

[This collection of six mining leases and agreements from the 1690s form part of the Cotesworth papers held at Tyne & Wear Archives. William Ramsay's daughter married into the Cotesworth family, hence the location of the papers. Individual piece references are given in the notes for each item in this collection]

16 Nov 1693 William Blackett to William Ramsay

[Note: Piece reference TWA/3415/CA/19/36. William Ramsay, goldsmith of Newcastle, took other leases of lead mines in and near Weardale at around this time. These were a lease from John Bacon in 1694 and a lease from the Dean and Chapter in 1695. Transcripts of both these leases are also available in Dukesfield Documents]

This Indenture made the Sixteenth day of November in the Fifth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady William and Mary by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King and Queen defenders of the Faith & Between Sr. William Blackett of the Towne and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Barrt of the one part and William Ramsay of the Said Towne and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Esqr of the other part

Witnesseth that the said Sr. William Blackett For and in Consideration of the Covenants hereafter in and by these p[re]sents mentoned to be performed by the Said William Ramsay his Exers. And Adms As also For divers other goods Causes and Considerations him the Said Sr. William Blackett thereunto moving

Hath demised granted and to Farme Letten and doth by these p[re]sents demise grant and to Farme or Lett unto the Said William Ramsay his Exers. and Adms one third part (the whole in three parts equally to be divided) of Four hundred yards in Length in Lineal Extent Northwards and twenty yards on each Side thereof in breadth and two hundred yards in Length in Lineal Extent Southwards from the Slitt-foot where the old Levell cuts the Veine and twenty yards on each Side thereof in breadth upon the veine of Lead or Lead oare called Breckonsike in Sedlin As also one third part (the whole in three parts equally to be divided) of Six hundred yards in Length in Lineal Extent and twenty yards on each Side thereof in breadth in all Forty yards in breadth upon a veine of Lead or Lead Ore called Groverakeslitt boundring Eastwards from Rookhopeburne As also one third part (the whole in three parts equally to be divided) of Six hundred yards in Length in Lineal extent and twenty yards on each Side thereof in breadth in all Forty yards in breadth upon the veine of Lead or Lead oar called Harneshaw boundring Westward from the East end of the boulder of that veine As also one third part the whole in three parts equally to be divided of Four hundred yards in Length in Lineal Extent Southwards and twenty yards on each Side thereof in breadth and two hundred yards in Length in Linear Extent Northwards from Shaftwell burne and twenty yards on each Side thereof in breadth upon the veine of Lead or Lead Oare called Shaftwell veine in Bollyhopeburne All wch. Said Lead mines ly within the parish of Standhope and County of Durham together with free Liberty to and For the

Said William Ramsay his Exers. Adms. Or Assignes to dig and Sink pitt or pitts Shaft or Shafts and to drive drift or drifts Levell or Levells within or without the boundaries aforesaid and to erect houses Hovells and Lodges within the boundaries aforesaid and to do whatsoever else is or Shall be needfull or requisite to be done For in or about the wining working or getting of Lead Oare or Ure within the Limitts and boundaries aforesaid for and during the Space and Terme of Twenty and one yeares next ensuing the date hereof If Humphrey Wharton of Gillingwood Exqr Anthony Wharton his Son and Jane Wharton his daughter (For whose Lives the said Sr. William Blackett holds the office of Moorman or Mooremaster of the Lord Bishop of Durham) or any of them Shall so long Live and as Fully amply and beneficially in every respect as the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires or any of them enjoy the Same provided this p[re]sent demise or any thing therein contained do not obstruct or enterfeir with any Former or other Grant or Lease of Leadmines or Lead Oare made by the Said Sr. William Blackett to any person or persons whatsoever

And the said William Ramsay doth for himselfe his Exers Adms and Assignes Covenant and agree to and with the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires and Assignes and every of them by these p[re]sents in manner and Forme Following (That is to say) That he the said William Ramsay his Exers Adms or Assignes shall and will within the Space of two months next ensuing the date hereof begin and sett on worke and use his and their best and utmost endeavours for the Speedy and effectual winning obtaining and Recovering of all the Said Several Leadmines within the boundaries aforesaid

And from thenceforth during all the Said Terme of twenty and one yeares Shall not discontinue working at the Said Several Leadmines at any Time by the Space of two months together nor bring nor wittingly nor willingly Suffer to be brought any <Thrust> upon any pitt Shaft or Levell belonging to the p[re]misses but Shall and will from time work the Said Leadmines Fairly according to the Course of working Leadmines during the Said Terme

And at the end and expiration or other Sooner determinaton thereof Shall and will Leave one Shaft well timbred and in good reparaire upon the Forehead or Front of the Said Leadmines And shall also deliver up to Quiet and peaceable possession of all other the p[re]misses to the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires or Assignes

And that neither he the said William Ramsay his Exers Adms or Assignes or any of them Shall or will assigne over or dispose of all or any part or parts of the p[re]mises to any person or persons whatsoever without the Licence of the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires or Assignes by writing under his and their hand and Seale Signifying the Same First had and obtained

And that he the Said William Ramsay his Exers Adms & Assignes Shall and will make reasonable Satisfacton from Time to Time during the Said Terme to all persons who shall have Spoyle of ground by working the Said Lead mines hereby Letten or any part thereof or who Shall Loose any goods by the not Filling up or fenceing of any pitt or pitts grove or groves within the boundaries aforesaid

And Further also that he the Said William Ramsay his Exers and Adms shall and will upon demand of the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires or Assignes or his or their

Stewards or Agents From time to Time deliver to him or them all the Lead oare (well washed dressed and Fitt for Smelting) That during the Said Terme Shall be digged wrought or gotten Forth and out of the Said Lead mines hereby Letten as aforesaid

And at the end of every month during the Said Terme to give and deliver to the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires and Assignes if requested a Just and True account in writing of the number of Bing Loads of Lead oare That in and during the p[ro]ceeding month have been wrought and gotten Forth out off the Said Leadmines or any part thereof and permitt and Suffer the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires or Assignes or any of them to inspect the Bookes of accounts of the Stewards of the Said Leadmines the better to be Informed of and to know what Quantity of Lead oar hath been wrought and gotten out of the Same in every p[re]ceeding month or Months during the Said Terme And shall and will also permit and Suffer the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires and Assignes and his and their Servants and workmen at his or their Wills and pleasures to ride or discend into all or any the pitts or Shafts of or belonging to the Said Lead mines to view and inspect the Course of working thereof and after Such Inspecton peaceably to returne

And the Said Sr. William Blackett for himselfe his heires Exers and Adms and every of them doth Covenant and agree to and with the Said William Ramsay his Exers and Adms by these p[re]sents in manner following (That is to say) that he the Said William Ramsay his Exers and Adms duly and truly performing all the Covenants Clauses provisoes and agreem[ent]s herein contained on his or their parts to be performed Shall and may during all the Said Terme of Twenty and one yeares If the Said Humphrey Wharton Anthony Wharton and Jane Wharton or any of them Shall So long Live Lawfully peaceably and Quietly have hold and enjoy all the Said Lead mines and p[re]misses hereby Letten or mentoned or intended So to be without the Lett Hindrance or disturbance of the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires or Assignes or any of them

And that the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires and Assignes Shall and will Take and Carry away the said Lead Oare gott out of the Demised p[re]misses So Soon as the Same can Conveniently be carryed away

And that he the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires and Assignes at the end of every three months after the Lead oar gott out of the demised p[re]misses is delivered to the Servants of the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires or Assignes shall and will well and truly pay or Cause to be paid unto the Said William Ramsay his Exers or Adms the Sume of eighteen Shillings of Lawfull English money For every Bing Load of Lead oar well washt drest and Fitt for Smelting that Shall be gotten out of the Said Lead mines hereby Letten and wch. shall be delivered to the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires or Assignes or to his or their Stewards Servants or Agents as aforesaid each and every of the Said Bing Loades of Lead oar Being the great weight and to containe Sixty Foure Stone Computing Fourteen pounds to every Stone besides the poakes or Sacks wch. are not to be part of nor reckoned into the Said Weight

And that the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires and Assignes Shall and will also according to the true Intent and meaning of these p[re]sents discharge the p[re]misses

of and From all Lott oar Tyth Oar Rents Taxes and Impositons whatsoever to be charged upon or issuing or payable out off the p[re]misses during the Said Terme

Provided allways and it is hereby Covenanted declared and agreed upon by and between the Said parties to these p[re]sents For themselves their heires Exers and Adms and every of them that the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires or Assignes and his and their Servants and workmen Shall and may during the Said Terme have Liberty to use any of the Shafts Levells or water Courses to be made within the boundaries aforesaid at his or their pleasure to drive drift or drifts within or through the same boundaries For or in order to the winning or working of any other Lead mines of or belonging to the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires or Assignes He the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heires or Assignes making Such Satisfaccon To the Said William Ramsay his Exers or Adms for all damage or Losse by him or them to be done or occasioned to the said Shafts Levells drifts or water Courses within the demised p[re]misses as by two Arbitrat[er]s the one to be named by the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heires & Assignes the other to be named by the Said William Ramsay <parchment damaged – possibly his assignes> shall be thought fitt and reasonable and paying the same within three months next after the Same shall be appointed to be paid by the Said Arbitrat[er]s

provided also and upon condicon and it is the true Intent and meaning of these p[re]sents and of the said parties hereunto that if the Said William Ramsay his Exers and Adms at any time during the Said Terme shall desist and discontinue the winning or working any of the Said Lead mines hereby Letten For the Space of two callendar months together that then in Such case this present demise of the Said Leadmines or Lead mine so discontinued to be wonn & wrought by the Space of the Said Two Callendar months Shall be void And that it Shall and may be Lawfull for the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heires and Assignes into the Lead mine or Lead mines So discontinued to be wrought as aforesaid to Reenter and the Same to have & enjoy as in his or their First and Former Estate any thing in these p[re]sents contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding

provided allwayes and upon condicon that if the Said William Ramsay his Exers and Adms Shall Fayle or neglect duly to performe any of the Covenants Clauses or agreem.ts herein contained on his or their parts to be pformed then and in every such case These p[re]sents to be void and it Shall and may be Lawfull To and For the Said Said Sr. William Blackett his Heires and Assignes into all the p[re]mises abovementoned to Reenter and the Same to have againe Repossess and enjoy as in his or their Former Estates anything herein contained to the Contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding

provided also and It is Further Covenanted and agreed upon by and between the parties to these p[re]sents That if the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires and Assignes be at any Time or Times during the Continuance of this demise unwilling to pay the Said Summe of eighteen Shillings For every Bing of Lead Oar gott out off the demised p[re]misses according to the Covenant Comprized in these p[re]sents and thereof give notice in writeing to the Said William Ramsay his Exers and Adms undr. the hand and

