd a lettr from Sr Jno with his proposalls for Seaton Lordship wch are soe unreasonable, that I will not comply with, soe my Lord Chancellour must deside it, wch my Councill tells me must certainly be in my favr. for I have a greater Sum upon Seaton Delavall than it is worth, & the Intrest will increase every half year very considerably, you may acquaint all the Tennants that I will give them, what writeing they please under my hand to endemnify them all from Sr. Jno & his Agents. Let me know what Attorney <they> make use of, & likewise tell the Ten[ants] that I have already fil'd a bill of Chancery against him, Soe I hope it will come to a speedy determination, I hope <xx> have destrained long before this for Hallowell quit Rent, Be sure let the Tennants know what attourny you imploy, that in case there goods be destrained they may goe imediately to him for a Replivin. I am

Yor assured Freind

acquaint me with the names of all the Tennants that stand by me, & those that are for Jno.

20 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to Robert Fairfax

Dear Sr

20 Novr. 1713

I received yor favours of the 17th & am much oblidge to you, for your kind inquiry after my health, indeed I have been much out of order for some months past, for the Loss of my deare wife lyes very heavy upon me, I design not to go to Yorke till after Christmas. Its my opinion Mr Jenkins petition will not be heard this Sessions, being

there are soe many lodged before his all this Family are yor humble Servts & assure yourself I am yor affect huml Servt.

To R. Fairfax Esqr
<xxxx> of Parlaimt nigh Lincolns Inn

23 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip

[Note: Although addressed only to 'Harry' the subject matter of this letter shows it was for Henry Tulip at Fallowfield.]

Harry

23 Novr.

you may remember when you were last at Newby setting strait yor Witsonday Rent you left 30£ in arrears, wch fail not to send down to Mr. Stephen Coulson & or James Mewburn by the first opportunity at Christmas I would have you come over to sett strait the Martinmas rent for the Collery – upon receipt of this letter let me know how the mines are, as also when Mr Lorain may make up what he is now a working Ten Tunns & what time he thinks he may be a goeing through all my Slaggs – without the undertakers write the price of all <grain to me>

24 Nov 1713 unknown to Henry Lodge

[Note: This letter is written on behalf of Edward Blackett by an unknown author, possibly a servant or clerk]

Sr

24 Novr 1713

Sr Edward desires to doe him the fav[our], to inquire of yor painter, what the common usuall price is of <s>ilk Eschutions per Dosn. Buckram <as> all<xx> paper Eschutions per Dosn for he thinks he is imposed upon by his painter. he would be glad to see you at Newby with yor first conveniency, & returns you thanks for yo Civillitys to his Son John, I am

Yor most obedt Servt

To the Reverend Mr Lodge In Leeds.

24 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to Shem Bridges

[Note: Shem Bridges was married to Edward Blackett's sister Isabella.]

24 Novr. 1713.

Am infinitely oblidged to you Dear Brother for your most ob kind letter of the 9th Instant, which was 15 dayes before it came to my hands. otherwise had made my acknowledgements much sooner

I must own my loss, (for the best of women, & best of wives) is unexpressible - & your good advice at this time was very seasonable, but god knowes, my Spirritts are ver low – and one misfortune after another, in my Family, makes me very much worse, for I have had noe manner of Appetite for some months, besides am very much afraid of the Palsy for I cannot write my own name nor has not don it this long time, & <xx> can I cutt my own meat with out trouble, but must submitt to god almighty's will, was advised to goe to the Bath, but considering the misfortune that happened there to one of my dearest relations, I would not think of it, soe have taken a very good house in Yorke for a term of years. & its soe nigh Newby that I can be at home in 3 or 4 hours at any time, & I hope resideing there & good Company may divert me. All this family are much your humble Servants & pray wch beleive me allways

Dearest Bror

Yors most affectionately

To Shem Bridges Esqr. at Ember Court.

24 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

Dear Kit

24 Novr. 1713

I am glad to perceive by yours that you got safe to London & found yor Familly in good health. I have drawn the Ball[anc]e of your account, one bill for 50£ paye to Mr. Edwd Ridsdale Senor or order to the remainder wch is 36:12-10 to Mr Sedgwick or order, I am in great hopes of selling my Lead at NewCastle shortly & when I doe you shall not faile of having Bills sent you with my blessing to you all wishing Maria a good journey I am

Yor most affect father

My Bror Bridges letter was 15 days in comeing to my hands, wch is the reason I inclose this letter to you, wch be sure take particuler care of.

28 Nov 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

28 Novr

James

I received yors with the Tennants names that stood by Sr John's intrest as likewise those that stood by mine. tell that Knave James Blacket, that I will most certainly make him an Example, for I expected he would have stood firm to me, above all the rest of Tennants, Sr Jno <hope> knows not well what to doe, I haveing fyled a Bill in Chancery against him, & likewise served him with a Supoena, to answer it. So I doubt not but in a very short time to have an absolute end of this Bussiness. Let me know by the first, whither he desired to receive any Rents from the Tennants. I had a very civill Message from him as he went to York, & he denys he never offered to demand any Rent from the Tennants, nor to destrain any of their Goods for he knew it was against Law. I hope their will be noe occassion for an Attourney, being I expect an absolute end of this Bussiness in a very short time, Its impossible for Sr Jno to raise soe much mony as the Lordship of Seaton Delavall is worth, Soe shall be forced to keep it my self, I am yor assured Friend

3 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James

3 Dber 1713

I perceive by yours that James Blacket was not soe much to blame as I thought he was, I ordred Harry Tulip to pay to you or Mr Coulston Thirty pounds which he was in arrears for last Mayday Rent which if he has not already don, faile not to write him a line by the very first post, have ordred likewise Will Lowes to pay either to you or Mr Coulston what Rents he can conveniently raise of the Tennants & if you cannot get Bills of a Short date for them you may put it into Gold, & bring it with you to Newby, but be sure, ride betwixt Sun & Sun, for we dayly expect of frequent Robberys upon the high Roads. I hope the Tennants will not refuse to pay you what monys they can conveniently spare in part of their Rents. I would have you come to Newby for we design for York the first day of Janry, Soe let me know by the next post what time you think you can with the most conveniency to yorself come over for would gladly have some discourse with you you may depend upon it, that Sr Jno shall never have a foot of Ground at Seaton, for at p[re]sent he owes me above fifteen thousand pounds. the Intrest amounts to 900£ a year & will increase dayly. Soe you may imagine what a great Summ it will amount to in a short time. desire mr Coulston to receive what monys my Stewards in the West brings to him acquaint me whether my Nephew Blacket lives altogether at NewCastle & what <End> he, my Nephew Mitford & his mother his made I am

3 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

3 Dbr 1713

Honest Will

I p[er]ceive you cannot with conveniency come to Newby, Soe I would have you to pay what monys you can possibly raise of the Tennants to my Servant Mewburn, or Mr Coulston, who is partner with Mr Reay. Mewburn designing shortly for Newby soe haveing ordred him to bring what monyes you pay him, along with him.

Am sure Tennants cannot now complain of the times, for both Cattle, but Corn especially of all Sorts gives a most extravagant price. faile not to give a line by the very first post to

Yor assured frd

To Mr Wm Lowes

6 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to George Booth

6 December 1713

My Lord

I had the honour of yor Lordships letter of the first of this Instant, as for any Articles made between my dear wife & self upon our marraige – was only to give her liberty to dispose of all her Jewels, plate & Linnen to whom she pleased, but if your Lordship think that be not sufficient shall <signe> what other instrument you think fitt, that yor Lordship may deliver them to my dear Grand Daughter upon her marraige – for your Lordship may be assured that She shall be abridged of nothing that was her Dear Grandmothers but rather increased by me.

I am much obliged to your Lordship for the notice you take of my concern with Sr Jno Delavall. have already fyl'd my Bill in Chancery against him, for upon my sending a servant to acquaint him of my dear wifes death he imediately sent for all the Tennants to turn to him (tho most of them did not) knowing I have much more upon the estate than it is worth, however the Suite will be chargeable & <I> can have noe remedy to reimburse me but the Estate, which is already indebted to me, much more than it is worth, All this Family are very much yor Lordships humble Servants & pray beleive me allways

Yor Lordships

Most obedient & most faithfull humble Servt

For the Right Honble. The Earle of Warrington
In the Hay Market London

9 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

9 Xber 1713

Honest Will

I wrote you the 3 Instant when ordred you to pay to James Mewburn or Mr Coulston what ever monys you can raise of the Tennants, for shall have occassion for it being I design shortly for York Soe wch if you have not already don pray faile not to give me a <One> <xxxx> upon receipt of this letter by the first post to

Yo assured Friend

To Mr Wm Lowes

9 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

9 Dber 1713

James

I received yours of the 5 and I perceive Harry Tulip has neither paid you nor Mr Coulston any monys; you did very well to write him, as I have done this day again to Will Lowes – to pay you what monys he can possibly raise

Its strainge Seaton Tennants shoud refuse to pay their rents for when Sr John went to Yorke I sent Mr Ridsdale to discourse him, & he told him, he would hinder none of them from paying their Rents to me, so I would have you destrain upon John Burn & Anto Oliver, but you must have a very sencible attourny & he must leave notice in writeing at their houses & if they doe not Replivee in 5 dayes you must order the Cunstable to summon 2 or 3 of his Neighbours who must appraise them & then you may lawfully sell them, you may distrain Olivers goods in the name of Sussanna Moor the other will be liable to pay for I have taken advice in it the enclosed I received from Mr. Selby soe show it to Mr Wilkinson & Mr Brummell for I ad<mire> they pay not the Annuity more punctually. I am

10 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to Jacob Peart

10 Decembr 1713

Jacob Peart

I Recd yrs of the 30 Novembr from Fallowfield but never any from Wardale All the Carriage for the Lead has been paid long Since however J Mewburne will be at Newby Shortly & shall Send him to Fallowfield at his return, & if any of the Carriage mony is yet unpaid Shall take care it Shall be discharged, I have an Acct from Fallowfield that Since the gin was taken up there is no care taken of the Levell & Severall of the Shafts are run together so there has been mighty ill managemt since you left the place as I am very crediably informd, for the undertakers takes no care of preserveing the Levell, at yr. own Leasure pray ordr Lorain to receive moneys of Mr. Benthem for the deals you sold him as also Mr. Mouberry would pay him for the gin you disposed off to him, I perceive Mr. Loraine expects a greater price for working the slags pray give yr opinion by the post what whether you think they deserve any more, I am mistaken if you did

not absolutely bargaine wth him for all the Slaggs that was there at the Same price & you will oblige yr assured friend to Serve you

Pray Send the inclosed by a carefull hand & you will much oblige

Yr. assured friend to Serve you

Mr. Carr

12 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

12 dc

James

The other Side is a Copy of my last I am assured by my Council that in 2 or 3 termes at furthest I shall certainly have a decree for Seaton Lordship, so I think you had better not destrain of Burn & Oliver, for it will onely put them & me to charge to little purpose in when the decree is past will come even wth thm all I hope yr next will give me an Acct. when you will come to Newby, I hope the tenants tht continued in my interest will make no Scruple of paying their Rents to me I am

Yr assured Friend

12 decembr 1713

Mr. Coulson

My Father desires you will hier a Messenger wth all possible Speed & Send the inclosed to Mr. Mewburne at Seaton Delavall & you will very much oblige him I am

Sr. yr. Humbe. Servt.

JB

22 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to Unknown

[Note: This letter is to Edward Blackett's godson. Mitty is Edward's granddaughter.]

22 December 1713

I received my Dear Godsons letter with a great Satisfaction, and it's a pleasure to me to see how handsomly you write, & I hope the like improvement you make in your other learning. I am sorry to hear your father is out of order, I heartely wish him a speedy recovery & I tender him my humble Service, Ime concerned Mrs Trotter continues soe long in soe ill a condition as she is. I thank you for your kind remembrance of pretty Mitty we all design for Yorke in a short time, soe with my blessing to you I am

Yor most affect Godfather

22 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to Mr Loftus

[Note: Undated but in a sequence between 22nd and 29th December 1713. 22nd used here.]

Honest Mr Loftus

I received yours & I thank you for speakeing again to the overman wch Mr Gowland recommended to you I hope he may recover his health against Candlemas & be able to serve me.

The bearer Servant has a bill for forty pounds, soe Mr Whitton may pay him self for the Hops he sent me, & give him the remainder of the mony, but if he has noe occassion for a Bill, shall pay you the monys when you come to Newby & shall send an horse for you when you please for we shall be goeing for York in the first week of Janry. I am yor assured freind to serve you

29 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby the 29 Xbr 1713

James

Inclosed I send you Sr Jno Dalavalls letter, soe receive the Rents of the Tennants as soon as possibly you can, & gett good bills at NewCastle, and of a Short date & inclose them to me, you may acquaint those tenants that would not turn to me that its now in my power to [struck out: 'crush them'] to doe them a prejudice but tell them I will not, provided they take care to pay their Rents allwayes punctually, given each Tenent a receite for what mony you receive of them, & take a note under their hands that that Summ was all they then paid you – for fear we should have any dispute hereafter about what monys was received from the Tennants since my dear wifes death, shall expect you send me a Bill by Satturdey nights post, & I doubt not but Will Lowes has paid a good Summ of monys into Mr Reay or Mr Coulstons hands before this. & desire them as they receive any monys they will return me Bills for it - & doe you keep an account, what monyes is paid into their hands & by whom & what bills shall be sent to me, you may show Mr Reay & Mr Coulston Sr Jno letter but take especial care you lock it carefully by, for it may be of use to me hereafter, when you have time I would have you go to Newburn, & count what peices of Lead I have there as what in the Cellar, deliver the inclosed to Mr Brummell with your own hands

I am

Give me an account what all the Tennants said to you after you had show'd them Sr Johns letter. Give my Service to my Sister Mitford & let me know what end they are like to make with my Nephew Blacket

29 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell

M Brummell

Newby 29 Decemr

Sr, I desire you will send me a bill as soon as possibly you can payable the first day of February next according to our agreement, but I find you doe not perform it, for you bring me in 16..09.11 ½ in arrear when you are oblidge to go make good all Rents half yearly, and for which reason I gave you soe large a Sallery tho' could had it don & the Rents upholden much cheaper but haveing allways a perticuler respect for you was the reason that induc'd me to imploy you before any other, Soe I desire if any of them be in arrear you will imediately distrain their goods, for it will be your Loss & not mine. my Service to Mrs Brummell I am

Yo assured freind to serve you

<p>s acquaint her, that I <w>ish it was in my power to serve her or hers & doe you read Sr Jno Delavalls letter to her wch he wrote to my Attourny

29 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to Stephen Coulson

Sr

29 Dbr 1713

I desire your perticuler care of the inclosed, & send it by a very carefull messenger for it's a letter from Sr John to my Sollicitor that he is willing that all the Tennants of Seaton Delavall shall pay their Rents to me, & that I have more upon the Estate than it is worth, soe that he has noe thoughts of redeeming it – with my service to yor self & partners I am

Sr yor oblidge humb Sert

To Mr Stephen Coulston & Compa
Merchants In NewCastle

31 Dec 1713 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Mr Ward

Newby the 31 Decr 1713

I received your letters of the 24 & 28 Inst and as for what Mr Wharton said to you concerning the Light horse, he is in a grand mistake for a light horse is allways allowed 10 p[er] annum, & an half one 5. I design for York shortly & shall inclose you an order of Summons which pray doe you serve upon Mr. Bellingham's Steward or Tennant, & order them to give their Master notice of it. The order will be to show cause at in the Castle of York (wch is in all the Rideings) why he does not pay his contributions

according as the Law directs they have promised me, in case he doe not show cause, they will grant me a warrant of distress tho he is 14 years in arrear, I beleive they will only make it for 7.

I perceive that the fellow that served the Miller of Sockburn is gon to live at Aryhome & they refuse to receive him without a Certificate, soe you may give them one – with my service to yor self & Family I am

Yor assured Freind

I am glad to hear that you are like to get a bearer for Sockburn, soe fail not to wait on the Deputy Leiufits at their meeting – pray endeavour to prevaill with Thom Thompson to buy my four large Oxen

3 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to William Norton

[Note: The daughter in question is Isabella (Bella), who did still marry William Norton Junior.]

Sr

3 Janry 1713/14

I have well considered the discourse you & I had yesterday concerning your Son & my daughter, am positively resolved never to marry any of my daughters without a Settlement suitable to the small Fortune I give them according to the Custom of the Country If I should doe otherwise would be blamed by all my Freinds & relations. its what I know believe you would not doe yor self you are sencible a tradesman ought to have a considerable Stock. soe in my opinion the Match you propounded, will be to neither of their advantadges, soe I wish hope you will have noe more thoughts of it & I desire it may not break any Freindship betwixt us & pray beleive me allways

Sr Your most affectionate Kinsman & faithfull humble Servt.

To Wm Norton Esqr
Sprusta

4 Jan 1714 John Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: Assumed to be from son John, living at Newby by then]

Honest Will

January 4th 1713/4

My Father has writ you Severall letters, & ordered you to Pay all the mony you could raise of the Tenants to Mr. Coulson Mercht In Newcastle, as also the mony for the Wood due at Christmas & New Years day last, & if you had not Recd. all the mony, to

pay whatever you had Recd., but to his great Surprise he had a letter this post from Newcastle wch. gave acct. that you had not as yet paid one farthing, therefore upon Receipt of this letter, be sure to raise what mony you can, & pay it to Mr. Coulson or Mr. Reay In Newcastle, but I do not question before this comes to yr hand, but you will have paid a good Sum, pray give me a line & you will oblige
yr. assured Friend

4 Jan 1714 John Blackett to Stephen Coulson

[Note: Assumed to be from son John, living at Newby by then]

Newby 4 January 1714

Mr. Coulson

Sr.

My Father Recd. your letter, & gives you many thanks for yr. care in Sending a Messengor to Seaton Delaval, if William Lows or any other Steward has paid you any mony upon my Fathers Acct., you are desired to pay Fifty Pound to Mr. Bernardeau & acquaint him tis upon the Acct. of Mr. Richd. Gowland Post Master of Borrowbridge, but if no mony is paid into yr hand, order James Mewburn when he comes to Newcastle to pay Mr. Bernardeau Fifty, & acquaint him tis for the acct. as above, pray my Service to yr. partners wishing you a happy New Year I am

Sr. yr. obliged Humb Sert.

6 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to William Norton

January 6 1713/4

Mr Norton

Sr. I have the favr. of yr. letter & I do assure you once more that I shall give my Daughter Bella onely one thousand pound & Shall Expect a Settlemt upon her for live Sutable to that Sum according to the Custom of the Countrey, if you approve of this, tis well, if not, I desire you will never have any further thoughts of it, & I hope it will not break any friendship betwixt us I am

Sr yr. Affect. Kinsman & Faithfull Humbe. Servt.

