[Most letters are signed from both Receivers but in the interests of indexing clarity the first named is given usually Nicholas Walton.]

5 Jun 1741 Thomas Fenwick to William Corbett

[Note: this is the letter referred to in a letter of 18 Aug 1741 from Walton to Corbett]

A Coppy of Mr Thomas Fenwicks Letter to Wm Corbett Esq.

Sir

As I spent some part of the summer at Hexham, nigh which a part of the Derwentwater Estate lyes, so I have observed that the Game of all kind is very much destroy'd in those Grounds; I apply'd to your agents here to recommend a person to be gamekeeper of that part of the estate near Hexham; but they said it would be better for some neighbouring Gentleman to recommend it. I therefore take the Liberty to acquaint you that 'tis a Pity the Game should be so much destroyed as it is in the liberty of that estate, and if you think it proper to licence some person as Gamekeeper, I would recommend Joseph Maughan of Hexham, who I have reason to believe is a carefull honest man; and if you should grant your Licence to him & he should misbehave in his Duty, I shall give you Notice of it. As I am a stranger to you, I would have you inform your self of my Character either here by Messrs Walton and Boag, or with you by any Gentleman that come from this part of the North. I ask pardon for this. I hope you'l favour me with an Answer directed to, Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servt.

Thos: Fenwick

Newcastle June 5th: 1741

9 Jun 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The name of the Master of the Stephen & Jane of Scarbrough differs in different handwritings in several of the following letter; sometimes Hill, sometimes Hebb of Nebb. Possibly the scribes had difficulty reading Hugh Boag's drafts.]

Ravensworth Castle. June 9 1741

Sir,

We have freighted another ship of about 200 tuns burthen to bring a loading of coales for the use of Greenwich Hospital which is now lying loaden in the River Tyne, but by reason of the impress for seamen, cannot proceed on her voyage, the Master having lost all his men. What we have therefore to desire is that you will with all convenient speed procure a Navy Protection (as we are told a common protection will

be of no use) & that you will send it to Scarbrough where the master resides. The ships name is the Stephen and Jane of Scarbrough, Mr John Hill master 200 Tunns for the Coasting Trade and your letter must be addressed to Mr John Hill in Scarbrough Yorkshire. At the same time you inclose the protection to him be pleased to signify to us your having done so. This ship is of a less size than the former, and will if the board think proper engage to bring another loading on the terms we have agreed which is 6s 6d per chalder & 2 ¼ Guineas in lieu of all port charges.

We are Sir your most Obedt. Servts.

Nicholas Walton Hugh Boag

9 Jun 1741 Hugh Boag to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle 9 June 1741

Sir

Inclosed is the parcells for 3 separate leases for Langley Castle viz. Edw Brown, George Thompson, & Matthew Brown. Each of them at £25 a year . The Reason why these parcells were not sooner sent was that they disagreed among themselves but now they have agreed, please therefore to get them filld up and sent down by the first that come.

I am for Mr Walton & Self Sr. Your Hble Servt H Boag

The P[ar]ticulars of the fields as their was no Copy of the parcells kept viz.

Shield field, Gregshield, Turffhill, Lentill hill, Castle field, The Greens, Calfe Close, Mill Haugh, Eight Acres, Eleven Acres,Two Acres, East[horse] Reines, Easthay field, Westhay field, The Hagg, Hagghill, and West[horse] Reines. The s[ai]d one third part thereof for each containing by estimation one Hundred forty one acres, 3 roods & 33 perches be the same more or less All which sd premises are scituate lying and being at Langley Castle aforesd. In the parish of Netherwarden Chapplery of Haydon bridge & County of Northumberland.

Each of them to be bound to grind at Woodhall Mill. The Rent £25 a year each & for 21 years from Mayday 1737

23 Jun 1741 Hugh Boag to William Radley

To Mr Wm Radley, Atorney at Law, Greenwich

Ravensworth Castle , June 23d. 1741

Sir

I rec[eive]d you favour of 13th inst. And have inclosed the Draft of Brokenheugh Colliery which I hope will come safe.

As to the Woods cannot tell what to say we have used our Endevour to Spirit up the bidders, but whether any more will be bid or not we are not certaion but hope their will and to be sure the longer they are kept open we have the better chance, so as it but consist wth the Rules of the Court.

I have never heard anything of one Stephen Elteringham & Ptners bidding for the Northum[berlan]d Woods. He promised to bidd and had prepard £500 to lodge as the Court directed. I was told that the same person that employed Mr Hall to bidd for the Comberland Woods would bidd more against the [Speelding], pray inform us if he has.

The Lease for Throckley Coll[ier]y I mean the Draft will come to your hand by Next post thinking the Inclosed & it would be to[o] bulkey at one time. I am for Mr Walton & Self,

Sr Your very Hble Servt

Hugh Boag

PS Can any Court confine these Ten[an]ts that Refuse to sine their Leases as they are under Nothing but a verball contract besides its my opinion these that Refuse the Termes will let for as much & perhaps more.

30 Jun 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle, June 30th 1741

Sir

Herewith we send you the Invoice of [61] Newcastle chalders of coales ship'd on board of the Stephen and Jane of Scarbrough Captn Hill Master amounting to £46. 3. 7 ½ and we likewise inclose you the bill of Loading & Charter party. The ship saild on Friday last and we hope will be safe wth you at or about the time which this reaches your hands and we doubt not but the coales will be to content, being the same sort of which the former quant[it]y was. If the Board Incline to have any more they will be pleased to give us their Early Commands, as this is the proper season of the year to serve you dry good Coales, & as we Apprehend Mr Hill will Engage for the Season if you determine to Imploy him it would be proper to give him a flagg to Secure him against a Press.

In obedience to the board's Commands of the 26 May last we have made what Enquiry we can as to the Character & Circumstances of Mr Jas Mason (who proposes to make a Tryal for Lead Ore in the Derwentwater Estate) & cannot find any person that personaly knows him or his Substance. He is Supposed to belong to the London Company of Mine Adventurers & if so we believe there is no hazard but they will make a Sufficient Tryal; & as to any Dues wch may arise to the Hosptl. the Board runs no risqué therein as they are paid upon the Spott before the removal. It is certainly right to grant him a Lease as the more Adventurers you have, the more profits will most probably arise to the Hospital.

The Execu[tors] of Coll. Liddell have applied to us for the Jack note of 4 unopen mines, which he applied for in his Lifetime, & we Apprehend you will hear from Some of them this or the next post. The Jacknote was we think Settled & the dues fixed at one fifth Share to the Hospital.

Altho' we have mentioned the Charter party to be sent as above, we find Mr [Arras] & the Master enterd only into one which he is to show a […] Delivery by which you are to be governdas to the Fraight &c

We are yrs etc Walton & Boag

30 Jun 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle June 30th, 1741

Sir

Herewith you will receive the draught of Throckley Colliery Lease which Mr Browell has Examined & Alterd into Such a Shape as he will sign it and in no Other. The words which are Scored under being to be left out, and those marked to be in lieu thereof, both with red ink. You will please (before this is Ingrossed) to lay it before the Board for their Concurrance, and the Sonner it is dispatched the better with regard to the Int[erest] of the Hospl.

Sir Yours &c Walton & Boag

Newcastle June 9th 1741

Invoice of a Cargo of Coales Ship'd by Order of Messrs Walton & Boag on board the Stephen & Jane of Scarbrough, & Consign'd to William Corbett Esqr. at Greenwich vizt.

61 Chal of Main Team Coale at 12s	£36 12 0
Putting on board at 1s8d	5 01 8
Duke of Richmonds Duty at 12d	3 01 6
Duty to the Town at 5d	1 05 5
Charter party	2 0
Bills of Loading	1 0 1/2
	£46 3 7 1/2

Ravensworth Castle June 30 1741 Errors Excepted Nicho' Walton Hugh Boag

10 Jul 1741 Hugh Boag to James Wood

Ravensworth Castle July 10, 1741

To Mr Jas Wood

Sir

Inclosed is a bill upon William Bell Esq. for £46.3.7 ½ the Value of the Last Loading od Coales payable 14 days after date, which please to receive on Accot. of the Rents of the Derwentwater Estate. Please Also to Acknowledge the rct.of the Bill. I am for Mr Walton & myself

Sir Your &c

Hugh Boag

PS We made it payable 14 days after date as its some time since we paid for the Coales & hope it will be no Inconvenience.

Ravensworth Castle, July 16th 1741

Sir Fourteen days after date pray pay Mr William Wood or his Order Forty Six pounds three shillings & sevenpence halfpenny for Value in a Loading of Coales Shipped in the Stephen & Jane of Scarbrough for the use of Greenwich Hospital and place it to Acct. as Advised by Sir your most Hble Servt Hugh Boag

To William Bell Esqr. at Greenwich near London

10 Jul 1741 Hugh Boag to William Bell

To William Bell Esqr. Ravensworth Castle July 10, 1741

Sir

We sent Mr Corbett the Invoice of the last Loading of Coales on board of the Stephen & jane of Scarbrough, Mr John Hebb Marster amounting to £46.3.7 ½ which we hope you have received in this; We have this day taken the liberty to draw upon you at 14 days date for that Sum payable to Mr James Wood on Accot. Of the Rents of the Derwentwater Estates. I am for Mr Walton & myself

Sir your &c

Hugh Boag

10 Jul 1741 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle July 10, 1741

Sir

Inclosed is our Cash Acct. for Last Month by which you will Please to Observe there is a Balance due from us to the Hospital of £510.16.10. We have this day sent Mr Wood a bill on Mr Bell for the last Loading of Coales amounting to £46.3.7 ½ payable 14 days after date on Acct. of the Rents of the Derwentwater Estate.

We have recd. The Boards Minutes of the 1st July Inst & that […] Observe their order & give them Ansr. As Soon as we can Justly Learn if Characters of the Persons they Mention. I am for Mr Walton and myself Sr Your &c

Hugh Boag

PS You shall have in a [post] or two Mr Fenwick's Letter returnd (he is a Corn mercht. In Newcastle) as to Maughan we know Little of him as yet.

11 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to Abraham Bunting

To Mr Bunting Ravensworth Castle July 11.1741

Sir

One Mr James Scott of High Shaws in the Parish of Haltwhistle has made a proposal to Take a Lead Mine calld Burchybank in the Parish of Nether Warden at One fifth duty, but the Directors being unacquainted with his Character & Circumstances, have Orderd us to Inform them in that Pticular. I desire you will therefore on rect. of this make the necessary Enquiry and give me your Answer as Speedily as you can. Pray tell Mr Chrisop that we would be glad to See him in order to talk over what libertys may be necessary to grant him wth regard to damage of Ground &c to Tennants Suppose he should be Confirmd in the purchase of the Derwentwater Woods, & this I should be glad of doing with him some morning the next week at this place.

I am Yrs &c

Nich. Walton

11 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Ridley

To Mr John Ridley Ravensworth Castle July 11. 1741

We have taken a great deal of pains to find out the Articles by wch it shou'd Appear you are Entitled to an Allowance of Timber in regard the bargain you bought was a hard one, and after all we can find no Such Article. If therefore you cannot come at it

you will Certainly have no manner of Allowance on that Acct. By a friend of Ours we have had an Application made to Mr Coulson of Jesmond, who has look'd over all his papers and finds nothing but the Article for Harsondale Timber. This therefore comes to Acquaint you that unless you can procure the Article by which it shall Appear you are Entitled, we Cannot possibly give you redress. I am for Mr Boag & Self

Sir Yours &c

Nich. Walton

PS Pray give us your Ansr. as soonas you possibly can.

11 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Watson

To John Watson Esqr. Ravensworth Castle July 11. 1741

Sir

The Rents which are Undermentioned are containd in the Rentall Returnd by youy to the Treasury, of which No return of Arrears were made, so that we do not in the least dispute, but during your Receivership they were regularly paid. Since We have been Concerned the payment of them have been disputed so that without bringing Actions as the Law directs those Rents cannot be recover'd. What I have therefore (by direction of our Board) to desire is that you wou'd be pleased to Examine how and in what Manner those Rents have been received by you, and that you wou'd inform me thereof as in the probability that may put an End to any Suits which may otherwise be Commenced on that Acct. Your Speedy Ansr. Hereto will much Oblige him who is for Mr Boag & Self

Sir Yours &c Nicho. Walton

In what Estate	Farmes &c	Persons Names	Rent Annualy
Wark and Ellrington	Howden Meadows	Wm Charleton of Reedsmouth Esq.	0 – 6 – 8
	Nabb Billingham &c	Allen Billingham	1 – 0 – 0
	Willimonswick	Sir Ed Blackett Bnt	0 -18 – 1
	[Hundresh] house	Ditto	6 - 8
	Line [Crops]	Ditto	6 – 8
Alston Moor Manr.	Crookburn Moor	Mr Richardson & Ptns	17 - 0

11 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Snow

[Note: A later letter shows that this remittance was handled by Thomas Snow]

To Messrs Pollock & Snow Ravensworth Castle July 11. 1741

Gent.

The want of an opportunity to get bills payable in London has been the occasion of the Int[erest]: due at last Ladyday to the heirs of Dr Chamberlain being unpaid longer than it shou'd have been, & now it is wth great Inconvenience that I send you my Bill on Mr Ben. Skutt for it, as above. You will please to Acknowledge the Rect. of it by return of the Post & send me a proper Voucher for the years Int. due at last Ladyday. I am for Mr Boag & Self

Sirs Yours &c

Nich. Walton

Ravensworth Castle July 11. 1741
Dear Sirs Twenty Eight days after date pray pay Messrs Pollock & Snow or Order Two hundred & Thirty Seven pounds Twelve shillings, value recd. And place it to Acct. as advised by Sr Your most Hble Servt. Nichos. Walton
To Mr Benjamin Skutt in Kings Street St Anns, London

11 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to Mannock Strickland

To Mr Manock Strickland Ravensworth Castle July 11. 1741

Sir,

Above is my bill on Mr Benjamin Skutt for Ninety Nine pounds which pray Acknowledge the Rect. of after you have got it Accepted & return me a proper Rect. for the Years Annuity due at last Ladyday to Lady Cathrine Radcliffe. The Certificate of the Lady's being alive you will please to Shew Mr Skutt when you tender the bill to him for Acceptance, and when he pays you the money deliver him it up. I will give an ansr. to that part of your Letter relating to the Tythe you mention in a few days & I am for Mr Boag & Self Sir

Yours &c

Nich. Walton

Ravensworth Castle July 11. 1741
Dear Sir Twenty eight days after date pray pay Mr Mannick Strakland or his order Ninety Nine pounds (on his procuring and delivering you up a proper Testemonial of

Lady Cathrine Radcliffs being alive at last Lady day) And place it to Acct as Advised by Sir Your most Hble Servt. Nich. Walton
To Mr Benjamin Skutt in Kings Street St. Anns, London

11 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle July 11. 1741

Sir

In Obedience to the Boards order of the 29 Apr. last, we have made Enquiry into the Hardships of Thomas Stephenson the Tennant of <Hartside> Colliery which we find to be comprehended in Sinking Shafts Driving Levells and Cutting a dike three times over. He has produced to us an acct. thereof which we send you Inclosed: As to the Certainty of the Expense we cannot Exactly Judge, Altho' from the Appearance of the work which has been done it cannot we think be much Short of what he represents it to be. The Col.y. was not in a good Condition when he last took but as that was in part owing to himself (who had been in possession for many years) he would not have had a Claim justly to any Allowance had not a want of men in that place <moved or back> obliged him to goe into a new Winning in a fresh one. The Colliery you will please to observe was advanced £3 a year which by the new winning will we hope be Continued during the Lease of 21 years, & as without that winning the whole must have been lost, we think it may be reasonable to make an Allowance , Altho' not so large a one as he demanded. Mr Stephenson is a man of very good Character & a reasonable one from which, if the Board Approve it, we wou'd hope to Content him with about £50 or £60 if they think proper to leave it to us, we wou'd do our best or otherwise pursue what other Method they shall please to direct, to make an end of this demand.

By the Boards Minute of the 1st July Inst. We are Ordered to se[e] that the money due from Ralph Readhead for waist committed in the Derwentwater Woods, be remitted to the Treasurer of the Hospital & that we acquaint the Board when that is done. In Ansr. to which we beg leave to [….] an Acct. of the Exact Sum we are to demand of him for waist & charge if the Latter be to be paid by him, as we have no other acct. save that of its being said in the sd Minute of the 1st July, that the sum for Waist is £45.. odd money.

We cannot tell what to say with regard to the Bidding of the Derwentwater Woods, as Stephen Eltringham & ptners have not made an offer. They assar'd us they would give £5000 for those in Northumberland , in that they have not made that offer we are Apprehensive there is an understanding between them & the Person Mr Denton bidds for. As no confirmation can be till the first day of net Terme we will use our Endeavours to come at the truth of this Combination and to [crack] their measures if we can possibly, and of what Steps we take you shall be Acquainted from time to time. Mr Radley has wrote to know what liberties may be proper to grant to the parchasers

of these woods , which we will in a post or two settle according to the Custom of this Country in such cases & send it to him.

This day we have remitted the Int[erest] due to the Heirs of Dr Chamberlain at Last Lady day, and also the Annuity due then to Lady Kath Radcliffe to Mr Mannock Strickland. Mr Strickland desires to know if the Tythe of Dilstone and Lorbottle be assigned to us by the late Rec[eiver]s to which we have given for Ansr. that he shall hear further from us on that head afterwards. Please to acquaint the Board with this and that the Assignment has been made to us of these Tythes, After which please to let us know what Ans we are to give to Mr Strickland.

We have given directions to make a quantity of Coales already sent up to London Cha[rs] or as near as can be in small vessells for the use of the Hospital & this week we hope to load one vessel & we are, Sr

Yours &c
Walton & Boag

The unforeseen Expense not mentioning the common expense of Thomas Stephenson of Cross lands in Alstonmoor in Carrying on the Colliery of Heartside mentioned in a Certain Petition from the sd Thomas Stephenson to the Honble the Governours of his Majestys Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich.

Expenses of Sinking two new shafts	£50
Driving the Levells up to the Old Mans forehead	35
Cutting a main dike three times over	17 3 6
	£102 3 6

More expences which I shall be at in Sinking shafts &c and making a Pavement for Cart and Carriage to the sd shaft or Pitts	£35
	£137 3 6

11 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

Ravensworth Castle July 11. 1741

Sir

We recd. Yours of the 23d June last & also that of the 7 July for both which we beg a <tender> of our hearty thanks. We were very heartily concerned for Poor Mr Mauls Accusation, but we do not question his being Acquitted with Honr, he is in our Oppinion a very honest man, and it is hard he should be Accused for an Act of Inadvertancy; which it must have been if he has done any thing amiss. Pray let us know how the Affair Ended as it will give us great pleasure to hear he was Acquitted with Hon[ou]r.

Of late we have not realy had it in our power to get bills as you will Observe by the balance in our hands otherwise the Int[erest] due to the Heirs of Dr Chamberlaain wou'd have been Sooner paid.We have this day remitted it to them, as we have done the annuity of Lady Kath Radcliff both due at last Lady day, & for the Intimation you have given us we beg leave to return you our hearty thanks; & with our Comp[limen]ts to your family & to all friends at Greenwich &c we are Dr Sr

Yours &c Walton & Boag

11 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

Ravensworth Castle July 11. 1741

Sir

Herewith we send you Mr Wranghams State of the Proceedings in the Suite about the Tyths of East Thornton now demanded by the Vicar of Hartburn with a Coppy of Our Letter to the board sent therewith. & which must be now in their hands. We can give you no further Information having not been Able to make it Appear if 2s 6d was in Lieu of all small tyths, but only for half.

In ours of the 30 June last you shd. have recd. the draught of the Lease of Throckley Colliery. But we find it was omitted putting under your Cover & did not discover before yesterday. What Information we can give you with regard to the Den[…] woods you will have in a post or two & we are

Yrs &c Walton & Boag

11 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to Francis Woodhouse

To Mr Woodhouse Ravensworth Castle July 11. 1741

Dear Sir

We are extreamely obliged to you for the Care you have taken of despatching <our quarterly acct>, which by yours of the 2d Inst we hope are d[elivere]d to Mr Maule, who we doubt not will forward them to us. The Acct. ending the 30 June last is preparing and will in a months time or less come before our board & Consequently soon after under your <care>. Please to Acquaint Mr Hunter therewith & that as soon as we hear from Mr Maule the paymt of the Fee shall be remitted to him, <& assume> Mr Hunter will receive them. We are much obliged to you all and give us leave to say we are,

Dear Sir

Yours &c Walton & Boag

17 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq Ravensworth Castle July 17 1741

Sir

We have only now to advise you that we sometime agoe advertised the sale of the leda ore dues raised & to be raised within the Derwent.r Estates from Mich last to Mich next for which we have no offers from any persons but the Exec.rs of George Liddell Esqr & ptners wth whom we have agreed at 45s for bouse & 40s for Cutting Ore p Bing wch we hope the Board will approve of. You will observe so that this price is under the former prices which we sold at but the apprehension of a French Warr wch will affect the price of lead is the occasion of it and we are

Sr your most Obed & H.ble Servts

N Walton H Boag

19 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq Ravensworth Castle July 1 1741

Sir

Inclosed herein we send you our contingent cct for the last three months which pray lay before the Board for their concurrence. Out acco.t to the 1st May last is very near Ready & will soon be sen you by

Sr yours &c

N Walton H Boag

An Accot. of the Contingent payments made on accot. of the Derwentwater Estate from 1 apl 1741 to the 30 June 1741

1741 April 9th	Pd Mr Richd Dobson a Moiety of the Expence of Reapairing the Midford Choir		0 – 02 – 9
	Pd Geo Liddell what he paid Robt Robson for Building a stone Stair Case to a Granery in Meldon Park		1 – 10 – 6
	Pd James Thompson ½ a yrs allowamce for coals for Dilston Hall due March 1740 15 fothers at 3d		2 – 05 – 0
	Pd John Stokoe ½ a yrs spoyles of Ground in Dilston Park by the Tyle garth due March 1740		1 – 00 – 0
	Pd Geo.Willy Senr & jun for Leading Matirealls to Build & Repair Houses at Whittonstall in 1740 viz		
	8 Fothers of Lime at 2/6 & 21 of Bricks & Tyles at 3d	4 – 03 – 0	
	108 deals & 101 ½ feet of timber at 1d	17 – 5 ½	
	239 Fothers of stones at 6d & 11 of Slates & Flaggs at 1d	6 – 10 – 6	

	13 Do. of Morter at 2d, 20 of sand at 4d	0 - 08 – 10	
	2 Do. of Coals at 8d 64 of Levelling stones at 2d and 9 of paving stones at 3d	0 - 14 – 3	
		12 –14 – ½	
	Geo: Willeyn Senrs farm	3 – 16 – 6	
	9 Fothers of Lime at 2/6 18 of Bricks & Tyles at 8d	1 – 02 – 3	
	122 Deals and 145 foot Timber at 1d	5 – 12 – 6	
	208 Fothers of Stones at 6d, 8 at 3d & 39 at 2d		
	9 Fothers of Slates & flaggs at 1s, 14 Morter at 2d and 27 at 4d	1 – 00 - 4	
	2 Fothers of Coals for a Barn floor	0 - 1 – 4	
		11 –12 -11	
	Deduct ¼ pt. which they allow by Agreement	24-06-11 ½ 6-01- 9	18 –5 – 2 ½
	Pd Thos Humble for Do. upon his farm at Do. 1740 viz-		
	5 Fothers of Tyles at 3s, 4 Lime at 2/6 hair & laths 8d	1 – 05 – 8	
	86 Do. of Stones at 6d, 16 at 4d and 13 at 3d, 3o at 2d and 12 of Morter at 2d	2 – 17 – 7	
	7 Do. Slates and Flaggs at 1s and Sand at 4d	0 - 9 – 8	
	50 foot of Timber and 40 Deals at 1d	0 - 7 – 6	
		5 – 00 – 5	
	Deduct ¼ pt. which he Allows by Agreement	1 – 05 – 1 ¼	3 –15 – 3 ¾
	Pd Wm Fowler for 3 days Lead[in]g Stones 7s6d 2 fothers of Lime 5s and 1 fother of Tyles 3s to build a Bakehouse at Whittle		0 - 15 - 6
	Pd Thos [Laid] for Leading a Fother of Lime Lime[sic] 3s, 3 of Bricks Tyles 7s6d, 3 days Stones 7s6d to Housing &c at Whittle also Coggs Round and Tools to the Mill 2s6d		1 – 00- 6
	Pd Jno. Saleter for Leading Metireals to Repair Houses upon his farm at Whittle viz:		
	6 fothers Slates 5 Tyles 2 Bricks & 4 of Wood & Deals 2s6d		
	5 days Stones & sand at 2s6d also 4 ½ fothers of Lime 2s and 4 fothers 10s	2 – 00 – 0	
		1 – 09 – 6	3 – 09 - 6
Apr 10th	Pd John Reynoldson for Leading Matireall to build and Repair houses &c upon his farme at Newlands in 1740 viz:		
	112 foor of Timber and 125 Deals at 1d per	0 - 19 – 9	
	18 Fothers of Lime at 2s6d & 13 of Bricks & Tyles at 3s	4 – 04 – 0	
	19 D. of Flaggs at 18, 120 of Sand & Morter at 4d & 642		

Stones at 3d	11- 09 - 0	
7 Do. of Chimney Stones at 6d, 4 Coals at 2s8d & 10 of wood 2d	0 – 08 – 2	
	17- 00 – 11	
Deduct ¼ pt. which he allows by Agreement	4 – 05 – 4	
		12 -15 – 8
Pd Robt. Johnson Expence holding Newlands Court in October last which he Disbursed	0 – 16 – 0	
Pd Do. for publishing the sale of Corfe Roods	0 - 00 - 6	
		0 - 16 – 6

Pd Severall persons for marking Woods in the Countys of Northumd Cumberd in March 1739 and July August & September 1740 as follows viz:

	Cumd days	Northd days	Total days	Wages	
Ambros Hopper	23	52	75	7s6d	28 – 02 – 6
Robt Johnson		31	31	5s	7 – 15 – 0
Abram Bunting	24	29	53	5s	5 – 13 – 5
Thos Parker	22	39	61	5s	5 – 15 – 5
Edwd Oxley		40	40	2s 6d	5 – 00 – 0
Robt Bunting		16	16	1s 6d	1 – 04 – 0
William Ramsey		6	6	7s 6d	2 – 05 – 0
Gilbt Labourn		23	23	2s 6d	2 – 17 – 6
Thos Pattison		8	8	1s 6d	0 – 12 – 0
John Armstrong		8	8	1s	0 – 08 – 0
Robt Martinson		1 ½	1 ½	1s	0 – 01 – 6
Thomas Taylor		9	9	2s 6d	1 – 02 – 6
Thos Brimmar		9	9	2s 6d	1 – 02 – 6
Isaac Todd	16		16	2s 6d	2 – 00 – 0
Joseph Pearson	16		16	2s 6d	2 – 00 – 0
Thos Gateskill	16		16	1s 6d	1 – 04 – 0

Out of which Deduct	34 – 04 – 6	
A payment made		
Ambros Hopper	15 – 00 – 0	
Do. Isaac Todd	2 – 00 – 0	
Do. Thos Gateskill	1 – 04 – 0	
	18 – 04 - 0	66 – 00 - 6

April 17 Pd Mary Walker the Expence of holding Thornthwaite Court this day at her House at <Slackbrea> 1 – 03 – 4

18 Pd Mr Joseph Pearson for Repairing Keswick Mill Dam &c damaged by the floods viz:

	Jake Wilson for Straw to stop the breach	0 – 07 – 0	
	Jos Dawson & Jno Ladyman for Lay boards	0 – 09 – 9	
	Jos Dawson & others for 35 days works	1 – 15 – 2	
	For Moss	0 – 01 – 0	
	John Wilson for Leading wood	0 – 03 – 0	
	Edwd Nicholson for Smith	0 – 11 – 1	
		3 – 06 - 10	
	Repairing a Shop at Keswick		
	Jno Sanderson for sawing 86 foot of timbr	0 – 02 – 0	
	Jno Ladyman for making a Door & Window	0 – 05 – 2	
	Edwd Nicholson for Iron works	0 – 06 – 3	
		0 – 13 – 5	
	Pd Thos Wilson for Repairing the highways Castlerig	0 – 13 – 6	
			4 – 13 – 9
	Pd Mr Jno Grave for the Entertainment of the Court keeper Recvr, Bailiffs & Freeholders at his house the day Keswick Court was held the 16 Inst		2 – 19 – 6
30th	Pd Cuth. Wilkinson for Waterage of Timber from New[castle] to Newborn where it was Loaded upon carryages & carried to the following places viz:		
	Newland	1 – 05 – 5	
	Whittonstall	0 – 04 – 8	
	Langley Barroney	0 – 11 – 0	
			2 – 01 – 1
May 2nd	Pd Wm Prudah for 16 Thraves of Straw at 9d had of him & used in thatching at Hartburn grainge before the Gen[eral] Repair		0 – 12 – 0
	Pd Do. for Rebuild[ing] 27 Roods of Meldon park wall that had fallen down & pt of it been driven down by flood at 2s 4d		3 – 03 – 0
June 5th	Pd Geo Liddell for dividing the East half of Hartburn grainge wch he pd the following persons viz – an agreemt at Lett[ing] the farm		
	James Hepple & Ptners for mak[ing] 58 Rood hedge at 6d	1 – 09 – 0	
	Jno Scott for making 54 Do. at 4d	0 – 18 – 0	
	Jno Robson & Ptners for making 30 Do. at 6d	0 – 15 – 0	

Jno Hall & Ptners for making 45 Do. at 10d	1 – 17 – 6	
Robt Robson for making 20 Do. at 13d	1 – 01 – 8	
2 Gates	0 – 05 – 0	
		6 – 06 – 2
Pd Thos Dixon what he pd for Country Letters & Papers from 30th June 1740 to the 30 June 1741		1 – 02 – 7
Total		133–18–4½

20 Jul 1741 Charles Busby to Nicholas Walton

[Note: This is the letter referred to in the letter of 25th July from Walton & Boag to Corbett]

Mr Busbies to Messrs Walton & Boag Corbridge July 20, 1741

Sirs

I Received yours of the 11 Inst. & tho the places therein and here under mentioned were returnd me by Mr Errington my Predecessor in his Rentall yet for the 4 Years of my Recvrship I never Recd any rent for them; nor do I believe Mr Errington ever recd any of them because he writ to each place that that rent was never paid, for which reason I gave my self no trouble about them. I am, Sr Yours&c

Chas Busbie

Howdon Medows	£ 0. 6.8
Nabb Bellingham etc	1. 0.0
Hundrish house	0. 6.8
Williomsweek	0.18.1
Lena Cross	0. 6.8
Crookburn moor	17.6 3/4 is only 17s

25 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Snow

Recd July 16, 1741 of Messrss Walton and Boag Two Hundred & Forty pounds for two Years Interest on Three Thousand pounds due out of the Derwentwater Estate, to the Heirs of Dr Hugh Chamberlane at lady day last past for whose use & by whose order I say recd the sais £240 by me.

To Mr Thos Snow Ravensworth Castle July 25, 1741

Sir

I recd. yours of the 16 Inst acknowledging the rect. of my bill on Mr Benjamin Skutt for Two hundred Thirty seven Pounds twelve shillings, but as you say it is in full together with what you Suppose is for the Remittance it is not a proper Voucher to us. I must desire therefore you will Sign the above & send me it by returne of the Post & youll very much oblige

Sr Your most Hble Servt

Nich. Walton

25 Jul 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: refers to letter of 20th July from Busby to Walton & Boag]

To Willm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle July 25, 1741

Sir

We reced yours with the Boards Minutes of the 15 July Inst. which we duly observe, & with regard to the Petition of the Hexhamshire Tennants for Repaire of their Chappell, we have given direction to proper persons to gett us a valluation of the Severall Gents Estates within the Chappellry together with their Contributions to this work & as soon as that comes to our hands we will transmit you a State of the Affair in Obedience to the boards Commands.