Seale of the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires or Assignes upon any day appointed by these p[re]sents for the paymt. of the Said Lead Oar That in Such case and as often as the Same Shall happen That the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires and Assignes Shall be & continue dyscharged of and From the payment of the Said eighteen Shillings p[er] Bing Load untill such Time as the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires and Assignes give notice that he and They will receive againe the Lead oar gott out off the demised p[re]misses under the agreement aforesaid

And It is agreed by and between the Said parties to these p[re]sents that during such time as the said Sr. William Blackett his heires and Assignes refuse to take the Said Lead <parchment damaged> be Lawfull For the said William Ramsay his Exers and Adms to take the <Lead ore parchment damaged> without making any payment for the Same to the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heires and Assignes other Than The Lott oar and Tythe oar due out of the Said Lead mines it being agreed by and between the Said parties to these p[re]sents that during the Said Time or Times The Said Lott oar and Tyth Oar Shall be paid to the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heires and Assignes anything in these p[re]sents contained to the contrary notwithstanding

provided also and upon Conditon and It is hereby further Covenanted declared and agreed upon by and between the Said parties to these p[re]sents for themSelves their Heires Exers Adms and Assignes That if the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heires or Assignes Shall Surrender the Said office of moor man or moormaster to the Said Bishop of Durham or his Successors Then and in Such case this demise of all and Singular the p[re]misses Shall be void and of none effect

And the Said Sr. William Blackett for himself his Heires Exers and Adms and every of them <doth> Covenant and agree to and with the Said William Ramsay his Exers and Adms by these p[re]sents That the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heires and Assignes Shall and will within the Space of six months after the Surrender of the demised p[re]misses by the Said William Ramsay his Exers Adms or Assignes to the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heires and Assignes procure a new Grant of the Said office of moor master from the now Lord Bishop of Durham or his Success[or]s to the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heires & Assignes during one Two or three Lives and within Twelve Months after the Said New Grant procured as aforesaid the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires and Assignes Shall execute a new Grant of the Said Lead mines within the boundaries aforesaid to the Said William Ramsay his Exers and Adms during all Such Residue Remaind.r and Terme of yeares as of the Said Terme of Twenty and one yeares herein before mentioned shall be Then to come and unexpired and with upon and under the Covenants provisoes and agreem.ts as are Contained in these p[re]sents And that untill Such Grant shall be made as aforesaid that the Said William Ramsay his Exers and Adms Shall peaceably and Quietly Hold and Enjoy the demised p[re]misses without the Interrupton of the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heires or Assignes or any Claiming by From or under him them or any of them In Witnesse whereof the parties abovesaid To these p[re]sent Indentures have interchangeably Sett their hands and Seales the day and yeare First above written Annoqz Dmi 1693

[When folded, on front in a different hand (Joseph Richmond's?):]

Sr. Wm. Blacketts Lease of Lead Mines

[and above this, inserted:]

One third part of Sevel. <xxxxxx>) in weredaile to Wm. Ramsay Esqr. For one & Twenty yeares, dated the Sixteenth day of Novemb.r 1693

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[Faint, and almost unreadable, on the back leaf:]

Sealed & Delivered xxxxxxxx Wm Forster Wm Blackett Tho. Mowbray

[When folded, on an inner leaf and in a different hand:]

Themselves their Heirs Exers Adms and Assignes That he the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heirs or Assignes Shall and will well and truely pay or cause to be paid Unto the Said William Ramsey his Exec.s Adm.s and Assignes the Sume of Twenty Shillings of Lawfull money of England for every Bing load of Lead oare which at any time hereafter dureing the continuance of this demise Shall be wrought or gotten out of the Lead mines within or above mentoned by the Said William Ramsey his Exec.s Adm.s or Assignes and delivered to the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heirs or Assignes Except the wast oare or <cuttings> washed over againe out of the dead Heaps to be layd upon or belonging to the p[re]misses which the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heirs or Assignes Shall and may have well washed and fit for Smelting at the rate of Thirteen Shillings (inserted: & four pence) of like Lawfull money p[er] Bing load any thing within mentoned to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding

2 Oct 1694 John Bacon to William Ramsay

[Note: Piece reference TWA/3415/CA/19/35. William Ramsay was a goldsmith in Newcastle. The lead mines in this lease are widely separated in Weardale, from Sedling in the west to Pikestone in the east. The parchment is damaged and holed in places so some text cannot be recovered]

This Indenture Made the second day of October in the Sixth year of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady William and Mary by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King and Queen Defender of the faith <et.> Between John Bacon of Staward in the County of Northumberland Esquire of the one parte and William Ramsay of the Towne and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Esquire of the other part

Whereas Sr William Blackett of the Said Towne and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Barrt. By this Indenture bearing date the Eighth day of July last past and made (or Expressed to be Made) Between him the Said Sr. William of the first part Roger

Staveley of New Bolton in the parish of Wensley in the County of York Gentleman and Peter Hamond of Wensley aforesaid of the Second parte And John Cooke of the Towne and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Gentleman of the Third parte did for the Consideratons therein mentoned demise grant and to Farm Lett unto the said Roger Staveley peter Hamond and John Cooke (among Severall other Lead Mynes) Those Five Severall Lead Mynes hereafter mentoned (to witt) One Lead Myne called by the Name of pikeStone in Wolsingham Fell and parish And alsoe two other Lead Mynes called by the Name or Names of Groverake and Barkeshaw Meadowes in Rookeupp Fell And alsoe one other Lead Myne called by the Name of Braiken Sike in Sedlinghope Fell And alsoe two other Lead Mynes called by the Severall Name or Names of Hairne Shaw and Shaftwell in Bollyhopp Fell All which Said Lead Mynes are Stituate Lyeing and being within the Severall parishes of Stanhope and Wolsingham or the one of them in the County of Durham Together with free Liberty to Digg and breake up and worke the Sd. Mynes And to Make draines and to Cast Levells dams Races and ditches to Carry Convey and Avoyd Water from any of the Sd. Mynes in by and through any other of the waist grounds belonging to the Sd. Sr. William Blackett his Heires or Assignes within the Sd. Parishes And all Wayes Easements paths passages Oares <Use> Comodities and Advantages whatsoever to be had obtained and gotten in upon or out of the Said Mynes and every or any of them

To have and to hold two third parts of the Said Lead Mynes (among other Mines therein mentoned unto the Sd. Roger Staveley and peter Hamond their Exec.es Adm.es and Assignes from the Eleaventh day of November which was in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two for and dureing the Term of One Thousand yeares (If Humphrey Wharton Esqr. Anthony Wharton and Jane Wharton Son and Daughter of the Sd. Humphrey Wharton or any of them Should Soe long live)

And to have and to hold one oth.r Third part of the Sd. Lead Mynes among other Lead Mynes therein Mentoned unto the Sd. John Cooke his Exec.es Adm.es or Assignes from the Sd. Eleaventh day of November for and dureing the Sd. Term of One Thousand yeares (if the Sd. Humphrey Wharton Anthony Wharton and Jane Wharton or any of them Should soe long live) under Such Conditons Reservatons Covenants payments and Agreements and at Such dayes and times and in Such Manner and Form as in the Sd. Recited Indenture is conditoned Covenanted Reserved Expressed Limited and declared as by the Same Last Recited Indenture of Lease <Relaton> being thereunto had more fully may appeare

And Whereas the Said Roger Staveley and peter Hamond by their Indenture bearing date the Sd. Eighteenth day of July in the Sd. Sixth year of the Raigne of their Said Ma[jes]ties for the Consideraton in the Sd. Indenture mentoned did demise grant Assigne and Lett over unto the Sd. John Bacon his Exec.s Adm.es and Assignes all their and either of their Two Third partes (among other Lead Mynes) of all and every the Lead Mynes Lead groves Lead Veines Lead Oares and p[re]misses with their and every of their Rights Members and Appurtenances And all and every the powers Libertyes priviledges and Authorityes in the Sd. Last Recited Indenture Made between the Sd. Sr.