6 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to Isabella Blackett

[Note: undated but in sequence between letters dated 6th or 7th January 1714. 6th used here]

Dr. Bella

I Recd. yr. letter & am glad to hear of yr. welfare, you have been Sufficiently troublesome to my Cousin Nortons family, & likely to be a little longer till I return to Newby, wth my blessing to yr Self & Service to the whole family I am

Yr. affet. Father

yr. Sister Alethia is now at York, be sure let her know what you are Indebted at York & will take care it shall be paid

6 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to William Norton

7 Feby 1713/4

Cousin Norton

I Recd. yr. letter, I can say no more to you then I Sayd to yr father possitively that I never will Marry a daughter without a Settlemt. Suitable to her fortune, for all my friends & Relations would take me to be a fool or a mad man if I should, if any of my daughters should marry otherways or without my consent, I would never give them one farthing, so I hope you will considr. this & have no further thoughts of it, for I do assure you it will be all to no purpose I am

Yr. assurd. Friend & Kinsman

E. B.

6 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip

[Note: Mr. Loraine had got ten tons of lead from reworking the slags at Fallowfield mill. It can be deduced from the contents of the letter that Harry is Henry Tulip at Fallowfield.]

York 17 Feby 1713/4

Honest Harry

This day I Recd. a letter from Mr. Loraine who writes me he has got ten tun, if it is so you may pay him for it, but I will not have it weighd of till Mewburne comes over, let me know by the first post, if Lorain has once gone thorough all the Slags or how much he wants for his contract & mine was that he was to go once thorough all the Slaggs, upon Rect. Of this lettr. the Inclosed to Mr. Loraine

7 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[struck out: 'Newcastle'] Newby 7 January 1713/4

James

I perceive by yrs. of the 2 Instant that you are in hopes of Receiving one hundred & Fifty pounds of the Tenants by Saturday wch. is very well, you may continue Receiving what mony the tenants are willing to pay but be sure do not destrain of any of them wch. refuses to pay their rents, yesterday a Mercht. from London was wth. me who came last week from Newcastle, he tells me he had one <xxx> for mony to take bills upon very Substantiall Merchts. In London wch. acquaint Coulson off, at ten days after date I may as well have it & loose it Since I have mony in their hands, if Mr. Coulson has not paid Mr. Bernardeau Fifty pound upon Mr. Richd. Gowlands Acct. post master of Borrowbridge I do desire you do it & acquaint him upon whose acct. it is, to Morrow I go for Yorke so direct for me their, I perceive by a letter from Wm. Lows by the last that he has pd. Mr. Coulson £264, So desire him to Send me bills for the Su<m> at as Short Sight as possible

7 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Honest Will

7 January 1713/4

Yours I Recd. of the 5th by wch. perceive you have paid according to my order £264 pound wch. is very, when you have Raised the mony for the Wood [struck out: '& Recd what mony you can of the tenants'] set Streight wth. the tenants you will do well to come over & Set all things Streight with to morrow I go for Yorke so when you write direct for me their, am Sorry the last flood has done so much damadge, as for the Hall Mill do you must repair it wth. all Speed & upon Receipt of this letter give a line <toe>
Yr. assurd Friend

7 Jan 1714 Christopher Blackett to John Blackett

[Note: Recipient is un-named, but is similar in content to others sent to brother Christopher, living in London, so he is assumed here.]

Newby Janry the 7 1713/4

Dr. Brother

Inclosed I send you two Bills drawn the 5th of January by Mr. Tho Bromell on Mr. Cha Horton, one of Eighty pounds at twenty eight days after date, the other of Seaventy pound at thirty days after date, wch. pray gett accepted, & when due to receive the money last Saturday Shipt at Hull Benjamin Ludington Master on board the Mathew a hhd of good Ale I hope the Ship is arived before this, my Father orders me to write to you that must besure to Send young Mrs. Savill three dozen Bottles to her from my Father if you do not will never Send you any more, wth my Service to your Self Sister I am

Yr. Affect. Brother

John Blackett

7 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to Unknown

[Note: undated but in sequence between letters dated 7th and 10th January 1714. 7th used here]

May it please yr. Grace

To Pardon me for giving yr Grace this trouble I perceive that my Worthy Neighbour mr Aislabie did formerly recomend mr. Ridsdale to yr. Grace, as a proper person to keep yr. Courts here; He having been Some time Serviceable to your Grace & to your Tennants, and a perticular Friend of Mr Aislabie but, I suppose Mr Stockdale had then prevail'd for one mr Barroby, tho he declared himself concerned at it afterwards, - because mr Ridsdale & his Son were always his sure Friends in his Election at Knaisbrough, and he was Unacquainted at that time wth mr. Ridsdales desire to Serve yr. Grace.

My Lord, Presuming upon your Graces former Favours I beg leave to Recomend mr Ridsdale to keep yor. Lordships Courts here his Son haveing Married a very near Relation of mine, I shall own it as a very great favour done to

My Lord

Yr. Graces most obedient Servt.

9 Jan 1714 John Blackett to Peter Aram

[Note: presumably from John Blackett. Peter was possibly Peter Aram, head gardener]

Yorke 9 January 1713/4

Peter

by the first Millby boat you must send the Non <parel> apples, the best send parted from the rest, as also send the two Spi<k>ing boxes when the time of the year is for laying the Garden, must take care for Sods you may get them on Kerby Moor. Tho. Hunsman must take Care of the Sadle Stoned horse, & the postilion & the Smith of the Coatch horses, must not faile to write once a Week & always let my Father know how my Brother does, the White Scotch horse & the galloway wch. Mr. hooper had must have their Shoes taken off & run at grass

10 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Yorke 10 January 1713/4

Mr. Ward

My last to you was of the 31 past, & wondr that has not as yet had an Answer, upon Receipt of this letter let me know if Tompson will have my Oxen or not, I leave the disposiall of them wholly to you not questioning but you will sell them as dear as if they were yr own, pray let me have a line from you by the first post & you will oblige

10 Jan 1714 John Blackett to Thomas Brummell

[Note: Writer un-named, but presumably son John, living at Newby. Undated but between 10th and 14th January 1714. 10th used here]

<Dr>

Mr. Brumell

Yrs of the 5 January came Safe to hand wth. the two bills of £150 have sent them to Londn. for Acceptance, my Father hears your tryall is to be heard here at the next assisses, assoon as you have a panel of the Joury, let him [struck out: 'know their names'] have a Copy of it & he will do you all the Service he can in that matter

13 Jan 1714 John Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Same writer & recipient assumed as for the mentioned letter of 7th Jan]

York 13 January 1713/4

Dr. Brother

My last to you was the 7th Instant wth. two bills drawn by Mr. Tho. Brumell upon Mr. Cha: Horton of one hundred & fifty pound wch. I hope Came Safe to your hand, inclosed I Send you two bills drawn the 6 January by R Ward of Gisbrough upon John Ward Esqr at twenty Eight days days after date Each for one hundred pound wch. pray take due care of, & place the same to my Fathers Acct. I am

13 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton

[Note: Undated but between 13th and 16th January 1714. Latter is assumed here. Recipient unknown but poss the Rev Francis Pemberton of Bedale for there was similar correspondence with him the previous November]

Dear Sr

Am very much oblinded to you for yor kind inquiry after our healths, I was very much out of order, sometime before I came to York, but I thank god am much better & has got an in indifferent good Stomach wch I wanted for many months before.

Sr Jno Delavall wrote lately a letter to Mr Ridsdale, that he would put in his answer, but had noe thought of purchaseing it, being he said their was more debt upon it than the Land was worth.

You did mighty well in not concerning your self in Mr. Nortons affair for can any one imagine I shall give a fortune with a Child and not have a Settlement. I did write him very fully that I would have noe manner of thought of it, I desired it might break noe freindship betwixt us.

When I hear any thing more from Sr Jno Delavall, you shall certainly be acquainted with it – being I know you are one of my best freinds. with all services from hence & blessing to my Godson I am

pr <E>

yr most oblidgeed <humb> Servt.

I could not persuade Yor Curate to eat a dish of meat with me.

16 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: Date cropped but between 13th and 16th January 1714. Latter is assumed here]
James

I Recd. your letter of the 9 Instant wth. bills for three hundred pound, Mr. Bernardeaus Receipt for Fifty pound wch. is very well by next Saturday Shall Expect a bill for the Mony left in Mr. Coulson hand you must allow the tenants of Seaton Coals & Limestones as Usually you did, let me know if Mr Rogers & Miss Delavall are married faile not to write once a Week & direct as you used to do at Newby I am

yr. Friend

advise me the lenght & bredth of the boards in the great dineing Room at Seaton, Aletheia Wonders she does not hear from you

16 Jan 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

York 16 January 1713

Mr Ward

I Recd. yours of the 12 & See that Tho. Thompson will give no more at present than £50 for my four Oxen, I leave the disposiall of them wholly to yr Self, & If you think he will give no more, must bargain wth. him to take them away assoon as possible & give a line to

6 Feb 1714 Edward Blackett to Mr Loftus

York 6 Feby 1713/4

Mr Loftus

I Recd. yr. letter & have writ to Geo. Johnson & shall depend upon his comeing, if you have my weights pray Send them to Newby & Shall Send for them to York, there must be a Mistake on one Side or other pray my Service to yr. Self & Mr. Whitton I am

7 Feb 1714 Edward Blackett to John Sharp

York <7> Febr. 1713/4

Mr. Sharp

Sr Am mighty Sorry to hear of his Graces illness but I hope to See him in good health in the Country againe; pray direct my Ne<ws> paper to York, my Service to yr Self & Lady I am

Sr yr. Humbe Servt

7 Feb 1714 John Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: Undated but in sequence between others of 6th and 7th February and assumed to be from son John.]

D<t>

Honest Will

My Father orders me to acquaint you that you must raise the mony for the Wood & all arrears & fines as soon as possibly you can <&> pay the mony to Mr. Coulson of Newcastle & not to travell wth. it, for there begins to be much robing upon the road, you Need not come over till my Father is returned to Newby wch. will be about May day we are now at York & Shall continue here the remaining part of the Winter, before we leave this place you shall have timely Notice given you when to come to Newby

10 Feb 1714 John Blackett to George Johnson

York 10 Feby 1713/4

George Johnson

My Father Recd. yr. letter wch. you writ to Mr. Loftus of Bedale, and orders me to acqt. you that he fully Expects you at May day but will not have Occasion for you before, let me have a line from you to satisfy me that this came to yr. hand & will oblige

Yr. Friend JB

may direct for me at Sr. Ed. Blackett In Cony Street York

may send yr. letter by post or Carrier

10 Feb 1714 Edward Blackett to Stephen Coulson

[Note: undated but apparently ditto to previous one dated 10th February]

Mr. Coulson

D<o>

My Stewd. Wm Lows writes me he has paid you Eighty pound if you cannot Send me a bill for it at 10 or 14 days after date will have it come by the Stage Coatch to York & can have advance for the mony here, if you cannot find me a bill as above, pray pay the mony to Mr. Mewburn, & have ordered him by this post how to dispose of it

10 Feb 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: undated but apparently ditto to earlier one on same page dated 10th February]

D<o>

James

I Recd. yrs. of the 6 past you did mighty well in going to Fallowfield, & ordering H: Tulop to repair the Mill dams, & also ordr. Some to repair the Mill & put it in good order; & let Mr. Reay know I take it mighty ill there is no more care taken of the Mill & Shafts, I wonder they should not mind their own intrest more, I would have you acqt. Mr. Reay you will go to Fallof. & ordr. The Mill & dams to be repaired you know my portion is onely 1/5 part shall Sell no lead till there is a free trade wth. France & then I hope it will give £10 fothr. if Mr. Reay cannot give you a bill at 10 or 14 days after date go to Mr. Fenwick Mr. Wilkinson or Mr. Ridly am Sure Mr. Wilkinson will be ready to do it, for he always wants mony at Newcastle Inclosed I send you Sr. John Delavals answer wch. you See is very frivolous I believe in <xxx> hence Shall have occasion to send for you over to disprove what he says in his answer I am

11 Feb 1714 John Blackett to Unknown

[Note: Bishopthorpe is the residence of the Archbishop of York. Archbishop John Sharp died on 2nd Feb 1714. Letter assumed to have been written by son John.]

York 11 Feby. 1713/4

Sr.

My father was at Bishopthorp this morning & the Servt. Told him that my Lord would be interred in the Minster on Monday next & not carryed to the Bishopthorp as was

expected, by the City at York he desires you will Set up yr. horses in his Stable & also take a Lodging in his house, where you will be very welcome, if you have not already writ to yr. friend to move for a Commission to Examine witnesses, he desires you will let it alone till he discourses you about it, wth. all Services from hence to yr. Self & Family I am

yr. assured Friend & Ser

Pray give a line by the first that this came to yr. hand
my father is very well assured there will be two Commissions one for Yorkshire & the other for Cheshire

12 Feb 1714 Edward Blackett to Unknown

12 Feby

Sr.

Since by mine Yesterdays post am adviced by council, <to> have a Commission to Sit at York at the black Swan, the Commissioners names I gave you when you was last at York, & if you have not already given orders to yr. Agent pray faile not to do it by this days post I believe I shall have onely occasion for one suppena for one Mr. Hugh Johnson attourney at Law at Warrington In Lancashire, pray know of Daniel Thompsons Brother where he is at present & when he h.[ear]d from him last wth. my kind remembrance to yr. Self & family I am faile not to Send me an answer of this letter by my Servt. the bearer

15 Feb 1714 Edward Blackett to Thomas Will

Mr Tho. Will

15 Feby 1713/4

Sr I have the favr. of yr. letter & Inclosed you a letter to my Clerk to make an ordr. for the releaf of mary Dickeson & to allow her 10 <s> p[er] Week, you might have made an ordr. yr. Self & Set my Name to it & would have owned it with my Service to yr. Self & Family I am

Sr. yr Very Humb Servt.

16 Feb 1714 Edward Blackett to Isabella Blackett

York 16 Feby 1713/4

D[ea]r. Bella

I Recd. both yr. letters & am very glad you keep lent & so you are like to do for Oysters, for it is impossible for any to be Sweet when they come to yr. hand, for they are but very indifferent when they come here first, I have pd at York & <aim> to pay to Mr

Pinkey & Crispin & another in Ripon as much money as yr allowance will come to at May Day I know you do not understand how to lay out yr. allowance for yr. advantage Witness yr. Silk Stockings so what linen you want let me know, & yr Sisters shall buy it you I perceive yr. poor Brother is not likely to live long, so what linen you want must be mourning wch. you Need not trouble yr. Self about, wth. my Service to my Cousin Norton & all the family I am

17 Feb 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James

17 Feby 1713/4

I perceive by yrs that Mr. Reay dos not take it well what I writ abt. Bills, I was told by a tradesman of Londn. who was at Newcastle that young brumell gave him 25 <s> for a £100 & if would let him had £200 more would have given him £30 <s> a £100, but he did not approve of him so would let him have no more monys give my service & thanks to Mr. Reay for the troub[l]e. I h<xx>e

I am

Aqt. <me> by the first post

17 Feb 1714 Edward Blackett to Ralph Loraine

[Note: The letter breaks off abruptly at the bottom of the page in the letter book as though incomplete. Enclosed with the previous letter to Harry Tulip of 17th Feb]

D<t>

Mr. Loraine

I Recd. yrs. of 15 Feby. & See you have got ten tuns, have ordered H. Tulop to pay you for it, if you have got the Said quantity but will not have it weighd off till J Mewburn comes over, according to yr. agreemt. you was obliged to go once quite through the Slaggs, so let me know the reason why you think to have more than the agreement was for, I do not believe it is possible for you to go through all the Slagg by this time wch.

28 Feb 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: This letter is a fragment at the top of a page in the letter book. It will have been written in February or early March 1714. There is a considerable time gap between this and the letter at the bottom of the previous page in the book, which is also a fragment. However no pages appear to be missing from the letter book.]

Given him & hi partners & I hope he dos not take it ill what I writ abt bills before let the ten[ant]es of Seaton Delavall See Sr. Jns. Answer, Ipecially those who he threatend. & made turn tenes. To him wch you See he possitively denys in his answer, & let me know what answer they give you, the Incl[ose]d. bill of £80 I Red acqt. me what you think the charge will amt. to put Seaton house in Repair occasiond. By the last Wind.

3 Mar 1714 John Blackett to Unknown

[Note: The letter is written by one of Edward Blackett's sons, presumably John, who was with his father at Newby and York. Missy is the daughter of William Blackett, whose death the letter reports on.]

York 3 March 1713/4

Dr. Sr.

My Father order'd me to acqt. you that my Brother Blacket after a long indisposition of health Dyed last Week, he has not been likely to live for Some Years by past, he only left one Daughtr. who is one of the finest Childn. In Engld., She is going to be Educated undr. My L. Warrington's care, he has onely one daughr. Lady who is about Missys Age, my Father has Some thoughts of going to the bath this Spring, & designs to Waite on you before his return, he gives you his most Humbe. Service & would be very glad to hear of yr. good health, all all this are much yr. humbe. Servt. & pray believe me to be

Sr. yr. <.> dutyfull Nephew

3 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Edward Ridsdale

3 March

Mr. Ridsdale

I Recd. yr. lettr. I refirr all things yr. Self & Mr. Driffield, Inclosed you have your paper Returnd wch. Thompson has Signed, be sure Neglect no time to dispatch this affair & you will oblige

yr. Friend to Serve you

3 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

3 March 1713/4

James

faile not to go to fallowfield wth. all Speed for I perceive both Mill & dams are much out of repair, so that the poor people cannot get their waste Oar Smelted wch. be sure you to hasten as much as is in yr power, inclosed I send you H Tulop letter wch. you

will See requires yr. Speedy going to fallowfield tell Mr. Loraine he need not come over for I shall make no bargain wth. him, but leave it to you & Mr Mowberry, but his first bargain is not nigh finished, he must finish that before we make any other acqt. me what Sr. Jnos tenants now says, them I mean wch. attorned to him, he dose not now pretend to have any tent. their, beSure acqt. me if they have pd. all their Rents for the Rent day is coming on again, & whether they ever made any refusal to pay them of late, that is to say Since Sr. Jno. Declared in Chancery that he never Endeavoird or offered to Receive any of the Rents

6 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

6 March 1713/4

Dear Kitty

I Recd. yrs. of the 2 Instant, & See you had not yet Recd. the mony of Mr. Horton for Mr. Bromells Bills, I would have you to keep the bills & to Arrest Horton for the mony for he is certainly obliged to pay me being he accepted the bills, Mr. Bromell I look to be in a mean condition, if he looses his tryall, as it is thought he will, he is certainly ruined, so Horton is the Man I look upon for the mony, as I writ you above would have you immediately to arrest him, let me know as nigh as you can the time you design to be at york, I hear from Severall hands that my Nephew Blacket is very ill, so do you go & make him a visit & let me know how he does by the first post

6 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie

[Note: Undated, but took date from previous letter - 6th March 1714. The Captain was Sir Edward's son Edward, who was in the Navy.]

D<t>

Mr. Aislabie

Dr. Sr. I doubt not but you have heard of the death of my poor Son William, before this, I have had two letters lately from the Capt. dated from Boston in New Engld. he desires that all the interest possibly may be made for his continuing abroad, I do not in the least question yours, & pray acqt. me if you think it Necessary for me to make any other, wth. my most Humbe. Service to yr. Self & Lady I am

Sr. Most affectionately yrs.

7 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

[Note: Mitty is Edward Blackett's grand-daughter, whose parents are both now dead.]