We have agreed with two Ships who are we believe both Loaden with Coales for the use of the Hospital and one of them is we Apprehend Sailed of which Loading I send you the Invoice; Bill of Loading & Charter Partie. You will be pleased to observe we have been obliged to give a Larger Fraight than we did to the Other Ships, by reason of the advance Wages which the Press obliges the Masters to pay the Sailors. The Invoice of the Loading Amounts to £48.10.4 ½ for which we will draw upon Mr Bot together with the other Loading as soon as the Ship Sails.

Some time agoe the Board were plaeed to Order that we shd make Enquiry whether any of the Fee Farm Rents or the Rent of CrookburnMoor which the Tennants now refuse to pay were ever paid by the Derwentwater family; & in pursuance of their directive wrote to the late Receivers Mr Busbie who Received the Rents before the Estate became vested in the Crown, as also Mr Watson the late Receiver, and Inclosed we send you Mr Busbies Ans[we]r, to which we beg leave to Refer. Mr Watsons Ansr we have not received, but as Soon as we doe it shall be transmitted to you by, Sir

Yours &c Nicholas Walton, Hugh Boag

Newcastle July 22d, 1741
Invoice of a Cargo of Coales Ship'd by Order of Messrs Walton & Boag on Board the Richd & jane of Scarbro': Isa. Moorson Master and Consign'd to William Corbett Esqr. Vizt:

64 Cha[lde]rs of Team Coales at 12	£38 8 0
8 Keeldues at 13s 4d	5 6 8
Duke of Richmonds Duty	3 4 6
Towns duty	1 6 8
Charter Partie	3 6
Bills of Loading1.	1 1/2
	£48 10 4 1/2

3 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr James Wood Ravensworth Castle Augt. 3d 1741

Sir
As above we send you on Bill on Wm Bell Esqr for one Hundred & three pounds one shilling & five pence on Accot. of the Rents & Profitts of the Derwentwater Estate wch acknowledge the Recet. Of & youll oblige.
Dr Sr your most Hble Servts
Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

Ravensworth Castle August 3d 1741
Sr Ten days after date pray pay Mr jas Wood or his Order One Hundred and three pounds one shilling & five pence for value in two Loadings of Coals for the use of Greenwich Hospitall & place it to Accot. as advised by Sr Your most Hble Srvt. Nichos. Walton, Hugh Boag
To Wm Bell Esqr at Greenwich near London

3 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Contains attached letter from Chester & Hetherington.]

To Wm Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle 3d Augt. 3d [sic] 1741

Sir
Herewith we send you the Bill of Loading Charter Party Invoice of 72 Char. Of Coals Newcastle Measure amounting to £54.11.1/2 shiped on Board of the Submission of Scarbrough Richard Sisson Mastr which we hope will come safe to hand. We have

this day drawn on Wm. Bell Esqr. for the value of this and the former Loading amounting to £103.1.5 which we have sent into the hand of the Deputy Treasurrer Mr Wood on Accot. of the Rents & Profittsof the Derwentwater Estate.

We likewise send you Mr Stephenson the Moor Masters quarterly Acct. to Midsumr. last, of Oare Raised in the Quarter & Severall mines unwrought. And Inclosed also is a proposal from John Chester & Robt Hetherington (which is just come to our hands altho' dated 14th June last) to take a tack note of a veine called Rampeple head at one fifth duty. They are common workmen & not able to lay out much in tryalls but as they have other Ptners we think they may make a sufficient one. James Scott who you wrote to us about before as to his Character we have inquired after, and find him a common workman Also but as he as well as John Chester & Ptners may make some advantageous discovery we think it is advisable for the Director to grant to both & we are

Sir Yrs &c

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

Newcastle July 27 1741

Invoice of a Loading of coles ship'd on board the Sumission of Scarbr Mr Rich.Sisson Master by order of Messrs Walton & Boag & consined to Wm Corbett Esqr. Viz –

72 Chars. Of Main Team coals at 12s	£43. 4.0
9 Keel dues at 13s 4d	6.00.0
Duke of Richmonds duty	3.12.6
Town Duty	1.16.0
Charter Party	3.6
Bills of Loading	1.0 1/2
	£54.11.0 1/2

John Chester & Rt. Hetherington to Messrs W & B Heseleywill June 24 1741

Gent.

We being desirous of taking on tack note for one year a Lease length of a Mine or Veine of Lead ore called Rampeple Head nigh Kellophead to be measured out on whole ground where no other of Lease of tack note has been formerly taken & are willing to pay one fifth Duty to the proprieters theirof, We desire youll please to favour us with your Speedy ansr. & youll verry much oblige Gent

Your Hble Serts

John Chester Robt. Hetherington

[The quarterly account referred to can be found, with others, in the spreadsheet entitled 'TNA 66 107 Alston Moor lead dues tables' available to download from The National Archives page elsewhere in this website]

3 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Radley Ravensworth Castle Augt 3d 1741

Sir

In answer to your Letter in regard to the Libertys which may be proper to grant the purchasers of Derwentwater woods we are of Oppinion the purchasers ought to be exempted from the Damages which may arise to the Tennants upon whose ground the Woods Stand & Grow; only they re to be restraind from Cutting any wood at such times as their shall be Crops of Corne browing where the Woods is interpresd amongst it & in such Cases the Tennants or Rec[eivers] to Direct the Cutting those woods which are so Circumstanced in subsequent Year when the grounds are in fallow.

That the purchasers shall be restraind to usual Carrageways in all such of the Hospitalls lands as they shall have occation to pass over other then the severall Inclosures or grounds upon which the timber is growing . And in such places as the Woods are growing Convenient ways to be sett out by persons indiferently chosen, so as to prevent unn[ec]assary Damages by passing thro' Meadows or Corn.

The purchasers to have Liberty of Burning Charcoal upon the premises where the woods grow, but where it can conveniently be done to oblige themselves to burn upon the joyning Commons as shall be judged reasonable by Indifferent Psons and they are not to be sufferd to burn upon Meadow or Corn land.

These we think are all the Covenants which are ne[ce]ssary except the Comon ones wth regard to the payments of the Money the time of cutting &c but if it is thought proper we would be glad to see the draught of the Articles before it is ingrossd. & we are

Sir your &c

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

3 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr Maule Ravensworth Castle Augt 3d 1741

Sir

We have the favour of yours of the 29 July last Inclosing our two Quarters Ending the 30 June 1739 & the 3d June 1740 for wch we beg a return of our most hearty thanks & Inclosed herin we send you a bill on Mr Skutt for the £49.12.1 ½ you have been so kind as Pay the Auditers to whome pray at your first opportunity present our Complimts for the Dispatch he has been so kind as give to the accot.

We have made up our Accot. & had it finished before your Letter came to hand to the 30th Apr 1741 both as to Rents & {Receivings] payments but we find that it were

attended with an inconvenience which we did not before foresee so that we are making it over again to End at the 30 Apr 1741 as to the Rents Issues and profitts but the Receivings & payments we bring forward as usual to the 30 June. There is two or three things which make it appear to us Nesessary to have it end at those times. First as to the Rents Issues & Profitts ending 30 Apr 1741 we shall by that means in future have to doe only with one Rentall & as to the Rec[eivings] & payments being brought on to the 30 of June 1741 it is proper on Accot. of our Contingent Accot. which ends then & to which we refer as voucher. And besides as the 30 Apr is so near our Great rec[eip]t of the Rents we have not time to make remittances so that it would never appear at settleing on accot. that we had less then £1800 or £2000 in our hands. And the Auditors Fees would also be [altere] as in the last accot. they are paid up to the 30 of June.

These Considerations have Induced us to make out the Accot. as above, which we will ready to send as soon as you present our Contingt. Accot. to the Board & we hope the Method it is in will be Satisfactory to Mr Hunter Yourself & the Rest of Gents. Concernd in it & wth Complmts to your <fireside> & to all our good friend at Greenwich & Broad Street

Dr Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

3 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Bell

To William Bell Esqr Ravensworth Castle Augt 3d 1741

Sir

We have this day drawn a bill upon you payable to Mr James Wood for One Hundred & three pounds one shilling & fivepence the amount of the two Loading of Coales as per Invoice sent William Corbett Esqr. we hope the Coals will come to your satisfaction & doubt not but you will give due Honr. to our Bill and we are Sir

Yours &c

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

11 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Augt 11 1741

Sir

We reced. Yours with the boards minutes of the 5th of August Inst & that of the Generall Court of the 7th May preceeding which we have A due Regard to, and in answer to that part of the Minutes of the 5th Inst we begg leave to Inclose you the advertisement of the lead ore dues which was Inserted in the Newcastle Journall three weeks the first of which of the 9th May last. The proper time of the year for advertising

is the begining of May in each year, and the Dues shoud be sold at or about Midsummer as that is the dry season and the only proper time of the year for carriage to the Smelting Mills. The advertisement of these dues was done this year in the usuall way and as often as has been customary and you may be pleased to Observe we have not been precipitate in the sale as we only agreed wth the Exec[uto]rs of Colonel Liddell the 14 July last. We will for the future observe the Boards direction as to this affair.

As the Lease of the Tyths of Dilston & Lorbottle were granted by the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle in the year 1734 & as it is usuall to Renew every seven years, we beg the Boards direction Whether they would have us apply for such Renuall & in whose name. The old Leases on such Renuall must be given up so that if you have them they should be transmitted to us who are

Sir Your most Obedt. Servts

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

PS Inclosed ive send you our cash accot. for last month by wch there is a Balance of £20.0.0 ¾ in our favour.

11 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr William Radley Ravensworth Castle Augt 11 1741

Sir

We reced. Yours of the 6th of Aug Inst & hope that ours of the 3d will be sufficient to answer what you want with Respect to the Derwentwater woods.

Some of the freeholders within the Lords Waists, in the Manour of Wark will prove their having got coals without the Lords Leave or Licence & have sold and disposed of the same, but always in a Forceable Way, as we apprehend. We do not think any Custom can be proved, which extends to a right to dig sell & dispose at their pleasure without the Lords Licence; for the Lord will prove his having let & received Rent, time immemorial, & have never acknowledged the Freeholders to have any right at all. It is not possible to come at the knowledge of what Quantity of Coales the freeholders have gott, so that you will judge how to proceed in which you should lose no time, and may observe that Robsons name is Matthew not James.

As to the Exception inserted in the Lease for a year to Dr Lowther, you will please to observe that the Covenant for Imploying 100 men over & above the number thereby agreed to be Imployed at each mine, was with respect to the great number of Open Mines which was granted by <.. fi..> leave. The Building of Mills was in the like case necessary as none was upon the premises, & the Laying out of £4000 was thought to be sufficient to make Tryals and bring the mines to perfection. These were the reasons for Incerting these Covenants in the Lease of the open mines, but with regard to Tacks of unopen mines it is never customary nor Indeed is it reasonable to Oblige

any Adventurer to Enter into such covenant, as they begin without know[in]g what number of men may be necessary, without knowing whether any Ore will be gott at all or not & without knowing anything of the expence which they may be at in making Tryalls. You may please to obsrve that none of these covenants are in the Tacknotes to [Couvens & Race] or in that of the Lead Company. The same Duty which is reserved in the Lease for a Yr. to his Majesty must be paid for the remainder of the 21 years, which is One Fifth Duty. The Lease must be to Dr Low this only.

The Leases are all come to hand safe, but we want to know what the Tenants are to pay for the Written ones, & allso for the Tacknotes to Race & Ptners & the Quakers Company. We believe few Adventurers will pay above Five Shillings for a Tacknote as it has been time immemorial the stated price. & we are

Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

11 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

To Mr Rd. Horne Ravensworth Castle Augt 11 1741

Dear Sir

We reced. Yours of the 6 Aug Inst & thank you for the kind Intimation you have given us with regard to Mr Stricklands Enquiry, & you may be Assured we will act cautiously.

We are very well Acquainted with most of the miners at <NC [Newcastle?]> and believe we can Serve you, however you may depend upon all we can doe. You Say you would be glad to <Clubb your mites> which we desire you will Explain and acquaint us if you please of the ways and means that we may have it in our power to doe you our best offices.

The Board we think Suspects we have not done them justice in the sale of the Lead Ore Dues which gives us a great deal of concern as we always doe our best. Pray Informe us if they think we have in any way Err'd that we may walk circumspectly in that point for the future. We take as much pains as we can & act with the strictest justice& we think it is hard they shoud harbour any Jealousie. Our complimts pray to your FireSide & to all friends & believe us to be with great sincerity and truth

Sir Yours &c Walton & Boag

The following is a Copy of the Advertizement Inclosed with the foregoing letter.

To be Sold

The Dues of Lead Ore Raised and to be raised within the Derwentwater estate from Michaaelmas last to Michaelmas next. Enquire of Messrs Walton & Boag at Ravensworth Castle.

14 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr James Wood Ravensworth Castle Augt 14 1741

Dear Sir

My Partner Mr Boag is from home & will not be here for I believe 10 days or more. So that I send you herein my Certificate for the Sums Rermitted you Between the 1st January 1738 & 31 Decr.1739 which I hope will ansr. your purpose; if it will not be Sufficient wth.out both of us signing let me know & you shall have one at Mr Boag's return. I am with respect to all friends, Dr Sir , yrs &c

Nich. Walton

Remitted Hercules Baker Esq.Treasurer of Greenwich Hospitall from 31 December 1738 to 31 December 1739 as followeth Vizt.

1739 Sept 20 Sent Mr James Wood his Deputy Bills for		£1200
Oct 25 Sent Ditto	Bills for	1100
Nov 6 Sent Ditto	A Bill for	1000
30 Sent Ditto	A Bill for	700
		£4000

I doe hereby Certifye that the Severall Sums above mentioned amounting to Four Thousand pounds were remitted by Mr Boag & me to Mr James Wood from 31 Dec 1738 to the 31 December 1739. Witness my hand the 14 Aug 1741

Nichos. Walton

Witness Fran. Thibou

15 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to Nicholas Roberts

[Note: Recipient unclear, but possibly Nicholas Roberts, stepson of Sir Edward Blackett of Hexham Abbey]

To <N> Roberts Esq. Ravensworth Castle Aug. 15th 1741

Sir

Reced. the favour of yours of the 13 Inst relating to Wooley hall Mill which is un Tennanted and very much out of Repair. In Ansr to which I do not think the Comis[sioner]s of Greenwich Hospl. Will be at any Expence in the repair of it, but if you would consider what Rent you would think proper to give & let me know as also

the Terme you would take it for your proposals shall be Transmitted to our Board & then ypu shall have a final Answer if they sh'd like your proposals & are to put the mill into a Condition you require they will I apprehend expect that you keep the same in good and Sufficient Repair during your Terme which please to Consider in your proposals. The Ground upon which the Tenters & other Conveniences (which you will want) stand is let to Swinburn the Tennant of Wooley but we have Reserved those liberties, paying reasonable damages; but this I thought proper to mention to you as we have no ground to accommodate you with for pasturage &c. I do not expect either of us will be at Hexham sooner than about Mich[aelma]s& am for Mr Boag & self

Sir, Yours &c Nichos. Walton

18 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: the letter from Thomas Fenwick to Corbett is dated 5th June 1741]

To William Corbett Esq Ravensworth Castle Augt 18 1741

Sir

In yours of the 2d of July last, you Inclosed a Letter from Mr Thos. Fenwick (who was some few years agoe a Corn Mercht. In Newcastle) recommending a gamekeeper to be appointed for preserving the Game in that part of the Derwentwater Estate near Hexham, of which we have not taken any Notice in answer to you as we were willing to be informed how this might give Offence to the neighbouring Gentlemen, as it is a thing by which the Derwentwater Estate could no way be benefitted. We find that a gamekeeper being appointed as that Gentleman proposes would give real offence, and it is certain no Advantage will arise thereby to the Hospital: Mr Fenwick is a good natured man, but not much known amongst the Gentlemen part, & Mr Maughan is not a Man of the best character. I send you herein Mr Fenwicks Letter & I am in Mr Boag's absence , for him and selfe Sir

Yours &c N.W.

21 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr William Radley Attorney at Law at Greenwich

Ravensworth Castle Augt 21st :1741

I Recd yours of the 15th Inst in relation to the Covenant you apprehended necessary to be incerted in the Tack Note to John Lowther Esq. which I thought we had wrote you fully in ours of the 11th Inst. To Incert such a Covenant as that of Building a Smelting Mill, when they have one already, or laying out £4000, when £100 may be

sufficient or Imploying 100 hands, where it might not be in the power of the Advent[urers] to Employ above 4 at each Mine, would be quite unreasonable; and is what to be sure in new Tryals no Adventurer will come into, so that you must leave out these Covenants in Mr Lowthers Lease for a Year. You may please to observe as we wrote before, that none of these Covenants are in either of the Leases for a year to Cousins, Race & the Lead Company; nor must not be in any future Tack Notes of unopen Mines in the Derwentwater Estate. – The Incerting of them in the first Lease granted to Col. Liddell & Ptners, was because the whole & intended to Inforce a Compleat Tryal in so large Bounds as the whole Estate. I hope this will make it clear to you & that you will have no further Trouble on that Account & I am, Sir

Yours &c N.Walton

25 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Watson

To John Watson Esqr. Ravensworth Castle Augt 25th : 1741

Sir

I am ordered to give you the Trouble of this, to desire you will Inform me, whether you have in your Custody, the Leases from the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle, of Dilston & Lorbottle Tyths, which were renewed by you or Mr Hutchinson in the year 1734 & If you have them that you will Transmitt them to me. You will please to signifie if you have them not, in whose hands you apprehend they are, which will be very obliging to, Sir, Yours &c N.W.

25 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to Edward Hutchinson

To Edward Hutchinson Esqr. Ravensworth Castle Augt 25th : 1741

Sir

I am ordered to give you the Trouble of this, to desire you will Inform me, whether you have in your Custody, the Leases from the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle, of Dilston & Lorbottle Tyths, which were renewed by you or Mr Watson in the year 1734; If you have them I desire you will Transmitt them to me, or if you have them not, that you will be so kind as Inform me where you apprehend they are. I have wrote this post to Mr Watson to this Effect, & am, Sir, Yours &c N.W.

31 Aug 1741 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

To Mr Horne Ravensworth Castle Augt 31st : 1741

Dear Sir

I would have answered yours of the 14th Inst sooner, but that I expected your Patterns, which I intended to have shewn immediately and by that means I hoped to have had the pleasure of telling you our success. Mr Boag has been from home since before I recd. yours, but I can assure you we are both well Inclined to serve you & you may depend upon our doing our best. Captain Airey is I fancy in Town, by whom pray send the Patterns, that we may make an Assay, in which we will observe your Directions & do the most we can for your Interest & I heartily wish you in that branch of Trade as well as in all other Dealings much success.

I wrote to the late Receivers Mr Watson and Mr Hutchinson on recet. of yours, that I had reced.. orders to call upon them for the Leases of Dilston & Lorbottle Tyths from the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle, but I have not reced. their answers. When I do, you shall be Informed thereof & you may depend we will leave no stone unturned to get them out of their hands & with my Compliments to your family and all Friends I am

Dear Sir Yours &c N.W.

31 Aug 1741 Thomas Stephenson to Nicholas Walton

[Note: This letter is referred to in Walton & Boag's letter of 8th Sept to Corbett]

Messrs Walton & Boag. Gentlemen.

I reced. yours & very much Wonder the Commiss[ioner]s will allow me nothing which will be a hardship I am very unwilling as well as unable to bear it; you Desire to know what will Content me, which I am at a stand to answer nor can I see what purpose my saying anything is, as to the particular as you say the Gentlemen will allow me nothing. They see what I have Expended of which I am willing to lose one third & I do not doubt if they seriously [……] any less, but they will judge that to be a reasonable allowance . I shall submit it to their Considerations and as you are good judges could refer my case wholly to you If I am put upon the whole exoence I must throw up the colliery for I realy cannot work it and till I hear from the Honble Commiss[ioner]s are pleased to determine this affair I must be obliged to stop all proceedings which may tend to the compleating of winning the colliery. It is very hard upon me I hope you will assist me therein who am Gent. Yours &c Thos Stephenson

Cross Lands in Aldstonmoor, Aug 31, 1741

31 Aug 1741 Nicholas Roberts to Nicholas Walton

[Note: Writer unclear, but possibly Nicholas Roberts, stepson of Sir Edward Blackett of Hexham Abbey]

Hexham Aug 31, 1741

Sirs

Yours of the 15 Inst I did not receive till the 29. or should have made my Acknowledgement sooner. I would propose to have Wooley Hall mill putt into repair with two stocks for Fulling & a Dwelling house erected for a Miller with Tenters: I shall be willing to pay Ten per Cent for the money laid out in Such Repaires & to take a Lease for 21 years, you finding wood for Repairing the House, Mill & Dam. I will bear the Expence of the other charges in Repairing the House , Mill & Dam. I shall be glad to hear what Ansr. the Comiss[ioner]s of Greenwich Hospital are pleased to give to the proposals. In the meantime

I am Sirs Your Hble Servt

<N> Roberts

Mr Walton Though this addressed to you I will direct as your Publick Direction is.

4 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Mr Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle Septemr. 4th 1741

Sir

We reced. yours with the Boards Minutes of the 16 Aug last which we duly observe & beg you will please to rectify the Minutes relating the Balance of our bank acct. as the £20 3/4d is in our favour & not remaining in our hands.

As to the proposal which you have reced. from John Lowther Esq. for making a trial for Lead ore to the south of Redgroves Edge we can see no objection, provided you make the common provision that it does not in its limits extend to or Interfere with any former Grant, for as the Profits which may arise to the Hospital from their mines in General, depend pretty much upon the number of Tryalls, it is most certainly right to encourage every Proposal at the best Duty. There is no objection to the joyning it to the other tack Note, and as it will save some expence both to the Hospital & the adventurer, we beg leave to advise its being so.

We have wrote to the late Rece[iver]s for the leases of Dilston nd Lorbottle Tyths, but have not yet Rece[ive]d their answers, as soon as we doe you shall be acquainted therewith by

Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

4 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Mr Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle Sept. 4th 1741

Sir

We reced. yours of the 27th Aug last & will take care of your commissions; but at present it is not a proper time to buy oates for you & butter is extraordinary dear, not under 28s or 29s per firkin we are in hopes it may be Cheaper, but if it is not we would be glad to know if we should buy; Oates will be low, so that till about Xmas we don't propose to buy. The Crop here is a most extraordinary one of all Grain and the finest Harvest that ever was known wch is a great Blessing to the Country, wch before was in great distress. You may depend upon our taking the best opportunity that we can of buying for you the quantity of oates you desire & when we receive yours in answer to this in relation to the Butter, we will with pleasure execute that commission as we will at all times doe every one that comes from you to Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

8 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to John King

To Mr King Ravensworth Castle Sept. 8th 1741

Sir

I have fix'd the time for holding the Court at Keswick & Thornthwaite the 1st & 2d of October next & hope to be at Keswick the 30 of Sept in the Evening. I desire you will give notice of the Courts accordingly & that you'ss have every thing ready for the necessary despatch Business as I shall not stay longer than two days. I am with Comp[liment]s to your Lady

Sir Yrs &c Nich. Walton

PS Mr Boag is well but is from home.

Further Notice given the 15th Sept. 1741

8 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Pearson

To Mr Jo. Pearson Ravensworth Castle Sep 8. 1741

Sir

I have Wrote to Mr King this day to give the proper Notice that the Courts will be held at Keswick the 1st & at Thornthwaite the 2d of Oct next which days are also

fix'd for the Rec[eip]t of the Rents &c. & of which pray give proper Notice, & if you can receive in the meantime any small R[en]ts which may Shorten the Work pray do so. I hope to see you at my [Landbed Gravess] on Wednesday Evening the 30 Sept Inst & am
Yours &c Nich. Walton

Court at Keswick the first Oct next
At Thornthwaite 2d Ditto…….

Further Notice given 15th Septemr 1741

8 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Lee

Mr William Lee Ravensworth Castle Sep 8. 1741

I desire you will in the usual manner Publish the Rec[eip]t of the Derwentwater Rents at Lowbyres on Tuesday the 29 of this month where it is expected that all the Tennants appear and pay their Small Rents &c. I am afraid no millstones can be got to you this year s the weather is Altering & the season for such heavy carriage too farr spent, but when Mr Boag & I are together will Consider it & do for you what we can
I am Yrs &c Nichs. Walton

8 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: ses letters of 31st Aug from Stephenson and Roberts]

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle Sep 8. 1741

In obedience to the Boards Command we wrote to Thomas Stephenson the Tennant of Hartside Colliery & therein Acquainted him that the Board would not allow him anything towards the winning that colliery & that they they [sic] thought his demand a most Extraordinary one, but as we apprehend a small part of his demand would content him, if he would let us know what his Expectations really were, we would venture to lay them before our principles again; & to this he has given the answer Inclosed which we beg leave to refer you to; & also to recomend the Boards Compassion as we are sensible he has been a great Sufferer . You will please to observe that there is yet to lay out £35 – whats we take to be necessary & beg leave to recomend that Sum to be allowd him, & Ten guineas for what is past, but humbly submit it to the Boards Consideration.

Inclosed you likewise receive a letter from A Roberts Esq. of Hexham proposing to take to farme Wooley hall Mill : the Hosp[ita]l being at the Expence of Building

housing & putting the mill into Repaire & he to pay 10 pct for the money laid out upon a Lease for 21 Years. Mr Roberts has been acquainted that we apprehended the Hospital would not be unwilling to lay out any money in Building new or repairing this mill, which has been untenanted for many years, but that we did not know but they would Lett upon Reasonable Termes if he would take upon him the whole repaire at his Entering & during the 21 Years. And as we do not apprehend these Erections will cost less than £70 or £80 we humbly think unless Mr Roberts will be at the Expence him self, the Hospital should not goe into it & we are Sirs

Yours &c
Walton & Boag

10 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Radley at Greenwich Ravensworth Castle Septemr. 10th 1741

Sir

In answer to yours of the 25th Inst. I am of opinion that it is not necessary for Doctor Lowther at the Determination of his Lease for a year to Covenant in any future Lease that he will imploy any greater number of hands, than four to each mine, nor to build any other mills, than the late Col. Liddell and he did, as these in all probability will smelt & stamp more, than the produce of the whole moor, both by the late & future Leases, nor is it necessary for him to Covenant to lay out any sum in these Works certain.

I will consult Mr Airey with regard to what you say relating the Intruders at high Green Colliery & he or I will give you a proper answer. I am of opinion that an Injunction to Stay the Working of these Intruders would be an Effectual Stop. Mr Boag is from Home so that I am for him and self

Sir Your most Hable Servant
Nichos. Walton

11 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To W.Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle Sep 11. 1741

Sir

Herein I send you the last Months Cash Accot. in which you will please to observe is A Ballance in our favour of £66:13:11 ¾ which is the Needfull from

Sir Your most Hble Servt.
Nichs. Walton

15 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Airey

[Note: first letter is an enclosure in the second]

To N Walton Esq

I did write to you by Order of the Board to be Informed as farr as you Could what quantity of Coales Robson & his accomplices have got and Converted & Sold since Mayday last which you said was not possible for you to come to the knowledge of: and if so whether it may not be worth while for the Comiss[ioner]s of the Hospital to seek for a Satisfaction for the Coales the Intruder have Carried away illegally & sold since mayday last, and if it will that you will endeavour to get some quantities apertained, and value sett upon them and if Matt Robson & Gilbt Millburn will to sufficient to make defendents, and if any others which were concerned with them in the Trespass to send me their Christian & Surnames and place of abode. I am

Sir, Your most Hblee Servt.
William Radley

To J Airey Esqr. Septr 15. 1741

Sir

The above is a paragraph in a Letter from Mr Radley to me which I have wrote him I would send to you who would give him a proper Ansr. I desire you will doe so as early as you can & that you will hasten Mr Radley to get forward. Woud not an Injunction to stay the workings be an effectual stop. I have a letter yesterday from the agent at [Don..head] who tells me the sump sinking into the low limestone at Ramshaw is very hopefull. The other mines have a very poor prospect in general, these seams being one place which gets any Tollerable quantity of Ore at present. The Pay is to be made at Ramshaw the 26 Inst: but at Aldstone not till about 14 days or 3 weeks after Michaelmas. I am

Sir Your most Hble Servt
Nichos. Walton

18 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Wm Radley Ravensworth Castle Sep 18. 1741

Sir

Your favour of the 3d Sept came in course, wth the Termes proposed to be laid before the Attorney Generall touching the sale of the Timber upon the Derwentwater estate which we have examined & returned you herein with only two small alterations

which are interlined as you will observe by the inclosed. We think there is no other alteration necessary Except in regard to the payment of money being secured only by the purchasers suffering to remain upon the premises a sufficient quantity of Timber or Trees to answer the payment – In this the Hospital are to be sure very well served but in case the purchaser should have any objection thereto as it's a restraint upon him for selling large quantitys [earley] ; the quest[ion] is whether it should not be Waved and a personal good security be accepted of instead thereof. This we only mention to you as a thing which may possibly be an objection to a purchaser, but if you find it none then we advise the security to stand as it does and we are

Sr Your very Hble Servts

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

Mem[orandu]m on the other side follows

A Copy of the Termes sent Mr Radley

The Termes prepared by his Majestys Attorney Generall for the Sale of the Timber & Trees upon the estates forfited by the Attainder of James Late Earl of Derwentwater and Charles Radcliffe in the Countys of Northumberland and Cumberland mentioned & described in the particulars annexed before the deputy to his Majestys Remembrancer in the Court of Exchequer per su[en]t to an order of the said Court dated the 7th day of December 1739. Vizt.

That the purchasers of the said Timber & Trees shall have 12 years from Christmas 1741 to fell, Cutt, Manufacture & Clear the Ground & carry away all the said Timber and Trees by them respectively purchased and have free Liberty for him & them respectively respectively [sic] so purchasing and for his & their Agents, workmen and Assignes during all that Term at proper & seasonable times for felling wood or Timber to enter into & upon all or any part of the said Ground in which the said Timber & Trees so to be sold shall stand and to have free Ingress, Egress & Regress in the & over all the Ancient usual & accustomed ways leading to & from the said wood Grounds for him & them & his & their several and Respective Agents Workmen and Assignes and Horses Oxen, carts, Wains and other carriages to be used and Imployed in and about the felling manufacturing & Carrying away the said Timber & Trees the person & Persons purchasing the same or any part thereof and his & their several and respective agents, workmen & Assignes from time to time doing s little damage to the Grounds, he they or any of them shall or may pass through or over to and from the said Woods as may be, and making full satisfaction for all damage done by any willfull or negligent default which damage shall be Asses'd & ascertained by two Indifferent persons one to be chosen by the purchaser or purchasers of the said Timber and Trees & the other by the Rece[ive]rs or Bayliffs of the said Forfited Estates or some of them and in Case any way or ways shall be found necessary to be mad use of through and over any inclosed Grounds on which any part of the Timber and Trees to be sold do grow that then

convenient ways be sett out by persons indifferently chosen also by the said the Rece[ive]rs or Bayliffs or some of them and the purchaser or purchasers of the said Timber & Trees . And Also that during the said Terme of 12 Years that the said purchaser & purchasers shall have Liberty to set up and Dry the Bark of the said Timber & Trees on the Grounds where the same shall grow & likewise have free liberty to break the Soil and Digg pitt & pitts in the said Wood Grounds for Cutting and Sawing the said Timber and Trees and to Cutt & Cast Turves there {but not upon meadow or corn land) sufficient for burning any part of the said Timber and Trees into Charcoals and where it can conveniently be done (to Cutt and Cast Turves for Burning of Charcoals) to burn the said Charcoals upon the Common lying next thereto.

And Likewise that the said purchaser or purchasers shall not stub up the Roots of the said Trees where the same may be thought proper to spring again or Cutt or Fell any of them standing in any Grounds where any Cropps of Corn shall be growing during such time as the said Corn shall be thereon. And shall pay the money agreed to be given for the purchase of any parcell of the aid Timber and Trees by seven equall payments the first payment to be made on the second day of February next , and the six other equall payments on the second day of February which shall be in the severall & respective years next and successively following the said second day of February next, and during the time herein Limitted for the payment of the said money shall keep or suffer to remain on the said Wood Grounds a sufficient quantity of the said Timber or Trees to answer or satisfy all the respective payments as the same shall from time to time become due.