William Blackett of the first part the Sd. Roger Staveley and peter Hamond of the Second part and the Sd. John Cooke on the third part

And alsoe all the Estate Right Title Interest and Term of yeares yet to come and unexpired Tenant Right possibility and right of Renewall property Claim Challenge and demand whatsoever either in Law or Equity of them the Sd. Roger Staveley and peter Hamond or either of them of in and to the Sd. P[re]misses with the Appurtenances in the Sd. First recited Indenture mentoned (whereof the Sd. Six Mynes before mentoned are part off

To have and to hold the Sd. Two Third parts (among other Lead Mynes) of all and every the Sd. Severall Lead Mynes Lead Veines and Lead groves (the whole into thre parts being equally to be divided) And of all and Singular oth.r the p[re]misses herein by the Sd. First Indenture demised and granted And thereby Assigned and Lett over with their and every of their Appurtenances unto the Sd. John Bacon his Exec.s Adm.es or Assignes from the Makeing Sealeing and Executeing of the Sd. Indenture unto the full End and Term and for and dureing all the Residue and Remainder of the Term of One Thousand yeares <with> Sd. First Recited Indenture mentoned and yet to come and unexpired If the Sd. Humphrey Wharton Esqr. Anthony Wharton and Jane Wharton or any of them Should Soe long live) As in and by the Sd. Last Recited Indenture <Relaton> being thereunto had more fully May appeare

Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the Sd. John Bacon as well for and in consideraton of the Covenants Reservatons Conditons and Agreements hereinafter reserved and expressed and for diverse other good Causes and consideratons him hereunto Moveing hath demised granted and to farme letten and by these p[re]sents doth demise grant and to farm Lett unto the Sd. William Ramsay his Exec.s Adm.es and Assignes

All that his Third part (the whole into thre partes being equally divided) of all that Lead Myne called by the Name of pikeStone in Wolsingham Fell in the parish of Wolsingham and County of Durham And alsoe one full Sixth part of the five other Lead Mynes in the Sd. First recited Indenture of Lease and hereafter mentoned (to witt) of one Lead Mine called by the Name of GroveRake and of anoth.r Lead Myne called BarkeShaw Meadowes in Rookupp Fell And alsoe of anoth.r Lead Myne called by the Name of Braiken Sike in Sedlinghopp Fell And alsoe of Two other Lead Mynes called by the Severall Name or Names of Hairneshaw and Shaftwell in Bollihopp Fell All which Sd. Five last mentoned Lead Mynes are Stituate lyeing and being within the Said parish of Stanhopp in the Sd. County of Durham And are bounded with Such lenth Breadth Extents Limitts and bound.s as is particularly mentoned in a certain Indenture and the Memorandum Endorsed on the Same of the Sd. Five Lead Mynes bearing date the Sixteenth day of November last past and made between the Sd. Sr. William Blackett of the one part and the Sd. William Ramsay on the other part Together with all Oares Mettalls Libertyes priviledges powers Authorityes and Appurtenances to the Sd. Third part of the Sd. Lead Myne called by the Name of pikeStone and of the Sd. <Sixth part> of the Sd. Five Severall Lead Mynes called by Severall Name or Names <of> <Grove

Rake Barkeshaw> Meadows Braiken Sike Hairneshaw and Shaftwell belonging or in any wise appertaining

To have and to hold <the Sd.> Third part of the Sd. Lead Myne called> <pikeStone> and the <Sd. sixth part of the Sd. Severall Lead> Mynes called by the Severall names <of Groverake Barkeshaw Meadows Braiken Sike Hairneshaw and Shaftwell <within the Sd xxxxxxxxmentoned rest of line damaged> called Lamas) last past unto the <full> End and Term of Twenty One yeares from the <nice> next following and fully to <hole in parchement> and Ended (if the Sd. Humphrey Wharton Anthony <Wharton> Jane Wharton son and Daughter of the Sd. Humphrey Wharton or any of them Soe Soe long live) as fully amply and beneficially as he the Sd. John Bacon his <Exec.s> <hole in parchement but probably and Admin.s> or any of them could or of right <ought> <to have> and Enjoy the Same Subject neverthesse as to the proporton of the Sd. partes of Lead Mynes hereby granted to the Conditons Limitatons Reservatons Covenants and Agreements in the Sd. first recited Indenture mentoned provided this p[re]sent <demised> or anything therein contained doe not obstruct or interfere with any former or other grant or Lease of Lead Mynes or Oare granted by the Sd. John Bacon to any person or persons whatsoever

And the Sd. William Ramsay doth for himselfe his Exe.s Adm.s and Assignes Covenant promise grant and Agree to and with the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s Adm.s and Assignes in mann.r and form following (that is to say) that he the Sd. William Ramsay Shall and will according to his part and proporton of the Sd. Lead Mynes within the Space of Two Moneths next Ensueing the date hereof begin and Sett on worke and use his and their <best> and utmost indeavours for the Speedy and Effectuall wining obtaining and Recovering of all the Sd. Severall Lead Mynes And from thenceforth dureing all the Sd. Term of Twenty and one yeares Shall not discontinue workeing the Sd. Third part and Sixth part of the Sd. before granted Lead Mynes at any time by the Space of Two Moneths together nor bring nor willingly Suffer to be brought any <Thrust> upon any pitt Shaft or Levell belonging to the p[re]misses but Shall and will from time to time worke his Sd. parts of the Sd. Lead Mynes fairly according to the course of workeing Lead Mynes dureing the Sd. Term And at the End and <seperaton> or other Sooner determinaton thereof Shall and will proportonably according to his parts in the Sd. Lead Mynes hereby granted have one Shaft well Timbered and in good Repair upon the Forehead or Front of the Sd. Lead Mynes and Shall then alsoe deliver up the quiett & peaceable possession of the Sd. parts of the Sd. Lead Mynes to the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.s

And that neither he the <Sd.> William Ramsay his Exe.s Adm.s nor Assignes Shall or will Assigne over or dispose of all or any part or parts of the p[re]misses without the <Lycence> of the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.s by writeing und.r his or their Hands and Seales Signifieing the same first had and obtained

And that the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s Adm.s and Assignes Shall and will make reasonable Satisfacton from time to time dureing the Sd. Term according to his proportion and part in the Sd. afore granted Lead Mynes to all persons who shall have Spoyle of ground by working the Sd. Lead Mines hereby Letten or any part thereof or

who Shall losse any goods by the not filling up or fenceing of any pitt or pitts within the boundaryes of the Sd. Lead Mynes And that he the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s or Adm.s Shall and will upon the demand of the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.s or his or their Stewards or Agents from time to time deliver to him or them all the Lead Oare well washed dressed and fitt for Smelting That dureing the Sd. Terme Shall be digged wrought or gotten forth and out of the Sd. demised p[re]misses hereby Letten as aforesd. And at the End of every Moneth dureing the Sd. Terme give & deliver to the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.es (if requested) a Just & true account in writeing of the Number of Bing Loades of Lead oare that in & dureing the preceeding Moneth have been wrought and gotten forth & out of the Sd. Lead Mynes Or any part thereof and permit & Suffer the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s & Adm.es or any of them or his their or any of their Stewards or Servants to inspect the books of accounts of the Steward<s> of the Sd. Lead Mynes the better to be Informed & to know what Quantity of Lead Oare hath been wrought & gotten out of the Same in every preceeding Moneth or Moneths dureing the Sd. <Terme> and Shall & will permitt & Suffer the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s & Adm.s <xxx> & their Servants & Workmen at his & their Wills & pleasures to ride or descend into all or any of the pitts or Shafts of or belonging to the Sd. Lead Mynes to view & inspect the Course <or> workeing thereof & after Such Inspecton peaceably to returne

<Then> the Sd. John Bacon for himselfe his Exe.s & Adm.s & every of them doth Covenant & Agree to & with the Sd. William Ramsay In mann.r & form following (that is to say) That he the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s & Adm.s <duely> & truly performing <parchment damaged> Covenants Clauses provisoes & Agreements herein contained on his or their parts to be performed <Shall><parchment torn and holed xxxxxx>Sd. Term of Twenty & one yeares (If the Sd. Humphrey Wharton Anthony Wharton & Jane Wharton or any of them Shall Soe long live lawfully peaceably & Quietly have hold & Enjoy all the Sd. Lead Mines and p[re]misses hereby Letten (or mentoned or Intended soe to be) without the Lett hinderance or disturbance of the Sd. John Bacon his exec.s Adm.s or Assignes or any of them and that for the<parchment damaged><take & carry away the Sd. Lead oare gott out of the Sd. demised p[re]mises Soe Soon as the Same <can> conveniently be Carried away

And that he the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.s at the End of every Thre Moneths after the Lead Oare gott<en out>of the Sd. demised p[re]misses is delivered to the Carryers or Servants of the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.s Shall & will well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s or Adm.s the Sum of Twenty Shillings of Lawfull English Money for every Bing Load of Lead oare well washed & dressed and fitt for Smelting that Shall be gotten out of the Sd. Lead Myne called pikeStone and which Shall be delivered to the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s & Adm.s or to his or their Stewards Servants or Agents as aforesd. Each & every of the Sd. Bing Loads of Leade Oare being the great weight and containing Sixty four Stone computeing fourteen pounds to every Stone besides the Sackes which are <not to> be part of Nor reckoned into the Sd. weight And that he the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.s Shall alsoe at the Said End of every Thre Moneths well & truely pay or cause to

be paid unto the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s or Adm.s the sum of Twenty Two Shillings of Like Money for every Bing Load of Lead oare being of the <Gt.> Weight aforesd. well washed & dressed and fitt for Smelting that Shall be gotten out of the Sd. Sixth part of the <Said> five other Lead Mynes called Grove Rake BarkeShaw Meadows Braiken Sike HairneShaw & Shaftwell hereby Letten And the Sum of Twenty Four Shillings of Like Money for every Bing Load of Lead Oare being of the <Gt> <w>eight aforesd. well washed & dressed & fitt for Smelting that Shall be gotten out of the Sd. Sixth part of the said five Lead Mynes when & at Such time as Lead Shall be comonly Sold at the Towne & County of Newcastle upon Tyne at the Rate & price of <Tenn> pound of like Money or about that price by the Fother of the <gt weight> aforesd. And that the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s Adm.s Shall & will alsoe according to the true Intent & meaning of these p[re]sents discharge the p[re]sents of & from all Lott Oare Tythe Oare Rents Taxes and <impositons whatsoever to be Charged upon or Issueing or payable out of the Sd. p[re]sents dureing the Sd. Term