York 7 March 1713/4

Ld. Warrington

I had given yr. Ld.Ship an acct. before this of my Son Blackets death, but have been very much out of ordr. my Self, I thank God little Mitty has her health perfectly well, & improves very much both in her writeing & danceing, we all designe to go to Newby abt. the begining of May, & then a little after I designe to Send my dr Jewel to be undr. Yr. Lordship Care & I do not in the least question yr Lordships paternall care of her, wth all our most Humbe. Services to yr. Ld.Ship I am

Yr. Lordships Most Faithfull Humb. Ser.

To the Right Honourabe. The Earle of Warrington
In [struck out: 'Suffolk Street'] the Hay Market London
These

Sr. Jno. Delavall puts me to all the charge & trouble immaiginable, Shall give yr. Ld.ship a further acct of this matter hereafter

8 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

York March <8> 1713/4

Dr. Kitty

Upon Receipt of this letter beSure you to arrest Mr. Charles Horton if he does not immediately pay you all the mony, I dispare of getting any of Mr. Brumells, so without any loss of time follow my ordr, & arrest Cha. Horton, So by yr. next letter Shall Expect to hear that you have Recd. the mony or have arrested him, faile not to write by the very first post to

Yr. affet. Father

9 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to William Draper

Dt 9 March 1713/4

Sr. I had the favr. of yr. letter, do not at all concern my Self in the disposing of any of my Sons horses, but shall ordr. young Mr. Ridsdale of Ripon to let you know the lowest price of the Darlington Mare, he has the whole disposing of all the goods, you may be assured to have as cheap & sooned than any other, wth. my humb. Service to yr. Self & Lady I am

Sr. yr affet. Kinsman & Humbe. Servt.

Wm. Draper Esqr. at Beswick

12 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Isabella Blackett

York 12 March 1713/4

Dr. Bella

I have Sent you by the bearer two dossin of Oranges the Dr. advises you by all means to drink the Sulpher water warme to the quantity of 2 bottles at most & Squese an orange ot two into it, & continue drinking of it for 8 or 10 days just as you find it works wth you, & then desist for a little time & drink it againe for 8 or 10 days, if you want any wearing Cloaths write to Alethia for it, I perceive you Cannot keep yr. cloaths when you have them, but gives them away to any Idle Servt – as you did a pair of good Stays some time agoe, give my Service to my Cousin Norton & all his family, & acqt. him I shall have a little Stond horse wch. is a very fine Pad, at the fair of Pontefrack wch. I desire his assistance in the disposal of him I am

12 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Mr Metcalf

[Note: undated but in sequence between others written on 12th March]

Mr. Metcalf at Brampton

Sr. I Recd. yr inclosed letter from Mr. Tankred, as also one by the post from Mr. Saunders pray acqt. them from me, that if they will have patience they shall not loose one farthing of the debt wch. my Son owns them, wth. my most humbe. Service to Mr Tho. My Lady & the whole family

I am Sr. yr. Reall Frind
& Faithfull Servt.

12 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to George Mowbray

York 12 March 1713/4

Sr

I desire you will make a bargaine wth. Mr. Loraine to go over the Slaggs once more, what [struck out: 'bargaine'] Agreement you make wth. him Shall be performd by
Yr. assured Friend

Mr. Mowbray at Allen heads

12 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip

12 March

Harry Tulop

This day I have given Mr. Loraine a letter to Mr. Mowbray to agree wth. him to go over the Slaggs once more so what ever he is indebted to you for coals or other things you must have patience till more lead is made, & then all things shall be discharged I am

13 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Unknown

Dt 13 March

Dr. Sr.

I Recd. yrs & hearty thank you for yr. kind condolance, it was no surprice to me, for my Son has not had his health for some years past

I often drink yr. health wth. yr. friends in York, wch. I find are intirely yours, you have lost one good friend poor Mr. gowland who was a bold opposer of Mr. Jenkins Interest, pray give me a line when you have time & you will oblige

Sr. yr. Reall Friend & Faithfull humbe. Servt.

13 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Paul Foley

York 13 March 1713/4

Sr.

I was in hopes Ere this to have had the favr. of a line from you pray let me know as soon as conveniently you can whether you can wth. yr interest procure a qualification for honest Mr. Lodge according to yr promise if not I must Endeavoir to make some other friend In his behalf, for at presence he is promised another liveing, so he must in necessaty have a qualification so pray let me know by the very first post whether you think you can procure it or not, that no time may be lost to Serve worthy Mr. Lodge & pray believe me

Sr yr. Faithfull humbe. Sert.

Paul Foley Esqr.

13 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to William Forster

[Note: undated but in sequence between others written on 12th & 13th March]

Wm. Forster

I Recd. two packets of News from you by the last post, I desire the continuance of it but either Send the <Vot>es by the first post or at all wth. my Service to my Nephew

I am yrs

13 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to William Shaw

Mr. Shaw

13 March 1713/4

Sr. though I have not the good fortune to be known to you, yet I am Sure you can be no Stranger to my name, I have lately lade a bill in Chancery against Sr. Jno. Delavall so am obliged to prove Settlemt. of Sr R. Dela[vall] upon my late D[ea]r. Wifes marriage, there is onely one of the witnesses living, wch is yr. neighbour Mr. Hugh Johnson, I have a Suppena out of Chancery to Serve upon him to appear at York the first of April, I must send a Servt. purposely over to Serve it, but in case he pretend to be out of health, I must be at the trouble & charge of adjourning the commission to his house, who I perceive by Capt. Millington that he lives at Warrington, so I desire that you will do me the favr. to acqt. him wth. it, that I shall Send a Servt. very shortly to Serve him wth. a Suppena, & that if be any thing out of health, that I will Send my Charriot to meet him a <yellond> & so bring him to York pray use yr. intrest wth. him, that. he will come to York, & Shall either send my chariot or a Servt. yellond to attend upon him to York wch. he pleases.

I hope my Ld. Warrington is acqted. with him Shall write his Lordship this post to the Same purpose, for it would be a great charge to adjourn the commiss. to Warrington, pray answer this letter by the very first post & you will very much oblige Sr. yr. assured Friend & Serevt.

p Ferry bridge
Rusdale

13 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

[Note: Although undated and unaddressed it is clear from the previous letter that this to Lord Warrington on 13th March 1714]

D<t>

My Ld

am infinately obliged to yr. Lordship for yr. kind wishes to my self & Family, I must own the greatest comfort I have now is my D[ea]r. little Missy, who is as fine & as witty a child as is in the Nation, & I doubt not when your Lordship is acquainted wth. her, but you will be of my opinion.

I must now troubl. yr. Lordship wth. my affair wth. Sr. Jno. Delavall, I have got a Commission to sit in York the first of April, he puts me to all the trouble & charge immaginable Viz to prove my late D[ea]r. Wifes Settlmt., my daughter Blackets, birth, as also her marriage, wch. he knows very well can easily be proved, I hear there is

onely one writness now liveing, that can prove the Settlement wch. is Mr. Hugh Johnsons, who the Capt. tells me, lives in Warrington, in a few days shall Send a Servt. to him to Serve him wth. a Suppena, to appear at York the 5 April, if he pretend he is not able to travel, shall be obliged to adjourn the Commission to him, wch. will be a great charge, in case yr. Lordship has any acquaintance wth. him, that yr. Lordship will be pleased prevaile wth. him to come to York, & he shall be well gratifyd for his trouble, I heartily wish yr. Ld.ship Success against yr. Uncle & pray believe me always
Yr. Ld.ships Most Obedient & most Faithfull humbe. Servt.

13 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Unknown

[Note: undated but took its date from the previous entries of 13th March. The subject appears to have been son Captain Edward, somewhere in the Americas]

D<t>

Drst. Neighbour

I heartily thank you for yr. kind condolance & I hope to god in case he live that yr. puple will be a great comfort to me & a Credit to his family, am Still obligd to you that you will use yr interest for his continuing abroad wch. is his request & pray believe me Ever

Yr. Most obedt. & most faithfull Humbe. Servt.

here is a report that my Nephew Blacket is dangerously ill pray acqt. if it be soe or not

14 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Note: The letter is undated and unsigned but with no other evidence the date is assumed to be the date of the following letter. The author is assumed to be Edward Blackett.]

Mr Ward

I hear you design to be at York at the <Fa>re this Next Week so pray bring yr acct. wth you tht we May set the last half year streight

14 Mar 1714 John Blackett to Unknown

[Note: Presumed to be from son John, with his father in Newby and York in 1713/14]

York 14 March 1713/4

M

Sr. my Father desires you will do him the favour to make diligent Enquiry after Mr. Dan Pegge, his Father Was a Taylor & lived at the upper End of Suffolk Street & he & his Wife was liveing within these 20 years, his Son Dan: Pegge was witness to a Deed wch causes this Inquiry, he had a Sister tht. married one Mr. Partridge, but where they live I cannot inform you, so if you can find out any of these they will inform you if he be liveing or dead, & where he dyed that we may have a certificate that he is dead & where buried & you will much oblige

Yr. Humbe. Servt.

pray given an answer of this letter assoon as conveniently you can, & direct for me at Sr. Ed. Blackets in York

17 Mar 1714 John Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: from content this appears to be from John Blackett to Christopher in London, though neither is named]

17 March

Dr. Brother

My Father Recd. yrs & thinks you have done mighty well in disposing of the corne goods & would have you still continue in disposing of the horses assoon as possible, my Father Says it had been much better Gabriel had stayd to take care of the horses for Since he left thm. one of thm. is lame so when he comes from Nortallerton he may Stay at Newby & take care of the horses till they are disposed off, & have writ Peter to the Same purpose you must not dispose of the <Wane> I shall Send orders to Scratcher to buy it, [superscripted, possibly meant at this point: 'what <xxx> what it was valued or what you was offerd & shall keep it & pay the money my Self'] as for the Oxen may let Mr. Amestead & Mr. Calvert have thm. & the hay as you can agree, you must not pay any of the Servts wch. are dischargd till my Father comes to Newby wch. will be sooner than we expected, when anything offers you must write to my Father

17 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell

D<l> 17

Mr. Brumell

The other day I waited on the Judge & had some discourse about yr. late tryall, he told me he should be shortly at Durham at his Sitting, & would do his best offices in makeing up the differance betwixt you & Mr. Ramsey, so I think it will be proper for you & Mr. Wright to wait on the Judge at Durman [sic. Durham surely meant]

17 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Peter Aram

[Note: Peter was probably Peter Aram, steward, housekeeper or gardener at Newby. Though unsigned, the author is assumed to be Edward Blackett.]

Peter

I am now troubled at my Self tht. I gave you orders to turn off Gabriel, he would have kept the horses in good order, till they Could have been disposed off, but now I perceiv one of thm. is lame, wch. Endeavour to get sound assoon as possible can be faile not to be here on Saturday night for I have Severall things to discourse you about I am

18 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Note: Unsigned, but the author is assumed to be Edward Blackett. Undated, but between 17th and 19th. 18th used here.]

Mr Ward

I Return you many thanks for yr. Salmon it was a very good one, Inclosed you have a Warrant of Summons wch. I desire you will Serve on Mr Bellinghams Tenant who lives in his chief hous, & leave him the Copy of it, take some other wth. you to See it Served for fear you may have business tht. will require yr. absence tht. day the Deputy Lie[u]ten[ant]s meets wch. will be on the Seaventh of April & Either yr. Self or one tht. gose wth. you must Swear to the Serveing of the Warrant, tho I wish you could be there yr. Self for am promised a Warrant of distress

My Lord Said it was the lease tht. ruind the cause pray own the Receipt of this letter by a line to

19 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

York 19 March 1713

My Lord

I heartily congratulate yr. Ld.Ship upon yr decree you have got ag[ain]sts yr. Uncle, I wish yr Lordship the same Success in case he brings it in to the house of Lords

Am Sorry to hear tht Mr. Hugh Johnson has broak his legg. Sr. Jno. would not joyne in the Commission being unwilling to bea at any charge [struck out: 'knowing I could Easily prove what he insisted upon so <may> the opening the commission <&> Commissioners may adjourn the commission to for what time & place they please'] but is Resolved to put one to all the trouble & charge Imaginable, knowing I can onely

come upon Seaton Lordship for the principal & Intrerest tht is due to me, wch will not answer the sune if it was sold, not by above a £1000

I give yr. Lordship many thanks for writeing into the Countrey, & wish it may onely be a report of Mr. Johnsons misfortune all this family are much yr. Ld.ships humble Servts. & I am

yr. Lordships most faithfull & most obedient humbe. Servt.

20 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: From context James must have been James Mewburn]

York 20 March 1713/4

James

I doubt not but you was at fallowfd. by reason I had no letter from you, I have a Commission to Sit in York the first of April, to prove the Contents of the bill I laid against Sr. John he would not Joyne in the Commission by reason he would not be at the charge so it is left Solely to my own commissioners to examine my witnesses so you must not faile to be here on tuesday or wednesday being the two last days of this month of March, & upon the receipt of this letter make it yr. business to discour every tennant what Sr. John or any from him Said to thm. about keeping possestion or turning tennants to him, & to pay me nor my Steward any Rent, take a memorandum in writeing what every tennant Said to you, so you may give Evidence to the Commissn. here, faile not to write me a line by the bearer tht. this came safe to yr. hand, wch. will be a satisfaction to me but in case you Should be from home when [struck out: 'Mr. Coulson'] the Messenger brings you this letter, faile not assoon as you Receive it go to Newcastle yr. Self & deliver tht. letter into the Post house Shall be uneasy till I hear from you I am

22 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to William Shaw

York 22 March 1713/4

Mr. Shaw

Sr. I am much obliged to you for the trouble you have been so kind to give yr. Self, upon my Acct – Sr. John would not joyne in the Commission knowing it would onely put him to charge, the Commission will be adjourned from hence to Warrington to the 9 or 10 of April, So I desire you will do me the favour, to acqt. Mr. Hugh Johnson wth. it, as also must desire yr. company their to prove a deed from Ld. <War> wch. you are witness commissioners must likewise go to Bowden to view the Register to prove my dear daughter Blackets age, little <Mitty> <joynes> my most humble Services to my Lady Warr. Lady Mary & Mr. Booth & pray believe me yr. obliged Humbe. Servt. pray

by the first post acqt. me of the Receipt of this letter. Capt <&> Spouse give: <his>:
Ser[vice]: Self <xxxxx>

22 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Mr Lloyd

[Note: undated but presumably took 'dt' from the previous entry, ie. 22nd March]

Dt

Mr Lloyd

Sr. I desire you will give my Son the Copy of my Will wch. is in yr. hands wch. I am obliged to alter upon upon poor Sons death & shall give you the trouble of it againe in a little time I am

Sr. yr. assured Friend

24 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to John Storzaker

[Note: Barnaby Fair was held in Boroughbridge each June.]

Dt 24 March 1713/4

Mr. Jno. Storzaker

Sr. I perceive by Mr. parker of Wetherby, that he is indebted to you £20 & that it is payable the first of April, onely he desires forbearance for 3/m[onths] & then he will certainly pay you the money, he does not doubt but to Receive much above tht. Sume for goods & Cattle going to barniby fair, so I desire you will give him to that time & you will much oblige

Yr. assured Friend to Serve

Oldfield

24 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

24 March

Mr. Ward

there is a great alteration in my family God knows Since I see you, I have not had my health very well Since I came to York, having a great pain in my back & hip, I cannot walk over the room 3 or 4 times without much trouble, I designe God willing to go to the bath Shortly so I would have you come over assoon as conveniently you can that all things may be set Streight, I wondr. I have not heard from you Since I gave yr.

Servt. Crawford a Warrt. of Summons to Serve on Mr bellinghams Tennant wth. My Service to yr. Self & family I am

I am afraid L. Crawford has lost the Warrant of Summons or otherwise certainly I should have heard from you long before this

Writ to Lows the Same

25 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell

[Note: The letter is unsigned, but the author is assumed to be Edward Blackett.]

25

Mr. Bromell

Sr.

I Recd. yr. letter & am very glad to hear you have so great hopes of Success in yr. affair, be sure you fail not to get the last Martinmas Rentall ready against the Midle of the Next Week for have ordered my Son Chris to call for it, as for the ballance you may pay it at any betwixt and May day to my Servt. Mewburne, who Shall ord. to Receive it, I am

Yr. Friend

25 Mar 1714 John Blackett to Isabella Blackett

[Note: undated but in sequence between others dated 25th and 26th March. Writer and recipient are un-named, but John was with his father. Content and tone suggests this was a continuation of Sir Edward's earlier letters to daughter Isabella.]

Dr. Sister

My Father ordered me to acquaint you that he has Sent you by the carrier Such things as yr. Sisters thinks proper for you, as also tht. you have cost him much more Since you left Newby then both yr. Martinmass & May Day Rent comes to, so he charge you to put him to no more charge till yr. Next Midsummer quarter be is due we have got yr. Seal but my Father would not venture it in the Box

26 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

[Note: Content and the evidence of other letters suggests the un-named recipient was Lord Warrington.]

26 March 1714

My Lord

I had the honr. Of yr. Lordships letter of the 23rd, have acqt. Mr. Shaw yr lordships servt tht the Commission would be adjound to Warrington either to the 9 or 10th of April, & in case Mr. Johnson be at chester they will adjourney the commission from Warrington to Chester, Shaw must prove yr. Lordships hand to the assignment of My Dr. daughter Blackets portion, as also her age out of the Register, & then I doubt not but I shall Soon after have a decree, & Shall let yr. lordship know if Sr. John makes any offers for the purchaseing of it or not, wth. all our most humbe. Services to yr. Lordship I am

Yr Ld most obedt & most Faithfull humbe Servt.

26 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: the date is assumed to be the date of the previous letter.]

Honest Will

The above is a Copy of my last so faile not to observe it, for I long to See you here that all things may be Set Streight betwixt us for I do not know how Soon I Shall go into the South, I expect every post to have a line from you that you Recei[ve]d my letter I am

Yr. Friend

27 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Brian Stapleton

York 27 March

Mr. Stapleton

Sr – we are all much obliged to you for yr. kind invitation, I had certainly waited upon you wth my Son John on Wednesday next but have been very much out of order these two months past, I Cannot walk over the dineing Room without much trouble, I am advised by the Doctors to go to the bath, wch. I design god willing in May in case I am not better, all this family are yr. humb. servts. to yr. Self & Lady & pray believe me always

Sr. most affect. yours

My Son John will not faile to attend you at the time appointed

28 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Mr Loftus

28 March

Honest Mr. Loftus

I heartily thank you for yr. kind Expressions & Well wishes in your letter to my Self & family, wch. I shall always own, I have not had my health very well Since I came to york so Shall not Stay here above a month & assoon as I have Sent Missy to my Lord Warringtons & the Coatch returned, I design for the bath for two months for a rumatick pain I have get In my back & hips, & runs from one place to another, the Servt. wch. you recomended to me acquainted me he would not faile to be at Newby about May day, & assoon as I come to Newby Shall be glad to See you their, pray give my Service to Mr. Pemberton & Mr Witton & his Son & believe me always yr

Real Friend to Serve you

28 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to Paul Foley

[Note: The letter is assumed to take its 'Dt' from the previous entry, ie. 28th March]

Mr. Foley

<Dt>

Sr. I have writ you two letters to remind you of yr. promise concerning Mr. Lodge I doubt they miscarryd because I have heard nothing from you Since, therefore I desire my friend Mr. Sharp to deliver this wth. his own hand, I onely desire to know whether you think you can get Mr Lodge a qualification or not, if not must make use of Some other friend, upon Mr. Lodges account, I am

Sr. yr. Faithfull Humbl. Servt.