The original sent Mr Radley the 18 Sept. 1741

Mr Radley to Messrs W & B

Sirs

On the other side are the Termes intended to be laid before Mr Attorney Generall for his perusall and settling which I desire you would look over and make such alterations and additions to them as you shall think proper & return them to me as soon as conveniently you can. I am, Sirs

Your most Hble Sert.

Wm Radley

Sep 3. 1741 Greenwich

19 Sep 1741 John Maule to Nicholas Walton

[Note: referred to in Wlaton's letter to Benj Skutt of 23 Sept]

Mr Maull to Messrs W&B Royal Hospital at Greenwich 19 Sep 1741

Gentlemen,

Before I came into this Hospital I was Bound for a Brother of ine for £100 …… and by misfortunces he has failed & they have come upon me in a hurry for the money, which I must pay presently or be Exposed, therefore not to let my Circumstances be known where I am, I must humbly Implore your Assistance to Lend me the foresaid sum and I shall give my bond to whom you desire payable with Common Interest this time twelve months when the House is paid and I Assure you I shall be very punctual in the discharging of it at that time besides it will be the greatest favour possibly can be done me at this time which I hope your goodness will comply with as soon as you can which shall never be forgott with all others formerly rec'd & if it ever lyes in my power to serve any of you or yours I shall with the utmost pleasure comply therwith. I expected by this time to have had your Acct. with an ansr. of one I wrote you some time ago but I have not had the pleasure as yet to receive any of them, but when your acct. comes you may depend upon care and dispatchin what relates to me: so hoping you'll favour me with an Ansr. & comply with my petition, I being in a hurry must conclude

Gent. Your most Hble Sert.
Jo. Maull

20 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle Sep 20 1741

Sir

Herewith you will receive our Generall acco[un]t Including all Rents and Arrears to Mayday last & the Rec[eip]ts and paym[en]ts to the 30 June last as usuall, which you will find Exactly to Corespond with our Cash Accot. ending then. We beg you will forward its examination in order that it may be passed at the next declaration or s soon as it is convenient, & when that is done we will be obliged to you for a Returne of the late Colonel Liddells Bond if the Board have no objection.

The late Rece[iver]s have given no answer to our letter of the 25 Ult. In which e desired they would transmit us the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle Leases of the Tythes of Dilston and Lorbottle, so that we apprehend they have been wrote to by Mr Strickland you will please to acquaint the board therewith and give us your further orders. Those Leases should be Renewed the next Chapter day which will be the 23rd of November next & least any application should be made by Mr Strickland or any person for him

we have desired the steward of the Dean & Chapter to put a stop thereto till they hear from us, We think it would be well if you write to Mr Watson & Mr Hutchinson for these Leases to the former of which at Goswick near Berwick upon Tweed & the latter in Carlisle Cumberland & we are

Sr Your most Obed. Servts
NW & HB

20 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: undated but between others of the same date]

To Wm Corbett Esqr.

Sir

The Inclosed Advertizement has been advertised in the Newcastle Journal every week since the 24 April last by the Boards Order, & we presume it was then Incerted in the London Gazett if it has not you should order it Imediately to be Incerted & only alter the time of letting to the 25 March next & date the advertisement the 29 Sept Inst. If any other Advertizments are proper to be put into the papers we will take care in due time to give you notice.

And are Sir Your most Obd. Servts
Walton & Boag

PS Since writing the above we have recd. a letter from Mr Watson one of the late recvs. that he has the leases of Dilston & for Lorbottle Tyth & will deliver them up against the time of Renuill wch is the 23 Nov next & please to advise in whose name these Leases shall be renued in

23 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr Maull Ravensworth Castle Septembr 23 .1741

Dear Sir

We have rece'd yours of the 19th September Inst which gives us concern to find you have been a sufferer by being bound for your Bro[ther]. We are very glad to assist you in the affair, but at this time it is rather Inconvenient however the it is We have wrote to Mr Skutt to advance you the money on your Bond payable at three months with common int[erest]. The common term of paym't being 3 month we make it so Accordingly, but notwithstanding we do not mean to call upon you for it sooner than the time you mention. Mr Skutt will be a witness to the Bond & if you have no

objection to Mr Hornes being the other we shou'd be pleased at it & with compl[iment]s to Mrs Maull & your family

Sir Your most Hble Servts
Walton & Boag

23 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to Benjamin Skutt

[Note: The letter has attached a copy of John Maull's letter to Walton and Boag of 19th Sept]

To Mr Ben' Skutt Ravensworth Castle Sep 23 1741

Dear Sir

I Rece'd yours with your Acc't and vouchers & yesterday one in Ansr to mine about the Lead Trade, which I will shew <the expenses> & I dar say it will be thought a full Ans'r, it is very much so to me & a very P'ticular acct for which you have my thanks.

Mr Boag & I yesterdays post had a Letter from Mr John Maull one of the clarks at Greenwich, desiring we would advance him one hundred pounds on his Bond, to discharge the like sum he was Bound for a Relation for, & as he is a person we have a good deal of concrn with we have agreed to Lend him the money & this day have wrote him a Joint Letter to call upon you for it. I must desire therefore you will do so & get a Bond fill'd up to Mr Boag & Me both of Ravensworth Castle in the County of Durham payable 3 months after date at 5 pCt Interest. You will be so good as be a Witness to the Bond your self & if Mr Maull has no objection to it we would be glad to have Mr Horne who is Mr Corbitts clark to be the other Witness, this we have mentioned to him, so that when he waits upon you, you will be so good as say you are desired to get Mr Horne to be a Witness if he Mr Maull has no objection, but if he has then you may get any other person you please. There is One pticular Convenience in having Mr Horne to be a Wittness […] that his knowing Mr Maulls circumstance into which you might enquire as from your self, & in case it shou'd be found that we run any hazard then that you wou'd stop proceeding. This I desire you will doe if Mr Horne is allow'd to be a Witness & as from your selfask him if he thinks we run any hazards, but I beg you will doe it in such a way as not to explose poor Mr Maule, for whom we have a very great regard. And if you see it upon the whole necessary to stop proceedings till you write to us, you must take the thing upon your self, as being without direction & only a necessary caution for you to use for your friends in the Country. I hope you will not have occasion for this stratagem for it will give me pleasure to hear that Mr Maulls circumstance is such as that we may with safety relieve him in this distress. I will take care after I hear from you to remit you the money after what you will send me down the Bond. Pray give our services to Mr Maule & to Mr Horne if you see him & I am, Dr Sr Yrs &c

Nicho's Walton

25 Sep 1741 Nicholas Walton to Cornelius Stephenson

To Mr Corne Stephenson Ravensworth Castle Sep 25 1741

Dear Sir

I was telling you that a pticular friend of mine in London is concerned in a Stuff and Camblett Manufactury, which he would gladly have encouraged by the Gent in Newcastle and Gatesh'd who deal in those articles & therefore has sent me some patterns to Introduce him to those Gentlemens favours. I have herein sent you the patterns which I hope you'll like and if the method in which he proposes to be encouraged be no way detrimental or inconvenient to you I doubt not but you will countenance it. The method he has mentioned to me is that you would be so kind as order the goods of their mark from your Warehouse men or such person as you deal with for as I understand it, they are a Company, & only proper to furnish the persons with whom you have delt, & therefore a Recommendation of their manufacture is what they want. The Goods he says are made by the best hands and are without objection, but as that is the Common Cant of all people in trade (Coales not excepted) you will judge of that & if you will be so kind as give a tryall of the goods & shew the pattrens to any of your Neighbours it will be a very great obligation, & what shall be acknowledged when ever in yr power of,

Sir, Your most Hble Sert.

N Walton

If the Gentlemen to whom you recomend those goods be any way at a Loss to find out the manufacturers they may be inform'd thereof by Mr Richd. Horne at the pay office in Broad street, London.

16 Oct 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle Octob. 16 1741

Sir

Inclosed herein we snd you our cash acct. for last Month on which remains a balance of £21.5.6 ½ in our favour & herewith you will also receive the Invoyce Bill of Loading and Charter party of 70 chalders of coales Newcastle Measure, shipped for the use of Greenwich Hospital on board of the Dove of Whittby Captain Harrison Master which we hope will be a good [bulk] and we think compleat your orders. This quantity would have been sent some time agoe but that we could not agree for freight on Moderate Termes & now have been obliged to give Eight Shillings per chalde .

We recd. yours with the Boardd Minutes of the 23rd and 26th of September last which we duly observeand are

Sr Your most Obedt. Serts.

Nicho's Walton Hugh Boag

PS We have this day drawn on Wm. Bell Esq. for £53.4.2 ½ the value of the above Loading of Coals which we have sent to the Treasurer of the Hospital.

A Copy of the Invoice sent Mr Corbett of Mr Harrisons Load of 70 chalders coals N.measr.

Newcastle Octo 14 1741

Invoice of a charge of Coales Shipped on Board the Dove of Whittby [Phalial] Harrison Master by order of Messrs Walton & Boag and Consigned to William Corbett Esq. vizt.

70 Chalders of Main Team Coales at 12s	£42 00 00
9 Keele dues at 13s4d	6 00 00
Duke of Richmonds duty	3 10 06
Town Duty	1 09 02
Charter party	3 06
Bills of Loading	1 00 1/2
	£53 04 02 1/2

Sent the Board or rather Mr Corbett 16 Octo 1741

16 Oct 1741 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr James Wood Ravensworth Castle Oct 16 1741

Sir

Above is a bill on Wm Bell Esq. for Fifty three pounds four shillings & two pence halfepenny on acct of the Rents & profits of the Derwentwater Estate wch pray acknowledge the Rect. of. We have just finished our half years Accot. and have a large sum to Remitt you but cannot at present get bills, but we hope we shall soon and are

Sr YourMost Hble Servts. NW & H.Boag

Ravensworth Castle Oct 16 1741

Sir Ten days after date pray pay Mr James Wood or his order Fifty three pounds four shillings & two pence halfepenny value in a Loading of Coales for the use of Greenwich Hospital & place it to Accot. as advised by Sir Your Most Hble Servts N Walton & HB.

To William Bell Esq. at Greenwich near London

To Wm Bell Esq. Ravensworth Castle Octo. 16 1741

Sir

We have this day to William Corbett Esq. Inclosed the Charter party Bill o Loading and Invoice of 70 Newcastle Chalders of Coales shipd on board of the Dove of Whittby Captain Harrison Master which we hope are come safe to hand by this time, the ship has sailed some days agoe, & this day we have Drawn upon you for the value of the sd. Loding £53.4.2 ½ payable to Mr james Wood, which we doubt not but you will Duelly Honour. We will be glad to hear that the severall quantitys of Coales we have sent came to your Satisfaction & we are

Sr Your most Hble Servts

Nicho. Walton Hugh Boag

16 Oct 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr John Maule Ravensworth Castle Octo. 16 1741

Dear Sir

We are very glad to hear by yours that you have recd. the £100 of Mr Skutt who has likewise informed us thereof and sent us the Bond ; We doubt not your punctuality in the payment and are we assure you very glad we have it in our power to serve you. The mistake you mention in our Cash Accot. for March last we cannot make out as their does not appear any payment to Mr Johnson but what follows which we give you as it stands in our Cash book, pray if it does not agree wth your Copy please to send us a Transcript of it.

1741

March 11. By accot. of Messrs <Penko &> Mr Robt Johnson for Leading Materials to build a Barne at Newlands in 1740 viz

155 fother of stones at 3d	£1.18.9
4 fother of lime. 3 of Tyles & 2 of wood at 3d	1.07.0
3 Do. of Sand & 24 of Morter at 4d	0.09.0
4 Do. of Slates at 18d	0.06.0
Repairing In Renoldsons house	0.03.0
	£4.03.9

We will be much obliged to you for forwarding our last Accot. sent the Board and are with kind Respects to your family and all friends, Dear Sr.

Your very Hble Servts

Nicho's Walton Hugh Boag

25 Oct 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

[Note: The date given in the letter book is 25 April, 1741. However, that is clearly a mistake by the clerk, since the letter is a reply to John Maule's query about Walton & Boag's cash account which is the subject of the preceding letter of October 16th.]

To Mr Jno Maule Ravensworth Castle 25 Apr 1741

Dear Sir

We reced your fvour of the 20 Inst and as to the article of the <the ….> last being 6s undercharged we have examined it and find it must be a mistake in the Copying for in our Cash its 6 fother of wood 4 of Tyles & 3 of Lime which at 3d is £1.19.0 . Please to observe the Lime shoud only be 3 fother and please to make it so in your Cash Acct now by you.

We are very senceable you will loss no time in discharging the Accot, for which among many other favours we are Obliged to you. If any other mistakes shall appear we hope to be able to Clear it up to you by returne of the post. We are to yourselfe and family &c

Dear Sr. your very Hble serts

Nicho's Walton Hugh Boag

25 Oct 1741 Nicholas Walton to Edward Carlisle

[Note: It appears from a later letter that Edward Carlisle was steward to the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle.]

To Mr Edwd Carlisle at Carlisle Ravensworth Castle Octo. 25th 1741

Sir

We have received directions from the Comm[issione]rs of Greenwich Hospitall for renewing the Leases of Dilston & Lorbottle Tyths in our nmes, in Trust for them, which occasions us giving you this trouble, to know when it will be a proper time to waite on the Chapter for such a Renewal, or whether it can be done without ones, or both our presences. Please also to Inform us what fine the Chapter Expect at this Renewal – The last time Mr Watson & Mr Hutchinson renew'd them in trust for the Commissioners they paid £55.0.0 as we are informed – Your Answer as soon as conveniently you can will very much oblige.

Sr Yours &c

Walton & Boag

PS Please to Direct for us at Ravensworth Castle near Durham

25 Oct 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr William Radley Ravensworth Castle Octo. 25 1741

Dr Sr

We reced yours of the 13 Inst with the draught of Throckley Lease, which we will deliver him or his attorney for perusal, and also acquaint him that he need not expect any allowance, and lett you know the result, which we hope will be soon.

There re not any Engines or Workgear, in or about Throckley Colliery, that belong to the Commissioners; they are the Tenants, & are always provided by the Tenants. We are

Sr Yours &c

Walton & Boag

25 Oct 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Octo. 25th 1741

Sir

We reced the Boards orders of the 17th Instant, with a Copy of the particulars of Dilston & Lorbottle Tythe Leases, and the terms on which they were formerly Renew's. We have this day Wrote to the Dean & Chapters Steward at Carlisle to know when it will be a proper time for us to waite upon the Chapter for a Renewall of them, and we shall acquaint the Board of our proceedings therein, and are Sr Yours &c

Walton & Boag

30 Oct 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Radley Ravensworth Castle Octo. 30. 1741

Sir

The Draught of the Lease of Throckley Colliery has been laid bfore Mr Browell ho has p[er]used it & has no Other Objection to it than that with regard to the Utensells (of which the Attorney Generall has order'd a Schedule to be made) to be left out where it is Scored under with Red Ink. For as there is no Utensells belonging to the Hospitall it is unnecessary; it is a Common Covenant in Colliery Leases & always Incerted whether there be utensells or not but where none are a Schedule Cannot be made.

We cannot at present furnish you with the place of abode of the Persons who are to have Tacknotes, but will in a Week or Ten days or as soon as we can be furnished

with an Acct thereof. Mr Mason of Lanster we know nothing of So that you must be Inform'd from himself, or from Mr Co[…]t who I believe may know all you want to be furnished with in regard to him. You must take care to make all the Tacknotes of different dates in Order that the [Provens] may take place to prevent one of them from Interferance with another & you must be govern'd in that by the times of Application for those Tacks, That is those that first applied must have the first grant or the Earliest date. This you must not omitt to prevent dispute.

I am Sr &c

N. Walton

30 Oct 1741 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

To Mr Horn Rav' Castle Octr 30 . 1741

Dear Sir

I Recd. your favour of the 20 Oct Inst. Since which Mr Boag & I have been thro' all the <marcers> in Newcastle & Gateshead from whom we have for Ansr. that they deal with the makers & that if they knew the prices they would give you orders, but I am of oppinion few of them deal with the maker, but only want to know the profits there Dealers have with whom they have Dealt. The Patterens seem to be well liked & I am of oppinion the persons you furnish woud meet with Incouragement in these parts provided they are such as send persons into the Country to receive orders as we are told is the Common method witth Trading people in London who supply these Northern parts, Mr Corne Stephenson Mercer upon Tyne bridge is the Gent who has been so kind as to write to his Correspondent whose names are as followeth viz Mr Frances Gough in <Lawerana> Lane & Mr William Platt & Co in King street near Guildhall London. I cannot tell the Names of the maker Mr Smith Deals with but I will Endeavour to Inform you & likewise will hint to him the probability of y[ou]r serving him or such persons as he appoint for Ready money & you may depend it shall be done Cautously so as not to Effect you in dealing with y[ou]r present Custom[ers] . I believe the wholesale men you Deal with woul meet with Encouragement here & if they shou'd think it proper to make Tryall we will assist them as farr as we can when they or their Agents come into the Country; in the mean time if you will let us know who are your principal Customers we will recommend our friends to them. You need not Appologize for any Trouble we have in this Affair for you may depend we think it none to do you our best Services.

We recd. the Abstract of the Termes of Renewing the Tyths of Dilston & Lorbottle since which we have wrote to the Stewards of the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle to know the Termes the Chapter will renew upon, and as the Leases will be here in due terme wewill take Care to Attend the Chapter to have the Treaty [Concluded] on the best Termes we can.

I am obliged to you for your readiness to Serve the poor Woman I wrote to you about, & as you are so kind as to do so I herein send you an Affadavitt & Cirtificate of the Marriage of the poor woman with her deceased Husband his name was William Hay, was Impress'd into his majestys Service the 17 March 1739/40 & put on board of the Cumberland & Afterwards into the Cambridge & dyed in January last. This is the best Information I can give you & I hope it will be sufficient but if it is not I will do anything wch is necessary within my power farther. Please to let Mr Corbett know there is three butter firkins for him on board of the George & who is ready to sale.

I am &c Yrs &c N.W.

6 Nov 1741 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle 6 November. 1741

Sir

Inclosed is a letter we have reced. from Mr Edwd Carlisle, Steward for the Dean and Chapter of Carlisle abt. The Renuall of Dilston and Lorbottle Tyths, in which he requires a proper power from the Commiss[ioners] directed to the Dean & Chapter to Renew to us in Trust for them.

The 23rd Inst being the time fixed for Renewing them please to lay the letter before the Board that they may direct such a letter or writing to the Dean & Chapter shewing their pleasure thay they desire these Leases may be Renued to us in Trust for them.

There is 16/6d a year (said to be a fee farm Rent in the Derwent Rentall) used to be paid the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle for some Lands in Corbridge, The paymentof wch has been discontinues for severall years past, by order of Board, as they had not put in there claime at the forfeiture: which please to observe he calls at R[en]t due for the Customary Lands in the Manour of Corbridge wch is the R[en]t he means of in his letter. We beg the Boards directions as to the payment of that Rent. I am for Mr Walton & Self

Sir your Most Hble Servt

Hugh Boag

On a slip this written

Sr on Board the George are 3 firkins of butter which hope will prove good. She saled on Sunday last. If intends any Oates order aquaint for they will be dearer.

A Copy of Mr Edwd Carlisls letter sent the Board 6 Novemb 1741

Messrs

I reced. yours of the 25 Inst and Communicate the Contents to the Members of the Chapter now in town who desired me to return Answer. As to the Setting any fine can't be done but in Chapter which whill be 23rd November next And would advise one of you Gent[leme]n to be here at that time And they Expect the Surrender of the last Lease granted to Mr Watson & Mr Hutchinson with proper powers from the Commissioners Directed to the Dean and Chapter to Renew the Leases to you for their use &c And that you will Also at the same time pay the arrears of Rent Due for the Customary Lands within the Man[o]r of Corbridge. I am with Due Respect &c Messrs Your most Obed. Serv. Edwd Carlisle

9 Nov 1741 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Middleton

To Thomas Middleton Esq. Ravensworth Castle Nov. 9 1741

Sir

Last Post brought us a Coppy of a letter from the principal Gent[le]men of the County of Northumberland to the Rt. Honble the Lords Comiss[ioner]s of the Admiralty requesting that some Trees on the Derwentwater Estate in and about Meldon may not be sold but left standing as an Ornament to the Country, Which Letter was by their Lordships Commands laid before the board of Directors for Greenwich Hospitall who have Ordered us to Report to them the Value thereof.

We therefore take the liberty Sir to give you the trouble of this to be informed whether it is the Whole or a part of the Woods in and about Meldon Township which those Gentlemen have desired may Stand, as in case it is only a part, it will be Necessary that such part be Valued Separate, by the Powers who were concerned in making a Valuation of the Whole. If it shou'd be convenient to you to shew what is requested by the above Gentlemen, we shou'd be glad to wait upon you when ever you will fix, or send the valuers at the time you will please to appoint. You will please to Observe if it is the Whole which is desired may stand, you need only signify to us that it is so as we have a valuation of the Whole. Your answer by this bearer we hope will enable us to make our Report on Friday & we are Sir

Your most Obd Servts

Nicho's Walton Hugh Boag

13 Nov 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Wm Radley Rav. Castle Nov 13, 1741

Sir

The Person whom the Comiss[ioner]s have agreed to grant Tack Notes too are Robt. Hetherington of Nenthead in the Parish of Alston Moor & County of

Cumb[erland] Teoman, & John Chester of Hazley<well> in the Parish of Allendale & County of Northumb[erland], Yeoman for a vein called Rampgillhead [quer] Killhopehead in Aldstone Moor, & Jaames Scott of High Shaws in the parish of <Hartehill> & County of Northumb[erland] Yeoman for a vein in the Barony of Langley.

Pray forward these & the other Tack notes as the delay is a great discouragement to adventurers. We are Yrs &c

Walton & Boag

14 Nov 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq Ravensworth Castle Nov 14, 1741

Sir

Inclosed we send you Mr Aireys & Mr Down's Bills of Law Charges on the Accot of the Derwentwater Estate, the former amounting to £39-9-7 & the Latter to £17-6-2 which please to lay before the Board for their Examinacion & inclosed we likewise send you the Quarterly Accot of the Moor Master ending at Michaelmas last & the Abstract of the Whole, for one year, Ending then by which you will please to Observe the Dues Amount to £888-15-4 ½ payable from the Execut[ors] of Geo. Liddell Esq & Ptners at Ladyday next. You have Likewise herein an Acct of mines unwrought at Mich. Last.

We have Recd yours relating Meldon Wood, & have Wrote a Letter to Captain Middleton from whom we apprehend the Application arise, desiring to know what part of the Wood it was that was requested might stand and in answer he says he will shew it next week, but will not be at Leisure Sooner, so that we cannot give an Answer to that particular till the Latter End of Next week, as the timber which is <desired> to must be Valued again. We wish this may occasion no delay in the Sale of the whole, & think the <conveyance> aught no way to be postponed on that Acct.

In June 1739 an Agreement was made with John Bell & John Bickerdike amongst other things to Reapaire the Housing at Altonside in Thomas Walkers possession for £7-13-8 which was then thought proper to be laid out to keep the housing from a large Repaire a few years; but afterwards it appearing that it wou'd only put off the Large Repaire a year or two we thought it more prudent to postpone going forward with the Repaire which was Intended by the Agreement and as the housing is now become so ruinous we have been obliged to Set on Workmen to Rebuild it before Winter which will cost in the Whole £50 -0-0 Exclusive of Leading for which we have agreed with John Rewcastle & hope the Board will approve of it.

We would likewise beg Leave to observe that in the Lease of Dilstone Millne there is no Covenant that the Hospitall shall put her into Repaire, and as it will cost a pretty large sum Mr Midford refuses to signe the Counterpart on that Acct it was

undoubtedly intended that his mill shou'd as well as the rest be put into Repare & we are Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

[The quarterly account and the account of annual dues referred to can be found, in the spreadsheet entitled 'TNA 66 107 Alston Moor lead dues tables' (tabs labelled '1741 Jun-Sep' and '1740 Sept -1741 Sept Dues' respectively), available to download from The National Archives page elsewhere in this website]

15 Nov 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Wm. Radley Ravensworth Castle Nov 15, 1741

Sir

In a Letter you wrote Lately to Mr Airey which mentioned your draught of an Affidavitt in which you had made us parties we beg Leave to Observe that we Cannot Swear to one tittle of that part which Relates to us it being quite Contrary to matter of fact, for altho Matthew Robson some time ago complained of Greenhaugh Collierys being too dear, it was never Lett by us to Mr Reed nor did he ever attempt taking possession of it that we know of. The Colliery which he took of us is called Highgreen or Greenhead otherwise <Tarretburn> Colliery and was in the possession of James Dodds whose Widow delivered up the quiet and peacable possession of it to Mr Reed.

We are Concerned to find the <Seale> relating the Ovingham Estate goes on so slowly & that after so many years spent in the Law we are got no further than the Desmission of one bill & amending or rather filing another to make Mr Ansley a Witness. This affair goes so slowly on that every Well wisher of the Hospitall are ashamed of it & we are realy afraid a representation will be made by some of the principal Gentlemen in this Country ahainst us all on that Accot. We tho[ugh]t proper to give you the Intimacion and beg you will hasten the affair which may Probably put a Stop to the Intended Complaint in which you will do great service to the Hospitall & Oblige

Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

16 Nov 1741 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Middleton

To Thomas Middllton Esq. Ravensworth Castle Nov 16, 1741

Sir

The Bearers Mr Robert Johnson & Mr Amb. Hopper were concerned in the Valuation of the Derwentwater Woods & are such we think they are proper persons to

go upon the Valluation of those trees which you Desire may stand. We send them on Purpose to make such valuation & beg you will either shew them the several trees or order some persons to do so. The Trees which you mention to form a Sort of Avenue are so little seen as they stand Low that we think it will be of little [Comment] to the Country to Stand but of that you will Judge, & take them in or Leave them out as you think Proper. We are, Sir, Yours &c

Walton & Boag

20 Nov 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Willm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle Nov 20, 1741

Sir

In obedience to the Boards Commands we have informed ourselves what part of the Meldon Timber it is that the principall Gentlemen in Northumberland have desired may Stand, which we find at least to be the principall part, but they wish to have the Whole left for Ornament. That which they most earnestly wish to preserve is what lyes near the Town & within the haugh in the Park & from a View of it, the Value is computed to between Seventy & Eighty pounds, & as the amount of the Whole is £111:12:6 what will be cut down will not be worth more than £30 or £40.

Inclosed herein we send you our Cash Acct. the balance whereof in our hands is £2203:15:10 which we hope soon to Remitt the Treasurer, but bills are so scarce that we have not yet been able to do it. We have a promise of one for £1000 which will be sent next post.

We rece'd the Boards Minutes with your Letter to the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle with which one of us sets out to waite upon the Chapter tomorrow morning. We are Sir

Your most obed & most Hble Servts

Walton & Boag

24 Nov 1741 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr James Wood Ravensworth Castle Nov 24, 1741

Dear Sir

Bills have been & are now so Scarce that it is wth great difficultie we made you the Inclosed remittance by Mr Ralph Fetherstons Bill to Samuel Child Esq & Comp. for One Thousand pounds on Acct. of the Rents & Profitts of the Derwentwater Estate which pray Acknowledge the Rect. of. I am for Mr Boag & Self

Sir Yours &c

Nich. Walton

Ra. Fetherstons Bill on Sam. Child Esq & Comp. dated the 21 Novemb. 1741 payable to N Walton at 28 days £1000
N0.36 Newcastle Novemb 21, 1741 £1000
Sirs Twenty Eight days after date pay to Mr Nich. Walton or Order the sum of One Thousand pounds for the Value Received & place the same to Accot. as advised by Your Hble Servt.
Ralph Fetherston
To Samuel Child Esq. & Comp. near Temple Barr, London

24 Nov 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle Nov 24, 1741

Sir,

In Ans[wer] to that part of the Boards Minute of the 14 Nov Inst relating to the tack note to be granted Mr James Mason, we apprehend by the description, that the ground there described is within the Derw[entwater] Estate & that the same does not Interfere with any former grant. The Description of this Tack Includes a Large Extent of Common, so that it cannot be certainly known whether it Interferes with any former grant or not, but as you will be pleased to observe the Common proviser gards against that if it shou'd Interfere with any other mine no Inconvenience can arise to the Hospital. I think the Description shou'd run thus. To Digg & Seek for Lead Ore at upon or under a Round hill over ag[ainst] Moor Barn joyning upon Glassonby Common, [such] Lands called Mutanbury pt of the Moor or Common called Ameshaugh within the Manor of Aldston Moor & County of Cumberland.

William Todd, Ben Geal & John Millikin proposes to take a tack Note for One Year with a Liberty of a Lease thereof for [20] Years more if demanded of a vein or mine called Grangrove or Band End within the Manor of AQldston moor & County of Cumbld. at One Sixth duty to the Hospital. And Geo Barrow of the Shaw in the parish of Haltwhistle & County of Northumbld proposes to take a Tacknote of a vein of Lead Ore at Birchey Bank in the Barony of Langley & County of Northumbld at One fifth Duty to the Hospital. Both which Tacknotes being granted may be an Advantage but can be no disadvantage to the Hospital . I am for Mr Boag & Self, Sir

Yours &c N Walton

PS I have sent the Treasurer this day a bill for £1000

29 Nov 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Radley Ravensworth Castle November 29th, 1741

Dear Sir

I received the favour of yours of the 20 November Inst wch I would have answered sooner, but that I waited to see Mr Airey, to consider how we might rectifye the mistakes you have been led into before I did.

I find we were not named in the draught of the Afidavit you sent down, but in your Letter of the same time to Mr Airey you desire the Receivers may joyn in it, Pticularly as to that which related Greenhaugh Colliery. Mr Airey on Recet. of yours sent his Clerk to us, to be informed what we could Speak to, and in answer he was told Expressly, we could not speak to one Tittle which related to Greenhaugh, nor that no other person for us could, as Matthew Robson had a Right of possession there, till Mayday 1742 and altho this is real matter of fact Mr Bunting is drawn in, to swear the Contrary, which I hope he means not to doe. In Mr Aireys Narrative (which neither Mr Boag or I ever saw till about ten days agoe) of Highgreen Colliery, he is in one Pticular mistaken, for Mr Reed took that Colliery of us only for one year, to commence at last Mayday; & then proposed to give the same Rent of Five Pounds Annually for a Term of 21 years, which without Advertizing the Commissioners had not power to grant, and therefore that Colliery (together with Greenhaugh which he also proposed to take on Lease for 21 years to Commence at mayday 1742) was advertised to be Lett on Lease for 21 years, till the 11th of November Instant (the time of Letting or as soon after as was convenient) for the taking of which no other person has made a proposal, so that we shall in a Small time report him to the Board as the best Bidder: and thereon we apprehend the Comm[issioners] will grant both Collierys to Mr Reed on Lease for 21 years to commence at Mayday 1742. As Mr Airey has wrote you fully with respect to Greenhaugh Colliery, I need not say more upon it, but I wish Mr Reeds Affidavit & the proceedings of High Green could be altered as to the Term the Colliery was Lett for, which I think may be done by striking out (of Years) and then the sentence will stand thus in the laste Affidavit sent up, and I presume in the rest likewise [underlined: 'Agreed to take it for a certain Terme of the Receivers of the sd. Rents and Profits.']

I am glad to find that such Proceedings as have been, relating the Ovingham Estate, are not to goe over again, and that the Pleadings hitherto will stand and be continued. And as it is necessary to make the Heir at Law to Robert Fenwick and others parties for further Discoverys we must wait till these Discoverys are made. I could not have thought Mr Fenwick & Errington would have flatly denyed a Fact, they both so well know, and as I doubt we cannot leave too much dependence upon Mr Ainesleys Voluntary Evidence, I am afraid we must proceed to oblige him to Speak out. Mr Airey will in a post or two be furnished with proper Instructions, for your further Step in this Affair, & altho' the Nature of the Proceedings will not allow of a speedier Determination, yet I hope it will be a successful one in the end.