Provided alwayes And it is hereby Covenanted Declared & Agreed upon by & between the Sd. partyes to the sd. p[re]sents for themselves their Exe.s & Adm.s & every of them that the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s & Adm.s and his & their Servants & workmen Shall & May dureing the Sd. Term Have Liberty to use any of the Shafts Levells or Watercourses to be made within the boundaryes of the Sd. Lead Mynes and at his or their pleasures to drive drift or Drifts within or through the Sd. boundaryes for & in order to the workeing or winning of any of <the> Lead Mines of or belonging to the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.s He the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.s <Ma>keing Such Satisfacton to the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s or Adm.s for all Damage or Losse by him or them to be done or occasioned to the Said Shafts Levells drifts or Watercourses within the demised p.misses as by Two Arbitrators the one to be named by the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.s the other to be Named by the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s or Adm.s Shall be thought fitt and reasonable & alsoe paying the Same within Thre Moneths next after the Same Shall be appointed to be paid by the Sd. Arbitrators

Provided also and upon Conditon and it is the True Intent & Meaning of these p[re]sents and of the Sd. partyes hereunto That if the Said William Ramsay his Executors or Administrators at any time dureing the Said Terme Shall desist and discontinue the wining and workeing any of the Said Lead Mynes hereby Letten for the Space of Two Callendar Moneths together That then and in Such Case this p[re]sent demise of the Said Lead Myne or Lead Mynes Soe discontinued to be <winn> and wrought by the Space of the Sd. Two Calendar Moneths Shall be void

and that it shall and may be Lawfull for the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s and Adm.s into the Sd. Lead Myne or Lead Mynes soe discontinued to be wrought as aforesd. To Reenter and the Same to have and Enjoy as in his or their first and former Estate any thing in these p[re]sents contained to the Contrary in any wise Notwithstanding

provided alwayes and upon Conditon That if the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s and Adm.res Shall faile and Neglect duely to perform any of the Covenants Clauses and

Agreements herein contained on his or their parts to be performed then and in every Such Case these p[re]sents to be void

and that it shall and maybe Lawfull to and for the Said John Bacon his Exe.s and Adm.s <to> all the p[re]misses above mentoned to Reenter and the Same to have again Repossesse and Enjoy as in his and their former Estates anything herein contained to the Contrary hereof in any <wise> notwithstanding

provided alsoe And it is further Covenanted and Agreed upon by and between the Sd. partyes to these p[re]sents that if the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.res be at any time or times dureing the Continuance of this demise <unwilling> to pay the Sd. Severall Sums of Twenty Shillings twenty two Shillings and Twenty four Shillings for every Bing of Lead Oare gott out of the demised p[re]misses According to the Covenant comprised in these p[re]sents and thereof give Notice in writeing to the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s or Adm.s under the Hand and Seale of the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.res upon any day appointed by these p[re]sents for the payment of the Sd. Lead Oare that in Such Case and as often as the Same Shall happen that the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s and Adm.s Shall be and continue discharged of and from the payment of the said overall Sums <of> Twenty Shillings Twenty Two Shillings and Twenty four Shillings a Bing Load soe as is aforesd. Limited to be paid until Such time as the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.res give Notice that he or they will receive again the Lead Oare gott out of the demised p[re]misses under the Agreements aforesd.

and it is Agreed by and between the Sd. partyes to these p[re]sents that dureing Such time <as> the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.res refuse to take the Sd. Lead oare It Shall <be> Lawfull for the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s & Adm.s to take the Lead Oare without Makeing any payment for the Same to the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s and Adm.res other than the Lott Oare and Tythe oare due out of <the Sd.> Lead Mynes It being Agreed by and between the Sd. partyes to these p[re]sents That dureing Such time as the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.res refuse to take the Sd. Lead Oare It Shall be Lawfull for the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s and Adm.s to take the Sd. Lead oare without any payment for the same to the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.s other than the Lease and Tythe Oare due out of the Sd. Lead Mynes It being Agreed by and between the Sd. partyes to these p[re]sents That dureing the Sd. Terme or <Termes> the Lott Oare and Tythe Oare Shall be paid to the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s and Adm.res by the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s and Adm.ses Anything in these p[re]sents contained to the Contrary NotwithStanding

provided also and upon Conditon And it is hereby further Covenanted declared and Agreed upon by and between the Sd. partyes to these p[re]sents for themselves their Exe.s Adm.s and Assignes that if the Sd. Sr. William Blackett his Heirs or Assignes Shall Surrender the Sd. Office of MoorMan or MoorMaster to the Bishopp of Durham or his Successors then in Such Case this Demise of all and Singular the p[re]misses shall be void and of None Effect

And the Sd. John Bacon for himself his Exe.s and Adm.s doth Covenant and Agree to and with the Sd. William Ramsay his Exe.s and Adm.res by these p[re]sents That he the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s or Adm.s Shall and will within the Space of Six Moneths

after the Said Sr. William Blackett hath procured a New grant of the Office of MoorMaster from the Bishopp of Durham or his Successors and after he the Said John Bacon hath procured the Said Sr. William Blackett his Heires and Assignes to Execute a New Lease among Other Lead Mynes of Two Third parts of the Said Lead Mynes hereby demised to the said John Bacon his Exe.s and Adm.s for the Residue and Remainder of the Said Term of One Thousand yeares in the Said Recited Indenture of Lease mentoned and then to come and unexpired (if the partyes for whose life or lifes or in whose Name or Names the Said Lease is Taken Shall be then liveing) demise grant and to Farm Lett to the Said William Ramsay his Exe.s and Adm.s the Said demised p[re]mises to the Said William Ramsay his Exe.s and Adm.res dureing all Such residue remainder and Term of yeares as by the <Sd.> Term of Twenty one yeares hereinbefore mentoned Shall be then to come and unexpired And with upon and under the Covenants provisoes and Agreements contained in these p[re]sents And that untill Such grant Shall be Made as aforesd. That the Said William Ramsay his Exe.s and Adm.res shall peaceably and quietly hold and Enjoy the Said demised p[re]misses without the Interruption of the Sd. John Bacon his Exe.s Adm.res and Assignes or any <xxxxing> by from or under him them or any of them

In Witness whereof the partyes above <Said> to these p[re]sent Indentures have Interchangeably Sett their Hands and Seales the day and year first above written.
<Annoxx> Dni 1694

15 Oct 1694 William Ramsay to Susanna Bland

[Note: Piece reference TWA/3415/CA/19/38. Susanna Bland was the daughter of George Bacon. The document is badly damaged where it has been folded, with several holes in the parchment. However the wording is identical to another indenture made by Ramsay on the same day which is in much better condition. Cross referencing to this second indenture (to Michael Naylor TWA/3415/CA/19/37) has enabled the missing words in this indenture to be inserted with confidence. They are inserted within brackets. In his indenture Michael Naylor is described as a 'yeoman' from Wolsingham. It is not included in this transcribed collection because of the duplication of the information given in this lease.]

This Indenture made the fifteen day of October in the Sixth yeare of the Raign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King and Queen defenders of the faith &c. between William Ramsay of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Esqr. Of the one part and Susanna Bland of the Said Towne and County of Newcastle upon Tyne widdow of the other part

Whereas Sr. William Blackett of the Said Towne and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Barront. by his Indenture bearing date the Sixteenth day of November in the Fifth year of the Raign of their Said Ma[jes]ties and made (or expressed to be made) between

him the Said Sr. William Blackett of the one part and the Said William Ramsay of the other part for the consideratons therein mentoned did Demise grant and to farne Lett unto the Said William Ramsay his Ex.ers & adm.s one third part (the whole into three parts equally to be divided) of Four hundred yards in Length in Lyneall Extent northwards and Twenty yards on each side thereof in Breadth and two hundred yards in Length in lineall extent Southwards from the Slitt foott where the old Levell Cutts the veine and Twenty yards on each side thereof in Breadth upon the veine of Lead or Lead oare called Breckon Sike in Sedlin as alsoe one Third pt. (the whole into thre pts. Equally to be divided) of Six hundred yards in Length in Lyneall Extent and Twenty yards on each Side thereof in breadth in all Forty yards in breadth upon a veine of Lead or Lead Oare called Groverake Slitt bounding Eastward from Rookehope burn as alsoe one Third pt. (the whole into three parts equally to be divided) of Six hundred yards in Length in Lyneall Extent and Twenty yards on each side thereof in breadth in all Forty yards in breadth upon the veine of Lead or Lead Oare called Hairneshaw bounding westward from the East end of the boulder of that veine as alsoe one third part (the whole into three parts equally to be divided) of Four hundred yards in Length in Lyneall extent Southward and Twenty yards on each side thereof in breadth and Two hundred yards in Length in Lyneall extent Northwards from Shaftwell burne, and Twenty yards on each side thereof in breadth upon the veine of Lead or Lead oare called Shaftwell veine in Bollyhopeburne all which Said Lead Mines lye within the parish of Standhope & County of Durham Together with free Liberty to and for the Said William Ramsay his Ex.ers Adm.s and Assignes to dig & Sink pitt or pitts Shaft or Shafts and to drive drift or drifts Levell or Levells within or without the boundaryes aforesaid and to erect Houses Hovells & Lodg<es> within the boundaryes aforesaid and to doe whatsoever else is or Shall be needfull or requisite to be done for in or about the wining workeing or getting of Lead Oare or Ure within the Limitts or boundaryes aforesaid for and dureing the Space of Twenty one yeares next insueing the <date> hereof (If Humphrey Wharton of Gillingwood Esqr. Anthony Wharton his sonn and Jane Wharton his daughter for whose lives the <Said> Sr. William holds the office of Moore man and Mooremaster of the <Said Bpp> of Durham) or any of them should soe long live And as fully amply <and beneficially> to every respect as the Said Sr. William Blackett his Servants or any of them ought to enjoy the Same

and whereas before the Sealeing and delivery of the Said Indenture by a memorandum Indorsed on the Same & Sealed & Executed by the Said Sr. William Blackett <to> the Said William Ramsay It was Covenanted declared & agreed upon by and between the Said partyes to the Said Ind[enture] for themselves <their> heires & Exec.s and adm.s and the Said Sr. William Blackett for the consideratons in the said Indenture mentoned did thereby demise grant and to farne Lett unto the said William Ramsay his Exec.s and Adm.s One third part (the whole in three parts equally to be divided) of Six hundred yards in Length & Forty yards in Breadth as the same shall be fairly <erected> <Dowelled> and Sett out by George Mowbray Servant to the Said Sr. William Blackett upon a veine of Lead Oare called Baggs Shaw meadows in the parish of Stanhope and County of Durham for and dureing the terme of twenty one yeares in the