29 Mar 1714 Edward Blackett to John Sharp

Mr. Sharp

29 March

Dr. Sr.

I desire you will do me the favour & deliver the inclosed wth. yr. own hands, when Mr. Foley was in the country he made me large promises on the behalf of Mr Lodge, & that he would get him a qualification, that he might hold two livings I writ him 2 letters to remind him of it, but have heard nothing from him, so I very much question whether he will perform his word wth. me or not, pray observe what he Says to you when you give him the letter I am In haste

Sr. yr. Faithfull humb Servt.

Mr. Aldm. Braithwith Is dead, it was he that gave an Invitation to my Ld. Castleconner to Stand for Ripon

29 Mar 1714 John Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: presumably from John, with his father in York]

Dr. Brother

My Father is absolutely resolved to go to the bath, so you must not faile to bring 100 guiniys wth. you at yr return, as also the Martinmass Rentall from Mr. Bromell, you must not let him be at Ease till you get it, but you must not desire the ballance of it, my father hopes assoon as you come to town you would go to him & desire him to have it ready against you Calld for it, let me know by a letter by the post Mr. Bromells answer & also the day when you design to be in York

To Mr. Chistopher Blacket

At Mr. [struck out: 'Etherington'] house

3 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

[Note: Content makes it clear this was to Lord Warrington]

York 3 April 1714

My Lord

I had the honour of yr. Lordships of the 30th past my Commissioners Sets forward for Warrington on Thursday Next, & I doubt will be obliged to adjourn from thence to Chester to prove my Lord yr. Fathers Will, that you was are his Executor, for I believe yr. lordship has the Originall Will, so that they cannot have a Sight of it I hope a Copy of it taken out of the Court of Chester & proved will be Sufficient Evidence, I desire yr lordship will be pleased upon the Receipt of this letter write to yr. Servt. Mr. Shaw to give them what assistance he can, wth. all our most humbl. Services to yr. Lordship I am

Yr Lordships most Faithfull & Most Obedient Humbl. Servt.

3 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to William Shaw

[Note: assumed to take its date ('Dt') from the previous letter]

Mr. Shaw

Dt

Sr

my Commissioners Sets forward for warrington on Thursday next, they design to come by Bowden to peruse the Register, so as to prove my Dr. Daughts. Blackets age, am afraid the commissioners will be obliged to adjourn from warrington to Chester to

prove the late Lord Warringtons Will, I doubt you cannot come to the originall Will by reason my Lords absence, tis to prove my Lord is his Fathers Exectr. wch the Comm. Says is absolutely Necessary, I desire you will write a letter to Mr. H: Johnson to Chester & prevaile wth. him, to be at Warrington on Friday Night for the Comm will certainly be their at that time, & I desire you to give them all the assistance you can, you are likewise to prove my Lord Warringtons hand to the Deed of assignmt. to me I hope you will Receive a letter from my Lord by Friday next just to the Same purpose I am

Yr. obliged friend & Sert.

pray upon the Receipt of this letter give a line to

7 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Honest Will

7 April

I Recd. yrs. of the 30 March & am very much obliged to you for yr kind wishes to my Self & Family, I would gladly have you come over this Week without faile that all things may be set Streight betwixt us before I go to the bath, wch. I believe will be Sooner than I Expected, wth. my kind remembrance to you
I am

yr. assured Friend to Serve you

7 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James

7 April

I hope you got well home Inclosed is the Copy of the paper wch. my Son John gave you the one you must deliver to my Lords Wetheringtons [sic. Widdrington meant] Steward Mr. Silvertop who lives either at Bladen or Stella, the other paper must be delivered to the tenants of Barlo [superscripted with '3'], Bladen ['1'], & Winlato[n] ['2'], & acqt. thm. all tht. I shall not imploy Mr Brumell any more to Receive my Rents, & in case he should demd. any to pay him none for if they do they will have it to Pay over againe but given you an ordr. to Receive thm. hereafter Read, Seal, & deliver, the inclosed but you need not take any notice tht. you know anything that is within it, About the first of May I Shall be going for Newby, & before I go to the bath you must come to Newby & Set all things Streight betwixt us, write me constantly once a Week I am

7 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Thomas Brummell

Mr. Brumell

7 April

Sr. you cannot be a Stranger what trouble my Self & friends has had, to get the bills wch. you gave upon Mr. Horton paid, I need Say no more upon that Acct, but inclosed is a letter to my Son Chr. from his friend, [struck out: 'I take pity of the'] he told my son tht. if he was not Seen Every day at Billingsgate, he should lose Mr. mountagues business, & be ruined for ever so He did not clap him up, I desire you will pay to my Servt. Mewburn about may day or Soonr. if you can the balance of my Acct. & I wish you could get most of the Arrears, wch. has been Standing out long, ag[ains]t that time, I hope you will not take it amiss, that you do not Receive any more of my rents at Winlaton Ldship for I Shall hereafter imploy one of my own Servts, Shall have occation to Send one of my own Servts. to Newcastle betwixt & May day, & then Shall Send you yr. acct., Signd wth. my Service to yr. Self & Mrs Brumell

Yr. assur'd Friend

10 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

John Ward

I Recd. yr. letter & gives you many thanks For yr. trouble, tis now about Fiveteen Years Since Mr. Belligham gave me a horse & tht was for the mony wch. was then due, so tht there is now about Fiveteen Years due to me wch. pray acquaint Mr. Manliverer when you See him I am

Yr friend

10 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Peter Aram

[Note: Undated but between 10th and 14th April. 10th used here. Peter was presumably Peter Aram, steward, housekeeper or gardener at Newby.]

Peter

I perceive by yr letter tht you Sent <Raw>den to Bedale to see the lead weighd off, as also Carriages for it wch was very well done, do you See a Sheet of it weighd, & let me know how many pound there is in a foot, for I am afraid he has cast it to thin, there must be great care taken to Secure the Chimney, & know of Scratcher if there will want no deals for the Roof of the house, for some of the deals wch are layd dos not lay the right way, so must be taken up, I hope there will be no danger of Secureing the chimney, if I thought there Should would be at the charge of taken it down however let me know Scratcher and Nevisons opinion, I doubt not but our Smith can make all the Necessarys for the Support of it, & in case he has no Square Iron that is thick enough let

me know the dimentions & weight of the Iron & Shall Send it, the first fine red bull calf you must let Mr. Ridsdale have for his friend Mr. Beckwith, & he will give me my own price, I have ordered the brewer to Sell all the Swine Excepting the young Gilt wch. was given me the two boars & the <Six> large hoggs, faile not to give a full answer of this & the Rest of my concerns by the very first post to
Yr. Friend

10 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Unknown

[Note: undated but between 10th and 14th April. 10th used here.]

Sr –

I perceive by a letter from Mr. Ward tht you discourst the Deputy Lut[enan]ts about my concern wth. Mr. Bellingham, am Sorry I did not acqt. you what has past betwixt Mr. Bellingham & my Self, about Fiveteen years ag<oe> I met Mr. Bellingham at Durham & acquaintd him, tht. his lands at Worsel was many years in arrear to me for his share one half for the Setting forth of a light horse, he told me there Should be no difference betwixt us, & if it pleasd to take his Gelding wch. was worth £20 & acquit him what was past, he would take it as a favour, & be more punctuall hereafter in the paying of it so I acceptde of his gelding, about a year ago I acquaintd him what he was in Arrear to me, & if he would Send me an Extraordinary fine gelding wch. was a good <Pa>d, I would make a present of him to a fri[en]d in the South, so he Sent me a horse wch. was not worth £12, so I immediately sent him back to his own house in Lancashire by my own Servt. & Since I have heard nothing from him, onely that he would desire his Nephew Manlivery to inquire out a fine Gelding for me, but I have not Seen Mr. Manliverer as yet should be glad to See him for I hear he is a very worthy honest gentleman I wish you would take an opportunity to waite upon Mr. Manlivery & acqt. him wth. what I write, & what charge you are at in going <thither> you shall be thankfully repaid by

yr. obliged Friend & Servt

as soon as you have discourst Mr. Manlivere pray give me a line

14 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

[Note: clearly addressed to Lord Warrington, from the content]

My Lord

York 14 April 1714

My Commissioners went for Cheshire on Wednesday last, & returned Yesterday, I beg yr. lordships pardon for Giving you the trouble of the inclosed, wch. gives a full Acct.

of all their proceeding I do not in the least question Success, & am mightily oblig'd to yr. lordship for your assistance, all this family are much yr. lordships Humble Servts. & pray believe me always yr. Lordships Most Obliged &
Most Faithfull Humb. Servt.

14 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Unknown

[Note: undated but in sequence between others dated 14th April]

Sr

my Son designs to go Shortly to Newcastle to Set all things Streight wth. his friends their, So I desire you once more to give my Humble Service to Mr. Witton & acqt. him I solely leave the debt wch. was oweing by his Son to his generosity, & shall send my Son to you assoon as I Receive an answer of this letter

Inclod you have Mr. Foleys letter & care shall be taken of in that affair, Pray let me hear from you assoon as conveniently you can & you will much oblige

Yr. Assured Friend
to Serve you

14 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

Apr: th 14 1714

Mr Sillvertop [struck out: 'pot' in favour of top]

I have DisCharged mr Brumell for R[ec]eiving my Rents of winlaton Lordship being he did not perform his agrement with me willing to to allow you 20 pounds per year - providing you will Recd. and make good all the Tenents Rents tho I know there is no maner of <Pander/ Dunder> of aney of their faillings So if you approve this proposall give me a Line and then Shall inClose you a Rentall with my most Humble Service to my Lord widdrington when you writt to him

I am yr Assured Frend and Servant

14 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Edward Ridsdale

Mr Ridsdale

york apr 14

I thank you for the good account you give me of my affairs In Cheshire Inclosed have sent you my Lord warringtons Lettr., who I Know will be both very willing and Readey to do me all the Service in his power, he is fully acquainted with with this

Concern and did this day Inclose to my Lord your Lettr. which you Sent to me from Leeds So you may order your Agent if their be occasion to wait on my Lord with my Humble Service who I know will do what your Agent desires of him my Lord has Lodgings in the hay market I perceive Sr. John does not designe to Concern him Self any mor in this affair, So I desire to Know when you goe to London that you may have such of my Wrightings with you as are necessary to be produced in Court Mr Thompson gave his Son the Comission, who goes for London tomorrow with my Service to you and yours I am yr

Assured Friend and Servant

14 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James

14 April

I Recd. yrs. & have writ to Mr. Silvertop by this post & Shall have his answer by the next post, be sure you have all the arrears wch. are due ready against the first week in May that all things may be Set Streight betwixt us If Sr John offers to Stop any of Seaton Carriages do You acquaint the Neighbouring Towns of it, & we will have a tryall wth. him for it is certainly a high road, if they any of my carriages do you repleavy

18 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

April 18 1714

Dr. Kitty

I hope you got well to London & found yr. family in good health Inclosed I send you Mr. Bromells Letter I have discharged him of my Service, so you will be troubled abt no more bills on Mr. Horton upon receipt of this letter do you buy me a pound of the very best Super Fine black wax In town, & give it to Mr. Richd. Thomson of Furnivals Inn, & desire him to give it to one of his brothers tht. comes first down for they both now in London you have likewise inclosed two letters wch. came directd for you, give my Service to yr. father & Mother Savill & to the rest of yr. Relations, & desire my Sister Savill to buy me a Green Moohair bed let it be the best that can be made in town & well <?to>aterd & very fashionably made up let the lining be a threed Satin, but the Colour I refir to her Self, onely I would not have it White for tht colour will Soile Soon, the breadth of the bedstead must be 2 Yards good, the hight of the Roome is 5 Yards high so the bed must be proportionally made up to tht that hight, with my blessing to yr. Self, Wife & little God Son I am

18 Apr 1714 Peter Aram to John Gowland

[Note: Writer is un-named, but possibly Peter Aram, as he had been in touch recently with Sir Edward in connection with Stapleton.]

Mr Gowland York 18 Aprill

My Master ordred me to acquaint you that if you should have occation for any bills for Sr. Bryon Stapyhton against Whitsontide he will furnish you with Bills of a hundred Pound or if you will let him know in time my master hopes you have sent to Mr Pullons as he desired Pray let my master Know his answer by the first oppertunity I am

21 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

21 April

My Lord

For the acct. you have given me in yr. last I return yr. Ld-ship ten thousand thanks concerning my Ld. yr. Fathers Will, I hope there will be no occasion for it, but in case there be shall order My attorney Sollicitor above to write on yr. lordship

Should be mighty glad to hear tht the house of Lds. had Confirm'd yr. decree tht wch you got in chancery, wth. all our most Humbe. Services to yr. Ld.ship I am

Yr. Lordships most Faithfull & Most
Obedient Humbe. Servt.

21 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

<Dr.> <K>itt

21 April

The above is a Copy of my last I had a letter from Peter yesterday, who write me <it> as my bed Chamber is Five Yards high, as nigh as he can Measure it, perhaps it may want $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch wch. Signifys nothing, though he writes it is exactly Five Yards, I know none can measure it so nicely, but may want $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ an Inch, I wondr. I have not had one line from you since you went, I hope you have got the monys of Mr. Horton, If not be sure give him no longer time, I shall not go to Newby till after May day, & as my Ld. Warrington dos not come into the Countrey So soon as I expected, shall be obliged to refer my Journey to the bath to the Secd Season, wch. will be about the Middle of August, for I Cannot leave Newby as long as D[ea]r. Mitty is in this Country, for She d<ose> not into cheshire till my Ld. return home, wth. my Service to my b Savill & his family

Let me know how my bed gos forward,

21 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

Honest Will

21 April

I hope you got well home & be sure you faile not to make a bargain wth. the Wood Men for a good parcel of <Wood>, where you think it most convenient to cut it, give my Service to Mr. Bacon & let me know what answer he gave you about Seaton Delaval Lordship, faile not to acqt. H. Tulop to be at Newby about the 8 day of May at tht time or before (God willing) my self & family shall be their, I am

21 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Peter Aram

[Note: Peter was Peter Aram, head gardener at Newby.]

Peter

21 April

I have Sent to Hull for two barrs of Such Iron as you writ would be proper, but the Ironmong of this town tells me, tht. they believe there is not any at Hull of one Inch & a half but there may be of Inch & three quarters or two Inches, so let me know by the first if either of thm. will be proper, ordr. Anthony to keep me the very best bull Calf, & acqt. me what more bull Calves we have & whether there be another Extraordinary bull Calf besides tht. wch. I keep for my Self for there is a fri[en]d. would buy one of thm. if the old fine bull be not Sold do not part wth. him undr. ten guineys, Send <a> Rob't Waugh wth. a lead horse on Saturday next & he shall return on Sunday, for I have occasion to Send two horses to Leeds you may Send a good Sallet & Radishes wth. him, & what Else you think fit ordr. the painter to Gild the Nomen & figers both of Sundyall & clock & get a Compass & as 12 a Clock will be the best time he may Set the Sun dyall right you must likewise mend the pointer of the great Clock, & ordr. the Painter to Figer the Inside tht you may See to Set the clock right at any time, Mills will be the properest man to Mend the pointer of the clock, so besure faile not to have him wth. you, give a full answer of all this by Robt.

I am

21 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Brian Stapleton

21 April

Mr. Stapylton

Sr

I have had the favr. of yr. letter, & I writ this day to know if I had a bull Calf or no to dispose off, pray let Mr. Fairfax know tht. I have the very best bull in Engd. to dispose of he is 2 Years & a half Old, I have refus'd ten Guineys for him but if he has a mind to him, he shall have him, at the price, am Sure if he see him he would not go wth.out him, pray make my humbe. Service acceptable to yr. Lady & believe me always
Sr. yr. Most Faithfull & Obedit. Humbe. Servt.

21 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

Mr. Silvertop

21 April

I Recd. both yr. letters & am very willing you should make the division you write about, what improvmts. you make amongst my ten[an]ts. my Nephew & my Self will Expect the advantage of it, for you know the Estate is not devided, however if you improve the rents we will considr. you for it, acqt. me what time you desire After the Rent day, to pay the half years Rent In full, faile not to give a line by the first post to
Yr. Assurd. Friend

21 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Henry Lodge

[Note: Recipient un-named, but assumed from the contents of the letter to be the Revd Henry Lodge.]

Sr.

I give you many thanks for the good offices you have done my Son to Mr. Witton, he offered him £40 & if he will give no more he will be forced to accept of it, I perceive there are Some goods to be yet disposed of wch. were young Mr. witton so I hope when these Goods are Sold Mr. Witton will be so kind as to pay the remaindr. so this you may propose him – wth. my Humbe. Service to yr. Self & Mrs. Lodge I am
Yr. Faithfull Humbl. Servt.

21 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Peter Aram

Peter

care will be taken to get two barrs of Iron the dimentions as you write for, the water is so low tht. I doubt we Shall be forced to have our goods brought from York by land, if so you must borrow Mr. Calvert Waggon & one of our own Wains will bring all things tht. are necessary to be used at home, till it pleases God tht. we get Rain tht. the rest of the goods may be Sent by water, you had best Send down to Milby & ask what weight of goods they can bring up as water is now, the goods are not very heavy to though

Combersome, so they would come up much better in the boat, let Mr. Stapylton have a bull Calf tis not for himself tis for his friend, I wish you could dispose of the old bull, it will be impossible to keep him at Newby this Summer so I would have you go to Mr. Messengr. & know if he will buy him, for he is one of the finest in Engld. I would be willing to part wth. him for less than he is worth, than to have the trouble of keeping him, let <thm> keep him in the dog kennell for he may come to spoile some of the Oxen, till he can be disposd off, Let me know the Man Name or where he lives the wd have bought him, & what he bid for him, I have no very great opinion of the Plumers Judgmt I wish what he has done may be to Satisfaction, besure the Paintr. go 3 times over his Work Let me know when you think he will get done when he has done the house he may begin the Coupelow, the Coat of Arms mu<st> be painted very large – by reason the great distance from the ground, the body of the Coupelow must be done like brick as you know was done formerly by the first post give a line to

25 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Edward Ridsdale

Mr. Ridsdale

York 25 April 1714

inclosed you have my Ld. Archbisshops letter Ld. Warrington was certainly his fathers Executor, for I have heard him Say he pd £40000 for his fathers debts & I dought not but the Will or a Copy of it may be found in Docters Commons, so I hope it will not be necessary to be at the charge to look for it, my Ld. if there was occasion would satisfy the court though neither Will nor Copy could be found that he was his fathers Executor, wth. my Service to yr. Self & family I am
yr. Assured Friend & Humbe. Servt.