Uppon the whole I submit it to your judgement, whether from what we did relating Greenhaugh Colliery, we had not Temper enough to tell that Matter right, & to whom these mistakes have been [owings] for I will venture to say Mr Airey cannot Trace from whom he had his Information. And as to any Complaint which might be lodged against you and us relating the Ovingham Estate, I think as you doe it would be rash and Invective, and also unreasonable, without shewing properer Paths to Tread in; but yet such Complaints might be made & I am confident will, if the Arguments you have furnished us with do not prevent it. What was observed by us to you, was with no other View, I can assure you, but that you and us should be justified; & to hasten the Work; and altho' you seem to hint as if we were Led to it by private prejudice, I can assure you it was intended as a piece of sincere Friendship for you may depend upon it, we have no Views but what may tend to the Benefit of the whole, and the Increase of the Revenues of the Hospital.

I am glad to hear you are moving against Green for Damages by his Intrusion at Haydon Town; it will be of very great service at this time, & shew the World that Punishment will not be remitted, as too many have too much suggested. I am also glad the Vicar of Hartburn will be put upon proving his Title, as it will probably make some Discoverys, at least I hope it will screen us from the payment of small tyths for Needless hall, to which we have always believed he had no Just Claim.

Pray what has been done about Mr Algoods Replevin Causes.

Mr Boag is from home, but I am sure, joyns with me in compliments to your selfe and to all Friends at Greenwich & I am Dear Sir

Your very Hble Servant

Nich. Walton

29 Nov 1741 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Mr James Wood Ravensworth Castle November 29th, 1741

Dr Sir

Above is Mr Ra. Fetherstons bill on Saml. Child Esq & Co for five hundred pounds dated 27th Instant & payable 28 days after date, on Accot. of the Rents and Profits of the Derwentwater Estate, which pray acknowledge the Rect. Of

I am for Mr Boag & self, Sir, Yours &c

Nich. Walton

No. 38 Newcastle November 27th 1741 £500

Sirs Twenty Eight days after date pay to Mr Nich. Walton or Order the sum of five hundred pounds for the value reced. and place the same to account as advised by Your humble Servt. Ralp Fetherston

To Samuel Child Esq. & Co Temple Bar London

29 Nov 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq Ravensworth Castle November 29th, 1741

I reced. yours with the boards minutes which I duly observe & in Obedience to their Commands be pleased to Acquaint them that the Lead Ore in Alsdston moor yields very differently, but in an average every Fodder of Lead is 21ct & the bing of ore 8 cwt so [that every cwt] of Lead Ore in a Medium will yield about 4 stones 3 pound.

I have this day sent to Mr Wood Deaputy Trus[tee] a Bill for Five hundred pounds on Acct. of the Profits of the Derwentwater Estate & I am for Mr Boag & self

Sir Yours &c

Nich. Walton

29 Nov 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esq Rav Castle November 29th, 1741

Sir

Your Letter by last post Surprized me very much to find you had not got your Butter, but on Enquiry I find it is safe at Newcastle & will come by the George this voyage. The ship is now near Loaden & will sail about the Latter end of the Week, but I doubt we shall not this voyage be able to send you any Oates as they are advanced in our market but there is no doubt of their being down again & you may depend upon your quantity being taken care of. Your Butter will cost you no more than 22s per Firkin which is lower than it was when I recd. your last order.

I am for Mr Boag & Self

Sir Yours &c Nich. Walton

11 Dec 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Radley Ravensworth Castle Dec 11th.1741

Dear Sir

We wrote you the 8th past & therein Inclosed you the draughts of Chester & Hetherington's Tacknotes, which we hope you have recd and at the same time we acquainted you that we intended to write to you in relation to the sale of the Derwentwater Woods. We have since recd yours with the Advertisement thereof wch will be incerted in our paper tomorrow so that we can say no more than that we will

doe all we can to promote the Sale. The Termes of Bidding settled by the Attorney Gen[eral] we have not, so that please to send them at your leisure.

We are sorry to hear of our miscarriage in Mr Algoods Replevin Causes & more particularly, for want of proper Drawing the presentments. This Affaire however we hope will not there rest, for if Mr Algood maintain his right we may give up all our pretentions to the Royalty's in the Manor of Wark , as it will give everybody encouragement to Invade the right of the Hospital in other parts of the mannor.

Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

11 Dec 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle Decem 11. 1741

Sir

The 23rd November last being a Chapter day Mr Boag Attended the Chapter at Carlisle and Contracted for the renewal of the Lease of Dilston & Lorbottle Tyths in our names, pursuant to the Boards orders, & we expect daily the Lease of which we are to Execute Counterparts. The Fine agreed for is £70.

We have recd two proposalls for taking the following open mines; which please to lay before the Board. The proposers are common Workmen & not able to make great Tryals but yet we think as some discovery may be thereby made it may be the Interest of the Hospital to grant to them. The time of Comencement shou'd be from the date of their proposals & that with the descriptions should be as followeth vizt.

*To pay 1/6 Duty

*William Salkeld of Wanwoodside in the man[or] of Aldstonmoor, proposes to take on tack note for one year with a liberty of demanding a Lease for 20 years more, of that mine or vein or mineral of Lead and Lead Ore commonly called or known by the name of Rochhill, lying and being within the man[or] or Lordship of Alston moor in the County of Cumberland, containing in Length 1200 yards, provided the same does not Interfere with or Extend into any miners mines formerly granted by the Comissioners of Greenwich Hospital, & 40 Yards on each side of the vein, to Comence the 11 Nov 1741.

*To pay 1/7 Duty

* Arthur Emerson of Eshgillside and John Bateson of Dodsberry in the manner of Aldston moor proposes to take a tack note for one year, with a liberty of demanding a Lease for 20 years more, of all that mine or vein, or Minirall of Lead Ore, commonly called or known by the name of Dryburn lying & being within & under the mann[or] or Lordship of Aldston moor in the County of Cumberland containing in Length 1200 yards & 40 yards on each side of the vein, provided the same does not Interfere with or

extend into any mine or mines formerly granted by the Comiss[ioners] of Greenwich Hospitall, to Comence the 28 Nov. 1741.

We have been lately Informed that the Freeholders who have a share in the Herbage of Wark Common intend to Apply to Parliament for an Act to Impower them to Divide a p[ar]t of it in which division they acknowledge the Com[missioners] as Lord of the Mann[o]r & wou'd accordingly Sett them their share, without putting us to any Expence. In this the Rector of Simonburn (who is intitled to the Tyths) proposes an advantage to himself in the Improvement & that it may Appear to be an Advantage to the Hospitall he will take the Comiss[ioners] Allotment to <Farme> at a Reasonable Rent for a Terme of Years. You will please to lay this before the Board whose Directions we wou'd be glad to have for an Government. We have given no other answer to those who have Applyed to us than that we wou'd Acquaint the Board with what we Intended. We are Sir

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

PS We recd yours with the Boards minutes of the 27 Nov last which we duly observe.

12 Dec 1741 Nicholas Walton to Samuel Archer

[Note: The recipient's surname is given as Arthur, but his brother's surname is given as Archer.]

To Sam. Arthur Ravensworth Castle 12 Decem. 1741

Mr Arthur

Your Brother Joshua Archer [sic] complains you are for turning him off, by which he will be Ruined & Mr William Robson, Mr Blacketts Agent Requested of us to write you that you wou'd be favourable to him where it Consists with your Interest so to be. You always said it was for Love of him & his poor family you desired this farme & we hope you will Consider it.

We are very well informed that you are Suffering or have Order'd your Under Tennants at Hartburngrange to Plow out the Meadow field (without asking us Leave which your own neighbourhood makes a wonder of) which has put us upon Ordering your Self & Tennants to be Sued upon that Covenant. We are

Your Hble Servts

Walton & Boag

13 Dec 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr Maull Ravensworth Castle 13 Decem. 1741

Dear Sir

We received your favour of 8 Inst and think our selves very much Obliged to you for the Despatch you have made with our Accts & the Real reason of our not sending the Vouchers was from your not desiring us to send them as usual. We do Assure you they are all ready for packing up in a box & will certainly send them by the Newcastle Carryer next Saturday and Advise you of it at that time. We wish your family and all friends at Greenwich the Compliments of the Season & are

Dear Sir or Madam: Your Very Hble Servts

Nich' Walton Hugh Boag

PS You will hear from us at Christmas as usuall & pray in the meantime present our Compliments to Mr Woodhouse.

13 Dec 1741 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Bell

To Jos Bell Esq at the Gen[era]l Post Office London

Ravensworth Castle 13 Decem. 1741

Sir

As we have a very great regard to the Int[erest] of the present happy Establishment so it gives us pleasure to have the pursuall of anything wrote in its Defence and as the daily Gazette woud furnish us with an Earlyer opportunity (by having it directed to us) than we at present have, we take the liberty of desiring it may be directed to us if it can be done without giving you much trouble. We see Several friends of the Goverment have that paper thrice a week Gratis which is as often as we have the post, & as none have a greater regard to the Goverments Int[erest] than we, you will we hope the more readily oblige us with it. Mr Thomas Airey Fuller in Newcastle upon Tyne One of the greatest Advocates the Governmt has among our Northeren Pollititions & a pticular friend of ours has desired us to beg the same may be directed to him. We hope you will pardon this freedom & excuse the trouble given you by

Sir Yrs &c

Walton & Boag

15 Dec 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To W.Corbett Esq Ravensworth Castle December 15th 1741

Sir

In our letter of the 11 Inst we acquainted you with two proposals for taking two open mines in Aldston Moor on Tacknote for one year but we find we have omitted the Duty offer's by these proposers, therefore we beg leave now to sett that matter right by acquainting you that Wm Salkeld offers one Sixth Duty & Arthur & Emerson & John Bateson offer one seventh Duty.

We send you Inclosed herein our Contingent Acct for three Month Ending 30 Sep last & we are Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

An Accot. of Contingent payments made on Accot. of the Derw[entwate]r Estate from 30 June 1741 to 30 Sep. 1741 Vizt

1741		£
July 11	Pd Mr Fran. Thibou for Postage of Letters	0 0 4
16	Pd Mr Chris. Wall for Advertizing the oak & other Trees to be sould & also the letting of severall Farmes as per Note	3 0 0
Aug 1	Pd Geo Delavall Esq for Repairing the Chancell of Kirkwhelpington Church	0 5 0
Sept 2 Pd	Mr Edwd. Carlisle for 2 Acquittances for a Years Fee farm Rent payable to the Rt Worshipfull the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle out of Dilston & Lorbottle Tyth	0 0 8
		3 6 0

Ravensworth Castle Decem 14 1741 Errors Excepted Nich Walton Hugh Boag

18 Dec 1741 Hugh Boag to James Wood

To Mr Jas Wood Ravensworth Castle 18 Decem . 1741

Sir

Inclosed is a bill on Thomas Ripley Esq for £30 payable to yourself Ten days after date which please to place to our Credit on Accot. of the Rest of the Derwentwater Rents & acknowledge the rect. of the bill when you receive it. I am for Mr Walton & self Sir, Your verry Hble Sert.

Hugh Boag

To Thos Ripley Esq Ravensworth Castle 18 Decem . 1741

Sir

I have this day taken the Liberty to draw upon you for £30 – 0 – 0 paid Mr Isaac Thompson the Surveyor some time since on Accot. of Surveying the Rt. Hoble Sir Robt Walpoles estate near Houghton as you was pleased to Order. Have made it payble at Ten days after date to Mr james Wood Deputy Treasurer for Greenwich Hospitall which I hope you will please to order the payment of. I am for my Partner Mr Walton & selfe

Sir Your very Hble Servt.

Hugh Boag

Ravensworth Castle 18 Decem . 1741
Sir Ten days after date pay Mr James Wood or his Order thirty pounds & place it to Accot. as advised by Sir Your very Hble Servt Hugh Boag
To Thomas Ripley Esq in Scotland Yard, London.

20 Dec 1741 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr Maull Ravensworth Castle Dec 20 . 1741

Dear Sir

By Yesterdays London Carryer we have sent our Vouchers to our last Acct in a small Box directed to Mr Horne which will be at the White Horse without Cripplegate on Saturday the 2d day of January next: we have begg'd the favour of Mr Horne to take care of them & forward them to you. We dout not your despatching the Examination of these Vouchers wth the Acct. & if anything wants clearing up be so good as let us know & you shall have our Immediate Answr & we are with a Tender of the Complements of the Approaching Season

Dr Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

20 Dec 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The monthly account referred to in the letter is not copied into the letter book. However, there is an account for building work at Dilston Park, 1741.]

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle 20 Decem . 1741

Sir

Inclosed we send you our Cash Accot. for the last month in which remains in our hands a Balance of £839.9.8 ½

Mr William Robson Steward to Mr Blackett at Wallington proposes to take to farme a Colliery which he supposes to be in Hartburngrange Estate on Tacknote for one Year with a Liberty of demanding & having a Lease for Twenty Years more, if he thinks fitt, at the Yearly Rent of Five pounds to commence from the time of sinking to the Working of Coales , he to pay the Tennants reasonable Dammage for wayleave & Spoil of Ground & to be bound to all usual Covenants in Leases of Land Sale Collierys.

This Sir you will observe is a Tryall intended for the discovery of Colliery unopen which we apprehend the Hospitall have a right to let in the same manner as an unopen lead mine & as it will be an Increase of the profits we beg leave to advise theBoard to Lett to Mr Robson who will be a good Tennant but wou'd not advise the Terme to be for more than nine or twelve years for shoud the Colliery prove valuable that Terme will make the Adventurer reccompence & then the rent may probably be Increased for the use of the Hospitall. We are, Sir,

Your most Hble Servts

Walton & Boag

Accot. of Tyles & Bricks in Dilston Park the year 1741

1741	Tyles	Offall	Bricks	£
January				
To Stock	88,770	7,500	31,995	117 – 11 - 11
To John Skinn [….] this year Tyles at 23s Offall Tyles at 11/6d & Bricks at 7s per Thousand	35,071	1,456	96,693	75 – 00 – 2 ¼
April 9th				
To Cash per John Stokoe a years Spoile of Ground in Dilston Park by the Tyle and Garth due Mart 1740				1 – 00 - 00
Decemb 18th				
To John Bell pd him for Sorting Covering Telling &c the Bricks & Tyles rest there				5 – 05 - 11
To John Skinn for Delivering Tyles Hedging & Fencing the Tyle Garth &c				12 –15 – 1 ½

To John Rewcastle pd him the 9th Oct last for Repairingthe Tyle Shades				09 - 10
1741/2 Jan 30th				
To Mr Ab: Bunting, being what he pd for Smith work for the Tyle Mills &c & [stay] the shades in Dilston Park				16 - 03
	123841	8956	128688	212 -19 – 2 ¾
Gain the Year 1741				36- 18 – 6 ½
The original sent the Board 5 March 1741				
1741 Sept				
By Mr William Errington	300			12 - 00
By John Wilkinson of Binkfield	150			6 - 00
By John Barron of ditto	150			6 - 00
By John Midforth	600			1 - 04 - 00
By John Rewcastle		1240		1 – 04 –9 ½
By Mr John Aynesly	120		1610	1 -0 –11 ¾
By Mr Errington of Sandey [Sandhoe?]	1800			3 - 12 - 00
By William Watson	100			4 - 00
By Robt. Ord	163			6 - 06
By Cath. Watson	250			10 - 00
By Mr Andrews	25			1 - 00
By Joseph Pigg	160			6 - 4 ¾
By Thos Twaddle			300	3 - 00
By Matt Newton			150	1 - 06
By Thos Baits of Thornbrough			250	2 - 06
By Cuth. Snowball in Corbridge			760	7- 07 ¼
By Matt. Cragg in ditto			950	9 - 06
By John Dixon of Longhope			200	2 - 00
By John Wilson of Anick			100	1 - 00
By Abr. Bunting			8	1
By John Baits			100	1 - 00
By John Lumly			360	3 - 7 ¼
By Vicar Walton			300	3 - 00
By John Noble			300	3 - 00
By Matt Thompson			600	6 - 00
By Matt Coulson			300	3 - 00
By Edwd. Winshep			300	3 - 00
	3,818	1,240	6588	12 -3 – 5 ½
Decmb.31				
By Stock viz – Tyles at 30s Offall Tyles at 15s & Bricks at 8/6d per Thousand	120023	7716	122100	237 - 14 -3 ¾
	123841	8956	128688	249 – 17 -9 ¼

20 Dec 1741 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

[Note: This letter is out of chronological sequence, following letters of Jan 1, 1742 in the letter book.]

To Mr Joseph Pearson Ravensworth Castle December 20th . 1741

The Board of Directors for Greenwich Hospital have been informed that great damage is done to the Derwentwater Woods under your Inspection, which we hope there is no just grounds for; if there has been any thing of that kind done to be sure you are greatly blamable. We desire you will on rec[eip]t hereof lett us know if any thing Irregular has been committed and that you will from time to time use your Vigilance & prevent what in you lyes any Idle practices for the future. Pray let us hear soon from you & you'l oblige

Yours &c Walton & Boag

27 Dec 1741 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr Jas. Wood Ravensworth Castle December 27 . 1741

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 17 December Inst brought me J. Toways bill on Henry Gray Esq for One Hundred & nine pounds four shillings & 9 ¾ dated the 11 Inst & payable to Nath. Hills Esq. 6 days after Sight which shall be taken care of. Mr Gray lives near 40 Miles from hence, but we have sent the bill to him for Acceptance & when the Money is recd. it shall be remitted to you as soon as we can get remittance. I am glad to have it in our power to do you any service in this part of the world, you may be assured it is a great pleasure to Serve any of our friends belonging the Hospitall & the more opportunitys you give us of shewing it the more obliging it is to Mr Boag and , Dr Sir, Your verry Hble Servt

Nicho:s Walton

27 Dec 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle December 27 . 1741

Sir

We recd your with the Boards Minute of the 16 Dec Inst which we duly observe & in ansr to that part in which the Board require our reasons for making the Commencement of the Tack Notes mentioned in our Letter of the 11 Inst before the

time of execution we begg leave to acquaint you that we apprehend an Inconvenience will arise by two or more Tacknotes commencing at one and the same time as it woud in that case be very Impossible to keep one description from Interfering with another. You will be pleased to observe in every Tacknote there is a provision to guard against such Tacknote Interfering with any former grant in its limits & consequently such former grant must be Prior in the time of commencement, for should the Board grant two Tack Notes of one vein in Length 1800 yards & that such Tacknote are Executed & Comence upon the 2d of February Next it woud by Impossible to determine which of the two Adventurers had a right to 1200 Yards out of the 1800 & the same Inconvenience holds in two veins Crossing each other. It has therefore been always observed never to date or make two tacknotes commence upon the same day & it was for that reason we reccomended the two mentioned in our letter of the 11 Inst to be from the time each made their proposals, but if the Board thinksit proper the Commencement may be at any other time they please only observe a priority according to the time of making the Proposal. What relates to the Division of a part of wark Common we will ansr in a few posts, in the meantime we apprehend the Freeholders will take no steps but what shall be agreeable to the Board & we are

Sr Yours &c

Walton & Boag

31 Dec 1741 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Decemb 31 . 1741

We would have answered that part of the Boards Minutes of the 16 Inst relating the Derwentwater Woods sooner, but that we waited to be throughly Inform'd whether there were cause for the Complaint which has been made to the Board. We have examined as narrowly as we can both the woods & the Conduct of the Bailiffs & Cannot find Cause of Complaint & we realy believe no Woods in the Kings Dominions are freer from Trespasses than the Derwentwater Woods are, it has been & always shall be our Constant Care to doe our Duty & to see that every one under us doe theirs, & as farr as we know there has been no neglect & to prevent every neglect for the time to come we beg leave to assure the Board of the Constant cares of Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

Mem[orandu]m. Inclosed to Mr Corbett the note wch Richd. Morrison took of the London Carryer when he d[elivere]d him the Box with the Derw[entwater] Vouchers.

1 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to Henry Wastell

To the Rev Mr Wastall Ravensworth Castle January 1 . 1741

Soon after you acquainted us with your Intentions of Dividing * Inclosing a part of Wark Common we represented it to our princip[a]ls which you have a Transcript of Their answer thereto

'The Rec[eiver]s acquainted the Board they have lately been Informed that the Freeholders who have a share in the Herbage of Wark Common intend to apply to Parliament for an Act to Impower them to divide a part of it, in which division they Acknowledge the Comiss[ioner]s as Lords of the Mannor and wou'd accordingly set them off their share without putting the Hospitall to any Expence; and that it may appear to be an advantage to the Hospitall, the Rector of Simonburn will take to farme the Comiss[ioner]s Allotment at a Reasonable Rent for a Terme of Years.

'Ordered that the Receivers do send the Board an Accot. of the Extent of the Common & the Custom of the Mannor, & what number they may be who have a Right of Common and ro Acquaint the Freeholders, that if they do not lay the whole of their proceedings before the Directors & have their Consent before they go to Parliament they shall oppose their application.'

You will therefore be pleased to acquaint the Freeholders with what the Board require and give us your answer as soon as you can in which please to mention what number of acres are in ten ded to be inclosed with the name of the part of the common: The Number & Names of the Freeholders & what proportion the Hospitall will be intituled to according to the Custom of the Mannor & when that is done it shall have no delay with Sir

Your most Hble Servts Walton & Boag

1 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle January 1 . 1741

Sir

Mr Thomas Airey the Capt[ai]ns Brother upon whom these two voyages have depended has used us very unkindley in not taking care to send your Butter, which we thought you had received, as he assured us it was sent and could not be Convinced but it was so till we sent one of our Servants who found it in the Celar where it was first lodged . We are heartily sorry for this desapointment to your familie but hope you will excuse it & you may depend upon having it the next voyage, which will be very soon as the George is expected in daily. We have bought your whole quantity of Oates & you may epect a part of them with your Butter, but we cannot find out your Sacks till

Capt. Airey come in, please to Enquire if they were all sent. We wish you & your family the Compliments of the Season & are Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag.

1 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Radley Ravensworth Castle January 1 . 1741

Sir

We recd. yours with the description of the Veins granted to Lo[rd] Lowther which are agreeable to the Proposall & Right so that you may proceed to have the whole executed, but please to remember to make all the Tacknotes which were agreed to be granted at the last Generall Court, of different dates.

We have no applications at all for purchasing the Derwent Woods & indeed we are Apprehensive that no person will applie to us knowing we have been the Cause of raising the value. You will be pleased to Acquaint the Board with this & beg leave to recomend the Deputys being Cautious in fixing a Peremptory duty as the Intending purchasers will take all the advantage they can. & we are

Sir Your most Hble Sts Walton & Boag

1 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr James Wood Ravensworth Castle Janry 1st . 1741

Sir

The Messenger we sent to Mr Greys of Howick, and the Money on the Bill you sent, upon the first address so that you shall soon have it remitted you by Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

1 Jan 1742 William Johnson to William Corbett

[Note: Letter marked (B). See letter from Walton to Corbett of 17 Jan 1742 and other correspondence of 7th January]

To Mr Wm Corbett Esqr at the Pay Office In Broad Street London these Wth care & speed

Sir

I should have written you long ago but being not acquainted with you & the business being foren to me I did refer it till now. I see and hear more of the Usuage of

that Estate and therefore I thought it Needfull to propose this to you for I thought if you take in proposals for Letting the Farmes belonging to the Estate of Derwentwater you ought also to take in and hear proposals for preserving the rights and priviledges of the Sd Estate the one being as much for your Hon[our] & for the Interest of the Royal Hospital as the other and what I here propose to you is that you would see to get and Comissionate & Imploy a man to Inspect and take care of the Woods and other properties and privileges of the said estate a man that lives and is acquainted in Country & with the people where the said estate is and likewise with the Practice of the People in like manner and one that is ingenious and will make that affare his buisness or else his Inspecting is not worth a Straw and Sir I do tell you that such a man rightly Quallified & diligent in the business you Imployed him in would tend to the Hon[our] of the Comiss[ioners] & for the great Interest of the Royal Hospitall whereas the present practice Reners the former Contemptable & the latere Suffers Losses to give you a detail of the many Abuses and Inroads upon the Sd Estate of Derwentwater would be too tedious I being a Slow bad writer but Sir if you question the truth of what I have here written there is Gent[lemen] who comes from the South into this Country Every Sommer & I do not question but you may know more by Some of them than I can here give you to understand and there is one Mr William tate who lives in Newcastle upon Tyne & is an officer of the Customs of the River there of whom Messrs Walton & Boag may Inform them Selves, or you by writing may Inform your Self of the truth of the Matter for he is a man that knows the Affaires of that estate and the Abuses of it he having Correspondents many in that that Country all over & is a very honest man himself So Sir you may know of these abuses and way Above mentioned . Imploying a man rightly quallifyed is in my thought the only way to amend or prevent them and Sir I do tell you love the hon[our] of the Comiss[ioners] & the Int[erest] of the Royal Hospitall you should bestir yourselfe speedily for now in the winter Season is the great damage done and also the time when means should be used for the greatest Improvement of Woods and Lands Messrs Walton & Boag Manage very well but yet is blamed for putting some of their friends or relations into the business which is reported to be given to fraud. So Sir I being in haste no more rests your Hble Sert.

Wm Johnson

East End Jan 1. 1741

Sr if you would anything that I can do you may direct for me at Eastend to be left John Bell, at the Gun & <Pistil> in Hexham

5 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr James Wood Ravensworth Castle Janry 5th . 1741

Dear Sir:

Herein we send you two Bills value Six hundred and fifty six pounds thirteen shillings and five pence, which we desire you will make application of as follows Vizt Five hundred & forty seven pounds eight shillings & seven pence farthing on accot. of the Rents, Issues & profits of the Derwentwater Estate; & one hundred and nine pounds four shillings & nine pence three farthings in full of J Towreys bill on Henry Grey Esq. for that value, which we have recd. on your Accot. Please to Acknowledge the Rect hereof by return of the post & you'l oblige

Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

Ralph Fetherstons bill on Saml. Child Esq &Co dated 26 December	£500
Thomas Hills Do on Matt. Langley dated 31 Do.	156 13 5
	£656 13 5

To apply £547.8.7 ¼ on Accot. of the Derwt Rents&c
To apply £109.4.9 ¾ to the paymt of Bill on H Grey Esqr £656.13.5

7 Jan 1742 William Tate to William Corbett

[Note: Deposition by William Tate concerning the following letters A, B and C from William Lowther and William Johnson. See also letter from Walton to Corbett of 17 Jan 1742]

In his Majestys Court of Exchequer

William Tate of Newcastle upon Tyne Tyde Waiter in the Customs there Maketh oath that the Letter hereunto annexed marked (A) signed Wm Lowther directed to this depon[en]t dated Ordley Janu.ry the 7. 1741 was left at this deponents house in Newcastle on Friday the Eight Instant and was received that night by this deponent and saith that the same is all of the handwriting of the said William Lowther of Ordley afors[ai]d as he verily believes and saith he is an intire strainger to the matter & things complained of in the said letter and hath not been in that part of the Country since the seventh of June one thousand seven hundred and Forty nor seen the said William Lowther in all that time And this Deponent further saith that the Letter hereunto annexed Marked (B) directed to Mr William Corbett Esqr at the Pay Office in Broad Street London These with Care and speed date of <Eastend> Janry 7 1741 Signed William Johnson And also the other Letter Marked (C) signd William Johnson dated East End janry 7 1741 directed to Mr John Airey Attorney at Law in Newcastle These with care and Also respectively of the hand writing of the said William Lowther as this Deponent verily believes and saith in this deponents judgement the said William Lowther is a Person very unqualified for any such business or Imployment as he would

recomen this deponent to expose him in and for that reason did not apply to the said Mr Airey or concern himself in the said affaire And saith he knows no such place as East End aforesaid, where the said two last mentioned Letters are said to be dated from.
Wm Tate

Taken and Sworn this sixteenth day of January One Thousand seven hundred and forty one at Newcastle upon Tyne Before me John Airey a Comiss[ioner] on this behalfe.

7 Jan 1742 William Lowther to William Tate

[Note: Letter marked (A). See letter from Walton to Corbett of 17 Jan 1742]

To Mr William Tate, Tide Water at Newcastle upon Tyne

(A) Ordley Jan.wer the 7 1741

There being very great abuses comited on that estate of Derwentwater Such as Spoyling the Young Wood and Cutting the Trees w[hich] are marked and was Sold and Steeling and Carrying away of Wood and other things from Mills which are not now going and likewise in Roads as we call them made upon the said Estate In so much that had the value of the damage done in one Parish had been put into Money and given to the Poor would have done the Parish a great kindness. All this I woud desire you to lay before Mr John Airey Attorney at Law there in Newcastle and you may tell himthat you can prove these and much more by undeniable Evidence and that you hear of some that has thoughts of having these laid before the Government all which you may do and I shall procure the profe if all which is for want of one to Inspect these things & woods and I would desire you to do me what kindness you can in that Affaire and I give it you under my hand I will gratify you in another Case which you know for I do think my Self as well quallifyed for that business as any be in the North you need not tell Mr Airey that you had any Account from me but from your acquaintance in the Country for you are to Second what Mr Airey has heard I ad no more but my kind love to you and your wife. I am your Assured Friend
Wm Lowther

7 Jan 1742 William Johnson to John Airey

[Note: Letter marked (C). See letter from Walton to Corbett of 17 Jan 1742]

(C) East End Jan.ry 7. 1741

To Mr John Airey Attorney at Law In Newcastle

I heard you were formerly Imployed Comiss[ioner] in the Affairs of the Derwentwater Estate, I therefore trouble you with this there being many & Harmfull Abuses Comitted upon that Estate, Sir it would be too tedious to give you here a particular Accot. of these but in short it is so that it is a saying with some persons that folk may Cutt what they will in those Woods or say they there is none takes any Notice of them for they have ordered two men to Inspect these woods and lands the one a poor drunken fellow the other being Imployed for other mens business & his own so that he takes very little notice thus Sr the Comiss[ioners] or those Concerned in the management of that Estate is rendered Contemptable & the Royall Hospitall Suffers great loss & Sr what I would have you doe is this to move the Comiss[ioners] of the Royal Hos[itall to Imploy a man that understands the way of Spunging, dussing and in the improving and valuing of Woods and on that lives & is acquainted in the Country where the said estate lyes & one that has good Intelligence of the Practice & knows the Wood Smugglers or els I woud not give a Straw for his Inspection. Sr if you question the truth of what is above written I need not take you farr to prove it, there is one Mr William Tate who lives near in Newcastle & iis Imployed in the Customs or Water Sargen[t] who has a acquaintance & knows these woods & lands of the Estate & can give you a more perfect Accot. of these than I can here give you and testifye the truth of what is here written likewise one Mr Robert Elderton who lives in Hexham & his father old Mr Elderton in the Flesh Market in Newcastle And one Wharton that lives near Ravensworth Castle with many more who can Testifye of the truth of these abuses but in short if there is not other Methods taken & that Speedily the winter Season being the time of the greatest abuse & more damage done you may expect the Ill management will be laid before the Government in its true Colur but hoping Sir you will use means to prevent it I ad no more , but Sir Your Hble Servt

Wm Johnson

13 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr Maull Ravensworth Castle Janry.15.1741/2

Dear Sir,

We were favoured with yours acknowledgeing the Rect.of our Vouchers to the last Acct. & find on looking amongst our papers we have omitted sending you the

Testiment of Lady Kath. Radclifs Life, so that we now send you it inclosed. We doubt not your forwarding our Acct. with the [Auditor] who we are very sorry to hear has been out of health & heartily wish him soon well, if any thing is further wanting please to let us know, as this is the usuall time of making you a Remittance, we herewith do it by Bill on Mr Benjamin Skutts for £18:18 dated this day and payable 10 days after date, which you will please to dispose of as below, being the same sum wch we remitted you last year. Mr Woodhouse and your Clerks being then remitted you for two years. You will please to observe we have Inclosed £2:2 for postage of Letters &c and £1:1 which we desire you will be so good as drink with such of our friends as you think proper. We wish you and yours & all friends many happy New years and are Sir

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

Due to Mr Mall &c at Xmas 1741	£10 10 0
To him for Postage of letters	2 2 0
To his Clerk 1 yr at Xmas 1741	2 12 6
To Mr Woodhouse the like	2 12 6
To Drink wt our friends	1 1 0
	£18 18 0

17 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle January 17.1741

We reced the favour of yours of the 7 of January Inst with the Boards Minutes of that date, which we duly regard, & a letter signed by the name of William Johnson comp[laining of Abuses in the Derwentwater Estate to which we beg Leave to give the following Answer.