Said <recited> Indenture mentoned Together with <Such> Libertyes Lycences and priviledges & with upon & under Such grants provisoes Conditons and agreements as in the Said recited Indenture is mentoned and expressed anything in the Said recited Indenture contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding as by the same recited Indenture & memorandum endorsed on the Same with diverse other Covenants therein <relaton> being thereunto had more fully may appeare

and Whereas the Said Sr. William Blackett by his other Indenture beareing date the Eighteenth day of July last past & made (or expressed to be made) between him the said Sr. William of the first part Roger Staveley of Newbolton in the parish of Wensley in the County of York gentleman And peter Hamond of Wensley aforesaid of the Second part And John Cooke of the Towne and County of Newcastle upon Tyne gent of the third part did for the consideratons therein mentoned demise grant and to farme Lett (among Sev[er]all other Lead Mines) the said five severall Mynes in the above recited Indenture & memorandum endorsed mentoned Together with free Liberty to dig break upp & worke the Said Mynes and to make draines & to cast Levells Dams Races and ditches to carry convey and avoyd water from any of the Said Mines and by and through any other of the waist grounds belonging to the Said Sr. William Blackett his heires or Assignes within the Said parishes of Stanhope and Wolsingham And all wayes easements paths passages Oare Ure Comodityes and advantages whatsoever to be had obtained or gotten in upon or out of the Said Mynes and every or any of them

To have And To hold two third parts of the Said Leadmines (among other Mines therein mentoned) unto the Said Roger Staveley and peter Hamond their Exec.s Adm.s and assignes from the Eleaventh day of 23 November which was in the year of our Lord God One thousand Six hundred & Ninety two for and dureing the terme of One Thousand yeares (If Humphrey Wharton Esqr. Anthony Wharton and Jane Wharton Sonn & daughter of the Said Humphrey Wharton or any of them Should Soe long <live>)

And To have And To hold one other third part of the Said Lead mines (among other Leadmines therein mentoned) unto the Said John Cooke his Exe.rs Adm.s or Assignes from the Said Eleaventh day of November for & dureing the said terme of One Thousand yeares (If the Said Humphrey Wharton Anthony Wharton and Jane Wharton or any of them Should Soe long live) under Such Conditons Reservatons Covenants payments and agreements and at Such dayes and <times> and in Such maner & forme as in the said recited Indenture is condiconed covenanted reserved expressed Limited and declared and by the <Same> <last> recited Indenture of Lease with diverse other Covenants therein contained <relaton being there unto> <had> more fully may appeare

And Whereas the Said Roger Staveley and Peter Hamond by their Indenture beareing date the Said Eighteenth day of July in the Said Sixth year of the raign of their Said now Ma[jes]tyes for the consideraton in the Said Indenture <mentoned> did demise grant assigne and <Sett> over unto John Bacon of Staward in the said County Esqr. His Exe.rs Adm.s & Assignes All their and either of their two third part of all & every the Leadmines Leadgroves <Lead veines> Lead oares & p[re]misses with their and every of their Rights <members & Appurtenances> and all and every the powers

libertyes priviledges and authority <as in> the Said Second recited Indenture made between the Said William Blackett of the first part The Said Roger Staveley and Peter Hamond of the Second part and the Said John Cooke on the third part And alsoe all <the Estate> Right Title Interest and Terme of yeares yet to come and unexpired <Tenant Right> possibility and right of renewall property <claime> challenge & demand whatsoever either in Law or Equity of them the said Roger Staveley and Peter Hamond or either of them of in or to the Said <p[re]misses> with the <appurtenances> in the Said first recited Indenture mentoned (whereof the said five <mines> before mentoned are parcell)To have And To hold the Said two third parts of all and every the Said Severall <Lead Mynes> Lead veines and Lead groves (the whole into thre parts being equally divided) and of all and Singular other the P[re]misses by the said Second Indenture demised and granted and thereby assigned and Sett over with theirre and every of their appurtenances unto the Said John Bacon <his> exec.s adm.s or assignes from the makeing Sealeing & executing of the Said Indenture unto the full end & terme and for and dureing all the residue and <remainder> of the Terme in the Said Second recited Indenture mentoned and <yet> to come and unexpired (If the Said Humphrey Wharton Esq. Anthony Wharton & Jane Wharton or any of them Should Soe long Live) as in and by the Said last recited Indenture relaton being there unto had more fully <may appeare>

And Whereas the said John Bacon by his Indenture beareing date the fiftene day of October in the Said Sixth year of the raigne of their Said now Ma[jes]tyes and made (or expressed to be made) between him the Said John Bacon of the one part and the Said William Ramsay of the other parte did for the consideratons therein mentoned demise grant and to farme Lett unto the Said William Ramsay his Exec.s adm.s & assignes (among other things) All that <his> full Sixth part of the Said five Lead Mynes mentoned in the Said first recited Indenture and the Said Memorandum thereof and boundered with Such Length breadth extents Limittes & bounders as is particularly ment[ion]ed in the Said first recited Indenture and the Memorandum Indorsed on the Same Together with all Oares Mettals Libertyes priviledges poweres authorityes & appurtenances to the Said Sixth parts of the Said Sev[er]all Lead Mynes called by the Sev[er]all name or names of Groverake Barkeshaw <also> BaggShaw meadows Braikonsike HairneShaw & Shaftwell belonging <or in > any wise appertaining To have And To hold (among other things) the said full Sixth part of the Said Sev[er]all Lead Mines with theirre and every of their rights members and appurtenances and every part and parcell thereof unto the Said William Ramsay his Exec.s & Adm.s from the feast of St. Peter <ad vincula> (comonly called Lamas) last <past> unto the full end & terme of Twenty one yeares from <thence next> following and fully to be compleat and ended (If the Said Humphrey Wharton Anthony Wharton and Jane Wharton or any of them Should soe long live) as fully amply & beneficially as he the Said John Bacon his Exec.s <&> Adm.s could or of right ought to have and enjoy the Same Subject Nevertheless<e> (as to the proporton of the Said Lead Mines hereby granted) to the Conditons Limitatons reservatons covenants <and> agreements in the said Second recited

Indenture mentoned <as> by <the> Same last Indenture with diverse Covenants therein contained <relaton> being thereunto had more fully may appeare

Now This Indenture Witnesseth that the Said William Ramsay as well for & in consideraton of her the Said Susanna Blands assist<ance in>the manngement of a full Eighth pt. & Share of the Said five Lead Mynes and her pformance of the Covenants & agreements herein after expressed and for diverse other good causes & consideratons him hereunto <moveing> doth demise grant assigne and Sett over unto the Said Susanna Bland <her> Exec.s adm.s & assignes

All that one full Eight part (the whole into Eight pts. Equally to be divided) of the Said five Leadmines called by the Sev[er]all name or names of Groverake Barkeshaw <also> Bagshaw meadows Braiken Sike Hairneshaw and Shaftwell Together with all metta<ls oares> Libertyes & priviledges powers authorityes & appurtenances whatsoever to the Said Eighth part of the Said Sev[er]all Lead mines belonging <or in> in any wise appertaining

To have And To hold <the Said eighth> part of the Said Severall Lead Mynes and of all & Singular other th<e p[re]misses> above by these p[re]sents demised granted assigned and sett over with <their and> every of their rights priviledges advant<ages> appurtenances & every part and parcel thereof unto the Said Susanna Bl<and her Exec.s Adm.s> or assignes for and dureing all Such residue & remainder of the <Said Severall> Termes of Twenty one yeares which by the Said Sev[er]all above recited Indentures made to him the Said William Ramsay his Exec.s <&> Adm.s are yet to <come> & unexpired (If the Said Humphrey Wharton Esq. <Anthony> Wharton & Jane Wharton Sonn & daughter of the Said Humphrey <Wharton doe so long live> in as large & ample maner as he the Said William Ramsay might or could enjoy the Same by <force> & vertue of the Said Sev[er]all recited Indentures or any of them made to him Subject nevertheless <(as to the> proportons of the Said Lead mines hereby granted) to the Conditons <reservatons> Limitatons Covenants & agreements in the Said Severall recited Indentures mentoned

And the Said Susanna Bland doth for her Selfe her heires Executors and administrators Covenant promise and agree to and with the Said William Ramsay his Exec.s Adm.s & assignes by these p[re]sents that She the Said Susanna Bland her Exec.rs adm.s & assignes Shall and will Beare pay observe and pforme all and every the Clauses matters and things in the Said Recited Indentures or any of <th>em contained and mentoned to be performed and done by the Said William Ramsay his Exec.rs Adm.s according to her and their part and proporton of the Said Sev[er]all Leadmines hereby demised & Letten to the Said Susanna Bland in maner and forme in every respect in and by all thing<s> according to the purport of the Said Sev[er]all recited Indentures or any of them