28 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

Dear Kitty

York april 28 1714

I perceive by yours of the twenty fourth that the Bed made & finish'd after the Best manner would Come to Seaventy five Pounds I did Expect it would come to nigh that Sum however let it alone till further orders shall not be at newby but a very short time this Summer as Soon as I have Sent my Dearest Mitty to my Lord Warrington & the Coach returned shall Imediatly Goe to the Bath & stay there all Summer for I have been much out of order of late if Please God I be Perfectly well by the latter End of Summer I desire to wate upon my Brother Bridges & the Rest of my Relatns In town & then my Sister Savill & I shall discourse further about the bed for I would have it a very good one & fashionably made up not much valueing the Charge.

I perceive you have sent me Six pound of wax but you doe not write me by whom as for your friend Charles Horton I wonder you should be so very civil to him seeing

he hath given you so much trouble I doubt I shall Loose fifty pounds by Mr. Brumwell whom I have Discharged my Service I had much better Loose that than Severall hundreds some times I have been In that danger in Imploying your friend Brumwell I doubt not but the next will give an account that Charles Horton hath paid the Bills and all Charges to yr. Satisfaction Mr Brumwell letter which I did formerly In Close you is very full upon that account With my Blessing to yr. Self & Wife & little Godson & my humble service to all our Relations I am your most affectioned Father

When the Barbados fleet arrives which I hope will be Shortly Enquire whither they see the Pheenix or heard where she was upon the Recpt of this Letter be Sure to let me hear from you & the Price of Lead which you should doe in Every letter you Write

29 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Mrs Robinson

Newby 29 April 1714

Mrs. Robinson

Am Sorry I did not hear from you Sooner If I had you & yr. Son Tho. Should have been Sooner concerned for me than any other I was Ingaged before I discharg'd Mr. Bromell for I have for Some time past designed not to be concern'd any longr wth. Mr. Brumell I am

yr. assured Friend

At Bladen Steathes

29 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

Mr. Silvertop

Dt

Sr.

I perceive by yrs. of the 27th. tht. you offer to pay May day Rent at Lama, & Martinmass Rent at Candlemass, but tht. will not do my business for all my Rents & leases are payable at May day or twenty days after, at Martinmass the Same, in case the ten[an]ts cannot pay their whole Rents Exactly at tht. time tis but your borrowing £200 for 6 months, wch. is but £3- wch you may very well do considering yr. Sallery, so consider well of it & give me an answer to

yr. assured Friend

Stella

29 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Henry Tulip

Harry

Dt

This is onely to acqt you tht. I shall be at Newby God willing on Tuesday next, so I would have you not faile to bring yr. papers & Rents wth. you tht. We may Set all things Streight to May day, I hope you may begin yr. Journey on tuesday or wedensday or thursday at furthest, for am not certain how long I stay in the country

I am In <hast>

29 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to William Norton

[Note: assumed to have been same date as previous]

Norton

Sr.

Inclos'd I Send you Peters letter, I am very glad to perceive tht. I have a much greater stock than I thought I had, so I thought proper to Send you this letter, tht you may not be disappointed I design for Newby next week, so I desire you will order the butcher to Send me a hinder quarter of the Ox wch. you lately sold him, & let thm. not faile to & bring to Newby on Wednesday morning, & the servt. Shall See it weigh'd, but for their own satisfaction they may likewis weigh it at Knaesbrough, wth. my Humbe. Service to yr. Self & family

29 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: undated but assumed to be written the same day as the last dated letter.]

Honest Will

Dt

I perceive by yrs. of the 26, tht. you have Sold all the Oak timber Standing & growing on Medynham bank to Alias Hinoveres bank, to Charles Allsop, Will Spark, & John Brown, for one hundred & ten pounds, to pay one half at or before the 25 day of decembr. next, & the other half that time twelve months, wch. you have done mighty well in disposeing of it, the small quantity of Wood wch. you have occasion for yr. Self, you may have it, I Shall let you know assoon as I have got a decree, wch. cannot be before then next term, upon Receipt of this letter, I would have you not to faile to go to Harry Tulop, & ordr. him to come to Newby immediately & bring all his papers with him tht. all things may be set streight betwixt us I do not well know how long I shall stay in the country, I hope & please god to be at Newby on Tuesday Next without faile I am

29 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Mr. Ward

York 29 April 1714

I perceive by yrs tht you have sent Mr. Darcy a letter, by a Safe hand, am Sure if he Sent a Servt. over to See him he would not go without him, he was a backerley Calf & is not 3 years old till MidSummer, I cannot Convenietly keep him, so pray dispose of him for £8 or 8 Guinys, or more if you can get it, pray take an opportunity to See Mr. Manliverer at his own house, assoon as conveniently you can, & you will oblige
yr. assured Friend

I am glad you have made an End wth. poor Johnson I design God willing to be at Newby on Tuesday Next,

29 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to William Norton

Dt

Mr. Norton

The Inclosed Should have come In the letter wch. percivall brough you, but was forgot to be inclosed, as being in a very great hurry I am haveing Severall letters to write, wch. was the occasion of the Neglect,

29 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

James

I writ you last post wch. I hope came Safe to yr. hand, besure hereafter take no bills of longr. date than 10/ or 15/d after date at longest, for will rather be at the charge of Sending over a Servt for the mony than take bills that none will take of my hand, I design God Willing to be at Newby without faile on tuesday next & does not know certainly how long I shall stay till I take my Journey to the bath, so I would have you not to faile to come & set all things streight, assoon as possibly you can

29 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton

Mr. Pemberton

29 Dt

Sr.

Am much oblig'd to you for yr. kind letter I design God willing to be at Newby on Tuesday next, & the rest of my Family that Week, I do not know when my Ld. Warrington designs Northwd. but assoon as I hear he is at Dunham, shall Send my D[ea]r. Missy immediatly their, have had Severall kind letters from him Since I came to York, both about his & my own concerns I shall pay Mr Adams Clark for the Copy of the Deed, I doubt not but my Wife pd. him for the writeings being above 2 years ago Since they were drawn if not shall pay him, assoon as my Coach returns from Carrying missy, I desire immediatly to go to the Bath for I have been much out of order this winter, & perhaps may See my Friends at London before my return & hope I shall not begin my Journey before till after the Grand Chapter, however tht. depends upon my Ld. Warringtons Comeing into the Countrey I design my daughters Shall continue at York till my return, for they have very good acquaintance in this City, & may divert thm. Selves very well till my return wth. all our humbe. Services to yr. Self & Wife my my blessing to my God Son

I am Sr. yr. most obled & faith

his answer say also what day you design to be at Newby

29 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Harry Tulip

[Note: undated note of items to include in a letter rather than a copy letter. Date assumed from its position in the letter book.]

& write to H. Tulop by the very first post tht he faile not to come to Newby & set all things streigh betwixt him & my Slf, know of Co[usin]: Wilkinson the price of the last Lead he Sold, as also whether there be any dem[an]d. for the commodity or not, faile not to speak to Mr. Bernardeau as I writ you in my last

29 Apr 1714 Edward Blackett to Richard Hey

York 29 April 1714

Mr. Hey

I give you many thanks for inquiring about the Iron, & must give you the trouble to go to the Forge & bespeak two barrs of Iron one Inch & three quarters Square, & Five yards & a quarter long, they must be Sent by York by water, directed to Mr. Ja Scott Crane master In York, pray Send thm. wth. all expedition for we want thm. mightly, must desire you to pay for thm., & when I See you at Newby Shall be thankfully repaid by

Pray own the receipt of this letter

1 May 1714 Edward Blackett to Marie Selby

1 May 1714

Madm.

I am Concern'd tht. yr. Fathers annuity Should be so ill paid, assure you I allow one half of it upon the day tht. it is due, so it is my Nephews Stew[ar]d. tht. is in the fault, Shall inclose him yr. letter & order the Speedy paymt. of it, had give you an answer of yr. letter long before this, but have been from home, wth. my Service to yr. father I am yr. Servt.

To Mrs Marie Selby
In Lisle Street near Lester Fields Londn.

8 May 1714 Edward Blackett to John Wilkinson

Mr. Wilkinson

Newby 8 May 1714

Sr,

The Inclosed I Recd. when at York but forgot to Send it to you, I perceive by Mr. Brumells Acct. tht. he has paid my proportion long agoe, or at least he has charg'd it pd. so pray ord. the Speedy paymt. of it, for he cannot well be without his Annuity as I am informed, wth. my Service to yr. Self & Cousin Wilkinson I am

Yr. assured Friend & Kinsman

8 May 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

[Note: Takes it date from the previous entry in the book]

Mr. Ward

Dt

I Recd. yrs. both wth the inclosed by Mr. Cuthbertson, my bull was too old for him as he told me however he did not loose his journey for I bought a ps or 2 of Cloth of him, & hereafter may be a good Customer to him, he promises to come to Newby Some time this Summer & view the ground I like him mighty well for a tennt. Shall be glad to let him £200 a Year.

pray take an oppertunity & go to Mr. Mauliverer wth. my Service & acqt. him tht. I do Expect £4 a year for Six muster, wch. is £24 though I am Sure they were up much oftener these last fiveteen years hereafter I do Expect to be paid every Year <&> muster wch. will prevent all disputes if you be not pd. very Shortly Mr. Bellingham must

Excuse me if I distrust, pray See Mr Mauliverer assoon as possibly you can & you will much oblige

yr. assured Friend

The Inclosed I Recd. this morning
Pray return him a good Smart answer in my name

13 May 1714 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

Newby the 13 May 1714

Mr. Albert Silvertop at Stella

Sr

I have been much abroad of late or otherwise would have answered yrs. of the first of May long before this. I can write you little more but what formerly, am willing to give you £20 a year provided you pay me my Rents within 20 or 30 days after due provided I have Occasion for mony, If not you may have a longer time in discharging of them, I do believe you must Sometime take up £50 or a £100 for 3/m but the interest is but very inconsiderable as to the Sallery for the Receiving so Small a Rent, so if you like this proposall let me hear from you, & shall Send you a Rentall wth. an ord. to Receive the Rents - when you write to my Ld. Witherington pray give my humbe. Service to him I am

13 May 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Mr. Ward

13 May

Inclosed I Send you a letter for Mr. Allason Which I desire you will deliver & let me know what answer he gave you I can have a Warrant of distress from the Deputy Lieutent. When I have a Mind, for there are 3 or 4 tht. are my Nieubours, & in case he will not pay for 6 Year I am resolved to distrust, so I wish Mr. Mauliverer would acqt. his Uncle wth. it, I wondr. You Should trouble yr. Self to write me about the barne Wall, for I have often times told you to do for me as if it was yr. own, so I thought immediately after your letter you would have bought the Bricks, if you have not done it, do it yr. first, faile not to be here on great Munday Week, & bring the Rents wth. you for have more occasion for money now than formerly, wth. my Service to yr. Self & family, I am

yr. assured friend

13 May 1714 Edward Blackett to John Tempest

Sr.

I have heard it was Scandalously reported at yr. Sessions at Durham tht. I kept a Waggon for Convaing of Vagrants I desire you will acqt. them tht. it is Notoriously false & I desire you to do me the favr. to acqt. me by a line who it was tht. Said raised that report & you will oblige

Sr yr. Humbe. Servt.

[struck out: 'Mr.'] John Tempest Esqr.
In Silver Street Durham

13 May 1714 Edward Blackett to John Tiplady

John Tiplady Constaple of Neesham

I thank you for giving me an acct. of the report at Sessions tht. I kept a Waggon for Conveying of Vagrants wch. is most Notoriously false, & have writ to Mr. Tempest to the Same purpose, In case they have Stopt any monys tht. is due to you, you had best go to Durham & Shew thm. this letter, & I doubt not but they will ordr. yr. paymt. of it.
I am

yr. Friend

14 May 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

[Note: 'My little jewel' is EB's grand-daughter Mitty/Missy, about to be entrusted to the care of her grandfather Lord Warrington]

Newby 14 May 1714

My Lord

I have the honour of yrs. of the 11 wth. a thousand thanks to your Lordship for yr. kind invitation to Dunham Seeing I did not go to the Bath the first Season am advised not to go till the latter End of Augt. wch. is reckoned to be as good a Season as the first, so when I hear yr. lordship is at Dunham Shall Send my little Jewel their & Shall Never doubt yr. lordships purternall care of her, wth. all our most Humbe. Services to yr. Lordship

I am yr. Lordships Most Faithfull & Most Obedt. Humbe. Servt.

14 May 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Although unsigned and originally addressed to 'Dear brother', the letter has been written by Edward Blackett. Undated but in sequence between 14th and 20th May. 14th used here.]

Dr. Kitty

Let me know by the first post when you Recd. the £29 & whether you was forc'd to arrest his baile or not, I have a quantity of lead at Newcastle tht. I have thoughts of Sending to London, so let me know the price at 2/m Credit, as also the price paying ready money wth. my blessing to yr. Self, Wife & god Son & Service to all Relations
Yr Affct. Father

Inquire of all Ships that comes from any place nigh Engld. whether they have heard any of the <D>enis or not & besure acqt. me

20 May 1714 John Blackett to Unknown

[Note: The un-named son was probably John.]

Newby the 20 May 1714

Sr.

My Father order'd me to acqt. you tht. beside Mr. Dean of Bristol & his Brother in Law who you had notice would dine wth. you, on Saturd next, there is Since Come to our house the Vicor of Leeds & Mr Lodge who will likewise dine wth. you, & I believe the Dean of Ripon who dines wth. us this day, will also accompany thm. to yr. house, so you are likely to have a full table, I am

Sr. yr. Most Humbe. Servt.

20 May 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: undated but in sequence between two of 20th May]

James

I perceive by yrs. of the 15th. tht. you have not as yet receiv'd the ballance of Mr. Brumell besure do it assoon as conveniently you can give my Service to Mr Featherstone & Comp acqt thm. that have no Occasion for any French Clar<ret> by reason I design Shortly for the Bath, you need not trouble thm. about a bill, for Mr. Tankred would have a bill for £50 or £60 payabl. to his brother so Shall give him a bill at or on 10 days sight for the Sd., you write me that there is 41 p[ie]ce[s] of lead deliverd Mr. Fenwick but does not mention the weight, am very sorry to hear of Mrs. Rogers Illness, I hope yr. Next will give an acct. of her being much better

If you have not an Exact acct. of the lead from the Wherry Men at Newburn, I would have you go yr. Self & count them, you must go at an Ebb tide or else Some of the pieces will be coverd wth. water.

20 May 1714 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

Dt. 20 May

Mr. Silvertop

I perceive by yrs. of the 17th tht. you cannot comply wth. the time I name for paying of the rents, I must have a time fixt in paying the Rents in full tho it be 3 Weeks or a month after the rents be due, so I question not but to have a Servt tht. will receive & pay thm. at the time I propose, tho perhaps he may take up £50 or more Sometime, for 3/m, the Intrest for double tht. Sum is but Small considering the Sallery I am
yr. Assured Friend

20 May 1714 Edward Blackett to John Wilkinson

[Note: undated but between 20th and 27th May. 20th used here. Recipient unclear, but from content and later letters appears to have been Sir Edward's distant cousin (hence 'kinsman') John Wilkinson]

Sr.

I do no longer imploy Mr. Brumell in Receiving my Rents at Winlaton I wish you could help me as one tht. would <pay> all the Rent a month after it is due & would allow him £20 a year for his Sallery, my Lord Widderington you know pays the most of the Rent, so there will be but little trouble in Receiving the Sum, pray give me a line in answer & you will oblige

yr. Assurd Friend & Kinsman

23 May 1714 Edward Blackett to Walter Calverley

Sr.

I am mighty Glad to hear that my dear Neece is brought to Bed of a daughter, am mighty proud of the favour you designe me of being her Godfather If I be in Health Shall not fail to Waite on you at the time appointed (vizt. the 17th of June & in Case I Shall not be in Health at that time Shall not fail to Send my Son to pform the Cerimony in my roome wth. my Humble Service to yor. Lady & my Lady Blacket

I am Sr. wth. all Sincerity

Yor. most Affect. Uncle & Faithfull Humble Servt.

For Sr. Walter Calverley Bart

27 May 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby 27 May 1714

James

Am very sorry for the Acct. <you> give me in yr. last about Mr. Brumels Concerns, I have had a long time Suspition of his ability but never of his honesty till now of late, for he charges Mr. Selby's Annuity in all his accts. paid, wch. is a Very Knavish trick you did very well to discharge the bishops of Durhams Rent, desire Mr. Wilkinson to take a receipt in full for it, go & give my Service to Mr. Wise & tell him what is in arrear Shall be paid in a very Short time, acqt. Mr. Wise tht. Mr. Selby never allowed any Assesmt. for his Annuity Since King Wm. came to the Crown, & he ought to have allowed 8 Shillings in the pound he being a Roman Chatholick but now of late it is but half as much you may tell him we shall not much Stand upon that, however he ought to considr. it, in part, besure make it yr. Endeavoir to find out Mr. Brumell & acqt. him wth. the great arrear, wch. he has left unpaid wch. I could not have believd he would charge it paid in his Acct, Acqt. Mr. Wilkinson what a great arrear there is for Mr. Selbys Assesmt. Since K. Wm. came to the Crown for his Annuity, wch. ought to be 8 Shillings in the pound he being a Roman Catholick, so Mr. Wise tht. Receives his Annuity ought to consider that Shall in a little time draw a bill upon you for £50 so you need not Remit any monys here find Mr. Silvertop out & acqt. him Shall write him an answer of his letter in a post or two I find tht. Mr. Wilkinson has a mind tht. he Should be employed & writ to me to tht. purpose I am yr. assurd Friend

tell Mr. Wilkinson <tht.> Mr. Brumel in all his half year accts. chargd Mr. Selbys annuity paid

2 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Daniel Jackson

Newby the <2> June 1714

Mr. Jackson

I desire you not to faile to come to Newby to morrow being Friday or on Munday Next without faile for Mrs Millington may perhaps go for Cheshire the begining of the Week, for I have occasion for Severall things in yr. way, bring with you yr. Note what I am indebted to you for the Chair bed, I am

Yr. assured Friend

2 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to James Clavering

[Note: undated, but between 2nd and 4th June. 2nd used here. James Clavering was married to Catherine Yorke, Sir Edward's niece, the daughter of his second wife's brother.]

Sr

I had the favr. of yr. letter but was ingaged before it came to hand, am obligd to you for yr. kind invitation to yr. house but I Shall not go into the North this Summer disigning the latter Season for the Bath, for have not had my health well for Some time past, wth. my Humbe. Service to yr. Self Lady & Cousin Betty I am
yr. Affct. Uncle & Faithfull Humbe. Ser

Mr James Clavering

2 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

[Note: undated, but between 2nd and 4th June. 2nd used here]

Newby

James

Am Sorry to perceive by yrs. tht. Mr. Brumell is not to be Seen, but upon a Sunday, so besure you faile not to go to Newcastle on Sunday in the afternoon & get to See him by all means & fully discourse him about Mr. Selbys annuity, & acqt. him how ill I take it to charge it in his Acct., & not to have pay it, so Endeavoir to get that Sum of him, & what he owes me Shall give him longer time wch. you may acqt. him withal, I have dra[w]n a bill upon you at Sight, for Thirty pounds payable to Mr. Walter Tankred or ordr. & in fourteen days or three Weeks they will have occasion for another Small bill acqt. me the price of Beef, & Mutton wth. you <per> pound, as also the price of all Sorts of corn Winchester measure, tis now fine weather & the housband Men has least to do So I think it the properest time to get the Lead wch. is at the Mill down to Newburn, ordr. a Man at Newburn to pile it up as it comes their & keep an acct. of the Number of the pieces, I believe all the carriage Men are paid, if not, do you discharge them, & besure you go yr. Self & ordr. them to begin leed, acqt. me when Sr. John is Expected down, & how his daughtr. dos I am
yr. assured Friend

4 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Unknown

Newby 4 June 1714

Sr.