In the first place give us leave to promise that we know of no such person as Wm Johnson of East End, or of any such place as Eastend, but we re well acquainted with the Character of this Incendiary, whose real name we apprehend is Willm Lowther, as will appear to you from the inclosed Affidavit of Mr tate & a Letter from the said Lowther to him & one from William Johnson to Mr John Airey, and that you sent us all annexed, by all which it very planely appears Mr Lowther wants Imployment rather than to do the Hospitall service.

The severall matters sett forth by this Incendiary are so general that we cannot give any particular answer thereto, unless he will shew where those damages are, for with respect to the Infomacion we were to Expect from Mr Tate you see he is an Intire Stranger, and we are pretty confident so are the other persons mentioned in the severall letters. We have sent to Mr Lowthe that we will be glad to be informed of what he knows & that for such discovery as he can make he shall be properly incouraged &

when that is done & we have seen the other parties write you more particularly. It is our business and duty most certain, to prevent every abuse & we hope the knowingful World are Satisfyed with our Conduct: we cannot indeed help these idle Insinuations but hope the Board will not from such entertain an ill apprehension, for they may be assured we are Zealous in their interest. With respect to the Bayliffs we are farr from justifying them or conceling from the Board any Abuses, but in justice to them this much we must beg leave to say, that Robert Johnson the one is a man of Fortune and above doing a mean Action & that Abra. Bunting he other altho' he is not equall in fortune yet we hope he Acts with equall justice, & if his Circumstances in the world will allow him to continue in the Hospitalls service he will be found an Active usefull man.

One thing Mr Lowther by the name of William Johnson charges upon us & that is [underlined: 'That Messrs Walton & Boag is blamed for putting some of their friends or Relations into Business which is reported to be given to Fraud']. Now Sir from this you will Judge what sort of a man he is, for it is well known that there is not one person concerned in the Estate that have the least relation to us, nor any but those which were by the Board appointed, as will appear by the payment of their sallarys in our Cash Accots. The Bayliffs Indeed are obliged to have Assistants at the holding of the Courts which are always chosen among the Tennants & for that Service we always gratifye them out of our own Pocketts; but as we said before that neither is nor ever has since we were concernd any Relation of ours been concerned in any thing in the Estate. How farr the Law will Punish persons counterfeiting the names of others we cannot pretend to say, but if persons Guilty of these Crimes are Punishable we hope the Board will order proper punishment for this offence which we are willing to do at our own Expence if the Board will give us Leave so to doe.

Inclosed herein we send you our Cash Accot. for last Month upon which there remains a Balance, then in our hands sent 6.2 ¾ since which we have sent to Mr Wood the Treasurers Diputy Bills for £547.8.7 ¼ & this day to him <more> £300 … so that with the payments we have since made there is little in our hands. We likewise Inclose you an Estimate of the Expence of Repairing Dilston Mill as the Board Directed in which we will wait their further orders & we are

Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

Computation of Repairing Dilston Mills & Housing

Repairing the Greystone Mill						
A New Water Wheel workmanship	£5	..	..			
Making a New Brig Case & Hopper	..	15	..			
Making a pair of New heads, Dressing Cogs & Rungs	..	15	..			
Dressing the stones if they will serve again		17	..			
				£7	7	0
Repairing the Blew Stone Mill						
Making a New Cogg Wheel Axiltree & <Arm>	£3	..	..			

Making New <Braires> Bugg & Lowder	1	..	..			
Dressing a pair of heads Coggs & Rungs	..	15	..			
Dressing a pair of Large heads & Sett of <Runers> & putting in	..	12	..			
				£5	7	0
Oak Timber &c for the two Mills						
66 foot of Oak at 2s & 112 foot at 18d	£15	..	..			
3 pair of Trennell heads	1	..	..			
2 Setts of Coggs & 13 Setts of Rungs	..	12	6			
15 Deales for Cases	..	17	6			
				£17	10	0
Iron Work for the Whole	£5	10	..			
The water Gavill wants Repairing	1	10	..			
Shipping the Mill house	..	15	..			
2000 Pantyles for Covering in again	4	..	..			
20 double Deals at 14d for Laths	£1	3	4			
Laying on 2000 Pantyles at 12s [*ie per thousand*]	1	4	..			
Sawing the Laths for the Roof	..	4	6			
1000 Lath Nails	..	4	6			
				£14	11	4
Repairing the Barley Mill						
Shipping the <R.....>	£..	3	..			
800 Tyles for covering again	1	12	..			
Deales for Laths 8 at 14d	..	9	4			
Laying on 800 Tyles at 12d [*ie per thousand*]	..	9	8			
Sawing laths	..	2	..			
Lath Nails	..	2	..			
18 Deales for Flooring at 12d	..	18	..			
3 Joysts 12 foot at 9d [*ie per foot*]	..	9	..			
16 Yards of Flooring at 6d [*ie per yard*]	..	8	..			
A New Window Wood & Glass	..	6	..			
4 Fother of Lime	..	14	..			
Hair 10 Stone at 12d	..	10	..			
Nails for the Deale floor	..	1	6			
				£6	4	6
The Dwelling house						
Thatching 12 Yards in Length at 6s per yard	£3	12	..			
22 Deales for Flooring at 14d	1	5	8			
15 foot of Firr at 9d for Joysts	..	11	3			
19 Yards of Flooring	..	9	6			
A New Window Glass & Wood	..	7	6			
Nails for Flooring	..	2	..			
1500 Bricks for Flooring	..	15	..			
Laying 53 Yards of Brick Flooring at 2 ½ d	..	11	½			
				£7	13	11 ½
A Stable to hold three Horses				8	..	..

	£66	13	9 ½
One of the Gray Stones very thin cannot goe above a year			
So will want one & will cost	£7	..	..
	£73	13	9 ½

17 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Janry 17.1741

Sir

We have the pleasure of yours of the 11 January Inst and are glad to hear you have recd. your three Firkins of Butter safe & that Mrs Corbett likes it. We were much concerned that you were disappointed of it so long.

It is suprizing what Mr Airey has done with your Sacks, for we cannot hear any thing of them, but when he returns to Newcastle we will examine his Ship & hope will find them somewhere. He has on board for you 60 bushells of Oats in our own sacks, which pray return as in case yours are not found we can send them back again with the same quantity next voyage. It wou'd be well if you coud order some person to see Capt. Airey and the person who deliverd him your sacks together.

We have been in a good deal of concern about the Letter you Inclosed us signed William Johnson for tho' we are conscious to our selves that we have done nothing nor know of nothing done to the Prejudice of the Estate, yet such Idle Insinuations may give the Board an ill oppinion of us. What we herewith send on that head we are hopefull will sett the fellow in a Clear light to the Board, and as we doubt not the having your good offices, that they will not regard him, for you may be assured he is a most Vile idle Incendiary & was by the late Col. Liddell well known as such. Our complim[en]ts Attend Mrs Corbett, from whom wewill be proud of any comissions in which we can be serviceable in this Country & we are, Sir, Yours &c

Walton & Boag

17 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr Jas. Wood Ravensworth Castle Jan 17. 1741

Sir

Above you have a Bill drawn on Mr Benjamin Skutt for one hundred ponds & one inclosed therewith for two hundred pounds upon Hen.Ord Esqr which together make £300 – on Accotof the Rent & Profitts of the Derwentwater Estate which pray on rect. thereof acknowledge. We hope you recd. ours of the 5 of January Inclosing you two bills for £646.13.5 (of which for the Derwt. Rents £547.8.7 ¼ & for the Bill you sent down on H.Grey Esqr £109.4.9 ¾ . We are

Sir Yours &c
Walton & Boag

N. Waltons bill on Mr Skutt dated 17 Jan .1741 £100
R Fetherstons Dr. on H Ord Esq dated 16 Do. 200
£300

Newcastle January 16.1741. £200
Sir Twenty days fter date pay to Mr Nich. Walton or orde the sum oof Two hundred pounds for the value received and place the same to Accot. as advised by Your Hble Servt Ralph Fetherston
To Henry Ord Esqr. Exchequer Office Inner Temple, London

Ravensworth Castle Janry 17. 1741
Dear Sir : Twenty days after date pay Mr James Wood or order One hundred pounds value in Acct & place the same to Sr. Henry Liddell Bts Accot. as advised by, Sr Your most Hble Sert.
Nichos. Walton
To Mr Ben. Skutt in Kings Street St Anns London

17 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

To Mr Horne Rav. Castle Janry 17.1741

Dear Sir
We are much obliged to you for your Intimation of the 7 Jan Inst & thank you very much for it and all other favours. We have this day wrote to the Board in Answer to Johnsons letter to which the Affadavitt we refer you, and hope the Board will be satisfied that it is an Idle Insinution from a man whose character is disposable to the World. One thing we desire & that is that you will compare the letter of Wm Turner of <Slat> House with these of Johnsons for we believe you will find them to be wrote by the same hand as there is no such place as <Slat> House or William Turner to be found. If any thing particular is said at the Board that may be fit for us to know, we doubt not but you will communicate it to us, for never was any thing more unjust than this representation is, & it would be hard that we should suffer in the Boards oppinion from any Insinuations of a fellow upon whous word no person in this Country would hang a dog.
Our Compl[imen]ts attend your fireside & we are Yours &c
Walton & Boag

17 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to Robert Ilderton

To Mr Ilderton Attorney at Law in Hexham Newcastle January 21. 1741

Sir

Mr Airey writes you by this Bearer that he has had a Letter from one William Johnson dated from Eastend & Complaining of some severall Mal Practices in the Derw[entwate]r Estate and this day he has rcd another Letter from William Lowther of Ordly Complaining of the like Mal Practices, by both which Letters it appears that William Lowther is the Author of Both. In the former of these Letters William Johnson Refers to you, who he says can Inform us of the abuses which have been Comitted & as we would be very glad to be informed of every thing of that kind whereby the Hospitall may be Sufferers we beg you will Inform us of What you know that we may make a proper Representation to the Board & detect those which have been guilty of the offence. We have seen your Father who is likewise refered to for Information & it is a pleasure to us to be informed by him that he is an Intire Stranger to any Abuses in the Derwentwate Estate nor anything of what Mr Lowther or Mr Johnson represents. Your Speedy Ans[wer] hereto will very much oblige Sir

Your very Hble Servt

NW & HB

22 Jan 1742 Michael Wharton to Nicholas Walton

[Note: Letter referred to in Walton & Boag's letter to Corbett of 28 Jan 1742]

Copy of Mr Wharton's letter to Walton & Boag From <FennyTine> Janry 22. 1741/2

Gent[leme]n

I am realy very much troubled since you spoke to me about what William Lowther has most wrongfully <charged> on me for I must assure you I know nothing of these things more than what that Idle man about 3 Years agoe told me by a Letter I had from him, and then as I remember I shewd you it. I must declare to you and the world that I am an Intire Stranger to any mismang't in that estate and you may believe me had I known any thing you shoud have been the first persons acquainted with it I hope Gentm. You'll not believe so Idle a person as this for I believe he has lost all Character with his Neighbours & now makes it his buisness as it has seemd to me he hath done sometime, to medle where he has neither buisness nor understanding, If there be any thing that I can be admitted to doe to acquitt myself of this wrongfull Aspersion in a more full way I desire you will suffer me to doe it & I hope you'll, notwithstanding this vile Insinuation allow me to Subscribe my self

Your most humble Ser.t

Michl. Wharton

22 Jan 1742 Robert Ilderton to John Airey

[Note: Letter referred to in Walton & Boag's letter to Corbett of 28 Jan 1742]

A Coppy of Mr Ildertons letter to J.Airey Esq.

Sir

I recd yours which surprised me very much. I do assure you I am an Intire Stranger to any thing that Relates to the Derwentwater Woods and also to that William Johnson of Eastend who has taken upon him to make use of my name to you.

As to William Lowther's I am very well acquainted with him & I remember once he was telling me that Mr Johnson of Estend was for declining the place he had under the Govermt and that he Intended to apply for it, but what Steps he took in it I know not neither did I hear of any Informations made or Intended to be made about the distruction of the wood. And as to that part of the Letter which refers to my Information the writer is mistaken for I know nothing about it.

I am amazed how any could set about naming my father I dar say neither Lowther nor that Johnson have the least Acquaintance of him, and I hope you have a better opinion of him & me than to think either of us would interfere in a matter of this nature & I hope this will be Satisfactory to you and I am , Sirs

Your most Hble Servt Robt. Ilderton

Hexham Jan 22 1741

24 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Ripley

To Thomas Ripley Esq. in Scotland Yard London Ravensworth Castle Janry 24 1741

Sir

Since Mr Boag recd. your last favour Mr Thompson has delivered us his acct of the Survey of Bircham Magna, the Balance whereof due to him being £25.11.3 according to the agreement which we hope you will find right on Examining the Inclose Accot. Mr Thompson complaines that the Survey was attended with much more difficulty than he expected as upon the agreem[en]t he apprehended a great pt of the estate to be Common and this he says he has took the liberty to lay before you. He has likewise directed us to represent his case o you, which we beg leave to do. As to the agreement, it was to be sure upon a presumption that a great pt was Common and as th estate is of a quite different kind we think he has been a sufferer, of which you are so good a judge that we only desire you will recommend it to Sir Robt. Walpole to make

him such allowance over his agreement as he thinks proper. It will be a pleasure to us to hear that Sr. Robt. likes the plan and we are sr.

Your most obliged Hble Srvts
Nichs Walton & H Boag

A Copy of Mr Isaac Thompsons acct with the Rt Hon Sr Robert Walpole for surveying Bircham Magna

The Rt Honble. Sr Robt. Walpoles Accot. with Isaac Thompson
Newcastle January 14th 1741/2
Dr

For Surveying & Maping Bircham Magna 3629 acres at 3d per acre		£45 7 3
Travelling Expences to Houghton & back again £6 16 —		
Horse Hire for 26 days at 2s	2 12 -	
		£9 8 —
Paper & Cloth for the Map	- 9 6	
Binding the field book	- 3 -	
Boxes and packing	- 3 6	
		£- 16 –
		£55 11 3
Crd.		
Received Novem. 26 1741 of Messrs Walton & Boag in pt		30 -- --
		£25 11 3

26 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr Jas Wood Ravensworth Castle Janry 26.1741

Dear Sir,

I recd yours of the 25 January Inst with Mr Fetherstons bill return'd for want of Indorsement which I am sorry for, but I have now Indors'd it, & you have it return'd herein. I am Glad you recd the bills sent you the 5 january safe, I wrote last post to stop payment for fear of an Accident, but have this post desired they may be pay'd; so that I hope you will get the money safe on rect hereof. What expence attended the receiving the money for the Bill on Mr Grey was not very much, & the trouble very little, for you may assure your Selfe what ever is in our power to serve you or any of our friends in will be executed with a great deal of Pleasure & Satisfaction. I am for Mr Boag & self

Your very Hble Srvt
Nicho's Walton

Acc. Fetherstones bill on Henry Ord Esq dated 16th Jan Inst at 20 d[ays] £200

28 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Mr W Corbett Ravensworth Castle Janry 28.1741

Sir

Since we wrote you of the 17 of January Inst we have sent and wrote to Mr Lowther desiring he woud Inform us of what he knows as to any abuse in the Derwentwater Woods, & tho' we desired he woud attend the Bayliffs and shew them what he pretended to know we have not been able to come at the knowledge of any thing. We have seen Mr Ilderton the Elder who we are well assured is an Intire Stranger to what has been said he knows, & he himself is willing to make oath of it which we thought unnecessary as he is a man of Repute. His son has likewise declared his Ignorance of any mismanagement. Mich. Wharton has done the same as will appear to you from the two Inclose letters to which we beg leave to refer, from all which we doubt not but the Board will look upon the author of these complaints to be a malicious person & the matter contained Groundless.

Inclosed we send we send [sic] you the last Quarterly Accot. ends at Christms last which pray lay before the Board & we are, Sir , Yours &c

Walton & Boag

Contingent payments made on Accot. of the Derwentwater Estate from the 30th September to the 31 December 1741 Vizt

Oct 2	Pd Mr Joseph Pearson his Disbursments for Repairing Keswick Mill Dam viz.						
	Edward Nicholson for Iron work & nails	£..	11	6			
	Lant. Penny for carriage of Timber & Boards &c	..	2	..			
	Thomas Ladyman & John Sanderson for sawing Boards for Trows &c & laying 6 Binders for the Mill Stock						
	Do…. 6 days works at 12d	..	7	6			
	Severall for Labourage 48 Days at 12d	..	6	..			
		2	8	..			
					£3	15	0
5	Pd William Green for Leading 10 Fothers of Stones 5s & a Fother of Tyles 2/6 to the House built upon Geo Willeys Farm at Whittonstall				..	7	6
	Pd Geo. Bell for Leading Materials to Build and Repaire Houses & outhouses upon John Bells Farm at <Heckford>				4	4	0
	Pd John Joppling for Leading Materials to Build & Repaire Housing &c upon his farme at Newtonhall viz:	£7	8	6			

	594 Thrave of Ling at 3d	3	12	6			
	Stones, Ling, Sand, Slates & Tyles by Agreement						
	Ditto to Newtonhall by Agreement also, the other being to Shaw housing &c	2	12	6			
					£12	13	6
	Pd. Robert Surtees for Leading Materials for Build. and Repaire Houses upon his Farme at Newlands as by Agreement the 8 May 1740 Exclusive of a quarters deduction				12	15	8
6	Pd Thomas Brown for Leading 40 Thraves of Ling for Riggening his Barn at Dilston Newtown				..	15	0
	Pd. Nichos. Andrew for Leading Materials to Build and Repaire Housing & Outhousing upon his farm at Newlands as by Agreement the 8 May 1740				16	..	10
	Pd. John Swinburn for upholding and Repairing Dilston Clock one year due Lamass 1741				..	10	..
8	Pd. Mary Stokoe. John Airey Esqr Steward, the at her house the 7 & 8 Inst holding Haydon Bridge Court						
					2	16	8
	Carryed over				£53	8	2
9	Pd. John Scott. John Airey Esq Steward, the Rece[ver]s Bayliffs and Severall Gent. Freeholders Expences at his house the 8 & 9 Inst holding Warks Court				15	..	..
	Pd. Edward Chester for the use of the Schoolhouse wherein Warks Court was held the 8 & 9 Inst					10	6
	Pd. John Rewcastle for 10 days at 18d, 5 at 16d, 1 at 11d & 6 at 12d Laber for 6 Load of Lime 6s, 3 Stone of Haire 3s and a Fother of Slates 2/6 Pointing &c John Thompson's House at Dilston in February Last.				1	18	4
	Pd. Ditto for 5 days at 18 & 20 at 14d Repairing Dilstone Tyle Shades in February Last.					9	10
	Pd. James Thompson ½ Years Allowance for Coales for Dilston hall due Mayday 1741 being 15 Fother at 3s.				2	5	..
	Pd.John Rewcastle for Repairing the Slating, Chimney Tops & paving the Bridge &c at and upon Dilston hall viz.						
	32 days at 18d, 16 at 16d, 6 at 13d, 10 at 12d & 12 at 8d	£4	13	10			
	Nails 4/3 ½ , 12 Load of Lime 12s & 4 Stone of Haire 4s.	1	..	3 ½			
	John Tate 2 days Cleaning the Rooms		1	8			
					£5	15	9 ½
10	Pd. Mr John Gibson, John Airey Esq. Steward, the Rece[ver]s Bayliffs Expences at his house in Hexham when going to and Returning from the Holding Haydonbridge and Wark Courts				2	11	9
14	Pd Mr John Smart for 6500 Quicks had and Planted on						

	the Division of two fields in Spindleston Farme.				1	12	6
	Pd. Mr Rowland Graham for Glazing that part of Balmbrough Church Window belonging to Spindleston Farme which he Disburst					3	5
Nov 7	Pd. Mr Hump. Currey for carriage of a Box with the dean and Chapt. Of Carlisles Leases of Dilston and Lorbottle Tyths					3	..
14	Pd. Daniel Alder for Ink & Postage of Letters					1	8
23	Pd. Expences going to, at, and Returning from Carlisle and Treating about the Renewall of the Leases of Dilston & Lorbottle Tyths						
	Carried over				£75	19	10 ½
26	Pd. Mr William <Routh> for an acquittance for the Fee farm Rent payable out of Spindleston Tyths to Dame Eliz.[Jikyll] being One year due Mart. Last.				..	..	8
	Pd. Mr Isaac Thompson (the 30 May last) for Advertizing Farmes, Lead Mines, Lead Ore dues & the Sale of the Wood &c all belonging to the Derwentwater estate				9	7	6
Dec 16	Pd. Daniel Alder for Postage of Letters				..	1	..
18	Pd. John Bell for his own time and what he paid Severall Labourers &c imployed in Sorting, Piling, Covering & Telling &c the Bricks & Tyles remaining in Dilston Park				5	5	11
29	Pd. Mr Robert Johnson viz.						
	The Expences of 6300 Quicks had and Planted at Whittle	1	11	6			
	The Expence of Peeling & Gathering the Bark of Blown Wood in Hexhamshire this Year		14	5			
					3	1	11
31	Pd. William Elliott for Repairing, New Plastring, putting up a Chimney, Repair of Stairs &c and Setting benches & Tables in the Court house at Haydonbridge, as per Note.				8	2	11
	Pd. Ditto in full for Repairing Page Croft housing as by Agreement .						
	Pd. John Gudrate for Letters & taking care of them this year as per Note				..	10	..
	Signed 28 Jan 1741/2 & Sent the 29th				102	19	9 ½

28 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to Henry Wastell

To the Revd. Mr Wastall Ravensworth Castle January 28 .1741

Sir

We recd yours of the 25 Inst and am sorry to hear our Letter did not come earlyer to your hands.

As to what you say in relation to Mr Aireys having orders to pry into A Petition Your acquainting the Board therewith, we do not think that will be regular, for as we apprehend the Freeholders must by way of Petition Apply to the Board, that must be done before the Parliament is Petitioned And in Order that you may in that way proceed it will be necessary to furnish Mr Airey with the pticular names of that part of the Common wch is intended to be inclosed, how it bounders & the Number of Acres it contains, for without having that the Comiss[ioner]s will not we dar say consent. You will in answer to this say it cannot be got done in this manner in time, nor not at all without an actual Survey, which we agree is the case and that it will be very necessary, and we are apt to think will be rather your Int[erest] to be thus prepared & loose one Session than to make any Stepps without proper materials what may defend your designs. Upon the whole if a Survey can be made & that you can Petition the Board in time we will be glad of giving you any Assistance we can, but with respect to the Share which the Lord will be intitles to we cannot recomend it otherwise than has been Customary in the like Cases which we are informed Seldom is less than a twelfth. Where Lords of Manors have a share by virtue of their Freeholds it has sometimes been the Custom to Accept of a Sixteenth as Lord, but where they have no Freehold we are told a Twelfth is the Least. It behoves us to Act with that Caution as not to Lead the Hospitall into anything but what we can very well Justifye and Consequently we must be very well Informed of our Right in this Common both as Lords and as Freeholders for tho' we have no freehold estate near it, yet the inclosed Lands within the manner altho they are at a great distance probably may Entitle us along with those who propose coming into the Division, however that this may not be the occasion of any delay we will Informe our Selves thoroughly of the matter & be prepared to represent it as it appears to us when ever your matters are brought to bearing, & your Petition is Transmitted to us.

We are, Sir, Your most Hble Servts

Nich. Walton , Hugh Boag

PS I have spoke to J. BUkerdike for the Mahoggany Table foot & we will send it soon.

29 Jan 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle Janry 29 .1741

Sir

We recd. your kind letter of the 21 January Inst in due course for the favour of which I beg leave to return you Mr Boags & my hearty thanks. It gives us a great deal of pleasure to find the board look'd upon the Letters of Turner & Johnson in the light they did, as they are in fact idle groundless insinuations, calculated for no other purpose but to sow Sedition & gain Mr Lowther Imployment. We think ourselves much obliged to the Board for that good oppinion and you may depend upon it we will

by no means doe any Act to forfeit theirs or your favour. We must acknowledge our selves likewise greatly oblig'd to you for all favours & for Mr Boag & self I am Sir,

Yours &c
Nich. Walton

14 Feb 1742 Abraham Bunting

[Note: Actual date not given. 14th used here.]

An Accot. of the Incrochments made by Mr Allgood on Wark Common taken by Abra: Bunting and others in Febry 1741/2 viz –

	Yrs Since taken	Acres	Yearly Rent
Incroached of Michel Rigg on the Northside of Fenwick field & laid onto Fenwick field farme	6	3	£-- 15 0
Gatestones Wark fell on the North the Coale burn on the East Green flatt on the South Simonburn Common on the West	14	28	5 0 0
Little Lowbrough west of Fenwick field North of Hope Shield burn South of Gran flatt East of Great Lowbrough	17	40	10 0 0
Great Lowbrough Wark Shield fell on the North Sew[ing] Shield on the West Town Shield on the South Little Lowbrough on the East	-	250	20 0 0
Town Shield South of great Lowbrough East of Sewingshields West of the Crooked burn East & North of Shewingshields	18	4/500	25 0 0
Crooked burn Shield East of Town Shield west of Sachell [Sewingshields] N.W. of Currow, South of Long green batt	12	12	3 0 0
Incroached of Hallburn Lane, taken in & laid to a farm called hill house on the north side of the Lane advanced by the Incroachment	9	4/5	2 0 0

All in the Mannr of Wark.

The Coale Pitt on the North Side Highhill Rigg

Commonly called the Coaleburn Pitt

14 Feb 1742 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

To Mr Joseph Pearson Ravensworth Castle Febry 14 .1741

Mr Pearson

Our business obliges us to fix the 25 & 26 of March next for the Receiving the Keswick & Thornthwaite Rents, Services & Tithes which are due, of which you will give the proper Notice, & as I shall send you a Rentall of such small Rents and Services as you are to receive before I come, so I desire you will Carefully doe it & be very exact in setting down Such Sums as you doe receive to prevent any mistakes between you and the Tennants. You will receive this Rentall in a Post or two, so that you will have time to ferritt all out and get the money of every body.

I have wrote to Mr King this day desiring he will fix the Court days to Correspond with those of the rect. of the Rents if he can legally do so; you are therefore to wait for his Instructions with respect to the Notice for holding the Courts, so that till you hear from him you are only to give the necessary notice to the Tennants for the payment of their Rents &c due at Martinm's last.

Your last letter came to hand with the mallancholly Act. of the bad weather you had, & that of the breach in the mill Dam which you must get repared after sending us by return of post a Computation of the Expence & receiving our orders, in Answ'r thereto. The Chair is not come to hand, but I doubt not but it will & you have Mr Boags & my hearty thanks for it, & for Mr Boag & self I am

Your Hble Servt.

N. Walton

14 Feb 1742 Nicholas Walton to John King

To Mr King Ravensworth Castle Febry 14 .1741

Sir,

We have ordered our business so, as that it will be most Convenient to us to receive the Keswick & Thornthwaite Rents the 25 & 26 of March next, & if the Courts can be then holden we desire they may, & that you will give proper notice thereof. If they cannot Legally be holden then, you may fix any other timebut you are to Observe we cannot either of us be present if they are not holden the 25 & 26 of march next. This you will give us your Ans[we]r to by return of the Post, & let us have no mistakes which may anyway Inconvenience us in the Rect. of the Rents, which we have given notice will be received upon the days above mentioned We are

Yours &c Walton & Boag

14 Feb 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The last paragraph of this letter presumably refers to the resignation of Robert Walpole as Prime Minister on February 2nd, 1742, and the subsequent turmoil within the Whig faction in government.]

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle February 14 .1741

Sir

Last post brought us yours giving an Acct. of the Death of Poor Dowthwaite your Servant, who we were very much pleased behaved so as to merit yr. Friendship & Esteem, which you show in the most kind Instances. We are much Concerned for the loss of him, which must no doubt as you will observe, be a great grief to his poor parents; however the Character you give of him & the unparalleled friendship you have shewn him will undoubtedly greatly Conduce to their Contentment.

We have sent your Letter by a Messenger to Mr Johnson who will think himself much obliged to you, & we fancy will answr. it very soon, & with respect to what poor Ralph Dowthwaite has left we will pay it to her relations when ever you please to order it, & his Cloaths &c may be sent by the George directed to us if the Relations desire it, but this Mr Johnson & we will advise them in as soon as we have an opportunity of seeing them.

We are much Concerned for the great Change wch is likely to be in the Ministry but hope it will not extend further than the great ones; people here <on this head> talk differently, but at so great a distance may be supposed only Conjecture & what the dissatisfied partie rather wish for, than report from any Certainty. If the Change shou'd extend to Inferior offices we woud be much obliged to you for a hint of it, as we woud make use of our friends to guard against what may happen. We beg pardon for this freedom, but hope you will Excuse it & are, Sir

Yours &c Walton & Boag

14 Feb 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle Feb 14 .1741

Sir

We recd yours with the boards minutes of the 1st & 2d of February inst. which we duly observe, & woud have acknowledged the Rect of them sooner but that we had nothing to trouble the board with.

Herein you will receive the Moormasters Quarterly Acct. of Mines wrought & lying unwrought at Christms last, wth the quantity of Ore Raised & No. of hands Imployed in the last Quarter ending then

& we are Yours &c Walton & Boag

[The quarterly account referred to can be found, with others, in the spreadsheet entitled 'TNA 66 107 Alston Moor lead dues tables' available to download from The National Archives page elsewhere in this website]

19 Feb 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To W. Corbett Esq Ravensworth Castle Febry 19 .1741

Sir

Inclosed we send you our Cash Accot. for last month By which a Balance of One hundred & ninety two pounds Eight Shillings & Sixpence ¾ d remaind then in our hands & we are

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

3 Mar 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To W. Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle 3 March 1741

Sir

Inclosed is John Skinns Accot. for making Bricks & Tyles at Dilston for Last Year Ending 31 Decem.1741, by which there is a Balance of £8.11.3 ¾ due from the Hospitall to him. Please to lay the Accot. before the Board for their Approbation. Inclosed is also the Accot. of Bricks & Tyles for Last year ending at the same time by which there is a profit to the Hospitall of £36.15.6 ½ .

We have not agreed with the Brick & Tyle maker for Casting up Clay for the making any this Curr[en]t Year on acct there is good Stock in hand & the Consumption but Little, so that we apprehend it will be Severall Years before they are all got sold but submit this to the Boards Consideration. We recd the Boards minutes of the 24 February last & shall duly observe them & are Sir

Yours &c Walton & Boag

John Skin Brick & Tyle maker
D[ebit.]
1741

Apr 26	To Cash paid him on Acct	£8 4 0	
May 23	To Do. paid him on Acct	12 0 0	
June 22	To Do. paid him on Acct	20 0 0	
July 24	To Do. paid him on Acct	6 0 0	
31	To Do. paid him on Acct	5 0 0	
Aug 24	To Do. paid him on Acct	5 0 0	
Octo 6	To Do. paid him on Acct	14 0 0	
Dec 15	To Do. paid him on Acct	6 0 0	
24	To Do. paid him on Acct	3 0 0	
			£79 4 0
	Balance due to Jno. Skin		8 11 3 3/4
	The original sent the Board 5 March 1741		
			£87 15 3 3/4

Cr[edit.]
1741
By Acct. of Bricks & Tyles at Dilston made this Yr. viz.

35071 Tyles at 23s per Thousand	£40 6 7 1/2	
1456 offall Do. at 11/6d per Do.	16 8 3/4	
96693 Bricks at 7s per Do.	33 16 10	
		£75 0 2 1/4

By the following pticulas agreed to be allowed him viz.