And the Said William Ramsay for himselfe his heires & Exec.rs and adm.s doth covenant and agree to and with the Said Susanna Bland her Exec.s & Adm.s that she and they observeing the Covenants <in> the Said recited Indentures & every or any of them mentoned on the part & behalf of the Said William Ramsay his Executors or

adm.s to be performed and done She the Said Susanna her Exec.s and Adm.s Shall and may peaceably and quietly hold worke and enjoy the above granted p[re]misses And to have take and receive her and their full Eighth part (the whole into Eight parts being to be divided)of the Lead Oare <proceeding> and ariseing forth and out of the Said Eighth part without the Lett Suite Trouble or Interruption of him the Said William Ramsay his Exec.s Adm.s or assignes or any of them or any other person or persons whatsoever Lawfully claimeing by from and under him them or any of them

And further alsoe that he the Said William Ramsay his Exec.s adm.s and assignes Shall and will at any tyme dureing the Said Terme upon the request <proyces?> and charges in the Law of the Said Susanna Bland her Executors Administrators or assignes make doe Suffer and <persecute> all and every Such further act and acts thing and things assurance and assurances in the Law whatsoever for the better <Strengthing> conveying & confirming of all & Singular the P[re]misses hereby demised unto the Said Susanna Bland her Exec.rs and Adm.s Soe as the same containe noe other Covenants than in these p[re]sents are contained and soe as the Same doe not interfere or contradict the Covenants in the Said recited Indentures of Lease or any of them

In Wittnesse whereof the partyes abovesd. to these P[re]sent Indentures have Interchangeably Sett their hands and Seales the day and year first above written Anno<qv> Dmi 1694

6 May 1695 William Blackett to William Ramsay

[Note: Piece reference TWA/3415/CA/19/36. This is a loose paper (uncatalogued and not numbered) within the Cotesworth MS CA/19/36. It has several holes in, but the missing words can usually be guessed and are included here within square brackets. Stotfoldburne was in the Rookhope valley. Toddstone was in the Sedling Fell area of upper Weardale.]

Know all men by the <these presents> That Sr William Blacke[tt] of the Towne & County [of] [N]ewcastle upon Tyne Barrt Hath hereby Letten & demise[d] unto William Ramsey of the Sa[me] Towne & County Esqr six hundred yards in length & Twenty yards on each Side thereof in bredth upon the veine of Lead ore called Stotfoldburne veine to comence & take measure from a wall called Stotfoild pasture wall & <So> to extend Eastward according to the true course of the veine Which Said Leadmine lies within the moore or Fell called Rookehope in the parish of Stanhope & County of Durham with Full power & liberty to Sink Shafts & Drive drifts for winning & obtaining all Such Lead ore as <is> remaining & can be gotten out off the boundarie aforesaid & to have & enjoy the Said Lead ore & premisses Subject to the agreem.t hereafter mentoned (That is to Say) when the said veine is <woune> & <effectually> discovered the Said Sr. William Blacket Shall under his hand & Seale grant a Lease of the Said Boundarie to the Said William Ramsey his Exec.s Adm.s & Assignes for the Terme of Twenty & one yeares from the date hereof upon & under the like Covenant &

<provisoes> as the Said Sr. William Blackett hath letten to othere Tenants within the moore & liberty aforesaid provided the Said William Ramsey doth demand & take the Same within Twelve months next ensueing the date hereof & That it doth not enterfere with any other Tack or Lease formerly granted & now in being or any veine now at worke upon the Said Sr. William Blacketts owne account otherwise this <present> Tack note and the intended grant or Lease Shall utterly cease be voide & of none effect.

And the Said William Ramsey doth hereby covenant & agree to & with the Said Sr. William Blackett That he the Said William Ramsey Shall & will make reasonable Satisfacton dureing the Said Terme to all persons who shall have Spoyle of ground by workeing the Said Leadmine or who Shall lose any goods by the not Filling up of any pitt or pitts within the boundarie aforesaid

And Shall & will upon demand of the Said Sr. William Blackett his Servants or Agents give & deliver to him or them all the Lead ore well washd & fitt for Smelting That Shall be gotten out off the premisses <xxxx> the Said Sr. William Blackett paying to the Said William Ramsey his Execs or Adms the Summe of Twenty Shillings of Lawfull English Money for every Bing lo[ad] of the Said Lead ore each Bing containing Sixty four Stone of [four]teen pounds to the Stone the weight of the poakes [or] Sacks being not included. In witness whereof the Said parties to these presents have interchangeably sett their hands & Seales the <Sixth> day of May Anno Dni 1695

Sealed & Delivered Wm Blackett [Esq]
In the presence of Robt. Key Thos. Mowbrays

M.dmm That before the Sealing & delivery hereof the Said Sr. William Blackett hath also demised & to Farme Letten unto the Said William Ramsey his Execs Adms & Assignes Six hundred yards in Length & Twenty yards on each Side thereof in bredth upon the veine of Lead ore called ToddStone in the parish of Stanhope & County of Durham to comence & take measured from the Shaft now at worke by the Said William Ramsey & partners & from thence to extend Eastward according to the true course of the veine Together with Such Liberties Licences & priviledges & with upon & under Such Covenants provisoos conditions & agreemts as are within written & expressed

Sealed & Delivered Wm Blackett
in the presence of Robt Key Thos. Mowbrays

20 Jul 1695 Dean and Chapter of Durham to William Ramsay

[Note: Piece reference TWA/ 3415/CA/19/23. On the cover leaf of the folded parchment is written: '20: July 1695 Mr Ramsay Lead Mynes in Muggleswicke'. The lease excludes the mines and veins under Muggleswick Park which have been previously let to William Sanderson of Forcett.]

This Indenture made the Twentieth day of July in the Seaventh Year of the reigne of our Sovereaign Lord William the third by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith e[tcete]r[a] Anno<qz> Dni 1695: Betweene the Rt. Wor[shi]pp[ful] Thomas Comber D[oc]tor of Divinity Dean & the Chapter of Durham of the Cath[edr]all Church of Christ and blessed Mary the Virgin of the First part And William Ramsay of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Alderman of the other part Witnesseth that the said Dean & Chapter have Demised granted & to farm letten & by these p[re]sents for them & their Successors Doe Demise grant & to farm lett unto the said William Ramsay his Ex.s Adm.s and Assignes

All those their Mines Veines and Rakes of Lead Oare gotten & to be gotten lyeing and being and which may be had sought wrought obtained & wonn within forth of or Under All & every the surfaces grounds Moors commons & Wastes wth.in belonging to or depending on their Manour of Muggleswicke & Stituate lyeing & being within the Severall Parishes of Muggleswicke Edmondbyers & Lanchester within the County of Durham belonging to the Said Dean & Chapter with full power and Liberty to sink winn & work Pitt and Pitts as well for the getting winning & obtaining the said Mines Veines or Rakes of Lead Oare as to make Dammes Groves & Water-Gates for drawing workeing & enjoying thereof, Together with way leave ground leave Baile rooms Lodge rooms and Smelting places for the carrying laying Smelting & disposing of the same Lead Oare, and of all Stones rubbish Gravel & Refuse had wrought or gotten or to be had wrought or gotten in & by the Winning & Workeing of the Said Mines Veines or Rakes of Leade Oare or the said Pitt or Pitts & Groves or any of them in by & through all and every the demised p[re]misses aforesaid (All those their Mynes Veines & Rakes of Lead Oar gotten & to be gotten lyeing & being & which may be had sought wrought obtained & won within forth of or under all & every the lands & grounds of the Sd. Dean & Chapter Sett lyeing & being in Muggleswick Park in the Sd. County of Durham belonging to the <house> of the Sixth P[re]bend of the Said Cathedral Church of Durham & now demised by the said Dean & Chapter to William Sanderson of <Forcett> in the County of York Gent alwayes excepted & reserved) To have and to hold all & every the said Mynes Veines & Rakes of Lead Oare & other the demised p[re]misses with the app[ur]tenancies (Except before Excepted) unto the Said William Ramsay his Exe.s Adm.s & Assignes from the makeing & Sealing of this p[re]sent Lease Ind[enture] or Grant unto the full end & terme and during all the whole term of Twenty & One Yeares henceforth next & immediately following fully to be compleat ended & runn

Yeilding & paying therefore Yearly during the said term unto the said Dean & Chapter & their Successors or Assignes One full Tenth part of all Such Lead Ore as shall be had won & gotten within forth and out of the sayd Grounds & p[re]misses or any part or parcell thereof

And the said William Ramsay for him his Ex.s Adm.s Doth hereby covenant grant & agree to & with the said Dean & Chapter & their Successors that he the Sd. William

Ramsay his Ex.s Adm.s & Assignes Shall & will Yeild & pay, unto the Said Dean & Chapter & their Successors Yearly & every Year during the Sd. term the Sd. Full Tenth part of all such Lead Ore as Shall be had wonn & gotten within the aforesaid Demised p[re]misses

provided alwayes & upon conditon & it is alsoe covenanted concluded & agreed between the said parties; That if the Said William Ramsay his Ex.s Adm.s & Assignes or some of them Doe not within the space of Six months next ensueing the Date hereof Sett on Work Men to digg & within the Said Lead Mynes & Lead Oare to the end & purpose the same may effectually be won & made a good workeing & well goeing Lead Myne that then this p[re]sent Lease Shall cease determine & be utterly voyed