I am Glad to perceive by yors. of the 1st of June, that notwithstanding the unhealthfulness of yor. great Town, you keep yors. very well, wch. I heartily wish continuance of for the good of yor. Family, Captain Milinton gives you his Service, he has not heard any thing from Collonel Leigh though he doubts not but he will be yor. Tenn. the Captain will goe for Cheshire before you return from London he has promised to give me a positive acct. wheithor Collonel Leigh will Come to yorke at Michms or not all here gives you their Services, & bleive me always, pray give my Service to Sr. James Long & the rest of my acquaintance when you see thm

Yor. real Friend to Serve you

4 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: The letter is undated so has been given the date of the previous letter.]

Dear Kitt

I reced yors. with yor. Brother Savells Letter Inclosed as also his directions, wch. I have exactly persued, & have got three of thm. Executed, wch. you'l receive from Mr. Ridsdale who Sets forward for London on Monday next. Inclose each of thm. by - 3 - Severall Ships & the first that goes, & desire yor. Brothers perticular care to gett me my whole debt & rather than fail to compound for the most he can get, I gave Mr. Ridsdale a Bill upon you for - 40l, & as Soon as my dear Mitty goes into Cheshire must give my Lord Warrington a small Bill upon you for -under -30l

Yor. Intelligence of the price of Lead is a great mistake, for I am offered for - 1000 - peices at London - 9L & only - 20 - days Credit, & I doubt not but as Soon as the Commerce Bill is past, Lead will rise to -10L - at least

Upon receipt hereof if you have not got the 29L Sue the Bondsman, I much wonder you Should give Soe long time, yor. attorney did not deal well by you, for after Bail is given, in case the money be not pd, you may arreat the Bail at any time, I have discharged Mr Brumell of my Service, wch I wish I had done - 12 - months Since, wth my blessing to yourself & Family & Service to all Friends I am

Yor. most affectionate Father

6 Jun 1714 Peter Aram to Mr Parker

[Note: Although unsigned, the letter and its covering one is from one of Edward Blackett's staff, presumed here to be Peter Aram]

June - 6 - 1714

Mrs Jetherill.

my Master order'd me to write to you that you may thank God that he was Soe kinde as pay you yor. moneys, if he had not pd. you then, you would never have reced a farthing from him I am

Yor Humble Servt

June – 6 1714

Mr Parker.

My Master Sr. Edwd. Blackett desires you to Send the Inclosed to Mrs. Jetherill & you'l Oblige him

I am

Yor. Humble Servt

8 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

My Lord

June – 8 – 1714

I have the Honour of yors. of the 5th - & - am very Glad yor. Lordship hath reced yors. moneys of yor. uncle George Booth, I hear that he Should Say, that notwithstanding yor. Lordship had got a decree agt him, he would never pay one Farthing but live in a privilege place till yor. Lordship would come to his terms, but am Glad it is otherwise.

I designe God willing, my dear Jewill Shall begin her Journey to Dunham on the - 23 – of this month, & I hope the next day She will come Safe to yor Hands, Inclosed will give your Lordship an account why She does not begin her Journey Sooner, for I must make Use of my Coach Horses to Calverley, for haveing not made use of a Horse this many Years past wth. all our Humble Services to yor. Lordship & Family I am.

Yor Lordships most faithfull & most Obedt. Humble Servt

9 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Unknown

Sr.

Newby 9 June 1714

I designe god willing to goe to Sr. Walter Calverleys on Tuesday next, & if it Suite yor Conveniency Shall be glad of yor. Company Soe pray by the first post give a Line to Sr Yor. Faithfull Humble Servt

Soe if it Suite yor conveniency may goe in my Charriot

10 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby – 10 – June 1714

James.

I perceive by yors. of the 5th that Mr. Brumell, will Satisfie Mr. Wise, for Mr Selby's Annuity, wch. Shou'd be very glad to See performed, & doe you Acqut. Mr. Wise wth. it before you leave the town, see, besure take care to Employ a man to pyle the Lead as it comes down to Newburn, & Sett on the Carriages to leed as Soon as possibly you can, for now the Country men has least to doe, there is Some Small matter unpd, either to the West or East Carriagemen, but I doe not know to wch. for leeding a Small quantity, that came last down, when you See Mr. Brumell, give my Service to him & tell him I shou'd be very glad to hear he had got a good end of his Business, acqut. Me in yor. next what Mr. Wise Says to, what Mr. Brumell told you abt. the arrear of the Annuity And lett me know the price of Lead, & wheither any great demand for it I am

Yor assured Friend

When you go to Fallowfield take an Exact acct. of what Lead, the undertakers has, as alsoe what Slaggs they have unwrought up, I perceive the undertaker give out they designe, to throw up the Bargaine, In case I will not give better terms, So acqt. me wheither you have heard anything of it, for I believe it is only a Coppy of their Countenances, to bring me to their terms.

10 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to George Mowbray

Newby – 10 – June – 1714

Mr. Mowbray

I perceive by Mr. Dixon of Hexham who was at Newby the other day, that you designe Shortly to come to Newby, I desire you'l put off yor. Journey till you hear from me, for my Stay at Newby at present is very uncertain, am Sorry to hear that Fallowfield Mines are Soe poor, I heartily wish a Speedy Amendment *The next weeke I goe to Stand Godfather wth my Lady Blacket for my niece Calverleys Child

I am etc Yor. assured Friend to Serve you

10 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Mr Dixon

Newby – 10 – June 1714

Mr. Dixon

pray take care to gett the Inclosed Sent by a Safe hand, when you were with me the other day, I thought I should not goe from Newby for Some time, but now I finde to the Contrary, Soe I have writ to Mr. Mowbray, not to Come to Newby till he hear further from me, which I hope may be in a Short time I am

Yor Assured Friend

10 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

Mr. Silvertope

10 June – 1714

The abovesaid is a Cobby of my last, I doubt it miscarried, because I heard noe answer of it Since, you will finde I Shall not much Insist upon a month or – Six weeke in Clearing the rents, & if you agree to it in my next Shall Inclose you a Cobby of the Rentall I am

Yor. Assured Friend to Serve you

10 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Unknown

[Note: undated, but between 10th and 11th june. 10th is used here. Walter Calverley, 1st Baronet (1670 – 1749) had married Julia Blackett and built Esholt Hall c.1709.]

Sr.

I designe to goe to Esholt in my Charriot, on Tuesday, & there will be roome for you in it, the reason I goe Soe Soon is, I must in necessity be at Home on Fryday I am

Sr. In great Hast Yor. Faithfull Humble Servt.

11 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to George Mashrother

Sr.

11-June-1714

I perceive by yors. of the 7th, that you have seen Mr. Moyser at Yorke, am very glad to hear, he is in good Health. Oats here are Somewhat Settled in price, though not much, have discoursed Severall of my Neighbours, abt the Charge of bring Oats from Acaster by Water to Newby, & they are all of Opinion, that Considering the price of the Oats their & the Charge of bring thm. by Water to Newby will be much dearer, then buying Oats here deliver'd At Newby, I hope you have got my Wall Finished before this time, if not pray get it done as Soon as possibly you can, my Family designes to be at Yorke at the Horse races, Soe I cannot Spare my Stables, I goe on Tuesday next for Esholt, to be Godfather for my Neece Calverleys Child my Lady Blacket & Lady Hawksworth are God mothers wth. my Service to all my Honest Neighbours I am

Yor. Assured Friend to Serve

pray make my Humble Service acceptable to Mr. Moyser when you See him

To Mr. Geo: Mashrother

12 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Goulton

[Note: According to subsequent letter to a Mr Ward, Mr Goulton is Clerk to the Militia?]

Sir

12 June 1714

I perceive by a Letter from my Steward Mr Ward, that Mr Bellinghams Servts will be at Mr Malwerers the middle of the next week, Soe I desire you will doe me the favour to goe thither, & acquaint Mr Malwerer that I will certainly have a war[rant]t of distress in case he does not adjust the business with you. So I soly refer it to yor self, & what trouble you have in this Affair Shall be gratified by,

Your obliged Humble Servt

14 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to John Ward

Mr Ward

14 June 1714

I perceive by yors of the 10th that Mr Bellinghams Steward will be at his Estate at Worsall this weeke, Soe I have writ a Letter to Mr Goulton who is Clerk to the militia, to goe to Mr Malwerers & acqut him that in case he or Mr Bellinghams Steward, doe not pay to him what is due, will have an order of distress, to distrain very Shortly upon his tennts at Worsall, however have referred it Soly to him to make what Composition he pleases, & I doe desire you to see the Said Steward and acquaint him, that unless he pay to Mr Goulton to what is due, the tennts at Worsall will certainly have their goods restrain'd, which will put them to much charge, as Soon as you have discoursed the Steward, pray give a Line to

Yor Assured Friend

15 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Edward Ridsdale

Mr Ridsdale

15 June 1714

I Recd yrs of the [date blank] give you many thanks for Care about my business, & desire yr continuance of it, & whatever passes shall be glad to have a line from you whatever you think requet to be done or otherwise, for bidding for Seaton Estate in Court, acqt my Son Christopher & Show him this letter & he will do whatever you ordr him,

15 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Mr Croft

[Note: undated but between thers of 15th June]

Mr Croft

Dt

I Recd yr letter of Yesterday & gives you many thanks for yr offer of yr Gelding, but Shall not have occasion for him, for has this day bought one, wch will Serve my turn, but am obligd to you for yr care, all this family gives their Service to you I am

15 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Edward Boldero

Newby the 15 June 1714

Mr Boldero

I Recd yr letter of the 12, & gives you many thanks for Inquiring what I writ you about shall send two Guineys to my Ld Mayor by the first Neighbour of Servt that goes to York, all this family gives their Service to yrself & Mrs Boldero

At Mr Salkelds In Hatton Garden

20 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to John Waddington

Newby 20 June 1714

Sr

I had owned the favour of yors of the 15 much sooner, but that I have been at my Nephews Sr Walter Calverleys for three or four days. I perceive yor business will call you to Rippon Shortly, and I hope you will be Soe kinde as to make Newby yor Home whilst you Stay in this part of the Countrey, where you may be Assured of a most Hearty welcome from

Sr Yor obliged Humble Servt

To Mr John Waddington At his House in Wakefield
pt pd

20 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Hutton

[Note: Christopher Hutton was Lord Mayor of York in 1714]

Newby 20 June 1714

My Lord

Mr Bolderoe desired me to pay to your Lordsp two Guineas for his use, wch I hope you'l receive

I am

Yor Lordship's Obliged Humble Servt

For

The Right Honoble the Lord Mayor of Yorke

20 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Zachary Scott

20 June 1714

Sr

I am desired by Mr Bolderoe to pay to my Lord Mayor of Yorke two Guineas for his use, having no business at Yorke at present to send a Servt but upon this acco[un]t makes me give you the trouble to pay two Guineas to my Lord Mayor for Mr Bolderoes use, & the 1st time I send a Servt to Yorke Shall repay it you, with many thanks I am

Yor Assured Friend & Servt

To Mr Zachy Scott Crain Master at Yorke

21 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

June 21 1714

James

I reced yors of the 19th – the reason I did not write you the last post, I was at Sr Walter Calverleys 3-or-4- days the last Weeke, it must Certainly be a very great mistake that there should be <572> pieces of Lead to pay for, for I believe Wm Lowes or Harry Tulip or both did pay a considerable sume of money to the Lead Carriers, & I thought they had discharged all the Carriage except -252- pieces, wch laid at the Mill the last pay, Soe Inquire of Will Lowes & Harry Tulip what moneys they pd for Carriage, & I fancy you'l finde the Carriage men in a great Mistake, my Son John is from Home Soe I cannot See yor Accot, I believe you'l finde you pd these Carriage men a Sume of money, Soe peruse yor acct & go up & make an absolute end with them, you must pay them for noe more than went from the Mill

I had a Letter last post from Mr Ridsdale he writes thus, yor Counsel doubts not in the least, but to have a decree to foreclose Sr John, or to have my Interest & principle pd in full me in a short time, wch I am sure would be very willing to take, I do not in the least doubt but the Estate will make both my principle & Interest good, [struck out: '& doe not Suffer it to be Sold for less, Soe you must be sure to give my Son Chris yor instructions']

When I can light of a good purchaser, I wonder how people can make such Lies, that Sr John is to have Seaton Estate again, wch can never be unless he <don> pay for it

I have agreed wth Mr Silvertop, & I doubt not but he will manage that Estate very well, being he lives in a manner upon the place, besure you write once a Weeke or oftener if there be occasion to

Yor Assured Friend

24 June 1714

The abovesaid is a cobby of my last – I long to hear w[ha]t end you have made wth the carriage men, I hope you have order'd them to bring in all the Lead that's weighed of at the Mill, & besure take care to order a man to pyle it up at Newburn that we may have noe mistake their as formerly we used to have, get a Tennt for them as soon as you can & what improvements you make my nephew Blackett & myself will consider you for I am

Yor Assured Friend

22 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

[Note: recipient unnamed but from content clearly Silvertop, newly appointed as the agent at Winlato]

22 June 1714

Yors of the 14th & 19th both came to Hand & I am well pleased you Accept my proposals, as to the date of yor Bills you may take 20 days before Lammas & Candlemas payable to me or my orders, & after as for this present Halfe Year, you may take longer time for the payment of it, & in a little time I hope you'l finde me not very pressing for moneys, Inclosed I send you a Rentall, there is some Small arrears, but Mr Bromell has promised to make them good, Soe upon receipt of this Letter give a Line to

24 June 1714

The abovesaid is a cobby of my last if it did not come to yor <nother> and shall Inclose you a Rental I perceive theres several [missing] parcels I hope you'l take care to

22 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Unknown

June 22 1714

Sr

I perceive by yors that my Cause cannot Come on but in Course, Soe I wish it had been one of the first enterd, than might have expected that it would have come on in a Short

time, I hear it is Entered the twelfth cause, wch is very Backward, Soe I despair to have it heard this long time, & in case my Lord should decree it to be Sold to the best bidder then besure you take care that my Son Kitt bid to the value of the principle & Interest that Seaton Delaval Estate is Indebted to me & noe more, I believe not any will <go wel nigh> that Sume however, besure both yorself & agent take particular care, in this concern & you'l very much oblige

Sr Yor Faithful Humble Servt

If any news wth you pray let me have it

23 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

[Note: A series of detached notes linked by asterisks are inserted in the letter book between other letters. Because they all appear related to Fallowfield it is assumed here that they were written to William Lowes and dated at around the same time as others – c.23rd June]

* Mr Bentham owes some money for deals, wch he bought many Months ago of Mr Peart the late Steward, Soe either yorself or Harry Tulip may receive the money of him, my son John is from Home Soe I cannot tell you Exactly the Sume, it is not great however I'll not Suffer any trifle to be in arrear Soe long, you must likewise receive the moneys of the plum[b]er of Hexham at nine pound per fother for the Lead he had from <... ..> the <price> he reffered to myself *

* I hear the undertakers has a mind to give up their lease, unless I will make them better terms, wch I believe I shall not doe, [~~struck out: 'give my Service to Mr Ridley, & acquaint him if he & Mr Bacon or his Friends will take it I will make them a Lease for 24 Years.'~~]

& I wish Mr Bacon or some other able man that understands mines would let them a lease for what time they pleased

* You may know by the buy of Mr Rea or Mr Coulson whether they designe to throw up their Lease, & I believe they only give it out Soe to have better terms Soe by the first post give a full answer of this Letter – by a Line to

Yor assured Friend

23 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Unknown

23 June 1714

Sr

I reced yors by Scotch Jenny, I perceive Mr Goulton, has made a Friendly end wth Mr Malwerer abt the Light Horse, he has given him Soe many Guineas in hand, & is.to pay him £4 a Year for every Year they Muster, wch I take to to be a very good end I know I might have obliged them to have payd more moneys in hand, but considering the £4 a year when they Muster, to be pd wthout trouble, does well satisfie me, I shall have occasion for moneys before Topcliffe Fair, Soe what you can spare send Luke Crawford over wth it, & let him bring a samon freshly taken, & the remainder of the rents if you come to Topcliffe Fair we will sett all things straight for I refrane to goe to the Bath abt the latter end of July, & shall be away for some time

wth my kinde respects to yorself & wife & Family
I am Yor assured

25 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Alderman Sedgwick

Mr Alderman Sedgwick

25 – June – 1714

I reced yor Letter, & I doe assure you I never did or shall trouble myself, in my Sons Concerns, though I must own I take it very ill from any of my friends that would lend him money, without first acquainting me wth it & I wish they doe not finde to their own loss, I am

Sr Yor Friend to Serve You

25 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to John Van de Wall

[Note: 'Van Meil' here might be identified as the John Van de Wall with whom John Blackett corresponded in 1710]

25 June 1714

Sr

My Son John by my orders has writ several times to desire you'l send me his acct & my own, I am affraid you have not had yor Health well of late, which must be the reason I have not heard from you, Soe pray send them by the very first post, as also the price currant of Lead; to give credit for three months, for I have a good quantity by me at present, I desire you'l get yor Lady to buy me a dozen of the best Indian Handkerchiefs that is to be had of the largest & best sort, & let them be wash't & E.B. mark't upon them & give them to any Master that goes either for Hull, or Newcastle, if to Newcastle let them be orderd to be left wth Mr John Wilkinson, if to Hull to Mr Alderman Fenwick, wth my most Humble Service to YorSelf Lady & Family & pray let me hear from you by the first post & you'l oblige

Yor Obliged Humble Servt

My Son John is gone to See some of our relations for ten days

For Mr John van Meil
Merchant in Rotterdam

29 Jun 1714 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton

[Note: my dear Jewel is Diana Blackett also referred to as Mitty or Missy. She is to be educated by Lord Warrington after her father's death]

29 June 1714

Sr

By the return of my Coach, from Carrying my dear Jewel to my Lord Warringtons, I reced a very kinde Letter from him, So I hope you did not write to him, abt what you & I discoursed upon they got very well there, but the weather being so very Hot, that they have almost Spoild my whole Set of Horse, the best Horse of the sett they was forced to leave their, & my Servt thinks it will be unpossible for him to recover wch will prevent my waiting of my Lord Castle comes Soe soon as I expected, shall let you know the time when I will waite of him & shall desire yor Company to meet me their, wth my Humble Service to yor Self & Blessings to my God Son,

I am

Sr yor most obliged Humble Servt

To Mr Pemberton

1 Jul 1714 Peter Aram to Thomas Whitling

[Note: Possibly from the Newby steward/ gardener Peter Aram]

Tho Whitling

July 1 1714

Sr Edward orderd me to Acquaint you that unless you come on Monday next, & stay till you finish all his worke that he will never pay you one farthing, nor Employ you more I am,