For delivering 3818 Tyles at 6d per Thousand	£0 1 10 1/2	
For w[hat] he pd. for hedging & Fencing the Tyle garth	3 10 0	
For what he pd for Repairing the Kiln & setting up the shelves	2 7 6	
For what he pd Severall for piling & Sorting the Bricks & Tyles	3 10 0	
For 6d per Thousan Allowd. him Extraordinary for Tempering Clay for 96693 Bricks and 35071 Tyles	3 5 9	
		12 15 1 1/2
		£87 15 3 3/4

5 Mar 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Radley Ravensworth Castle March 5th .1741/2

Sir

In answer to your Letter we have perused your Description of Mr Masons Lease for a year or Tacknote, which we think is very well and need no alteration. As to fixing a peremptory day for the Sale of the Keswick Timber we cannot tell how to advise in it, we have done all we can to promote the sale of it, & Hope you will at least reach the sum formerly Offerd, as the Timber is no worse then it was , & very farr from being decayed as Mr Smith would Insinuate, & we are

Sir Your most Hble Servts

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

5 Mar 1742 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

Mr Pearson Ravensworth Castle March 5th: 1741/2

We reced. yours and in Answer the Repaire of the Mill Damm we desire may be postponed till one of us come to receive the Rents, & in the meantime consider what Wood will be wanting, that the Trees which are mark'd may not be medled with, but you are not to Cutt or prepare any thing till we come to Sett it out. You will receive herewith the Rental, which you will Collect the Small Rts. By, & in that may be very exact & Pticular that there may be no mistakes; pray comit every thing to Writing that you doe in relation to this Affair, & see that you have your Disbursments made out with all the vouchers thereto. We have recd. a Letter from Mr King & perceive the Courts cannot be held at the time of the Rects. Which we are sorry for, but we cannot Attend at any other time consistant with our other Busyness. One of us will be with you the 24th in the Evening & will expect to see you at the End of Hutton moore. We are much obliged to you for the <Charr> wch is very good & we are the Same to landlord Grave to whom pray our Services. & we are Yours &c N:W, H:B

11 Mar 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr. Hexham March 11, 1741

Sir

The Tennants in Hexhamshire on July last Petitioned the Board for some relief with regard to the Rebuilding of Whitley Chappell which petition was referr'd down to us with their order to Report the circumstances of that Affaire. We then Applyed to the Tennants for an Accot. of the Severall Subscriptions which had been made to this work

& a valluation of the other Gentlemens Estates who were Intrested along with the Hospittall, & they then sent us a Subscription paper, but no Valluation of the lands which Occasioned our not accquainting the Board with the Circumstance of the Affaire. Whitley Chappell is a Convenient Situation for Tennants in Hexham Shire as is Set forth in the petition you sent us which with the Subscription paper we Send you Inclosed & having become very runious has been rebuilt last Summer in which the neighbouring people have been Acting in Leading the materials amongst which the Hospitalls Ten[an]ts have bore their full proportion, but the work requiring more money than could be raised by Subscription it was Carried on & finished by the principal people who are now Considerably in Disburse & have no way of reimbursing themselves but by the admission of such persons to pews as are Willing to pay for them at the Rate of one Guinea Each. This the Tennants of the Hospitall are unwilling to pay & Humbly beg the Boards kind Assistance therein. They are thirteen familys in Number and are willing to content themselves with Seven pews which we beg leave to Recommend to the board to allow as the Tennants have already assisted in the building very considerably which intitals them to a Convenience in the Chappell that they will certainly loose if the Board gives them no Assistance. The Pews are filling up so that we write this from hence to save time & beg you will be pleased to give it all the Dispatch you can.

We are here receiving the Rents & hope to have a pretty large remittance to make soon & we are , Sir, Yours &c

Walton & Boag

To the Honourable Comiss[ione]rs of his Majestys Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich.

The Humble Petition of Your Honours Tennants within the Parish of Hexham & County of Northumberland.

Humbly Sheweth unto your Honours that Whitley Chappell within the Said Parish distant from Hexham near Five miles and very Conveniently Situate not only for a great many Parishioners of the Said parish but also for Severall persons far distant from Other their respective parish Churches is become very ruinous and fallen to decay insomuch that the same must be intirly Rebuilt for the necessary convenience for a great part of the Said Parishioners and Others resorting there to publick Worship.

Therefore may it please your honours to order Such reliefe in the premises as to your Honours shall seem meet for the Necessary Rebuilding the sd. Chappell for the convenience of your petitioners & others Assembled there to Celebrate divine Service. And your Petitioners shall ever pray &c

William Dixon of Aydonsh[iel]d

Joseph Bell of Do.
John Bell Gairsheal [made mark X]
Robert Gosney Stapples [made mark R]
George Trumble Whitley [made mark T]
Joseph Green Rawgreen [made mark I]
Henry Dixon of Stapples
Thomas Chatt Myr house
Thomas <Ashe> of Rawgreen
Geoge Green of Turf house
Chris. Nevan Rowley head
John Bell of Do.
Robert Dixon of Peacock house
George Blackburn of Netherholmes
John Joppling of Eads bush [made mark E]
William Stobbs of Heckley House

Subscriptions Taken down A[nn]o 1741/2 For Rebuilding the Antient Chappell Called Whitley Chappell , Dedicated to St. Helen

Walter Blackett Esq. £5 – 0 – 0
John Fenwick Esq £5 – 5 – 0
Sir Edwd Blackett £2 – 2 – 0
Nicho.s Roberts Esq £1 – 1 – 0
Lanct. Algood Esq £1 – 1 – 0
Mr Abra. Teasdale £1 – 1 – 0
Mr N Farbridge £1 – 1 - 0
Mr John Johnson £1 – 1 - 0
Mr Peter Thirlwell £1 – 1 – 0
<I/J> Hunter £1 – 1 - 0
Mrs Jane Bacon £1 – 1 – 0
Mr Thos. Harle NCastle £1 – 1 - 0
Mr Geo. Marshall Do. 60 Deales
Mr Mic. Readhead 10s 6d
Mr Henry Allison 10s 6d
William Dixon Smith 10s 6d
Thos Blenkensop Smelter 2s 6d
Mr Richd Ord £1 – 1 – 0
Mr William Armstrong £1 – 1 – 0
Mr Chas Stoddart 5s
Mrs Marshall Walltown £1 – 1 - 0

14 Mar 1742 Hugh Boag to John Aynesley

To Mr John Anesley in Hexham. Ravenswth Castle 14 March 1742/3

Sir

My being in the North upon business is the reason I did not ans. yours of the 8th Inst sooner. Your Tennant is verry welcome to Winn 60 Fothers of Limestones at Millhilles for his use at Low hall provided he does not interfere with the Tennants Quarry so as to occasion a Complaint.

I am verry ready as so <wend> my ptnr to grant any thing in our power to oblige you I am for Mr Walton & Self.

Sir Yours etc H Boag.

PS I have Wrote to Mr Bunting to see that your Tennant have Liberty, its usual to take a Licence of the Bayliff.

14 Mar 1742 Nicholas Walton to George Liddell

[Note: Corf rods were pliable shoots from coppiced hazel bushes, used to make corves – baskets in which coal was carried out of mines. Corf rods were a traditional by-product of coppiced woodland.]

To George Liddell of Hartb[ur]n grange Ravensworth Castle March 14. 1741

George

Mr Barraw has applied to Mr Boag & me about some Corf Rodds at Hartburngrange, which he is willing to pay us for by bunch or otherwise as we shall think proper. We have therefore agreed that he shall begigin [sic] to Cutt so that you are to Shew him the places & take care to keep an Accot. of the quantity, and therewith acquaint.

Your Hble Servt

Nichos. Walton

16 Mar 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq Ravensworth Castle March 16. 1741

Sir

As the Termes in Greenhaugh Colliery, Highgreen Colliery and <Potts's> house in Corbridge Expires at next mayday & in pursuance of the Boards orders those Termes were Advertized the 24 Apr 1741 to be lett, we begg leave to accquaint you that Mr

Rud the Present Tennant has offer'd five pounds per Ann. for Each of the above Collierys to Comence at Next Maday od as soon as he is in possession thereof. & Mr Willm. Soppitt purposes to take Richd. Potts's house & App[urtenance]s at one Guinea a Yr to Comence at Next mayday for 21 Years which we beg Leave to recomend to the Board to Conferme as we have had no other proposalls, they being also good Tennants.

There is a farme of Land at Fourstones in the possession of P.Lush now Lett at Nine pounds per Ann. on Lease which Expires at Mayday 1743. Fourstones Colliery likewise Expires at Mich. Next with a Liberty of six months to Lett & despose of such Coales as the Tennant then has wrought & undisposed of. And Bridge house Colliery in the man[or] of wark Expires at Mayday next. The last of which we can let for one year as we believe at £3 – but think it & the other farmes Should be advertized imidiatly to be Lett on Lease for 21 Years. We have Inclosed you an advertisement for that purpose, which if the Directors think proper may be Incerted in the Gazette & our papers here afterwards. – The Lead ore Dues shoud likewise be Advertized to be sold from Mich. last to Mich next.

We have Spoke to Mr Robson who is willing to Comply with the Boards Terme of 12 Years of a Tacknote of Hartburn grange Colliery. We are Sirs,

Yours &c Walton & Boag

PS John Reed Esq. proposes to Take a Tacknote for one Year with a Liberty of a Lease for 21 Years to make Tryall for Lead Ore in the Chappellry of Haydon & within the Barrony of Langley at one Seventh duty to the Hospitall, which wethink it os the Interest of the Hospitall to be Complyed with.

16 Mar 1742 Nicholas Walton to Mannock Strickland

To Mr Strickland Ravensworth Castle March 16. 1741

Sir

We were favour'd with yours of the 6 Inst relating the Leases of Dilston & Lorbottle Tyths, granted to Mr Watson & Mr Hutchenson and beg you will make your Application to our Board for Such Information as you think proper in that affaire, which will oblige

Your most Hble Servts

Walton & Boag

3 Apr 1742 Thomas Harrison

[Note: One of four affidavits made in April and May 1742, though entered in the copy letter book between copies of letters from July 1742. All are annotated as being sent as a bundle to the Board 22 Jan 1744/5, presumably by Walton and Boag in connection with

a matter under discussion at that later date. See also letter from Ralph Archbold to John Airey dated 2nd July 1742]

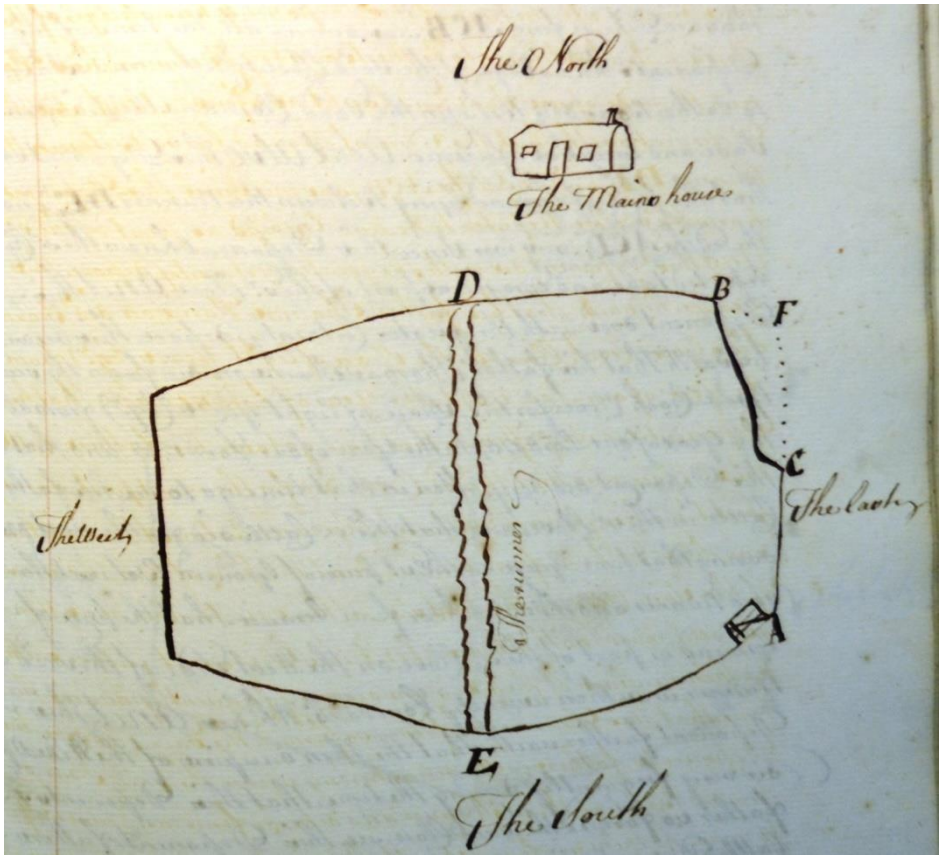
Thos. Harrison's attest[ation] abt a piece of Ground <in dispute> with the Duke of Somerset

Thomas Harrison of Alnwick in the County of Northumb'd Plummer aged Forty Two years and upwards being Sworn & Examined deposeth that he does now know and has for these thirty years last past very well known the close or Parcell of Ground Situate in the parish of Alnwick and commonly called or known by the Name of the Goose Crook Close and that the same is bounded by the Main on the South Wast and North and by the Wide Open Grounds on the East And this Deponent further saith that the dike or fence ACB on the rising Ground of the East Side of the said Goose Crook Close has ever since this Deponent first knew the said Close Stood where the same now Stands Save and exept that the same Dike or fence did formerly run from C to F and not from C to B as it now does And this Deponent also saith that the said Dike, or fence, ACB was during all the time of this Deponents knowledge of this Close reputed & esteemed to be the Boundary Between the sd Close and the wide open Save and Except as aforesd. And also this Deponent saith that the Piece of Ground lying between the Runner DE and the Dike ACB was ever since this Deponent knew the sd Close Reputed to be and Enjoyed as part of the sd Close [The boundary references are indicated on the simple plan given below.]

And this Deponent does with the greater certainty depose this because he saith that his father Thomas Harrison did Farm the said Goose Crook Close for the space of Eight Years (Viz: from abt. the year of our Lord 1707 to the year of Lord 1715 and that he this Deponent did very often in that time go to see his fathers Cattle in the sd Close and that the sd Cattle did for the most part during that time Graze on the sd piece of Ground between the said Runner and the sd Dike or fence because that the piece of Ground or part of the Said Close on the west side of the sd Runner was then usually covered with Whins And this Deponent further saith that the then occupier of the Wide open did very frequently during the time that this Deponents sd father so farmed the said Close see this Deponents fathers Cattle depasturing upon the said Peice of Ground betwixt the sd Runner and dike or fence and never offered to impound them nor found Fault wth their goeing and feeding there And this Deponent further saith that during all the time of his fathers farming of the sd Close there never was any way thro' or along the sd piece of Ground Between the sd Runner & the sd dike or fence nor more than One Gate belonging to the sd Close which was hung where the Gate at A now is or thereabouts And this Deponent further saith that Fran: Anderson farmed the said Goose Crook Close for Severall Years after this Deponents Father Quitted the possession thereof and that the Said Anderson did at the same time also farm the wide open Grounds and Main and did then Erect & build the Mains House now standing North of the sd piece of Ground for there was no House there before that time that this

Deponent ever knew or heard of and this Deponent in order that his Deposition may be the better understood craves leave to Referr himself to the plan hereto annexed
Thomas Harrison

Sworn before me the 3rd of April 1742 At Alnwick in Northumberland Alex. Brown



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Ricd. Harrison

Sworn before me the 3rd April 1742 at Alnwick in Northumberland Alex. Brown

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6 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to Mannock Strickland

[Note: Sir John Webb, 3rd Bt. of Odstock, was the father of Anna Maria, wife of James Radcliffe, 3rd Earl of Derwentwater. She died in 1723. Mannock Strickland was a prominent Catholic lawyer who represented many exiled English Catholics.]

Ravensworth Castle April 6. 1742

Sir

As Mr Busbie is very desireous and pressing to have some of the Goods in Dilston hall and as a late Demand has been made by one Mr Richardson of Nether Witton in the County o Northumberland, to make Inventorys thereof we think it proper to accquaint you that pursuant to an Order of our board dated 4 Aug. 1736 (which you were then accquainted with) we are Ready to deliver all the Goods which are the property of Sir John Webb and Counsellor Piggott to Such person or persons as you Shall appoint, produceing the order of the Sd. Sir John Webb & Counsellor Piggott for so doing --- Your Answer hereto will much oblige us & in case it be necessary for us to write to Sir John Webb be pleased to Informe us how to direct to him & youll oblige

Sir Your most Hble Servts

Walton & Boag

11 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Apr 11. 1742

Sir

We reced. your of the 27 & 30 of March last with the Boards Minutes of those dates, which we duly observe & in pursuance of the Boards order we have put into the Newcastle papers the Advertizements for Letting the Severall Farmes & for Sale of the dues of Lead Ore from Mich. Last to Mich. next

As to the Sale of the Lead Ore dues we think it shoud not have been limited to Michaelmas but to some earlier period, which would have admitted the purchaser of them Sufficient time this Summer to lead them away for after Michaelmas it will be very difficult to remove them by reason of the Wett Season they have generaly in that Country; and weare apprehensive if they are not then removed that they Cannot sooner than the next Summer doe it, & Consequently will not agree to pay the money so soon as if they were removed before Mich. next by six or nine Months, by which the Hospitall loose the Int[erest] of the money for that time.

Thomas Cook the Tennant of Woodhall Mill refuses to Execute his Lease but we hope will be prevaild upon to Stay another Year, however if he do not we will doe our best to get a Tennant for that time, & as there is no doubt but the mill will Lett for a Terme of 21 Years we think it shoud be added to the Advertizementof the 30 March last

if the Board approve it. You will please to put in these words following vizt. [underlined: 'Woodhall Mills & Grounds thereunto belonging in the Chapplery of Haydon & County afores'd'] to follow the words Thomas Errington Esqr.

John Coates of Woodhall in the Chapplery of Haydon & Man[o]r of Wark proposes to take a tack note for one year with a liberty of a Lease for 20 Years more all that vein of mineral of Lead called Brokenhaugh Lead Mine in the Barrony of Langley & County of Northumberland containing in Length 1200 Yard & 40 yards on Each Side of the vein at 1/5 Duty to the Hospital which we beg leave to recomend to the board to Comply with.

We last Post reced. a Letter from Mr Thomas Simpson Court Keeper at Aldstone Informing us that Mr King Court keeper at Keswick intends to resign his Imployment on accot. as we suppose of his being remov'd from thence between 20 & 30 miles which makes the attendance Inconvenient. And in Case of Such resignation Mr Simpson prays that he may succeed to the Office of Courtkeeper at Keswick. Tho' Mr King has not mentiond this affair to us, we are of Oppinion that in his Situation he cannot give the Attendance necessary and as Mr Simpson is well quallifyed to act in that Station we beg leave to recommend him as the most proper peson for the Interest of the Hospitall. He is a man of undoubted ability & weight in the County of Cumberland & being Clerk of the Peace is the most proper person to make the proceedings in Petty Courts within Private mannors effectuall.

We have returnd from the Rec[eip]t of the Rents thro' the whole estate & have a Large Sum in our hands, but Cannot yet get remittances for it. We are making up our cash Acct. which will send in a post or two & we hope remittances soon after for the balance. We are

Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

11 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: Ralph Douthwaite was William Corbett's servant, who had recently died.]

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Apr 11, 1742

Sir

Poor Ralph Douthwaites Box is come safe to hand and Shall be taken care of & deliverd to his Relations with the money you order to be paid them which you shall have a proper Rect. for.

Your Oates are now all sent on Board of the George who is Ready to sail being the Remainder of 240 boules we bought for you which runs over 13 bushels in measure so that you are to Receive this voyage 173 bushells, which Compleats your order & in a Post or two we will take the liberty to draw upon you for the money & are Sir

Yours &c Walton & Boag

11 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

[Note: Thomas Simpson was the Court Keeper for the Hospital at Alston, and a Clerk of the Peace in Cumberland. He hoped to obtain the post of Court keeper in Keswick.]

To Mr Thos. Simpson Ravensworth Castle Apr.11. 1742

Sir

We recd. the favour of yours of the 5 Inst & this day have wrote a Letter to the Secretary in your favour which will be laid before the Board of Directors at their first meeting, which will be about Wednesday [sent] Next & we hope will be earlier than any Applications from other persons. You will do well to Apply the next post after you receive this as it will Strengthenwhat we have thought proper to say on that head. We have said a great deal for you but you may be assured if any thing further is necessary we will with great readiness doe it for there is no person <….> to succeed in it but yourself nor none that deserves it half so well. At this Critical Juncture Silence is a necessary thing in Polliticks and as this will Strengthen our Alliance with you we hope you will become a real Convert & truly Penitent. How you have had the weather of late on the West side of the Alps we know not but on this side we have had nothing but No[rth] Easters in the Common run.

We Joyn in Compl[imen]ts to your Self & family & are Dr Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

PS Please to take no Notice of the application about this affair or that you have a Reccomendation from Us

13 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: with appended copy of letter from Richardson to the Board, 26 Mar 1742]

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle April 13. 1742

Sir

We rece.d yours with the Boards Minutes of that date which we duly observe & in answer thereto Mr Ricardson is possess'd of a Freehold estate called Lowhouses in the Chappellry of Garrygill within the man[o]r of Aldstonmoore & Claimes a part of the Common as Lord of the Mannor of Lowhouses bounding upon a Ryvulett called Garrardgill als Garrygill Burn from which we Suppose he calls it his mannor of Garrygill. – Bentyfield Lead Mine lyes on the South Side of the above mentioned Ryvulett & is now Extending into what Mr Ricardson calls his Common on the North

side of it or rather Inclining to the No[rth] East, but whether he has a right or not we cannot Judge. What we alledge is that this Common is apart of the mannor of Aldston moor, that the mine called garrygill burn old Grove has been many years agoe wrought under the Derwentwater family, altho it lyes in the middle of what is now Claimed by Mr Richardson & that Mr Ricardson has no right there but to the Herbag & as a Freeholder. He Claims upon an Antient Deed produced on a Dispute his predecessors had with the Derwentwater family upon which Councells opinion was taken, who gave it in favour of Mr Ricardsons predecessors, but we do not find that till of late any Claim was made of the Royaltys, nor no <badges> of a manner appear to us Except that of taking up Waifs & Astray which they did soon after the late Rebellion when the Estate remaind without any or very little Inspection. Thus much we know of the Affair in Dispute, but as Mr Richardson is Willing to shew his title we will Informe our Selves farther with respect to the foundation of his Claim, & report to you our further proceedings & in the meantime we are

Sir Yours &c
Walton & Boag

A Coppy of Mr Chr. Ricardson's [Richardson] Letter to the Board, 26 March 1742

Randall Holme 26 March 1742

Sirs

Being seized of the Manner of Gerardsgill otherwise Garragill adjoining to the manner of Aldston Moor, I apprehend the Lessees under the Honourable Comiss[ione]rs of Greenwich Hospital are likely to come into my liberty in a Grove they are Carrying on called Bentyfield, And on Tuesday last I waited on Mr Walton at Alstone to offer to have the same Amicably Settled, but he advised me to apply to you for that purpose and Accquainted me that he would not meddle therein in any Shape without directions from the Hospitall, so that is the reason of my troubling you. And I hope you will be so kind as to Order my Title to be laid before some Councell in the North either at Newcastle or Durham whom I leave to the Hospitalls own Choosing as I believe my Title there will be found very good and was allow'd by the late unfortunate earl of Derwentwater. And after my Title hath been examined into that you'll give further directions therein. Mr Walton saith both he & Mr Boag will Write to you about this affair, but lest they forget I must beg you will call on them. I should have desired any Agent in Town to have waited on you, but Mr Walton advised me to follow this method in applying my self. I hope Sir the Honble Comiss[ione]rs will not be for Law, till they have Councells advise, and I will readily wait upon any one with my Title that they will order . I can add nomore than to beg the favour of an Answer which please to direct to me Attorney at Law at this place near Penrith in Cumberland and remain Sir

Your most humble Servt
Chris Ricardson

The Original sent William Corbett Esqr the 16 Apr 1742

13 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to John Stephenson

To Mr John Stephenson at Nentsberry Ravensworth Castle Apr.13. 1742

Dear Sir

Mr Ricardson having wrote a letter to our board that he is Seized of the Manour of Garrygill adjoining Alstonmoore and that the Lessees under the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital are likely to come into his Liberty, therefore disires his Title may be look'd into in order to settle the same in an amicable manner; which being refreddown to us to make our report thereon, & not being thoroughly acquainted with what Mr Ricardson Claimes upon, we have this day wrote a letter to Mr Simpson disiring he will make a State of the whole matterin dispute. And in order that he may be furnished with materials to sett the affair in a Clear light we disire you will goe to him to Penrith with Mr Ricardson who we have disired to take his writings to lay before Mr Simpson. You will take care to Informe Mr Simpson of what appears to you in the Hospitals favour with respet to the Mines having being wrought in this disputed ground under the Derwentwater family and what other Reasons you have to believe it to belong to the Derwentwater Estate; but let this be done without Mr Ricardsons knowledge and when that is done and Mr Ricardson has shewn his Title Mr Simpson will be able to make such a state of the matter as will answer our purpose.

We wrote to Mr Emerson that you were to take care that no Lead ore dues be removed out of the quantity raised from Mich. last to Mich next which we hope he has acquainted you with and we doubt not but you will observe it with great care & Exactness and are Sr, Your Hble Srvts

NW & HB

13 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to Christopher Richardson

[Note: name corrected to Richardson in a later letter]

To Mr Christo'r Ricardson at Alston Ravensworth Castle April 13th. 1742

Sir

We have received the Commands of our board in Answer to your letter of the 16 March last, to informe them thoroughly, how the affair in dispute, between them and you really stands, which we are not able to doe, as not having the substance of your Title and as this Report of ours is to be made previous to their further directions as to what you have desired, we must beg the favour of you to shew Mr Simpson your Title,

and how you became seized of the manour, and if you will be so obliging as goe to penrith to him Mr Stephenson of Nentberry will attend you in order to have a Clear State of the matter, and when that is done, and that Mr Simpson has transmitted to us the same, we will take care to loose no time in making our Report, that this affair may be brought to a speedy Conclusion, & we are Sir

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

13 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The Earl of Oxford was the title taken by Robert Walpole after his resignation as First Lord of the Treasury (effectively Prime Minister) in 1742. Sir Henry Liddell MP, of Ravensworth Castle, was one of the committee set up to investgate Walpole's conduct in 1742.
William Corbett's position as Secretary to the Greenwich Hospital seems to have been secure, owing partly, no doubt, to the fact that his older brother Thomas Corbett, who preceded William as the Greenwich Secretary, became Secretary to the Admiralty in 1741. William was appointed as Comptroller of the Treasurers Accounts, one of the Commissioners for the Navy, in December 1743.]

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Apr.13. 1742

Sir

We rece.d the Agreeable favour of yours of the 8 Inst acquainting us that you will soon have a new Treasurer of the Navy, & that you & our friend Mr Horne will be Continued in Statu quo. You are very very Obliging Sir in accquaintingus with a piece of news which give us so much pleasure & we beg leave to Congratulate you both upon it. We never Expected Sir Henry Liddell woud be in the Admiralty, as he has not only in the House of C---ns declared he woud not accept of anything but has done the same in all places publickley. We wish however he had been one as no Gentleman is of Stricter Hon[our] & Integrity – It is generally believed here that the Enquiry into the earl of O---ds [ie. Oxford] Conduct will be attended with no ill Consequences, & we all hope matters which have been carried high will soon Subside & that we shall again enjoy peace & Tranquility & we are Sir Yours &c

Walton & Boag

PS We are Glad to find Mr Cluterbuck the Treasurer a Relation of our family.

13 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

[Note: Richard Horne was Secretary to the Treasurer of Greenwich Hospital and later became Secretary to the Greenwich Hospital. The new Treasurer was Thomas Clutterbuck, who died only 6 months later.]

To Mr Horne Ravensworth Castle April 13th. 1742

Dear Sir

We rec.d last post the favour of yours & in answer thereto we will not fail to repeat our request to all our friends as you desire at this season of the year when they either Come to town of send their Orders we doe asure you no opportunity has been missed by us to recommend your Goods & we have the repeated promises of our friends to promote them. Mr Smith of penrith is now in Town & promises to call upon Mr Sneed & Co. We are very glad to hear you are none of that Number which have reason to Complain of Trade & we wish your demands may Continue to Increase to such a length as you desire, & we heartily wish it may be in our power to promote it. We heartily Congratulate you on the Continuance in your office under your new Treasurer, which gives us both great pleasure & we heartily wish you verry long Enjoyment of it & with our Complimts to all friends especially your Treasurer we are Dr Sir

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

PS If you want oates they are now coming very cheap. We are glad to find your Treasurer a Relation of our family.

13 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

To Mr Thomas Simpson Ravensworth Castle April 13th. 1742

Dear Sir

Mr Chis. Ricardson of Randalholme in Aldston moor has an Estate also at Low Houses in the Chappellery of Garrigill within the Said Mann[o]r by which last mentioned Estate he Claims a part of the Common North of garrigill burn & the Royaltys as Lord of the Man[no]r of Garrard Gill Als Garrygill. And as this part of the Common has been understood by us to be a part of the mannor of Aldston moor of which the Hospitall or King is Lord, we apprehend the Royalties belong to us. The lessees under the Comiss[ione]rs are now working one of their mines very near the Boundary of this disputed Common, & if they are not already wrought into it, will very Soon, so that Mr Ricardson apprehends he will be Injured if the Boundary is not fixed. He has therefore presented to the Commiss[ione]rs that he is seized of the mannor of Garrygill and is willing to shew his Title thereto, to Such Counsell as they shall appoint

and will be determined thereby, & in pursuance of it our Board have order'd us to State to them particularly the matter in Dispute, which we cannot well doe without having Mr Ricardsons Title looked into , which we beg you will doe & let us know particularly how he Claims & how you apprehend the Affaire will determine in case of a Disputation in Law. We have ordered Mr Stephenson the Moor Master to Attend you, who will Inform you that some Mines have been wrought under the Derwentwater family in this Disputed Ground & what Else he knows of the matters & we have wrote to Mr Ricardson to Attend you with his Title, so that as soon after you see them as you can give us a State of the Affair & you'll oblige Sir

Yours &c Walton & Boag

16 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle April 16. 1742

Sir

The above [below] is your Accot. of Oates and Butter, as Also what we have this day pay'd to ralph Dowthwaites father by your Order to whom we likewise deliver'd the severall things which belong'd him after calling over the List & seeing that all was Right & Inclosed you have his Recet. acknowledging the Rect. of them. The poor man is in great Affliction for the loss of his son, but says the acct. you gave of his Conduct gave him great Comfort and at the same time begg'd leave to return you his gratefull Acknowledgment of thanks for all your friendship to his son in his lifetime as well as the favour you have done himselfe since.

We hope the last p'cell of oates are come to your hand & this day we have drawn upon you for the amount of the above, being £57.17.6 payable to Mr Wood at 10 days after date wch we doubt not but youll duly hon[our]; when you have any further Commands we will be verry glad of having them and are Sir Your most Obd Hble Servts

Walton & Boag

PS Mr Ricardsons letter with the above [….] …any neglected last Post

Wm Corbett Esqr to Messrs Walton & Boag Dr.

1741				
Novemb 6	Pd Mr Emerson for 3 Firkins of Butter at 2s/£	3	3	0
Decemb 31	Pd Gilbert Laybourn for 84 Boules of Oats bo't in Newcastle Market at severall prices	11	1	6
	Pd Robt Johnson for 96 Do.	13	4	0
March 10	Pd John Cowell for 60 Do.	8	10	0

	Pd G Laybourn his expenses buying & putting up &c	8 0
	Pd Mr Thomas Airey Waterage & Putting on Board	1 6 0
April 16	Pd Cuthbt Dowthwaite by Order	20 5 0
		£57 17 6

16 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett esqr. Ravensworth Castle April 16. 1742

Herewith you will receive our cash Accot. for March last, whereby you will observe a Ballance of £2384.19.10 ¼ in our hands which we are Endeavouring to get remittances for. We have this day sent Mr Wood two Bills for one Hundred & Twenty Seven pounds fifteen shillings in part thereof & we are

Sir Your most Hble Svts

Walton & Boag

PS We are now Loading a Ship with Coales for the use of the Hospitall, which will Come Cheaper than those we sent last year.