And the Said William Ramsay doth hereby further for him his Ex.s Adm.s and assignes covenant grant & agree to & with the Sd. Dean & Chapter & their Successors That he the Sd. William Ramsay his Ex.s Adm.s & Assignes shall from time to time & at all times hereafter during the Sd. terme make Sufficient amends & recompense to the Severall Tenants or Farmers of any of the Sd. grounds or demised p[re]misses for any Spoile that shall hereafter happen to be done by the Said William Ramsay his Ex.s Adm.s & Assignes in any of their grounds by reason of any Such Works or Wayes Grove & Groves pitt or pitts or in dryveing or carrying through their meadows or Pastures or any thing happening thereby as Shall be thought good & fitting by the said Dean & Chapter their Successors or Officers –

And the Said Dean & Chapter for themselves & their Successors doe covenant & grant to & wth. The said William Ramsay his Ex.s Adm.s & Assignes that it shall & may be Lawfull to & for the said William Ramsay his Ex.s Adm.s and Assignes to have take & receive to their own proper Use & Uses the said Tenth part of the said Lead Ore reserved to the Sd. Dean & Chapter & their Successors aforesaid soe that the said William Ramsay Doe pay or cause to be payd unto the Sd. Dean & Chapter & their Successors the Summe of Twenty Shillings of Lawfull English money for every Bing Load of Lead Oare being according to the usuall rate & price given for Lead Ore

And the said William Ramsay for him his Ex.s Adm.s & Assignes Doth covenant grant & agree to & with the Sd. Dean & Chapter & their Successors; That he his Ex.s Adm.s & Assignes Shall & will Yearly & every Year during the said term or other-wise Soe often as they shall be thereunto required by the said Dean & Chapter their Successors or Officers make a fare & full Account to the said Dean & Chapter & their Successors or Officers of all Such Lead & Lead Oare as shall be gotten won or wrought out of any of the said demised p[re]misses; And the said Account to be made in Such a manner or method as the said Dean & Chapter their Successors or Officers Shall from time to time Judge most Convenient for both parties upon paine of forfeiture of this p[re]sent Lease –

And if it fortune the said Yearly rent of Twenty Shillings for every Bing Load of Leade Oare that shall be due as aforesaid to be behind & unpayed in any of the Sd. Yeares by the Space of Twenty days after any Account soe to be made as aforesaid That then this p[re]sent Lease & Interest hereby granted to cease & be utterly voyed

provided always & upon condicon; That the said William Ramsay his Ex.s Adm.s & Assignes shall not at any time during the Sd. term alyen bargaine Sell assigne or Sett over his or their Interest or terme of Yeares nor any part thereof to any p[er]son or p[er]sons without the Speciall Lycence & consent of the Sd. Dean & Chapter & their Successors first thereunto had & obtained & upon paine of forfeiture of this p[re]sent Lease -

And for prformance of all & Singular the p[re]misses on the part & behalfe of the sd. William Ramsay his Ex.s Adm.s & Assignes well & truly to be observed & kept as well the Sd. William Ramsay as <xxxx> Doe bind Us & every of Us o[ur] Ex.s Adm.s & Assignes unto the said Dean & Chapter & their Successors in the Sume of One Thousand pounds of good & lawfull money of England by our Deed Obligatory bearing the Date hereof; And if it fortune the Said Suerties or either of them to depart this life & Dye before the end & term of the said Yeares; That then the said Wm Ramsay his Ex.s Adm.s & Assignes within One month next following the Death of the Said Suerties or either of them or within One month next after he or they shall be thereunto required by the Said Dean & Chapter their Successors or Officers shall bring in One or two new Sufficent Suertie or Suerties as need Shall require dwelling wthin the Said County of Durham wch Shall Stand bound with them unto the said Dean & Chapter & their Successors in Such a like new Obligaton as the above named Suerties are bound in for pformance of the p[re]misses on the part & behalfe of the Said William Ramsay his Ex.s Adm.s & Assignes & Soe Shall Doe from time to time Soe often as need Shall require during the Sd. term of Years upon paine of forfeiture of this p[re]sent Lease In Witnesse whereof to the One part of these Ind[entur]es remaining with the Sd. William Ramsay or his Assignes the Said Dean & Chapter have putt have putt their their Chapter Seale; And to the other part thereof remaining with the Sd. Dean & Chapter as well the said William Ramsay as the abovenamed Seales the day & Year first above written

6 Feb 1708 John Wilkinson to William Ramsay

[Note: Piece reference TWA/3415/CA/19/17. The parchment of this document is in fairly poor condition with several holes and other places where the words are faint. The wording is almost identical to that of an earlier lease of 1693 (Blackett to Ramsay) so where necessary the earlier lease has been used as a model to supply missing or hard to read words in this document. John Wilkinson and William Davison were executors of the will of the deceased William Blackett II and legal guardians during the minority of his son William Blackett III, who came of age in 1711. Davison renounced the executorship leaving the management entirely to Wilkinson. The text is broken here into sections for legibility.]

This Indenture made the Sixth day of February in the Sixth yeare of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland Queen

Defender of the Faith ec. Between William Davison of Beamish in the County Pallatine of Durham Esqr. & John Wilkinson of the Towne & County of Newcastle upon Tyne Merchant of the one parte And William Ramsay of the sd. Towne & County of Newcastle upon Tyne Esqr. of the other parte Wittnesseth That the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson for and in consideration of the Covenants hereafter in & by these pr.sents mentioned to be performed by the sd. William Ramsay, his Execrs Admins & Assignes As alsoe for diverse other good causes & Considerations them the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson thereunto severally moveing have & each of them hath Demised Granted & to Farme Letten & by these pr.sents doe & each of them doth Demise Grant & to Farme Lett unto the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs. Admins. & Assignes One Third parte (the whole in three partes equally to be divided) of

All that Lead Myne or vein of Lead or Lead Oare called Ireshopeburn vein bounding from the river Wear westward to Ireshopeburne att Barbary Level foot as the vein goes & Twenty yards on each side of the sd. vein in breadth (in all Forty yards in breadth) & all their whole parte of the said Lead Myne or vein of Lead or Lead Oare which is not in partnership, One third parte (the whole in three parts equally to be divided) of All that Lead Myne or vein of Lead or Lead Oare called Greenhill or Bolehill bounding from the Burne att Elmford foote to runn westward as the vein goes to the East end of Todstone tack & Twenty yards on each side of the sd vein the breadth in all Forty <yards> in breadth) with liberty of Lonsdales <Shaft> <One> third part (the whole in three partes equally divided) of all that Lead Myne or vein of Lead or Lead Oare att a place called <Stope>Slitt bounding from the Cragg to the Hedge & twenty yards on each Side thereof in breadth in all Forty yards in breadth And alsoe One Third parte the whole in three partes equally to be divided of that Lead Myne or vein of Lead or Lead Oare called Greenwell vein bounding from Ireshopeburne eastward Soe far as the partnership boulder goes & Twenty yards on each Side of the sd. vein in breadth in all Forty yards in breadth all which sd. Lead Mynes lye within the parish of Stanhope & County of Durham together with full & free liberty to & for the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs. Admins. & Assignes to digg & sinke Pitt or Pitts Shaft or Shafts & to drive Drift or Drifts Levell or Levells within or without the boundaries aforesd. & to erect Houses Hovells & Lodges within the Boundaries aforesaide & to doe whatsoever else is or Shall be needfull or requisite to be done for in or about the winning workeing or getting of Lead Oare or Ure within the limitts & boundaries aforesd.

To have and to hold All & every the Sd. Lead Mynes & pr.misses hereby letten with their appurtenances unto the sd. William Ramsay, his Execrs. Admins & Assignes from the day of the date of these pr.sents for & dureing the term & space of nineteen yeares from thence next ensueing if Sd. William Blackett of the Towne & County of Newcastle upon Tyne aforesd. Bart. Elizabeth Blackett & Frances Blackett his Sisters for whose lives the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson hold the office of Moore-man or Moor-master of the Lord Bpp of Durham or any of them Shall Soe long live as fully amply beneficially in every respect as the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson hold & enjoy

the Same Provided this pr.snt Demise or anything therein contained doe not obstruct or interfere with former or other Grant or Lease of Lead Mynes or Lead Oare made by Sr. William Blackett late of the sd. town & County of Newcastle upon Tyne Bart deceased in his life time or by the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson or any of them to any person or persons whatsoever

And The sd William Ramsay doth for himself his Execrs. Admins. & Assignes Covenant & Agree to & with the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs. & Assignes & every of them by these pr.sents in manner & forme following (that is to say) that he the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs Admins or Assignes Shall & will within the Space of Two Months next ensueing the date hereof begin & Sett on work<e> & use his & their best & utmost endeavours for the Speedy & effectuall winning obtaining & recovering of all the sd. Severall Lead Mynes within the boundaryes aforesd. and From thenceforth dureing all the term of nineteen yeares Shall not discontinue workeing att the sd. Severall Lead Mynes att any time by the Space of Two Months together nor bring nor wittingly nor willingly suffer to be brought any <Thrust> upon any Pitt Shaft or Levell belonging to the pr.misses but shall & will from time to time worke the sd. Lead Mynes fairly according to the <course> of working Lead Mynes dureing the sd. term

and att the end & expiration or other Sooner determination thereof Shall and will leave one Shaft well timbered & in good repaire upon the Foreheads or Fronts of the sd. Lead Mynes & Shall then alsoe deliver up the quiett & peaceable possession of all other the pr.misses to the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs or Assignes and That neither he the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs or Assignes or any of them Shall or will Assigne over or dispose of <all> or any parte or partes of the pr.misses to any person or persons whatsoever without the <Licence> of the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson Their <Execrs> <&> Assignes <by> or in writeing under their or Some or one of their <hands> <&> seales Signifieing the Same first had & obtained and that he the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs. Admins. & Assignes Shall & will make reasonable <Satisfaction> from time to time dureing the sd. term to all persons who <Shall> have Spoile of Grounds by workeing the sd. Lead Mynes hereby letten or any parte thereof who shall loose any Goods by the not filling up or <fencing> of any Pitt or Pitts Grove or Groves within the boundaryes aforesd.