1 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

Mr Silvertop

1 July 1714

I perceive by yors of the 29, that Mr Crowley does not agree to the perticulars I sent you, of his rent am very positive it is right, & my nephew Blackets Steward receives the

very same rent from him, I also perceive that Mr John Robinson makes no use of the Lime Kill, it is his own fault, I believe he tooke it for a term of years but am not positive, in a little time Shall send you a Copy of Mrs Sarah Robinsons Lease wch her late Husband tooke some Years before he died, (* & also a copy of Mr Ambrose Crowleys Lease for his Lands wch I believe is expired & cannot come by the Lease, by reason my Son is from home, but shall send you the Copy in a short time*)

as for the out rents theirs one pd to old Mr Selby, who lives in London wch <is 19l> Half Yearly, wch Mr Brumell constantly charged in his acct, though I perceive some few years past it has not been pd, though he has promised he will Immediately discharge it there is a Small Yearly rent pd betwixt us to the B[is]h[o]p wch was likewise in Arrear, but my Servt discharged it in full abt 14 days agoe, as for the assessmts I finde in Mr Brumels last acct to Cash Charged for the 2d & 3d paymts of the Royall aid assess for anno 1713 upon his sd ¼ pt of the Lands & Collery 2L-1s-3d, wch is all the assessmts I finde pd out of the Lordship, I desire you'l not fail to goe to Richard Nixon & Robt Proctors, & acqut -

them positively that unless they make me speedy satisfaction, for the damage they have done, in cutting of my wood in their farmes, Shall order writs to be sent for them & shall make them Examples, pray read that part of my Letter to them for I will certainly be as good as my word, in making these two Knaves Examples,

when you have a little time, pray vew the <wood>in Winlaton Lordship, & to the best of yor Judgement give a valuation of it to

Yor Assured Friend

1 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

1st July 1714

James

I perceive by yors that Henry Tulip, did not meet you as you expected to make an end wth the Lead Carriers, wch I take very ill from him, however by this time I hope he has given you a meeting, & that you have made an End wth them wch I would very willingly have done, I hope you have Set on the Lead Carriers again, & agreed wth a man a Newburn to take an Account of the pieces, & pyleing of them, besure you receive the moneys of Mr Bentham & <Kell>, I perceive they demand 8d p fother at Whitley Quarry, acquaint me who it belongs to, I doubt not but to have at my Lord Dukes at – 4d, Soe if Whitley belong to my Lord Duke I woud have you goe to Mr Green & acqt him wth it, that I hope he will let me have it at – 4d as formerly

I would have you Send me a bill for L 100 drawn by an Extraordinary good hand, payable to me or my order I hope you may get it drawn at 20 days after date wch is time long enough, I hear that Mr Wm Carr comes down by Sea wth Sr John, & Mrs Rogers is going to the Bath, & will not hereafter live wth Sr John – I am

Yor Assured Friend

1 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

1st July 1714

Honest Will

Am very glad you have made an absolute end wth Mr Grenwell, if Mr Cuth Wilson come to Newby, Shall exactly follow yor advice, & I thank you for it, I tell you now as I formerly always told you, to act in my Concerns for me, as if they were yor own, acquaint me whether any of the floods last Year did any damage to them, God knows you have had too fine weather for repairing yor Damms this Year I wish they was Soe done, that they wou'd put me noe Charge for many Years,

I perceive you have Sold a Small parcel of wood when the articles comes to my Hand Shall Signe them

I believe this will be a very Indifferent year for the tennts, but they may well bear if considering Soe many good Years they have had by past, wch I believe they Soon forget, I am very certain that both corn & cattle for many years never Sold better, I know by reason of the drowght at present Cattle is low, but corn will make amends wth a witness, all sorts of corn are prodigious prices here best oats at 17s or 18s per Qtr & all other grain accordingly in price, I hope at Lammas you'l get most of my rents & pay the moneys to Mr Coulson who is partner wth Mr Featherstone his receipt shall be yor discharge, wth my Humble Service to Mr Bacon I am

Yor assured Friend

To Mr Wm Lowes at Ridley Hall nigh Hexham
Northumberland

The above said is a cobby of my last, Inclosed I have sent you what my Ld Chancelour has done, in my Concerne wth Sr John Delaval, what he has done was expressly mention'd in the Settlement, he could doe noe more, nor did I expect less,

Always when you receive any Letters from me besure answer them by the next post or two for its Soe long after, before I hear from you, which makes me think my Letters miscarry, I hope you have got John Weers Barne finished, & at a small charge before this – fail not to let me hear once or twice a weeke from though you have little to write

I sent my Granddaughter to my Ld Warringtons abt 8 days agoe, & the weather being soe Excessively Hot, & an unskillfull Coachman, that he spoil'd my whole set of Horses the best of the Sett died there & his fellow is very dangerously Ill here, more likely to dye then to live, & the rest of them 'tis thought will never be fit to be put to a Coach again, had much rather have given 200 Guineas then this misfortune should have hapned my Horses, have sent to London for another Sett, & if they come down & be fit to travels before the middle of August, I designe for the Bath, if not I must deffer Town it off until another time I am

Yor assured friend

2 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

My Lord

2 July 1714

I recd the Honour of yors of the 25th wth very much satisfaction, giving me an acct of my dear Jewels coming Safe into yor LordShips family, where I am very sure She could be noe where Soe well, & Soe much to my own Satisfaction pray God Continue her health, & I hope She will be a Comfort, to all her relations;

Shall always take care to send yor Lordship a bill at Michms & Lady day for whats due to my dear Mitty, wth ten thousand thanks to yor LordShip, for all yor favours [inserted here:] my best services attends yor LordSp & Family wth my blessing I pray to my dearst Mitty

I am wth all sincerity Yor LordShips most Faithful & most obedt Humble Serv

2 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Captain Millington

[struck out: 'Dear'] Honest Captain

2 July 1714

I reced a Letter from your Secretary by this post, wch I am much obliged to her for & desire a constant correspondence with her because I know you are not very fond of writeing,

I perceive my Horse is dead, & the rest of my Coach Horses here are little better, if they doe live wch I very much doubt, am sure they'l not be fit for Service this many months, Soe my Journey to the bath God knows is at an End, I am very Glad that my dear Mitty is Soe well pleased at Dunham, pray God continue her Health & that I may live to see her happily disposed on, wch I cannot well expect considering my Illness, however, I am mightily satisfied that I leave her in soe good Hands, All this family gives yorSelf & good Mrs Millinton their kind services, & pray believe me always to be to yorself & Secretary

real Friend & Humble Sevt

For Captain Milinton at Dunham

2 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie

Dear Sr

2 July 1714

I desire you'l doe me the favour, to buy me a pair of the Strongest & best Coach Geldings in the Town, you know my colour is black, & I designe them for the Wheel, & wou'd have them not above 5-or-6 Years old, & Shall not Stint you to any price, Soe they be extraordinary

I did send my dear little mitty to my Lord Warringtons abt 10-days agoe, in the very heat of the weather, & my Coach man being a very silly fellow, drove them soe fast, that they were forced to leave one of them at Dunham, & is Since dead, & the rest wch they brought home are not much in a better Condition, & 'tis much questioned whether they'l live or not, I designed in August to have gone to the bath, not being so well as I could wish, but the misfortune of my Horses, will prevent my goeing, which am not a little concern'd for, what moneys you pay disburse for the Horses, my Son Kitt will repay you, & shall take care for a carefull Servt to bring them down, I wish you could Hire me a Sober Coachman which has been used to drive & take care of -6- Horses, I believe Such a Coachman is hard to be met with all, I desire you'l give me a Line as Soon as conveniently you can, & you will very much oblige

Sr Yor Faithfull Humble Servt

All this Family gives Their best Services to YorSelf & Lady

For John Aislalie Esqr a member of Parlaiment London

5 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton

Sr

July 5 1714

Inclosed I return you my Lords Letter, Shall acquaint him by to morrows post, that you Inclosed it to me, & that I am very willing as soon as my Son rerurns from beyond Sea, to make the <H> £50 = £100 per ann[um], till her fortune becomes due & as we are all mortall In case I should die before his return She shall have £50 a year, out of Newby, till another Deed shall be Executed by my Son, of £100, a Year & the old Deed to be cancel'd or given in, Shall write the very same words to my Lord Warrington, by to morrows post, I am

Sr Sincerely Yours

For Mr Pemberton

5 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Edward Gray

5 July 1714

Mr Gray

I reced yors & I thank you for yor olives, you did very well, to draw off the one Halfe Hogsh[ea]d of White Wine, there is not a great Hast of sending it till the weather be cooler, & more water in the river, I wish you could buy me , as many H[e]art or duke cherryes as a little Basket will Hold, the last cherryes you sent me was but ordinary & very dear of 4d a pound, if you cannot fill the Basket wth H[e]arts or Dukes, send none, I am

Yor Assured Friend

5 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to John Lawson

July 5 1714

Sr

I perceive by yor Letter this day, that there is a proclamation comeing out, for the Seizing of Horses, I hope you are more afraid, then Hurt, however, I will give Security to the Lieutenancy that yo rs shall be furth comeing, at all times when there is occasion, & I hope they will not be so unmannerly as to refuse it, I doe not designe hereafter to keep any Stone Horses for they are nothing but trouble & dainger, considering how little I use them, & these I have left, if I cannot dispose of them shall cut them in the Spring, I have very little of the last years Hay, & that very ordinary & this Year Expects much less, however if you think there be any dainger, though I believe there will be none, you may send them to Newby, & shall take care of them, till this foolish business be over wth my most Humble Service to all the good Family I am

Sr Yor real Friend & Servt

For John Lawson Esq
At Brough nigh Brompton on Swale

for fear my Letter by the post Should miscarry I have sent a Cobby of it by the bearer

6 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

6 July 1714

My Lord-

I hope you reced mine of the 2d, & since Mr Pemberton Inclosed me yor Lordships, it surprized mr very much, I am sure I never designed the Deed, Should have been Soe drawn, for I have too great a Love for that dear Child to then to have her maintenance precarious & not what I always design'd her, I must own I never read any part of the Deed, only, that she was to have £100 a Year, [struck out: 'till her fortune became due'], am very willing as soon as my Son rreturns from beyond Sea, as it was always designed & Intended by me, how it came to be otherwise drawn was the Lawyers mistake for it was done in a Hurry to make the £100 per ann, & as we are all

mortall, In case I shou'd dye before his return, my dear Mitty Shall have £50 a Year out of Newby, till another Deed Shall be Executed, by my Son of £100 a Year, & till her fortune becomes due, & the old Deed to be cancell'd or given in, wth my most Humble Service to yor Lordp & Family, wth & my Blessing to my dearest Mitty

I am Yor most Obliged & most obedt Humble Servt

For The Right Honoble the Earl Of Warrington
at Dunham Massie Cheshire
Via London

6 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Mrs Cuthbertson

[Note: undated but in sequence between others of 6th July.]

Madam,

I perceive by my Boy that you'l want a Lodging room duering the Horse races
You may always depend, of a room in my House, & as long as you please
duering my Lease my Family will be in Yorke at that time & I likewise expect my
nephew Blacket & his Horses soe that most of the rooms & Stables will be taken up
except that wch you have, pray acquaint Mrs Mashrother, that if any of the rooms, wch
my Servts laid in, may be Serviceable to her, She may have them, wth all our Services
to yo[u]rself, daughter, & Mr Thompsons Family, I am
Yor Assured Friend & Humble Servt

For Mrs Cuthbertson Yorke

6 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Valentine Nelson

Sr

6 July 1714

I reced yor Letter of the 30th wth much satisfaction, being it brings me the good
account, of the benefitt you have reced by the waters, I heartily wish the continuance
of it, & that you may be perfectly in Health when you return, I had resolved on a day to
sett forward, & Mr Thompson the vicar of Ripon was to goe wth me, but I much doubt
whether I shall goe or noe, ab[ou]t 8 days Since I sent my dear little Mitty to my Lord
Warrington, the weather being soe excessively Hott, & a very unskillfull Coachman,
did drive the Horses so fast that one of the best Horses died their [struck out: 'at
Dunham'], & the rest got Home wth much to doe, but whether they'l live or dye 'tis
uncertain, & most people thinks that in case any of them do recover they will not be fit
to travel this many Months, last post I writ to Mr Aislaby, to buy me a sett of Season'd
Young Horses, & in case he can light of any such soon, I hope yet to be at the Bathe in

August, I doe not question but to have an Answer from him in 8 or 10 days, then you may expect the trouble of a Line, from,

Sr Yor most obliged Humble Servt

For The Reverend Mr Valentine Nelson
at the Bath, Somersetshire
Via London

8 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

8 July 1714

James

I perceive by yors of the third, that there is 580 pieces of Lead, brought from the Mill to the Halfe way, & that there is 50 more pieces taken from the mill by the Carriers & only one piece laying there, besure at noe time let any come from the Mill that you have not first seen weighed off, when all this Lead is sold I doe not expect any more of a long time, & that will be but a small quantity, when you see Mr Green besure always give my Service to him, Inclosed I send you an account of what my Lord Chancelour has done in my Business, 'tis just what I always did expect, 'tis very plain that he could neither decree me more or less, its what the Settlement expressly mentions, soe I am very well satisfied wth whats done, I have likewise sent you the minutes that was taken, soe besure you give my Service to my Sister Midford & read her all what I have writ you concerning the tryall,

Give my Service to Mr Featherstone & Company & buy me two Reams of paper one much courser then the other, you know what paper I us'd to use & send them by the first Ripon carrier & give him a Charge of them besure you take noe Bill but from very good Hands I acquaint me wheither you or any other person heard any thing of the tryall before this came to yor Hand. I am

Yor Assured Friend

10 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Richard Carr

July 10th 1714

Cozen Carr

I have made a resolution lately, not to stand Godfather to any Child, Soe & have denied two of my Best neighbours lately upon that account, Soe I know noe body can take it ill from me, wth my Service to yo[u]rself & Cozen Carr I am

Yor Assured Friend & Kinsman

For Mr Rich Carr
Merchant, Newcastle

10 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to John Lawson

10 July 1714

Sr

I reced yors perceive by yors that yor Coach Horses are gelt which I never heard before, I always did thought they had been Stoned Soe when you think there is any dainger may send them to Newby & they may shall run at Grass wth my own, with my most Humble Service to yor whole Family I am

Sr Yor most Faithfull Humble Servt

To John Lawson Esq at Bedale

10 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton

10 July 1714

Sr

Most Humblie pray when you write to my Lord, give my Service to him & acquaint him, that I will not by any means give him the trouble of sending a Schedule of my Dear Grandaughters goods, pray God Almighty She may live long, & Enjoy them all, there is three or four Boxes here, some old pewter, they shall be sent to Leeds when our Hay time is over, Mrs Milinton must let me know where they must be left in Town, & must order some there to take care of them, I am

Sr Yor obliged Humble Servt

For The Reverend Mr Pemberton

11 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

11 July 1714

My Lord

I hope mine of the 6th came safe to yor L[or]ds[hi]ps Hand, & since Mr Pemberton acquainted me, wth the contents of a letter he reced from yor L[or]ds[hi]p, there is 3-or-4 Boxes here as also some pewter sowed up in a canvice cloth, they wch shall be sent, as soon as I hear from Mrs Millington, who will take care of them at Leeds, though I believe, as for yor Lordship sending me a schedule, I did not desire it, nor would I have yor Lords[hi]p by any means to give yorself that trouble

I hope to God the Child will Live to Enjoy them, am sure the things are more safe in yor L[or]ds[hi]ps custody care, then if they were at Newby, wth my most Humble Service to yor L[or]ds[hi]p, my Lady, Lady Mary & my blessing to my little Jewill, I am

My Lord Yor Lordships most Faithfull & Most obedt Servt

11 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Diana Blackett

[Note: Diana Blackett, (1704 – 1737). Daughter of William, EB's son and his wife Diana. Known by her grandfather as Mitty or Missy or Jewell.]

11 July 1714

my dearest Jewell

I reced thy Letter wth much Satisfaction, am very glad you are in good Health, & likes Dunham soe well, I think the little time you have been there you have Improved yor writeing, & I hope in time you'l Improve in every thing else, besure you be very dutyfull to my Lord, & be mindfull of what the Ladys says to you, give my Service to my Lord & the Ladys & believe me always

My dearest Mitty

Yor most Affectionate Grand-papa

For Mrs Diana Blacket at Dunham

11 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to John Aislabie

11 July 1714

Dear Sr

I am sorry to perceive by yors that you cannot light on a pair of right Geldings, that matcheth well, soe must be content till the fairs in the Spring, & I believe shall have occasion, for more than a pair, for I doubt there will not above one pair of my Horses be Serviceable again, am promised a sober Coachman out of Cheshire, Soe pray give yorself no further trouble that account, I heartily wish you a good Journey down, & believe me always

Intirely Yors

To John Aislabie Esq A Member of Parliament

11 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Captain Millington

11 July 1714

Honest Captain

I reced yor Letter, & am very glad that my dear Mitty is in good Health, & likes Dunham very well, She cou'd not be more glad to see her Grandpapa, then he wou'd

be to see her, but patience must be had for a Year or two, if please God we both Live
soe long

I writ to Mr Aislable to buy me 4 Extraordinary good Geldings, & wou'd not
Stick at any price, but he writes me he cannot light of any that matcheth as to maskes,
or wou'd please when they come down, soe must deferr'd till the Spring

Give my Service to Mr Shaw, my Lords Steward, & desire him to Enquire me
out an Extraordinary good Gardiner as also a sober Coachman, if such be a one be to be
had, agt Martinmas, & one that will work as my Lords Coachman does

I wou'd have te Gardiner to be a very expert man in his Business, & Inferiour to
none in raising of melons, & every thing els that belongs his trade, I must now give you
a melancolly ac[coun]t of my Horses, Rat tail, & the Horse I bought at Newcastle are
not both worth 20s at pr[e]sent nor doe I believe 'tis possible for them to live, & as for
Bonny, I doubt the Journey Broke his winde soe only little punch, if he had a fellow,
wou'd be Serviceable again, you may Imagine my Journey to the Bath is over, & as
soon as the Company goes from Harrigate, I designe to goe for a weeke & Bathe in the
Sulphur, must be forced to hire the Ripon horses, wch you'l say is very Hard. But
however patience must be had, let me know, who'l take care of the Boxes at Leeds, & as
soon as our Hay Harvest is over, Shall order them to be delivered to the person you
name, wth my Service to yorSelf & Secretary – I am

Yor real Friend to Serve thee

For Captain Millington at Dunham town Cheshire
Via London

Tell Mrs Millington I doe not take it well, She shou'd put up the <chap> Glasses for I
never did designe they should be sent from hence soe have taken them out of the box