16 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr James Wood Ravensworth Castle April 16. 1742

Dr Sir

The above mentioned Bill for Fifty Seven pounds Seventeen Shillings & Sixpence , together with John Burdons on Wm Herchell for Sixty nine pounds Seventeen Shillings & Sixpence making One hundred and Twenty Seven pounds fifteen shillings we send you on Accot. of the Rents and Profitts of the Derwentwater estate wch pray Acknowledge the Rect. of & youll oblige

Sir Your most Hble Servts

Walton & Boag

69. 17. 6 South Shields Apr 6. 1742

Sir Twenty Eight Days after date pay unto Mr Thomas Hill or order Sixty Nine pounds Seventeen shillings & sixpence, and place to the Acct of Mr Edward Everard Mercht. In Lynn. From your Hble Servt John Burdon

To Mr William Herchell Mercht. In London

Ravensworth Castle April 13th. 1742

Sir Ten days after date pray pay Mr James Wood or his order Fifty Seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings & sixpence (Value in Accot) as advised by Sir Your most Hble Servts Nichs Walton H Boag
To William Corbett esqr At the pay office in Broad Street, London

23 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle April 23. 1742

Sir

We have put on Board of Capt. John Calvert 60 Newcastle Chalders of main Team Coales, which I expect will make out about 112 Chalders London measure, & I hope will give Content. The Invoice Bill of Loading & Charter Party you have inclosed and for the value we will next post draw as usual on J. Bell Esq. The Ship is I expect Saild & I am Sir Yours &c

N. Walton

Newcastle April 20.1742
Invoice of a Cargo of Coales Ship'd for Greenwich Hospitall by order of Messrs Walton & Boag on Board the John and jane of Whitby John Calvert Mastr. And Consign'd to William Corbett Esqr vizt.

60 Cha[lde]rs of Team Coale at 10/6 per Cha[lde]r	£31 10 0
8 Keele dues at 13s/4d	5 6 8
Duke of Richmonds duty at 12d	3 0 6
Towns duty at 5d	1 5 0
Charter Party	3 6
Bills of Loading	1 0 1/2
	£41 6 8 1/2

30 Apr 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle April 30th. 1742

Sir

Inclosed we send you our Contingent Acct. as usuall for the last three Months ending the 31 March last, which please to lay before the board.

We have been at Berwick Viewing the Colliery Winning of Scremmerston, which we find very well done, and will in all probability be effectuall for many years, but we are afraid the Tennants have out done themselves with the Rent, and will not be able to Continue. They are in Arrear at Martinmas last £140 and as the Rent of the Colliery then Commences at £220 p. Ann. will now at mayday be in arrear £110 more so that

now their Arrear will by £250. They promised to pay up this Arrear now which was due at Martinmas last, & if so they must Continue another year, but if they doe not in a few days We beleive it will be the Interest of the Hospitall to Enter upon the Colliery, & secure the Arrear in the best Manner we Can . This we will postpone till we have your Answer hereto, which we desire may be as early as you can, & we are Sir Your most Obedt. Servts

Walton & Boag

Contingent payments made on Accot. of the Derwentwater Estate from 31 December 1741 to 31 March 1742 Viz.

			£
1741/2 January 14	Pd Thomas Dixon for postage of Letters, Accots, Vouchers &c for the Year 1741 ending 31 December to London &c		2 - 2 - 0
30	Pd Mr Abraham Bunting his Disbursments as follows For Severall Repairs viz		
	A Floor and Door for the barn at Rawgreen		
	for Deales for 2 doors for Tho Wrights house at Millhills	15 – 0	
	for Building 2 Side Walls of a Stable at Longhope for Jos Scott 10s, Lime &c for the same 2s/3d	12 – 3	
	Deales for gates to Dilston Newtown farme	1 –19 – 0	
	2000 Quicks to Reynd.Corbetts farm at Allerwash	10 – 0	
	Smithwork by W. Hoggarth for the Tyle Mill & Shades in Dilstone Park	10 – 11	
	Staying the Tyle Shades in Dilston Park 4 days	5 – 4	
			5 – 4 – 6
	For his Expences &c about Highgreen Colliery viz. Expences 5 Men himself & Horses going to Highgreen to give to give [sic] J.Reid esq. possession of the Colliery	10 – 9	
	Exps. 12 Men &c going to Do. to Seize Coales for an Arrear of Rent due from Jas.Dodds's Widow	18 – 10	
		1 - 0	
	Publishing the Sale of the Coales	1 – 0	
	Constable Swearing to the Apprizement of the Coales	11 – 8	
	Exps. 5 Men himself & Horses going to Sell the Coales		
	Exps. Getting Severall bound over that opposd him in Selling the same	4 – 0	
			2 – 7 – 3
	Expences for himself a man & Horses discharging Severall for Working Coales on Wark fell	3 – 0	
	Exps. Going thro' Corbridge Parish & making a Regulation of the Landtax in the same by which he got an abatemt.of £6 on Dilston & £4 on Thornbrough Lands for the Year 1741	2 – 8 – 6	
	Exps. Assisting to impound Simon Drydons Sheep from	2 – 3	

	off Grindon Common		
	Carried over …	10 – 5 – 6	2 – 2 – 0
	Mr Lambton for [levelling] a Copper at Dilstone	2 – 6	
	Postage of Letters for the year 1741	5 – 7	
	Setting Bounder Stones in Corbridge Lands	2 – 6	
			10 – 16 - 1
February 6	Pd. Richard Grieve Attorney at Law in Alnwick for his trouble &c in Receiving of the late Mr Francis Andersons Debt due to the Coms. Of his Majestys Royal Hospitall at Greenwich		2 – 2 – 0
27	Pd Richard Pearson his Expences Agreeing with Mr Fra.Todd 19 Decembr last for the carriage of the Box with the Vouchers belonging the last general Accot. as also what he Disburst for the carriage of the Dean & Chapters Leases from Carlisle to Newcastle 11 Inst for Dilston & Lorbottle Tyths		2 - 0
March 9	Pd. William Stokoe one Years damage of Ground by Dilston Tyle shades &c due Mich. 1741in full		1 – 0 – 0
	Pd. Mr Thomas Reed for making and mending a Barn floor &c	4 – 2	
	Deales for the same 7/6, mending a door Case, Winning Stones and Building a Gable 10s at Thornbrough wch he disburst		1 – 1 – 8
	Pd. John Joppling for 6 ~~M~~ Thornquicks had of Gilbt. Turnbull had and Planted at Newtonhall		1 – 10 – 0
	Pd. Joseph Joppling for Leading Materials to Build and Repaire Houses & upon his Farme at Newtonhall viz.		
	11 Fothrs Lime 16s sand 7/6, 1700 Tyles 15s, 300 Bricks 2/6	2 – 1 – 0	
	Stones 10/6 water & Rigging Flaggs 4 days 10s	1 – 0 – 6	
	4 Fother of Flaggs 10s, 5 Foth Timber 15s	1 – 5 – 0	
	518 Thrave of Ling at 4d	8 – 12 – 8	
			12 – 19 –2
10	Paid Marg.Rewcastle for 1850 Tyles used in Repairs at Vauce, Westwood & Millhills, which the late John Rewcastle paid for (being Charged upon him by mistake) where Tyles had perish'd the late hard season.		3 – 14 – 0
	Pd Do. for Severall Repairs &c as follows –		
	Severall workmen 10 days at 18d 17 at 16 Trying for a quarry for Stones to Build Dilston Park Wall	1 – 17 – 8	
	Workmen 1 day at 2/6d 4 at 1/6d & 2 at 1s per, Repairing Tyleshades &c in Dilstone Park	9 – 10	

			2 – 7 – 6
	Carried over		37 – 14 –5
March 10	Pd John [Reede] Esqr. his Expences &c taking possession of Highgreen Colliery viz:		
	1741 May 2. 3 men to take possession of Highgreen Pitts	3 – 0	
	6. 2 do. Attending the Colliery from 2 to 5 Inst	5 – 4	
	1 Do. 3 days more	2 – 0	
	15. 12 Men & Horse to Seize the Coales	1 – 10 – 0	
	23. 5 Do. to Sell the Coales	12 – 6	
	1 Man 2 Journey to Newcastle acquainting Mr Airey with proceedings	14 – 0	
	Aug 1. 2 Men to goe to the Assizes with their Expences for themselves and Horses	1 – 11 – 0	
	2 Colliers for Coales wrought & which Coales was throwen into Robsons heap	10 – 6	
	Nov 2. 9 Men for their trouble in going to Newcastle to make information about the Ryott	1 – 2 – 6	
		_____	6 – 10 –10
	Pd. Mr Ab.Bunting his Expences Riding to Newcastle 3 times & Sevl. Other places Endeavouring to find out one William Johnson if Intend for Information about Waste in the Woods.		1 – 2 – 6
	Pd Do. for his Disbursments for Thornquicks had & planted in the following Farmes viz.		
	Langley Castle …… Geo. Thompson Tent.------ 4700		
	Edwd. Brown Do. ---------- 4000		
	Allerwash ------ William Corbett Do. ---------- 4000		
	Reynd.Corbett Do. ---------- 3000		
	Cath. Watson Do. ---------- 2500		
	Coastley ---------James Brown Do. ---------- 2000		
	Lipwoodwell ---Jos. Maughan Do. ---------- 1500		
	at 5s per 1000---------- 23200		5 – 16 - 0
11	Pd. William Lee for 2 Accquittances for the Feefarm Rent payable out of Aldston moor man[o]r to [dame Ellioner Cullan]		8
	Pd. Mr Rich. Ellis for accquittance for the quit Rent for Coastley Corn Tyth		4
18	Pd. Mr geo. Murton for 6 days at 16d & 6 at 8d Thatching houses at Outchester		12 – 0
	Pd. Mr Rowland Graham for 6000 Thornquicks had and planted in Glororum farme		1 – 10 – 0

	Carried over		£53 – 6 - 9
March 23	Paid Mr Thomas Simpson Attorney at Law for Law Charges in Recovery of a debt due from the Rev. Mr Jefferson for Wood he Cutt down and Sold from off his Arbitrary Tenement at Thornth[waite ?]		16 – 4
March 26	Pd. Mr Joseph Pearson what he paid Edward Nicholson for Nails had and used in Spiling and Repairing the Wear of Keswick Milldam		9 – 4
	pd. Do. His Disbursments for Postage of Letters from 8 Aug last ending this day		2 – 8
	pd. Mr Joseph Pearson his Disbursments as follows viz. For repairing Keswick Mill Wears & Dam		
	Thomas Ladyman Workmanship 8s Carriage of Materials 2s	10 – 0	
	Robt. Crosthwaite for Workmanship	6 – 8	
	Robt. Simpson for Do. & Materials	5 – 4	
	John Grave for Carriage of Timber	2 – 0	
	Edwd. Nicholson for Search[in]g the River for Timber taken away by Floods	1 – 8	
		£1 – 5 – 8	
	For Repairing Shops & Shambles in Keswick viz.		
	Thomas Ladyman for Carpenter Work &c	5 – 0	
	Gaw.Bowe for Workmanship	4 – 0	
	Thomas Ladyman for making a [Pantham] over a Shop & Swing Seats in the Moothall	3 – 8	
	Jos. Crosthwaite for […] Slates & Carriage	3 – 0	
	Lant. Penny for carriage of Timber	1 – 0	
		16 – 8	
	For Repairing the Boat upon the Derw[entwate]r Lake viz.		
	Chris. Clark for Carpenter Work	4 – 3	
	Jonas [Bichett] for Pitch & Tarr for Caulk[ing] &c	3 – 9	
		8 – 0	
			£2 – 10 –4
			£57 – 5 - 5
	Pd. Mr Ab Bunting (30 Jan. last) what he paid Margt. Rewcastle Widow towards Building an Additional Barn on Jos. Todds farm at Land Ends as an Incouragement to his great Improvement		10 – 0 – 0
			£67 – 5 - 5

7 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to Andrew Scott

To Mr And. Scott Ravensworth Castle May 7. 1742

Mr Andrew Scott

As the Winning of Limestones at Scremerston Estate is not only a damage to the Present Tennants, but a Considerable one to the Estate as well as the Waisteof the Mine, we have agreed not to permitt any person Whatsoever to Winn any quantitys under 3d per Fother to be pay'd to us by way of Rent and Such as desire any quantitys are likewise to pay the Tennant reasonable Satisfaction for damage of Ground. We therefore desire you will take Care not o permit any peson to Winn any without paying 3d per Fother to us as above and that such as have Occasion for them are to apply to you for Licence in wch application they are each to Specifye the No. of Fothers they will want which you will Specifye likewise in the Licenceyou give: pray Send us an Accot. of what quantitys have been delivered and are unpaid for to the 1 May 1742 & doe you take Care to receive for all to that time at 1 ½ per Fother & Youll oblige

Your verry Hble Serts.

Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

7 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Armorer

To Mr Armorer Ravensworth Castle May 7. 1742

Sir

Your Letter of the 23d April last woud have been answd. Sooner but that we have been very Little together since it came to hand. You are very welcome to Winn the quantity of Limest[one] you mention on Scremerston Common, paying three pence per Fother for them being the price we have agreed to take of everybody since the 1st of May Inst. & in order that we may have an Exact Acct. of the Severall quantities each person shall have Occasion for we have this day Orderd Mr And. Scott one of our Tennants to grant Licences on Such applications as are made to him, so that upon applying to him you will have the quantity you desire. We are Sorry we had not the pleasure of Seeing you when we were at Barwick & are

Sir Your most Hble Srts.

Walton & Boag

7 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to Robert Wilkie

[Note: A Robert Wilkie Esq of Ladythorn near Berwick left his will in 1760 so is possibly the recipient of this letter]

To Mr Wilkie Ravensworth Castle May 7. 1742

Sir

In Answr. to your Letter of the 2d Inst we have wrote to Mr Andrew Scott that he is not to permit any person whatever to Winn Limestones at Scremerston without first having a Licence from him, to the End that a true Acct. may be taken of all such quantities as shall be won there. the price we have fix'd at Three pence per Fother since the first of May which Mr Strangways as well as all others must pay from that time, as well as damage of Ground to Ten[ant. We hope you and the rest Gent[lemen] will think this a reasonable Satisfaction, & are

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

7 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr Maull Ravensworth Castle May 7. 1742

Dear Sir

Not having heard from you o so long a time, we give you the trouble of this to desire you will let us know what progress has been made with respect to the passing our Last years Accot; for as another year will soon be ready we wish to have that now in hand finished. We doubt not your Care in it, but as it will be a Satisfaction to know how and where it rests, we will be obliged for a Line in answr. to this informing us therewith. Nothing is new here worth Accquainting you with, we have very dry weather & likely to be in great want of Grass, which will be hard upon Tennants as Corn is so very low. Our Compl[imen]ts attend your fireside & all friends at Greenwich, Broadstreet &c & we are Dr. Sir

Yr &c Walton & Boag

7 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Radley Ravensworth Castle May 7. 1742

Sir

In Answer to your Letter of the 24 April last, all Lease lengths must be 1200 yards & the Breadth 40 yards on Each Side of the Vein for tho' it often happens that the Vein does not Extend so farr as 1200 Yards, yet it is always granted with the provisoe for preventing one Lease from Interfering with another.

William Todd Benjamin Geal & John Millikins places of abode we doe not know, but will informe you soon. The rest will be as follows, viz. Geo. Barrow of the Shaw in the parish of Haltwhistle & County of Northumberland, William Salkeld of Ranwood

Side in the parish of Aldston & County of Cumberland and Arthur Emerson of Eshgill side & John Bates of Dodsberry in the parish of Aldston & County of Cumberland. We are

Sir Yours &c
Nich. Walton Hugh Boag

8 May 1742 John Richardson

[Note: One of four affidavits made in April and May 1742, though entered in the copy letter book between copies of letters from July 1742. All are annotated as being sent as a bundle to the Board 22 Jan 1744/5, presumably by Walton and Boag in connection with a matter under discussion at that later date. See also letter from Ralph Archbold to John Airey dated 2nd July 1742]

John Richardson of Alnwick in the County of Northumb'd Gentleman aged Fifty Three years or thereabouts John Gladstone of Balmbroug in the sd County yeoman aged Fifty Four years or thereabt. William Neale of <Salkelde> parke in the sd County Gentleman aged Forty Six years or thereabouts John Boyd of Hope House in the sd County Yeoman aged Thirty Seven years or thereab'ts John Murton of Alnwick afores'd yeoman aged Forty Years or thereabouts and Henry Johnson of Alnwick aforesd aged Thirty Eight years or thereab'ts Severally make oath as follows. And First the said John Richardson maketh Oath that he hath known the North Demesne and also the Goose Close both in the parish of Alnwick afores'd Upwards of thirty five years last past and when he first knew the same the North Demesne was farmed by James Harrigate and Widow Todd both now Deceased Under his grace the Duke of Sumersett, And Frans. Anderson, Thomas Harrison and Robt. Richardson Who was the Deponents Father and who are all now Dead were farmers of the sd Goose Close (and the other lands now farmed by Captn. Archbold) under the Derwentwater Family and Continued so to be farmed for Severall years then next after during which time there was an Antient Hedge near to and on the west side of a Runner that now is in the sd Grounds Which sd Hedge was the Eastmost Boundary of the said Goose Close and Devided the same from the North Demesne and saith that all the Grounds on the West side of the sd Hedge lying within the Inclosure of the said Goose Close for all the time of his knowing the same as aforesd was the Goose Close Eaten by the Cattle of the Tenants or owners thereof and all the Grounds on the East side of the sd Hedge for all the time of his Knowledge as aforesaid was part of the North Demain and Eaten by the Cattle of the Ten'ts thereof and saith that he cann the better Depose as above For that he has frequently while the sd Goose Close was farmed by the sd Francis Anderson, Thos. Harrison and this Deponents Father as above sett forth upon or near to the sd Hedge wch. was then but in very Indifferent Repair to take care of his Fathers Cattle and prevent their trespassing on the East side of the sd Hedge least they should be Impounded by the Tennants of the North Demain & during <this time> he this

Deponent hath frequently seen the Cattle belonging to the Tenn'ts of the North Demain Depasturing upon the Grounds on the East side of the sd Hedge and Close to the same and upon all the Grounds now in Dispute and were never interrupted in so doing by the Ten't Farmers or owners of the sd Goose Close to this Deponents Knowledge or that he ever heard of and further saith that the Grounds now in Dispute is Forty Four Yards in Breadth and this Deponent further saith that upwards of thirty Years ago the Goose Close & North Demain were both farmed by the sd Fran: Anderson and Continued to be farmed by him or his Tenants until he Dyed during which time the Hedge between the Goose Close and the North Demain was Suffered to fall down and saith that at the same time of the sd Fran: Anderson's Death and after it when Capt. Archbold first farmed the Goose Close the old Hedge that divided the Goose Close from the North Demain still continued and was very visable>but Capt. Archbold soon after he became farmer of the sd Goose Close first Erected a Whin Hedge upon the sd old found and soon after the old found was plowed up by the order of the sd Capt Archbold and the sd John Gledstone maketh oath that he have known the sd North Demaine and also the Goose Close for thirty three years last past That when he first knew the same the sd North Demaine farmed by James Harrigate and Widow Todd under his Grace the Duke of Sumersett, and Fran: Anderson, Thos. Harrison, & Robt. Richardson who are all now Dead were Ten'ts. of the said Goose Close under the Derwentwater Family saith that when he first knew the sd North Demain and Goose Close there was an antient Hedge hearto and on the west side of a Runner that now is in the sd Grounds which sd Hedge was the Eastmost Bounder of the sd Goose Close and Devided the same from the sd North Demain And Saith that all the ground on the west side of the sd Hedge lying within the Inclosure of the sd Goose Close for all the time of his Knowing the same as afores'd was the Goose Close and Eaten by the Cattle of the Ten'ts. or Owners thereof and all the Grounds on the east side of the sd Hedge for all the time of his Knowledge as aforesaid was part of the North Demain and Eaten by the Cattle of the Ten'ts thereof and Saith that he can the better Depose as above for that thirty three Years ago he was hired as a hind with the sd James Ramsgate and served him in that action for a year then next after during which time he frequently and whenever he thought proper herded fedd & Depastured his said Masters cattle upon all the Grounds in Dispute and Close to the East side of the sd Hedge whithout any Molestation or Disturbance from any person Whatsoever Altho' the Tennants of sd Goose Close were Severall times present & saw his sd Masters Cattle Depasturing there and Saith that the Cattle beloning to the Tenants of the sd Goose Close did never During the time he was a Servant as above to his Knowledge or that he ever heard of depasture on any part of the Ground in Dispute nor on the East Side of the said Hedge but always depastured upon the west side thereof Unless they happened to trespass upon the same by an Escape and as often as they did so if they were seen trespassing there they were either Impounded or hounded back again by the Tenants of the sd North Demain or their servants as this Deponent verily believes

And the said William Neal maketh oath that abt six years ago Capt. Archbold Came to this Deponent and desired to lend him his plow and a Servant to plow the sd Goose Close which this deponent lent him & he this Deponent the sd Capt Archbold and the said John Boyd who was then this Deponents Servant went with a plow to the sd Goose Close and plowed the same And in plowing the sd Close this Deponent plainly p'ceived the found of an old Hedge near to & on the West side of a Runner that now is in the Ground in Dispute and thereupon this deponent told Capt Archbold that he was not well to plow up the sd found for fear of Damaging his Cattle and breaking his plow But the sd Capt Archbold Insisted that the said found should be plowed and that he would Answer all Damages that should happen thereby and the same was accordingly plowed up And the sd John Boyd maketh Oath that about Six years ago he was a servant to the sd William Neal & by his masters order Carryed a plow to the sd Goose Close And in the presence of the sd Master and Capt. Archbold and by the Directions of the said Captain Archbold this Deponent plowed the sd Goose Close and in the plowing thereof he by the sd Captain Archbolds orders plowed up the found of an old Hedge Near to and on the West side of a Runner that now is in the Grounds in Dispute And the said John Murton maketh Oath that he hath known the North Demain and Goose Close for Ten years last past and that during the time of his Knowledge until Some short time after the said Capt. Archbold Came first to Farm the said Goose Close there plainly appeared to be the found of an old Hedge near to and on the West side of a Runner that now is in the Ground in Dispute and that Imediately upon the sd Capt. Archbolds coming to Farm the sd Goose Close he caused to be erected a Whinn Hedge upon the sd Found But saith the sd Found is now plowed up and was so plowed by the order of the sd Capt. Archbold as this Deponent very believes And the sd Henry Johnson maketh Oath that he hath known the sd North Demain and the sd Goose Close for twenty Years last past and that During the time of his Knowledge as afores'd Untill some short time after the sd Capt. Archbold Came first to farm the sd Goose Close there plainly appeared to be the found of an old Hedge near to & on the West Side of a Runner that now is in the Ground in Dispute and that imediately after the sd Capt. Archbold's coming to farm the said Goose Close he caused to be erected a Whinn Hedge upon the said found but saith the sd found is now plowed up & was so plowed up by the order of the said Captain Archbold as this Deponent believes

John Richardson John Gledstones William Neal John Boyd
John Murton Henry Johnson

Taken and sworn at Alnwick in the County of Northumberland 8th May 1742 before me Henry Grey Esq. one of his Majesty's Justices of the peace of and for the said County

January 22nd 1744/5 Sent the Board this day

11 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To W Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle May 11 1742

Sir

We recd. yours of the 5 Inst with the Boards Minutes of that date which we have due regard to. As to the Complaint Mr Richardson makes we have heard of it, but if any person is liable to pay Henry Barnes damages it is the Lesees of the Lead Mines whom we will Accquaint therewith.

We have recd. a Letter from Mr Mannock Strickland dated the 6 Inst acquainting us that he has Learnt that we are the Lessees named in the late Leases granted of Dilstone & Lorbottle Tyths & that we will be made defendents in a Bill which will be filed this Terme for the Recovery of them, with which please to Accquaint the Board.

Inclosed you have our Cash Accot. for last month the Balance whereof is £2301-12-3¼ then in our hands, for which we cannot get remittances Sooner than to be payable in London in about two Months, at which time the Whole will be paid. & We are Sir , Yours &c

Walton & Boag

14 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr J. Wood Ravensworth Castle May 14. 1742

Dear Sir

We never were in such distress for Bills in this part of the World as we have been in for some time past, and at present are in the utmost Want. Nothing but Coale buyers notes being to be had for money . We have with Difficulty pickd up with two draughts on Wm Bell Esq & Mr Skutt £500 – which We send you herewith the pticulars above mentioned on Acct of the rents and Profitts of the Derwentwater estate which pray Acknowledge the Rect. of & Youll oblige

Sir, Your Hble Srvts

Nich Walton Hugh Boag

Ravensworth Castle May 14 1742

Sir Ten days after date pray pay Mr James Wood or his Order Forty one pounds Six shillings & Eightpence halfe penny Value in a Loading of Coales on Board the John & Jane of Whitby and place it to Accot. as advised by, Sir Your most Hble Servt Nich. Walton

To Willim Bell Esqr. at Greenwich near London : £41.6.8 ½

Robt. & Jas. Livesey's bill on Robinson Knight & Co. dated 10 May at 1 mon[th]	£70
Robt. Tanners Do. on Jas. Royston dated 12 Do. at 30 days	£34 3 0
Thomas Hills Do. on Matt. Langley dated 14 Do. at 30 days	£160 16 0
Nichos. Waltons Do. on William Bell Esq. dated 14 Do. at 10 days	£41 6 8 1/2
Do.'s Do. on Benjamin Skutt dated 14 Do. at 40 days	£193 14 3 1/2
	£500

14 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Bell

To Wm. Bell Esqr. Ravensworth Castle May 14 1742

Sir

We have this day drawn on you at 10 days date for £41.6.8 ½ the value of the last Loading of Coales sent for the use of the Hospitall on board the John & Jane of Whitby payable to Mr James Wood on acct. of the Rents & Profitts of the Derwentwater Estate which please to give due Honr. We refer to the Invoices & Bill of Loading Sent William Corbett Esqr. for the particulars & are

Sir Your very Hble Servts

Walton & Boag

14 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to Edward Blackett

To Sir Edwd. Blackett Bt. Ravensworth Castle May 14 1742

Sir

We have been prevented from being at Hexham and Consequently from paying our Acknowledgements to you for the Singular friendship you did Mr Bunting lately at Hexham, in Supporting him against an outrageous Mob, who have taken away a Tree from high Wood the property of the Comiss[ione]rs of Greenwich Hospitall. We beg leave Sir now to Acknowledge the favour you have done the Comissrs. & us & to return you our thanks& at the same time beg leave to Accquaint you that we have laid the affair before the board & how active you have been in Supporting their Int[erests]. We shall no doubt have the boards orders to prosecute the offenders against whom a proper proof can be made & as some Affadavits have been made before you & Mr Wastall in this Affair we beg the favour of Coppys of them which Mr Bunting will take from the originals if you will be so kind as give him leave to doe so &we are Sir Your most Hble Srvts

Walton & Boag

Sent the above Letter Inclosed to Mr Bunting, To dd Sir E. Blackett & to take Coppys of the Informations & send them back to us.

14 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle May 14 1742

Sir

Mr Bunting the 1st of May Inst detected Severall People the Inhabitants of Hexham taking away a Tree from High Wood in part of the Derwentwater Estate to sett up in the Town of Hexham as a May Pole & with some assistance took it from them & secured it with a Wheel Carriage it was upon in one of the Tennants houses; but afterwards the Mob Increasing, broke open the door & took the Whole away, threatening to burn the housing; Mr Bunting upon this Call'd the Constables who with himself recd. very great abuse, and were obliged to retire, leaving a resolute mob to doe with the Tree what they thought proper, and then Complain'd to Sir Edwd. Blackett to whose gates the Mobb pursued with Clubbs and Stones, so that Mr Bunting and the Constables were in danger of their Lives, and after some time assembling together woud not disperse till Sir Edward Blackett read the King's proclamation which dispers'd them. Sir Edward Blackett has been exceedingly Active & Kind in this affair, has taken severall Informations against some offenders and has bound them over to appear at the next Session and we are endeavouring to get more to Strengthen the Evidence in order to make examples which we hope the Board will approve of.

We have this day Sent Mr Wood the Treasurer's deputy Bills for £500 --- & We are Sir ,

Yours &c

Walton & Boag

21 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Mr Wood Ravensworth Castle May 21st 1742

Dear Sir

Inclosed herein I send you five Bills vallue one Thousand Pounds on Acct of the Rent & profit of the Derwentwater estate and which Pray acknowledge the Rect of as below & you'll oblige Sir

Yours etc Nicho. Walton

Jas. Barts bill on Sam Pearce dated to May Inst at 40 days £40

Wm. Sheels Do. on Robt. Smith dated 11 D[itt]o at 10 days £53 7 9 1/2
John Parrett &c Do. on Richd. Archer dated 15 Do at 10 days £27 19
R. Fetherston Do. On Sam Child Esq. & Co. 21 Do at 28 days £500 -
N Walton Do. On Ben Skutt 21 Days at 40 days £378 13 2 1/2
£1000 - -

22 May 1742 Aaron Mills

[Note: One of four affidavits made in April and May 1742, though entered in the copy letter book between copies of letters from July 1742. All are annotated as being sent as a bundle to the Board 22 Jan 1744/5, presumably by Walton and Boag in connection with a matter under discussion at that later date. See also letter from Ralph Archbold to John Airey dated 2nd July 1742]

Aaron Mills of Newbiggin in the Parish of Newburn in the County of Northumb'd Yeoman aged Fifty Six Years or theirabouts and Wm Mills of the Barrowe Bridge in the said County Yeoman aged Forty Years or thereabouts Severally make Oath as follows And first the sd Aaron Mills for himself maketh Oath that he hath known the North Demesne and also the Goose Close both in the parish of Alnwick in the County aforesaid for thirty Four Years last past and when he first knew the Same The North Demain was farmed by James Harrigate and Widow Todd both now Deceased Under his Grace the Duke of Somersett, and Thos. Harrison now allso Deceased was farmer of the sd Goose Close Under the Derwentwater family Saith that when he first knew the sd North Demain and Goose Close there was an antient Hedge or Dike near to and on the west side of a Runner that now is in the said Ground and which said Hedge was the Eastmost Bounder of the said Goose Close and Divided the same from the said North Demain And saith that all the Grounds on the west side of the said Hedge Lying within the Inclosures of the said Goose Close for all the time he so knew the same was the Goose Close and eaten by the Cattle of the Ten'ts or owners thereof And all the Grounds on the East side of the said Hedge for all the time of his knowledge as aforesd was part of the North Demain and eaten by the Cattle of the Tenants thereof. And saith that he can the better Depose as above for that Thirty Four Years ago he was hired as a serv't with the said Widow Todd and Served for a Year then next after during which time he Frequently saw his said Mistresses Cattle Depasturing upon all the said Grounds in Dispute and close to the East side of the said Hedge without any Molestation or Disturbance from any person Whatsoever And Saith that the Cattle belonging to the tenants of the said Goose Close did never during the time he was a Servant as above to his knowledge or that he ever heard of Depasture upon any of the Grounds in Dispute nor upon the east side of the sd Hedge but allways depastured on the west side thereof And the said William Mills maketh Oath that he hath known the said North Demesne and also the Goose Close for Thirty Six Years last past that when he first knew the same the North Demesne was farmed by James Harrigate & Widow

Todd under his Grace the Duke of Sumersett, and Thomas Harrison & Robt. Richardson then farmed the said Goose Close under the Derwentwater Family Saith that when he first knew the said North Demesne and Goose Close there was an antient Hedge near to and on the West side of a Runner that now is in these Grounds which Said Hedge was the Eastmost Bounder of the said Goose Close and Divided the same from the North Demesne And Saith that all the Grounds on the West Side of the said Hedge lying within the Inclosure of the said Goose Close for all the time he knew the same was the Goose Close and Eaten by the Cattle of the Tenants or owners thereof And all the Grounds on the East side of the said Hedge for all the time of his Knowledge as aforesaid was part of the sd North Demesne and Eaten by the Cattle of the Tenants thereof And Saith that he can the better Depose as above for that Thirty Six years ago he was hired as a Servant with the said James Harrygate and Served him for Four Years then next after during which time he frequently Saw his said Masters Cattle Depasturing upon all the Grounds in Dispute and close to the East Side of the said Hedge without any Molestation or Disturbance from any p'son whatever And Saith that the Cattle belonging to the Tenants of the said Goose Close did ever during the time he was a Servant as above to his Knowledge or that he ever heard of Depasture upon any of the Grounds in Dispute nor on the East Side of the said Hedge but allways Depastured on the West Side thereof.