and Further alsoe that he the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs. Admins. & Assignes Shall & will upon Demand of the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs <Admins> or Assignes or their or one of their Stewards Servants or Agents from time to time deliver to them or some of them all the Lead Oare well washed dressed & fitt for Smelting that dureing the sd term Shall be digged wrought or gotten out of the sd. Lead Mynes hereby letten as aforesaide And att the end of every month dureing the said terme give and deliver to the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs & Assignes if requested a <just> & true account in writeing of the number of Bing Loads

of Lead Oare that in & dureing the preceeding Month have been wrought & gotten forth & out of the sd. Severall Lead Mynes or any parte thereof & permit & suffer the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs or Assignes or any of them to inspect the books of account of the Stewards of the sd. Lead Mynes the better to be informed of & to know what quantity of Lead Oare hath been wrought & gotten out of the same in every preceeding Month or months dureing the sd. term and shall & will alsoe permitt & Suffer the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs & Assignes & their & <either> of their Servants & workemen att their or any of their wills & pleasures to ride or descend into all or any the Pitts or Shafts of or belonging to the sd Lead Mynes or any of them to view & Inspect the <course> <of> <workeing> thereof & after Such inspection peaceably to returne

And The sd William Davison and John Wilkinson for themselves their heires Execrs & Admins & every of them doe Jointly & Severally Covenant & Agree to & with the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs Admins & Assignes by thse pr.sents in manner & forme following (that is to say) That he the sd William Ramsay his Execrs Admins & Assignes <duly> & <truely> performeing all the Covenants Clauses Provisoos & Agreemts. herein contained on his or their parte <to> be performed Shall & may dureing all the sd. term of nineteen years if the sd. Sr. William Blackett Elizabeth Blackett & Frances Blackett or any of them Shall Soe long live lawfully peaceably and quietly Have Hold & enjoy all the sd. Lead Mynes & pr.misses hereby letten or mentioned or intended Soe to be without the Lett Hinderance or Disturbance of them the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their or either of their Execrs or Assignes or any of them and That the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs & Assignes Shall & will take & carry away the sd. Lead Oare gott out of the demised pr.misses Soe Soon as the Same can conveniently be carried away and That they the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs & Assignes att the end of every three Months after the Lead Oar gott of the demised pr.misses is delivered to the servants of the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs & Assignes Shall & will well & truely pay or <cause> to be paid unto the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs Admins or Assignes the Sum of Twenty Shillings of Lawfull money of Great Brittain for every Bing load of the best Oare well washt & drest & fitt for Smelting that Shall be gotten out of the sd. Lead Mynes or <any> of them & <which> Shall be delivered to the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs or Assignes or to their stewards Servants or Agents as <aforesd.> <xxxxx> Sum of Tenn Shillings of like Lawfull money for every Bing load of Waist Oare or Cutting Oare well washt drest & fitt for Smelting & which Shall be delivered aforesaide each & every of the sd. Bing Loads of Lead Oare <comprising> the Great weight & to containe Sixty Four Stone comprising Fourteen pounds to <every> Stone besides the Poakes or Sacks which are not to be parte of <nor> <reckoned> <into> the sd. weight and The sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs & Assigns Shall & will alsoe according to the true <intent> & meaneing of these pr.sents discharge the <pr.misses <of> <&> from all Lott Oar Tyth Oar Rents <Taxes> & Impositions

<whatsoever> to be charged upon or <issueing> <or> payable out of the pr.misses
dureing the sd. term

provided Allwayes & it is hereby Covenanted declared & agreed upon by and between
the sd. partyes to <these> pr.sents for themselves their heirs Execrs Admins & Assignes
& every of them that the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs &
Assignes or either or any of their Servants or workemen Shall & may dureing the sd.
term have Liberty to use any of the Shafts Levells or Water Courses to be made within
the boundaryes aforesd. & att their or any of their pleasures to Drive Drift or Drifts
within or through the <sd> boundaryes for or in order to the winning or workeing any
other Lead Mynes of or belonging to the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson or
either of them their or either of their Execrs or Assignes then the sd. William Davison
& John Wilkinson their Execrs or Assignes making Such Satisfaction to the sd. William
Ramsay, his Execrs Admins or Assignes for all damage <by> them or any of them to be
done or occasioned <to> the sd. Shafts Levells Drifts or Water courses within the
demised pr.misses as by two Arbitrators the one to be named by the sd. William
Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs or Assignes the other to be named by the sd.
William Ramsay <his> Execrs Admins or Assignes Shall be thought fitt & reasonable &
paying the Same within three months next after the Same Shall be appointed to be paid
by the sd. arbitrators

provided Also & upon Condition & it is the <>true> intent & meaning of these pr.sents &
of the sd. partyes hereunto that if the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs Admins or
Assignes Shall att any time dureing the sd term desist or discontinue the winning or
workeing any of the sd Lead Mynes hereby Letten for the Space of Two Callendar
months together That then this pr.sment Demise of the sd. Lead Myne or Lead Mynes
soe <discontinued> to be won & wrought by the Space of the sd. Two Callendar
Months Shall be void And that it Shall & may be Lawfull for the sd. William Davison &
John Wilkinson their Execrs & Assignes <into> the sd. Lead Myne or Lead Mynes soe
discontinued to be wrought as aforesd. to reenter the Same to Have againe & enjoy as
in their first & former estate Anything in these pr.sents contained to the contrary
<notwithstanding> provided Alwayes & upon Condition that if the sd. William
Ramsay his Execrs Admins. & Assignes Shall faile or neglect duely to performe any of
the Covenants Clauses <or> Agreements herein contained on his or their partes to be
performed That then & in every Such case these pr.sents to be void And it Shall & may
be Lawfull to & for the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs & Assignes
into all the pr.misses above mentioned to reenter & the Same to Have againe Repossess
& enjoy as in their former estate. Anything herein contained to the contrary hereof in
any wise Notwithstanding

provided Alsoe & it is hereby further Covenanted & Agreed upon by & between the sd.
partyes to these pr.sents That if the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs
& Assignes be att any time or times dureing the continuance of this pr.sment Demise

unwilling to pay the sd. Sums of Twenty Shillings for every Bing load of the best Oare & Tenn Shillings for every Bing load of waist Oar gott out of the demised pr.misses according to the Covenants comprized in these pr.sents & thereof give notice in writing to the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs Admins or Assignes upon any day appointed by these pr.sents for the payment of the sd. Lead Ore That in Such case & as often as the Same Shall happen that the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs & assignes Shall be and continue discharged of & from the payment of the sd. Severall Sums of Twenty Shillings p[er] Bing load & Tenn Shillings p[er] Bing load untill such time as the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs or Assignes give notice that they will receive againe the Lead Oare gott out of the demised pr.misses under the Agreements aforesd

and It is further agreed by & between the sd. partyes to these pr.sents that dureing such time as the said William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs & Assignes refuse to take the sd. Lead Oare it shall be Lawfull for the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs Admins & Assignes to take the sd. Lead Oare without makeing any payment for the Same to the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs & Assignes other than the Lott Oar & Tyth Oare due out of the sd. Lead Mynes It being agreed by & between the sd. partyes to these pr.sents that dureing the said time or times the sd. Lott Oare & Tyth Oare Shall be paid to the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs and Assignes Anything in these pr.sents contained to the Contrary Notwithstanding provided Alsoe & upon Condition & it is hereby further Covenanted Declared & Agreed upon by and between the sd. partyes to these pr.sents for themselves their heires execrs Admins & Assignes & every of them that if the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs or Assignes Shall Surrender the sd. Office of Mooreman or Moormaster to the sd. Bpp of Durham or his Successor Then & in Such case this Demise of all or Singular the pr.misses Shall be void & of none effect And the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson for themselves their heires Execrs & Admins <&> <Assigns><and every of them> <doe> joyntly & Severally Covenant & Agree to & with the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs & Admins by these pr.sents That the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs or Assignes or Some of them Shall & will within the Space of Six Months after the Surrender of the Demised pr.misses By the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs Admins & Assignes to the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs or Assignes procure a New Grant of the sd. Office of Moore-master from the now Lord Bpp of Durham or his Successor to the said William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs & Assignes dureing One Two or Three lives & within Twelve Months after the sd. New Grant is procured as aforesaide the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson their Execrs and Assignes Shall execute allow Grant of the sd. Lead Mynes within the boundaryes aforesaide to the sd. William Ramsay his Execrs Admins & Assignes dureing all Such residue remainder & term of yeares as of the sd. term of nineteen yeares herein before mentioned Shall be <still> to come & unexpired & with upon & under the Covenants Provisoos & Agreements as are contained in these pr.sents and that untill Such Grant Shall be made as aforesd the sd.

William Ramsay his Execrs Admins & Assignes Shall peaceably & quietly Hold & enjoy the demised pr.misses without the Interruption of the sd. William Davison & John Wilkinson or either of them their or either of their Execrs or Assignes or <any> <cl>aimeing by from or under them or any of them In Wittness whereof the sd. partyes to these pr.sent Indentures have interchangeably Sett their hands and <seales> the day & yeare first above written Anno<xx> D<mi> 1707

[on folded outer cover:]

Lease / Mr Davison & Mr. Wilkinson

To / Mr Ramsay

Of Ireshope Leadgrove

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Febry 1707

[R is probably Joseph Richmond.]