11 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Blackett

11 July 1714

Dear Kitty,

I order'd yor Brother John, to write to you the last post, & to pay Mrs Buckeridge
what he oweth her, & to take in his note, I believe it is abt £40, if you know where she
lives, besure Send to her upon receipt of this Letter, & acquaint her that I reced several
Letters from her, otherwise She might have had her money long before this, I sent my
dear Mitty into Cheshire abt a fortnight agoe in the very Heat of the weather & my
Coachman being a very unskillfull fellow, drove them too fast, soe that one of the Best
of the Horses died there, & the rest of them wth much to do got home, & if they doe
live wch I very much question, they will never be fit to be put to a Coach again, soe my
journey to the Bath God knows is over, however patience must be had, shou'd have I
had rather given 200 Guineas then this misfortune hapned to my Sett of Horses, for
that sume will not buy such a sett & in soe good order besides the great disappoint[en]t

for cannot Stirr any way from home, I very much wonder you give me noe acco[un]t, w[he]n you reced the 29L of Hortons money, I am likely to loose by Mr Brumell a good sume of moneys, there are several ½ Yearly rents pd out of Winlington Lords[hi]p which in his acct for several Years he Charged pd, & since I turn'd him out from being my Steward I finde them unpaid, which was done very Knoweishly, wth my blessing to yorself, wife & little one, & Service to all relations I am

Yor most affect Father

Fail not by the very first post to give me the price currant of Lead, for I am now ab[ou]t disposing of all most of mine seeing the Bill of Commerce was not brought into the House this Sessions, send me by the first opportunity or by Mr Aislabie's Servt 6 quier {quire] of large gilt paper

13 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to William Forster

Newby the 13 July 1714

Mr Forster

I recd yrs of the 10th & am very much obligd to you for the trouble you gone yrself in sending me down the News papers, however, I thank you for y[ou]r offer of them, I wish you w[oul]d let me know if I can in any thing way be Serviceable to you, being I am

Yr Assured Friend to Serve You

I hear my Nephews horses wch he has in the North are very much out of condition & not fit at all to run at any course, that horse was in the same condition wch run at Killenworth moor, let me know by the first post the day my nephew designs to set out, I have a house in York where he may be welcome to a lodging room

To Mr Wm Forster at Sr William Blackets Bart at his hous in Panton Square nigh the Haymarket London

14 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Christopher Wandesford

Newby 14 July 1714

My Lord

I had the hon[ou]r of yr Lordships letter & would have certainly waited upon yr Lordship yr first coming into the country, but Sending my little Grand daughter into Cheshire being a very hot Season, & an unskillfull coachman Spoil'd all my set of horses, one of them dy'd their & the rest if they do live, I do much question whether

Ever they will be Serviceable or not, this is the only reason that I did not do my Self the hon[ou]r - & pray believe me always

My Lord

Yr Lordships most Faithfull & most Obedt Humbl Servt

To the Right Honourable Lord Castlecomer

15 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

15 July 1714

Mr Silvertop

I reced yors of the 13th, wth 3 Bills of Exchange for £196 , which I doe not question, but will be punctually paid,

What Houses John Robinson is Charged wth I believe he is obliged to make the Rent good though they lye vacant, in a little time shall send you a copy of his Lease, Inclosed I send you a copy of Sr Ambrose Crowleys Lease it was dated in April 91 for 24 years, soe it is 2 Years since it was Expired, I wonder Mr Wilkinson & John Robinson Should be soe Careless as not to peruse the Lease, I doe not in the Least question, but great Improvement will be made of that Farm, Soe pray peruse well the last Halfe of the 6th Sheet, wch nothing can be more plain, I doubt you did not receive my last Letter dated the 1st of July being you take noe notice of it, I desired you to speak to Richard Nixon & Robert Procter, & know how they durst be soe Impident as cut down any of my good Wood without my leave, & unless they'l promise you to make me Satisfaction will order writs for them, for am resolved to make them Examples, soe besure read this part of the Letter to them & give me their positive answer.

Am very sorry to hear the report we have that the Lady Widdrington is very much out of Health, pray lett me hear in yor next wheither it be soe or not. I am

Yor Assured Friend

15 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to William Lowes

15 July 1714

Honest Will

I writ to you the 8th of July & Inclosed you what my Lord Chancellor had done in my case, it was the Shortest tryall that ever was known in the Court, I hope that Letter came Safe to yor Hands, acquaint me if it did not, Inclosed I send you a Cobby of Alderman Ramsays Letter, Soe let me know by the very first post what answer it must be given him by

Yor assured Friend

15 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

15 July 1714

James,

I reced yors of the 10th wth Mr Reays note for £100. Which came in very good time, you must always when you write acqu[ain]t me what Lead is found to Newburne, besure you hasten the carriage, to bring it down, wth all possible speed, I would very willingly have it all their, for I doe not know how soon I am dispose of it, lett me know what day the 2 reams of paper was given to the Ripon carrier, & his name as alsoe how many Horses [struck out: 'my nephew Blacket'] run at Killingworth moor last course & what places my Nephews Horses came in. I am

Yor assured Friend

15 Jul 1714 John Blackett to Christopher Blackett

[Note: Neither is named, through reference to the Savilles indicate the recipient was Christopher. John frequently wrote on his father's behalf so is assumed to have been the writer]

Newby the 16 July 1714

D[ea]r Brother

Inclosed I send you three bills, one for £90 drawn the 15 of June, by Wm Godfroy upon himself at thirty days after date wch is already due, one for £50 drawn the 10 July by Lyon & Colpitts upon Madm Sarah Shallett & Comp at twenty four days after date & one for £56 drawn the 13 July by P. Bernardeau upon Mr Thomas York at twenty four days after date, pray take care to get the bills accepted & Receive them when due & place the same to my Fathers Acct, you must buy half a hund[re]d weight of the very best block tin, such as you sent last (like Ice Sickles) & put it aboard some Ship for Hull & direct it for Mr Ja. Scott Crane Master of York, by the first post pray own the Receipt of this letter & bills, wth my Service yr Self Sister & Mrs Savill. I am

My Father wondrs you do not acqt him if you have Recd the money of Char Horton & also what is become of him

20 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Robert Booth

[Note: Robert Booth (1708–1730) was Dean of Bristol, and related to Lord Warrington at Dunham Massey. General Sir Francis Nicholson was a British Army General and Governor of Nova Scotia (1712-1715).]

Sr

20th July 1714

I hope this will finde you Safe return'd to yor Family, wch Shall be glad to hear
I sent my dear Mitty ab[ou]t a month agoe to Dunham, I thank God She got well
their the Season being Extremely Hott, & having a very unskillfull Coachman – drive
the Horses soe fast, that one of them died two or 3 days after at Dunham & the rest of
them came Home, but in soe Ill a Condition that, I question wheither they'l live or not,
However am Sure Some of them will never be fit for Service more, wch has put an
absolute end to my Intended Journey to the Bath

I must now acqnt you that I have reced a Letter from my Son, dated from aboard
the Phoenix the 3d of May in Boston Harbour, he writes me that he arived their the last
month from Tortuda, & was fitting out wth all Expedition, to Carry Generall Nicholson
unto Annapolis & newfound Land, & from thence to return back again to Boston,
where he Expected to be in 3 or 4 months, I desire you'l doe me the favour, that when
any ships arrives wth you from Boston, Tortuda, or Annapolis or newfound Land,
you'l be soe kinde as make Enquiry if they heard any thing of the pho[e]nix, & where
she was, wth my most Humble Service to yorSelf & family, I am

Sr Yor most Faithfull & most
obedt Humble servt

ForThe Honoble the Dean of Bristol
Via London

22 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Nicholas Fenwick

Sr

22 July 1714

I perceive by yors of the 20th, that you want 300 pieces of Lead, the reason why Mr
Wilkinson Sold Sr John Lambert & my Nephews Lead soe Cheap was because he took a
very considerable quantity together, which came to Severall 1000 £ & at that time they
had occasion for a great sume of money to pay the work people, otherwise to my
knowledge, he would not have sold, any small parcel at that price, however what you
have occasion for – may have it for £8 17s 6d, I doe not know what number of pieces I
have in the Cellar, but at Newburn I have a small quantity, soe you may speak to the
free porter James Clark to order the Newburn wherryman to bring down what wants
in the Cellar to make up yor quantity

I am Sr Yor most Humble Servt

For Mr Nicholas Fenwick & Company
Merchts in newcastle

22 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to William Ramsey

Sr

22 July 1714

I had own'd yors of the 13th long before this, but have been from Home, I know yor Lease of Haltwhistle & plenmeller Tythes is near Expir'd & had rather have you for my Tennant then any other, & am willing you shou'd have a Lease for what terme you please, provided you'l give me the same rent it was Lett for, betwixt 30 & upwards of 40 Years agoe, am sure all sorts of Corn has been & is at present at a very Extravagant price, Soe that it is but very reasonable, that Tythes shold advance in rent & doe not in the least question – but they will, wth my most Humble Service to yorself & Lady, I am
Sr Yor most Faithful Humble Servt

For Wm Ramsey Esq at his House in Newcastle

22 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

22 July 1714

James

I perceive by yors that the Newburn men has not bought any of my Lead from the Halfe way as Yett, besure you goe up by the very first, & let them know I take it mighty ill, for I might have lett the carriage of it much cheaper then what I gave them, & in case they will not take the old price you ,ust tell them you can let it to others Cheaper, from them goe to Fallowfield & receive what person Bentham & the plumer is indebted to me, Mr Browns note is very Extravagant you may acquaint him from me, that I may have in a very short time, some business at Law & designes to Employ him all ways in my business, & that I doubt not but he'l make you a reasonable Bill soe that I have order'd you to pay him, which I doubt not w[he]n you tell him it but may bring him to yor own Terms. Acquaint me by the very first post, what number of pieces of Lead I have in the Seller, & what quantity at Newburn, for I hope to get them sold in a short time

I am Yor assured Friend

acquaint me wheither Sr John & you have had any discourse since his Comeing down & if Mrs Pool be come with him, when you goe to Fallowfield besure you give me a particular acct of all my Affairs their

23 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to George Booth

[Note: Two versions of the letter appear. The first given here is the version sent and the second was struck through in the letter book]

Newby 23 July 1714

My Lord

Yors of the 16th came to my Hand this day, I desire yor LordShip, will order a Council, to make a Covenant, in the Bottom of that Deed, wherein I doe Charge my LordShip of Newby, for the payment of my dear Grandaughters £100 a Year, In case that Estate which is already Charged, doe not punctually pay it after my Death, & if it please God I be living when my Son comes to England, we will Signe what Deed yor LordSps Council Shall think fit, & Cancel or take in the other for I shou'd be more concerned, then any one living, if my dear Jewel Shou'd not have her Just, right & Yearly maintenance, punctually pd, I desire yor LordSp as soon as the Covenant is drawn, that you'l send a Servt or rather Mr Shaw yor Steward, to Newby wth it to be a Wittness to my Signeing of it as for yor LordSp giving yourself the trouble of Sending me a Schedule, I doe not desire it, for God for Bid I shou'd live too that day to hear of my dearest Jewels death, wth all our most Humble Service, to yor LordSp, Lady & Lady Mary, & my Blessings to my dear Mitty. I am

Yor LordSps most Faithfull & most Humble Servt

What yor LordSp gives to the Council, Shall willingly repay it to yor Servt or Steward when he comes to Newby

[cancelled version:]

23 July 1714

my Lord

Yors of the 16th came ti my Hand this day, I desire yor Lordship will order a Councell to make a Covenant, in the Bottom of the Deed, wherein I doe Charge [struck out: 'all my real Estate my whole'] Lordship of Newby, for the paymt of my dear Grandaughters £100 a Year, In case that Estate wch is already Charged doe not punctually pay it after my Death, & if it pleases God & be living wn my Son comes to England, we will signe what Deed yor Lordsp's Councell shall think fit, & Cancell or take in the other for I should be more concerned then any one living if my dear Jewel should not have her Just right & Yearly maintenance punctually pd, I desire yor Lordsp as soon as the Covenant is drawn, that you'l send a Servt or rather Mr Shaw yor Steward to Newby wth it, to be what yor LordSp gives to the Councell, shall willingly repay it to yor Servt or Steward when he comes to Newby

Yor LordSps most faithfull & most obedt Humble Servt

24 Jul 1714 John Blackett to Unknown

[Note: unnamed writer, but presumably son John]

Newby the 24 July 1714

Sr

My Sisters went to York this Morning & will not be at home till after the races & then you Shall hear further from me, my Father did not receive yr letter, he has no occasion for the. Gardiner but would glad hear know when Christopher <Witling> will be at leisure to come to Newby, for he has three Sash windows to Make, fraims being put up when the hous was finish'd he will have a good workman to assist him, so he will not be long about them, my Father gives his Service ypu I am

Sr yr Humble Servt

26 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to James Mewburn

Newby July 26th 1714

James

I have now Sold to Mr Fenwick 600 pieces of Lead which will take all the Lead that has Laid so long at newburn and most of the p[ie]ces that are in the Celler, so besure you hasten down to newburn all the Lead that lys at half way but let none come from the mill but what is all ready weigh'd of. the Cheapest way will be to have the Sale brought upon the key and weigh the Lead of that come from newburn there, and what is in the Celler may be weigh'd of where it lys

If Sr J Delavall demand any money of you for Lady days rent for the tyths you must tell him you'll pay the whole together at Michaelmas for in case you should pay him the ½ years rent he may pr.tend to take the tyth in kind, and so defraud me so besure you pay him not one farthing – you'r in a great mistake in saying that Sr John's rent shou'd have been payd at Lady day last, for in case it had without having something under his hand that I shou'd receive the tythe that wll had absolutely been lost so does not name the ,<right> to you do you not <In..tion unto k...> and also pray order James Clarke the freeporter to do the same

I am <..> your very humble Servt

26 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Unknown Fenwick

Newby July 26 1714

Sr,

I recd yrs the 23d and seeing I have had so much moneys from their yr Mr Fenwick, and his bill always so very well paid that I am with to take what you offer me viz £8-15s per fother tho if I had been willing to have disposed of my Lead might had the price about 12 month agoe for the Last Lead you bought of me was £8-17-6, I doe not know by certain what numbr of pces I have in the Celler, I believe there is not 100, but I have at newburn about 530 which has laid there above a 12 month: so you may take all I have both at newburn and in the Celler which will be but a few more pces than you have occation for

am informed by a very good hand that the very first thing that will be br[ough]t into the next Sessions of par[liamen]t will be the Commerce bill which will most Certainly pass then Lead must rise in price you may order the newburn Ferry man to bring down the Lead with all possible speed

30 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to John Blackett

[Note: Son John was sometimes known as Jack or Jacky, and was evidently in York]

30 July 1714

Dear Jacky

I perceive by yors that there's a Coachman in Yorke out of place, let me know by the first post, his name where he was Borne. & what several Gentlemen he has Lived with all & how many years he has been a Coachman, as also his age, & wheither he be a Lusty good Like fellow or not, for none but such a one will please me, & then shall give you my thoughts of him, give my Service to Mr Mashrother & tell him that Mr Taylor of foufourther Spoke to my Servt <Parce/Parie> & desir'd he might have the manure, & he wou'd give him something for it, & or wou'd order porters to Bring it to the Back door & he wou'd send his draughts for it, Soe desire Mr Mashrother to let him know that he may have it, only I wou'd have as much manure left at the Bottom as will manure the Borders in the Yard, where the wilde <Sena> Trees Grows, Give my Service to Mr Scott Crain Master, & acquaint him that I have sent several old Rainges in a Cask, & that I desire he'l agree for a Sledge & one horse to Carry them into Conney Street to Mr Banks, who doe you give a Charge to get them done wth all Expedition, as they ought to be for we use fires always here in Rainy weather, I shall send them down in Millby Boat on Monday as alsoe a Runlett wch order Ned Gray to fill it wth his very Best vinegar, desire Doctor present to Buy me £1 of Cream of Tartar, besure fail not to write me every post, Soe long as you stay wth my Blessing to you all & service to my nephew Blackett

I am

Yor most affectionate Father

30 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to John Sharp

Sr

30 July 1714

I desire you'l doe me the favour, to order yor Servt, to send me down every Saturday night the weekely packet, for I hear 'tis much Commended, wth my most Humble Service to YorSelf & Lady I am

Sr Yor Faithfull Humble Servt

For John Sharpe Esqr
A Member of Parliament

31 Jul 1714 Edward Blackett to Albert Silvertop

31 July

Mr Silvertope

I have writ you three Letters & have not reced answe're of any of them, I order'd that in Case the Tennants did not make you satisfaction for the wood they have cut, Immediately to send for a writ for them, & the other I Inclosed you a copy of Sr Ambrose Crowleys Lease which is Expired a long time agoe, I doubt not but you may raise that rent, Inclosed I send you a copy of Mr Robinsons Lease, the Horses wch he Farms, wheither he has Tennants in them or not, must make good the rent, which pray tell him Soe from me, on receipt of this Letter Give a Line to Yor assured Friend

Pray Examine the Inclosed Copy there must be a Mistake for the the Lease only Charges £22 p ann[um] & the several rentals names £20 for the Farme at Barloe, besides other small rents, which you'l finde by yor rental, as well as by the Inclosed, which w[he]n you have perus'd pray give yor thoughts off

1 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to Henry Hodges

August 1 1714

Sr

Am very much Concern'd; that anything that belonged to Mr Hodges, Shou'd meet wth Soe ill usage at Newby, I perceive there was a Hound abt the House for some time, & Inquiring who it belong'd too, they told me it was an old Cust Hound of Gabriels, that was good for nought, Soe I order'd them several times to beat it away but still return'd, & some times broke the windows, I am sure if any of the Family had known it belong'd to you, it wou'd have had much better treatmt, but am sorry for w[ha]t happen'd Soe I hope it will breake noe Friendship betwixt us I am

Sr Yor most Humble Servt

For Henry Hodges Esq
Coptgrave

1 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to Francis Pemberton

August 1 1714

Sr

I have the favour of yors I believe yor relations has little or noe acquaintance in Rippon, Soe I desire you'l Introduce them to Newby, where all may be assured of a most Hearty welcome (as long as they please) from

Sr Yor most Faithfull Humble Servt

To The Reverend Mr Pemberton

Pray give my Service to Mr Raper & acquaint him I shall be Glad to see him & his Family here

1 Aug 1714 Edward Blackett to John Blackett

August 1 1714

Dear Jacky

Am glad to perceive by yors that my Nephews Horse, came in so good a place, & that his Horse wch runs on Tuesday, there is great Hopes of his getting the plate, give my Service to my nephew, & tell him I heartily Wish him success

Send to the Coachman & acqut him that I am reconciled to my old Servt, & that he need not trouble himself to come to Newby,

desire Mr Banks to get the rainges done wth all Expedition, Imaginable, you did well to speake to Mr Scott, as alsoe to Mr Mashrother, the Boat will certainly be down abt 12 a Clock, Soe order Mr Gray to get the runlett of vinegar ready to return by the same Boat, & as for the ½ Hog[s]h[ea]d of Wine, I wou'd Gladly have it come at the same time, provided he can hire an Honest Servt to come wth it, in case he doe the Servt must be sure not to leave the Boat at any time, I hear Sr Wm designes to goe to Scarbrough from Yorke, but tell him I hope he'l see Newby before his return to London- wth my Blessing to you all I am

Yor affectionate Father

The Horses Shall not fail to be at Yorke on Wednesday by 6-or-7 a Clock, give my Service to Alderman Redman & tell him I shall be very glad to see him at Newby, & I wou'd willingly know when I might Expect him, for I want Company very much