Aaron Mills William Mills

Taken & Sworn at Howick in the County of Northumberland 22nd May 1742 before me Henry Grey Esq. one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace of and for the said County

Jan'ry 22 1744/5 Sent the Board this day

28 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr. For the Board Ravensworth Castle May 28 1742

Sir

We have shipped for the use of the Royal Hospitall at Greenwich 85 Newcastle Chaldrons of Main Team Coales on Board of the good Intent of Whitby William Jackson Master which we hope will Come safe and please, Inclosed you have the Invoice Bill of Lading and Charter partie. The Ship we believe went to Sea last Nights Tide.

We have taken the possession of Scremerston Colliery as the late Ten't has not paid any Rent according to their promise, and we are doing all we can to secure the arrears or such part as can be Secured, but we are afraid there will be a very Considerable Loss. The Colliery is at present working upon our acct for the use of the Hospitall but since the taking the possession & Continuing to work in our own names we have made an Agreement with Mr Thomas Stokoe (who drove the Levels for Winning the

Colliery) for one Year to commence at last Mayday or the 1st of May Inst for which he is to pay £220 the Rent the late Tennants were to have paid. Mr Stokoe is a man of Substance and Skilled in the Working of Collieries and as he would be a very good Tennant for a Terme of 21 Years we could wish to have it so; but he is not only unwilling to venture for more than a Year but Sensible he cannot be admitted without advertising 6 Months so that we beg yr leave to Inclose you an Addition to the present Advertizements for Letting this Colliery on Lease for 21 Years; and this Addition we will make to the Advertizement here after knowing the Boards Approbation therein.

We have since our last Remitted Mr Wood Bills for £1000 & herein we inclose you the Moor Masters quarterly Acct. ending at Ladyday last. We will send you a State of the Dispute with Co. Richardson in a post or two We are yrs

Walton & Boag

Copy of an advertism't Sent 28 May 1742

Royall Hospitall for Seamen at Greenwich March 30th 1742

The Commissioners of his majesties Royall Hospitall for seamen at Greenwich hereby give notice that on Wednesday the 6 th of October next or as soon after as may be the following farms belonging to the Derwentwater Estate will be Let on Lease for twenty one years Viz: a farm of Land at Faurstones in the parish of Nether Warden, and County of Northumberland consisting of Twenty Four Acres or thereabouts of Arable Meadow and pasture Ground late or now in the possession of Philip Lash Fourstones Colliery in parish and County Aforesaid late or now in the possession of Thomas Errington Esqr. Woodhall Mills and Grounds thereunto belonging in the Chapelry of Haydon and County Aforesaid late or now in the possession of Thomas Cook and Bridghouse Colliery in the Manour of Wark late or now in the possession of John Anderson and they further give notice that the dues of Lead Ore raised and to be raised within the said Estate from Michaelmas last to Mich's. next will at the same time be Sold to the Best Bidder and they also further give notice that on Wednesday the 8th of December next or as soon after as may be will also be let on Lease for twenty one years a Colliery at Scremerston in the County of Durham Compleatley won by a Levell from the Sea Shore within less than two miles of Berwick upon Tweed late in the possession of Stephen Redpath and partners. And all persons willing to take any of the said farms or bid for the said Lead Ore are desired to send their proposals in Writing directed to William Corbett Esqr. at the pay Office in Broadstreet London or to Messrs. Walton and Boag at Ravensworth Castle near Durham of whom particulars may be had.

[The quarterly account referred to in the letter above will be included in due course alongside others in the spreadsheet entitled 'TNA 66 107 Alston Moor lead dues tables' available to download from The National Archives page elsewhere in this website]

NewCastle May 21st 1742

Invoyce of a Cargoe of Coales Ship'd on Board the Good Intent of Whitby William Jackson Master by Order of Messrs. Walton and Boag for Greenwich Hospital and Consign'd to Wm. Corbett Esqr. Viz:

85 Chaldons of Main Team Coales at 9/6	£40 7 6
11 Keeles Dues at 13:4s	7 6 8
Duke of Richmonds duty at 12d	4 5 6
Towns duty at 5d	1 15 0
Charter Party	3 6
Bills of Loading	1 0 1/2
	£53 19 7 1/2

Ravensworth Castle May 28th 1742 Errors Excepted by Nicholas Walton Hugh Boag

This Charter partie witnesseth that Wm. Jackson Master of the good ship Comonly Called the Good Intent of Whitby for the consideration of the freight, herein after expressed Doth by these presents grant and to freight Lett unto Messrs. Walton & Boag, freightors of the said Ship all the s[ai]d good ship w'th all her furniture and apparell for the performance of the following Voyage (dangers of Sea restraint, of Princes fire and Enemies only Excepted) And the s[ai]d Master for him self his Exect'rs & Admin's doth Cov[enan]t promise & agree to and w'th the said freightors their Factors & Assigns by these presents that he the said Master his Servts or Assigns shall forthwith Load and take on Board the s[ai]d ship her full Competent Loading of Coales (of the goods and adventure of the s[ai]d freightors or their Assigns) and shall then wth the first fair wind & weather that shall permitt directly vail and go with the s[ai]d ship & Loading from this Port of Tinmouth unto Greenwich Hospital Key in London River to such Convenient place or places there as the s[ai]d Freightors their factors or Assigns shall appoint, where the Ship & Loading may Safely come and shall then and there Unload & Deliver all the said Loading at the Appointment and to the use of the s[ai]d Freight'rs their factors, their Assigns and shall there Lie for such her unloading the full space of ten lawfull working days And that in Case the sd ship cannot conveniently Come to the sd Greenwich Key for delivery that the sd Master his Exec's or Admin's shall pay the Expence of Lighters for unloading the said ship And that the ship now is strong & staunch well mann'd & every Way fitted to perform this Voyage, In Consideration whereof the freightors for them selves their Factors & assigns do Coven't & agree wth the sd Master his Exect's and adm's by these presents That they the sd Freightors their Factors or Assigns shall forthwith load and putt on board the sd Ship her sd full Loading of Coals and shall & will receive the same from on board her at Greenwich Key afores'd & that w'thin the time before appointed for unloading thereof and shall also pay or cause to be paid unto the sd Master his Exec's or Admin's the sum of seven shillings & six pence a Chaldron London Measure for every such Chalder of the said loading of Coales (and so proportionably for a less quantity) wch shall be

taken in on board the sd Ship in the River Tyne & delivered at Greenwich Key afores'd And will pay all the sd freight, there upon delivery of the sd Loading, and shall also pay and Discharge all Customs duties & Charges upon & for the sd Loading & thirty shillings every day the sd Ship lye up on demurrage and that the sd Master shall pay & discharge all victualling charges mens wages wth wear & tear for the sd ship the Charge of his Coquet, and the load' port lights & piers And for the true performance of all and the Covenants & Agreem'ts above mentioned the sd Master bindeth himself his Exec's & Admin's & especially the said Ship her furniture tackle apparrell & freight, to become due and sd Freight do bind themselves their Factors & Assigns especially their goods & Cargo in the <panall> Sum of One hundred & forty pounds each <these firmly> by these presents In witness whereof the sd parties to these presents have unto set their hands & date the 25th May 1742

Wm Jackson

For Messrs. Walton & Boag Tho. Airey
[In margin] Signed Seal'd and Delivered in the presence of Wm <Hamilton> his mark <Tho>. Durham

28 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr. To himselfe Ravensworth Castle May 28 1742

Sir

We are verry much obliged to you for the favour of your Letter of the 18 Inst. which brought one for Mr Johnson, which has not yet been delivered him as he has been abroad ever since yr Letter came to our hands but as we shall see him tomorrow, it will then be delivered to him, it is no trouble to us to have these Letters Inclosed to us but they will get as directly to him if in future you direct them to be left at Mr Robert Gibsons in Gates'd near NewCastle upon Tyne. It is a pleasure to us to hear that you Sir & Mr Horne are fix'd with your new Treasurer, and we make no manner of doubt but you will Continue in yr Office as long as you wish, for we do not apprehend any Treasurer can be so happy in any other person as you Sir & our good friend Mr Horne. You are very kind Sir in the Complem's you are pleased to make us and beg leave to assure you that such Character we will always Endeavour to maintain as the only means to merit the Esteem of you and all our good friends & every person we are Concerned for. We Return you many thanks for all yr favours & with our Compt. to M[r]s Corbett & your family we are Sir

Yours etc Walton & Boag

28 May 1742 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

To Mr Thos. Simpson Ravensworth Castle May 28 1742

Sir

We have received yours with a State of Mr Richardsons title to that part of the Common in Aldstone Moor now in dispute and Coppys of the two deeds Annex'd for which we are not only in your debt but much obliged to you as you have taken great pains therein. Your State of the facts and Coppys of the two deeds we Send to the Board who will no doubt lay them before the Attorney Generall for his Opinion which we are apt to think will not differ from yours as it seems too well Supported although we apprehend a good deal may be said on our side of the Question from Mr Richardsons being limited to Stinting the Enjoyment of the Mine by the Derwentwater family and the defects in the Whitfield Conveyances. We hope our people will keep the possession as it will undoubtedly be of use to us in case of a Suite but as we will recommend an amicable end of it we hope it will not be wanted the Board of Directors in answer to ours have agreed to recommend you to the Generall Court (which is their method of proceeding) as their Court Keeper at Keswick in Case Mr. King resignes but we have had a Letter lately from him Craving some Allowance for Expences in holding the Courts which Shews his intentions of Continuing but to these we have given him no answer and we are

Sir your Very H'ble Serv'ts

Nicholas Walton Hugh Boag

1 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle June 1 1742

Sir

We wrote you of the 13 of April last, what we cou'd then Informe you of relating to Mr Richardsons Claims to what he calls his Manner of Gerrardgill Since which we have rec'd. from Mr Simpson (who we desir'd to look into the Title) a State of the Said Mr Richardsons Claim & Coppys of two Deeds upon which the Whole is founded, and as these papers will we hope Clearly State to the Board the Matter in dispute we beg leave to referr you thereto, and only Add that we hope to make it Clearly appear that the mines in this disputed Ground have been Lett by and Wrought under the Derwentwater family, & that the dues thereof were duly paid. Please to observe in one of the Grants to Richardsons Predecessors; the Grantee is Limited to Common of Pasture for 60 Cows, 100 Sheep & 20 Mares with their followers of three years old, wch there would have been no Occasion for, if this disputed ground had been Granted as a manner

& we are Sir yours etc

Nichs. Walton

A State of Mr Richardsons Claim to the manour of Garrygill or Low House Moor Sent up by Mr Thos. Simpson who saw the Deeds etc Sent the Board the 1st June 1742

Mr Richardson in Order to maintain his Title to the Common which he Claims in Garrigill on Alston Moor chiefly Relies upon two old Deeds with the one dated 21 September 12 Edward 3 and the other 21 October 17 Eliz. By the former Robert de Vitenponte <reciting> that John de Vitenpente held of him that certain Lands and Tenaments in the Village of Gerrardgill by Homage & Fealty and the Service of a pound of Pipper or one Shilling a Year for all other Services and demands which lands Hugh de Appleby Clarke gave to Laurence de Viteripont and his heirs within these bounds Viz as Stanebery Syke runs down from the Wooden Cross to Tyne Water northards & so ascending from the Wooden Cross Eastwards by a Long <Strinch> as far as Gerrardsgill Burn and so descending from Garrardsgill burn Southwards as farr as Tyne Water and so going Westward down Tyne water as farr as to where Hurds bery Syke falls into Tyne together with Common of Pasture for 60 Cows 100 Sheep & 20 Mares with their followers of three years etc and with all the other Commons & Easments to the said Village belonging as well within as without the same so much as appertains to the said Lands & with Liberty to Grind their Corn growing upon their Said land at Aldstone Mill Moulterfrie Robert thereby Confirms to John and his heirs his Estate in the said Lands Tenem'ts Common of Pasture & liberty of Grinding, And that John and his heirs shall perform unto the said Robert and his heirs the aforesaid Services only for all Services & demands And Robert also thereby grants that neither he nor his heirs shall at any time thereafter Claim or demand of the said John and his heirs Wardship or Marriage but only the Services aforesaid. By the latter Deed Sir William Hilton Knight Lord of Aldstone Moor reciting that Lawrence de Vipoint had granted to his son Allan & his Heirs all his Lands in Garrigill by these bounds viz Beginning at the foot of Crossborn as Crossborn beck falls into Tyne Water and from thence Ascending Crossborn to Crossborn head and so from thence following further Eastwards directly to Garrigill beck & so following Garrigill beck descending to Tyne Water & so following Garrigill beck ascending to Tyne Water & so following Tyne Water to the foot of Crossborn To Hold to the said Allan and his heirs in Fee with Common of Pasture for all Cattle in Aldstone Moor & Garrigill with all Easments Comodities and Profitts in Aldstone moor and Garrigill Rendering therefore yearly a pound of Pepper or 12d in Money for all Services Exactions & demands sued Sir William Hilton Confirms to Thomas Laton.Esqr. and his Heirs his Estate in the Said Tenem't and premises According to the Form and Effect of the Said Deed and the said Sir William thereby further grants to said Thomas Laton & his heirs a <piece> of his moor or Waste in Aldstonemoor as it lyes from the head of Crosburn directly Eastward to Garrigill Grove & from thence to Garrygill Burn & so following Garrigill burn to the said Lands Specifyed in the said recited grant & grants that it shall be lawfull for Laton & his heirs to Inclose and hold it for Ever in Severalty together with the Lands &

Tenem'ts Specifyed in the <recited> grant and Sir William thereby further grants to Laten and his heirs Common of pasture for all his beasts and Cattle to feed upon the Moors and Wastes within the Lordship of Aldstone Moor and Garrigill Rendering to the said Sir William and his heirs for said <piece> of Land 12d yearly at Michaelmas besides the 12d which he used to pay before <.> Coppy of both Deeds Annexed.

Mr Richardson is Seized of a Freehold Estate called the Houses or Low Houses consisting of a considerable quantity of Inclosed Ground & likewise the revertion of three other Tenements near adjoining which other Tenements are Inclosed and were granted by one of the Whitfields when owner of the Lowhouses for a Terme of a 1000 years under some Small yearly Rents & Services which are now paid to Mr Richardson. All these Lands lye adjacent to a <piece> of Common or Waist ground which is the Ground now in dispute And they as well as the said Waste ground are all Inclosed in the Boundary of the Grounds Confirmed and Granted by the Deed from Sir William Hilton to Thomas Laton

1st Decm 18 Eliz Said Thomas Laton and Charles Laton his Son & Heir apparent Conveyed to John Whitfield of Randerholme & his heirs the Tenementa & Lands at Low houses or Houses

20 May 1659 John Whitfield Conveyed the Lowhouses or Houses and the Reversion and Rents Issuing out of the other Tenements there to William Richardson and two of his Sons Ancestors of the present Mr Richardson in Fee

Mr Richardson Insists that these old deeds sufficiently Convey an absolute Property in all the Lands and Waste therein Specified to the Grantees without reserving the Royalties or any thing to the Grantor but the quit Rents and alledges and as I think will be able to prove that his Ancestors have from time to time taken up Wafe & Estray upon the Waste ground in dispute all the Tennants at Lowhouses have dugg turf and depastured their Cattle there and also Alledges that his Grandfather 8 June 1692 granted a Tacknote to one John Archer to digg there for Mines and that the Lessees did digg there under this Tacknote and that tho' an Action was brought against him by Lord Derwentwater that yet he continued to digg and that the Action was dropt but of that fact I have not yett seen any Proof but the Tacknote Signed by Hugh Richardson only

In 1713 Mr Richardson perambulated the Common in dispute as within his Royalty and Boundary & in 1714 gave (as he alledges) discharge to one Henry Brown who was employed to work for Ld. Derwentwater

Mr Richardson still pays but 1s rent to the Lords of Aldstone Moor at Michaelmas and then having been no Corn grown at Lowhouse within memory no account can be given whither the Owners of those Lands have been Moulter free at Alston Mill or not.

On the other hand it appears that Layton and his Son by their Conveyance of 1 Decem. 18 Eliz: Convey nothing to Whitfield but the Inclosed Grounds at the Lowhouses or Houses which are all particularly named in the Deed and that those

Lands by that Deed are Expressly Granted. To Hold of the Chief Lord & Lords of the <Fee & Fees> thereof by the Service thereof to be due and Accustomed.

That by the Deed 20 May 1659 nothing is Granted by Whitfield to the Richardsons but the Houses or Lowhouses with the Inclosed Grounds thereto belonging which are all particularized in the Deed and the reversion and Rents out of the Other Tenements there. That the Houses or Lowhouses is not in either of the Conveyances Called a Manner or reputed Manner nor any of the Royalties or any part of the Common in dispute p'ticularly mentioned or Conveyed otherwise than by the General Words of all Common and Common of Pasture and Appurtanences thereto belonging which are <invested> of Course in all Conveyances of Land there.

It appears by Severall Books and papers left by a Steward of Lord Derwentwater now in the Custody of Mr Stephenson the Moor Master that in 1693 a Title or lease of Garrygill burn Old Grove (the place now in question) was lett by Lord Derwentwater to Sir William Creagh. That in the years 1705, 1706, 1707 the same Grove was worked by John Roger Esqr. under a Tacknote or Lease from Ld. Derwentwater and some duty Ore paid Each year to the Lessee and that a Tack was granted in 1720 by the Agents of the late Mr Radcliffe to Thomas <Bender> Esqr. Mr Stephenson Apprehends that he can Evince those facts by legal Evidence but the Witnesses being all at present out of the Country cannot as yet be Examined.

There are no Old Court Rolls in the hands of the Receivers of the Derwentwater Estates Except one in the Year 1679 which they have found lately & thereby it appears that William Richardson appeared and did Suit and Service for Lowhouses at the Court Leet and Court Barron for the Man'r. of Aldstone Moor. Mr Richardson is still Called in the Court for Lowhouses and never refuses to do Suit and Service but having Since the Loss of the Old Court Rolls been rank'd among the Lease holders he has Objected to that & Insisted that he ought only to be Called at a <Percent> however among the Free holders as it now appears he is one

It does not appear that ever the owners of Lowhouses enjoyed the Herbage of any part of the Common or Waste ground in despite in Severalty, but that Such of the Tennants of the Mann'r of Aldstone Moor as pleased and thought it Convenient for them have from time to time depastured their Cattle there tho' as this piece of Ground lies near Lowhouses and at a Considerable distance from most other Tennants of Aldstone Moor the occupiers of the Estates of Lowhouses have most frequently depastured their Cattle & Endeavoured to beat the Cattle of other Tennants off.

It does not appear that any Estray Sheep or Cattle have been taken on the Common by Mr Richardson or his Ancestors for these thirty Years last nor that any were ever so taken with the knowledge or Consent of the Lords of Aldstone Moor or their bailiffs.

I have not yet seen any boundary of the Mann'r of Alstonmoor but this Ground in dispute lies almost in the Center of the Wastes reputed and Enjoyed as part of that Mann'r and the Tennants of Aldstone do not admitt that they know anything of Mr Richardsons perambulating this piece of Common as part of his Royalties

A Copy of Mr Richardsons Deed taken by Mr Simpson About Garrygill Man'r Sent to the Board 1st June 1742

[There follows a copy of a Latin Veteripont deed which appears to contain the boundary description given in English above, possibly that dating from c.1339 in Edward III's reign]

A Coppy of Mr Richardsons Deed taken by Mr Simpson About Garryg'l Man'r Sent to the Board 1st June 1742

[There follows a copy of the Latin Elizabethan deed abstracted in English in Simpson's report above.]

1 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Todd

To Mr James Todd Ravensworth Castle June 1st 1742

Sir

We were favoured with yours of the 28 May last in due <Course> with a Coppy of the Assignment from Rutherford & Gibson of their Coale Debts which we are sorry to see amount to the Sum of £66.1.10d only exclusive of what Rutherford & Gibson are indebted to the Colliery

We would have you call upon the severall persons mentioned in the Schedule, for the Debts due from them, and such as does not pay after a reasonable time we desire may be recovered as the Law directs, and you are hereby Impowered to bring Action or take whatever steps is proper for receiving the whole. Mr Rutherford & Gibson must likewise be Called upon, for what they owe the Colliery, as they & Stephen Ridpath must for the remaining Arrears, and in this we must not only beg you will assist us by Calling upon them, but that you will informe us what Steps can be taken to Compell them to pay in case they are able & doe not give you a Satisfactory Answer. There is some Colliery Materiall which belongs to Rutherford & partners which Mr Boag seized when he Entered upon the Colliery, & shoud have been included in the assignment at a Valluation, but as that is not done we think they shoud be sold for the most that can be gott for them; & as probably a person will Come from hence & be with you about next Friday, we desire you will give Notice for the Sale of them on Saturday, as the person who comes will probably buy a good part – We have let the Colliery to Mr Stokoe, & you may acquaint Stephen Ridpeth that we have made some provision for his Continuing as an Overseer & we are Sir

Your most Hble Servts.

Walton & Boag

1 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to Stephen Ridpath

To Stephen Ridpeth Ravensworth Castle June 1st 1742

Stephen

We have lett Scremerston Colliery to Mr Thomas Stokoe the Bearer hereof till next Mayday; & he comes to take possession of her which you are to deliver him up. Mr Stokoe has agreed to Employ you in the management of the Colliery, & as it is at our request that he has done so, we must recommend it to you to use all possible diligence for his Interest – You know the <Consumers> to be <Sure> very well, & Can do him great Service & provided you Exert your Self in his Interest, you will meet with all suitable Encouragement – We have desired Mr Todd to order the Colliery Materialls to be Sold on Saturday next, so that you will take Care to have all upon bank that Morning ready for the Sales, of which pray give Mr Todd a Schedule, if you have not done so before this Comes to your hand. Mr Stokoe will buy such as will be use full to him.

The Coales Debt amounts to much less a Sum than we Expected, which will leave of Consequence a large Arrear behind – Mr Todd has orders to Call upon you to know how it is to be pay'd so that it will doe well for you & your P'tners to Consider & give him a Satisfactory Answer, for we are

your Wellwishers & H'ble Servts

Walton & Boag

4 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr Jas. Wood Ravensworth Castle June 4th 1742

Dear Sir

Inclosed Send you Mr Ralph Fetherstons bill on Samuel Child Esqr. & Comp. for four hundred pounds dated this day and payable 28 days after date on Acct of the Rents & profits of the Derwentwater Estates which pray Acknowledge, as the Recet. of - I hope we shall soon send you more to the amount of the Ballances in our hands and for my P'tner & self I am

Sir, yours etc

Nicho. Walton

11 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

[Note: Although James Wood is not named as recipient this can be assumed from the context]

Sir Ravensworth Castle June 11 1742

We send you as above a bill on Mr Benjamin Skutt dated this day and payable 28 days after date on acct of the Rents & profitts of the Derwentw'r Estate for Four Hundred pounds wch with the last Four Hundred pounds Sent you reduces < the book> verry low here which is a pleasure to us who are

Sir Your verry H'ble Servt's

Nicho. Walton [crossed out: 'H. Boag']

Dear Sir Ravensworth Castle June 11 1742 £400
Twenty Eight Days after date pray pay Mr James Wood or his order Four Hundred pounds (Value rec'd) and place it to Sir Hen. Liddell Barts Acct. as advised by Sir Your most H'bl Servt. Nicho. Walton
To Mr Benjamin Skutt in King Street St Annes London

11 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

William Corbett Esqr. Ravensworth Castle June 11 1742

Sir

Inclosed we send you our Cash Acct. for last Month, at the End of which a Ballance of £1059.1.4¼ was in our hands since which we have Inclosed Mr Wood a Bill for £400 & this day one for £400 more which reduces the Balance to £259.1. 4¼ now in our hands

Yesterday we were applied to by one Mr Bird a Gentleman from Deptford who wanted to see the Derwentwater Woods & this morning he with Mr Johnson the Bailiff is going upon a view of them together with Ambrose Hopper, who we thought proper to Send as being very fitt to give the Gentleman a just Idea of their Value. And we have likewise wrote the Bailiff at Keswick to give Mr Bird all the Assistance he Can which we hope the Board will approve of & we are

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

20 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to Abraham Bunting

[Note: 'Farnacres in the Team Valley, passed to the Liddells of Ravensworth in 1671. In the eighteenth century it was the home of Nicholas Watson [sic] (d.1795), their bailiff' Tyne & Wear sitelines: https://www.twsitelines.info/SMR/7718]

To Mr Abraham Bunting Farnacres Sunday Noon 20 June 1742

Mr Bunting

I herewith send you a Letter directed to Mr Wastell with which you are to go tomorrow morning Early with Mr Aireys Service and mine to him and as it is about an affair of Consequence you must by no means Neglect it. Mr Airey Mr Boag & my selfe will be at Dilstone on Wednesday morning next early, & I Expect Mr Wastall will meet us there. You are to give my Service to Mr Downs & tell him we will be glad to see him likewise & you must goe to John Coates of Woodhall & John Atkinson of Haydonbridge & tell them we desire also to see them and pray have everybody at Dilston by 10 o'Clock on Wednesday morning at farthest you will likewise Consider who it was that you had your information from as to Mr Allgoods Incroachments & as our meeting at Dilston is upon that Acct. consider with Mr Wastall which of them it will be proper & who Else it will be proper to give Evidence in that Affair & such as Mr Wastell thinks proper he will order down to meet us at Dilstone You must gett us a bitt of Dinner & order some Wine from Gibsons & what Else is necessary. I am

Your H'ble Servt

Nich's Walton

20 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to Henry Wastell

To the Revd Mr Wastell Ravensworth Castle June 20 1742

Sir

I recd last post a Letter from Mr Radley our Solicitor at Greenwich with a Coppy of a Letter from Lancelott Algood Esqr. to Sir John Jennings relating the Incroachments, he and his predecessors have made on Wark Common a Coppy whereof I here inclose you, as also a Coppy of the Information lately preferred against Mr Algood on acct. of these Incroachments which I take the liberty to give you the trouble of, & begg the favour of your perusall of them and that you will be so kind as give us your assistance not only in Suporting the facts in the information but in giving a proper answer to the Case Stated by Mr Algood. Mr Airey, Mr Boag and my selfe will be at Dilston next Wednesday Morning by 10 oClock in order to Examine some old papers among which are Severall Court Rolls belonging Wark Manor which we apprehend will be proper Evidence to the Occupiers of Simondburn Township appearing at Wark Court, & as you know every particular relating these Incroachments we begg the favour of Seeing

you at Dilston on Wednesday as you Can with Convenience, and in case you have any Old People that can be produced as Evidence we desire you will Order them to meet us also. I begg pardon for giving you this trouble but as we Expect a Tryall of this affair at the next Assizes it will admitt of no delay, & therefore I hope that you will excuse it.

I am Yours etc
Nicho's Walton

22 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr Jas. Wood Ravensworth Castle June 22 1742

Sir

Above is Mr Ralph Fetherstons Bill on Saml. Child Esqr. & Comp. for Four hundred pounds on Acct. of the Rents & Profitts of the Derwentwater Estate which pray Acknowledge the Rect. of & you'll oblige

Your H'ble Servt.
Nicho's Walton

<S..> No. 93 Newcastle June 22 nd 1742 £400
Twenty eight days after date pay to Mr Nicho's Walton or Order the Sum of Four hundred pounds for the Value <Received> and place the same to Acct. as advised by Your Hble Servt. Ralph Fetherstone
To Saml. Child Esqr& Comp Temple Barr, London

27 Jun 1742 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

[Note: The invoice says 9/6 per Chadron but the Charter party says Seven & six in words 9/6 gives the £28/19/6 in the invoice]

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle 27 th June 1742

Sir

Inclosed you have the Invoyce Charter Party and bill of Loading for 61 Newcastle Chalden of Main Team Coales for the use of the Hospital which we have shiped on Board the Royal Ann of Scarbrough Richd. Robson Master wch we hope will come safe & prove a good baulk

I am for Mr Walton & Self Sir yr most Hble Servt
Hugh Boag

Sent to William Corbett Esqr. the 27 June 1742

Newcastle June 21 1742
Invoyce of a Cargo of Coales ship'd on board the Royall Ann of Scarbrough Richd. Robson Master by Order of Messrs. Walton & Boag & Consigned to Wm. Corbett Esqr. Viz:

61 Cha'n of Main Team Coal at 9/6d	£ 28 19 6
8 Keeles dues at 13/4d	5 6 8
Duty to the Duke of Richmond	3 1 6
Duty to the Town of Newcastle	1 5 6
Charter Party	3 6
Bills of Loading	1 1/2
	£ 38 17 7 1/2

NB Mr Airey Short cost 10 < > in his Copy
Ravensworth castle June 27 th 1742 Errors Excepted Hugh Boag

Sent Wm Corbett Esq 27 June 1742

This Charter Party of Affreightment Witnesseth that Richd. Robson Master and Mariner Master of the Good ship or Vessell Commonly Called or Known by the Name of the Royal Ann of Scarbrough for the Consideration of the Freight, here after mentioned Hath granted and to Freight Letters and by these presents Doth Grant and to Freight Letters to Messrs. Walton & Boag, of the Town & County of Newcastle upon Tyne Merchants Freightors of the said Ship their factors and Assigns all the said Ship, or befull with all her Furniture Tackle & Apparell for the Voyage wth her to be performed as followeth (Danger of the Seas Fire & Enemies Restraint of princes & Rulers only Excepted) And the s'd Master for him self his Exect's Adminis' & Assigns doth hereby Covenant promise & Agree to & with the s'd Freightors their Exect's and Admin's Factors & Assigns That the s'd Ship being strong <lite> & substantial Victualled provided and Manned wth a Competent Number of able Seamen and all things answerable for such a ship & voyage All the s'd Master and his Assigns shall forthwith take in on Board the s'd Ship the River of Tyne her full and Compleat Loading of Coales (of the Goods and Adventure of the said Freight their Factor Assignes) and after the same are so taken in shall wth the first fair Wind and Weather that shall permitt directly Sail Proceed and Go wth the s'd Ship & Loading from the Port or Haven of Tyne Mouth into Greenwich Key in the River Thames to such Convenient place or places there as the s'd Freighters their Factor or Assigns shall Order and appoint But where the s'd Ship may safely and Conveniently Come and after her Arrivall there shall in the Space of Six lawfull working Days Unload & Deliver all the s'd Loading of Coales into the s'd Freightors their Factor or Assigns for the use of Greenwich Hospital

And the said Freightors Doth hereby for themselves there Exec's Admin's Factor & Assigns Promise and Agree to and with the said Master his Exec's Admin's & Assigns that the s'd Freightors their Exec's or Assigns shall & will Load or Cause to be Loaden on Board the said Ship in the s'd River of Tyne the s'd Loading of Coales

And shall Receive the same from on Board her at Greenwich Key afores'd for the use of Greenwich Hospital as aforesaid & that within the Days & Times above Limitted for the Unloading thereof. And also shall & will well & Truly pay or Cause to be paid to be paid [sic] unto the s'd Master or his Assigns (in Consideration of the s'd Freight) the Sum of Seven Shillings & Six pence [sic] Lawfull British Money per Chaldron for every Chaldron of Coales (London Measure) which the said Ship shall Take in on Board in the s'd River of Tyne and Deliver at Greenwich Key afores'd and so in proportion for a lesser Quantity and shall pay all the said Freight upon the Good and Safe Delivery of the s'd Loading of Coales at Greenwich Key aforesaid and that the said Freightors their Factor or Assigns shall & will pay and Discharge all Customs Duties and Charges in and upon the s'd Loading of Coales and Delivering the same and Twenty Shillings Lawfull British Money per Day for every day the s'd Ship shall lye upon Demurrage And that the s'd Master & his Assigns shall pay & Discharge all victualling Charges Mens Wages with Wear & Tear for the s'd Ship And also the Charge of the Cockett Lights peers and all other port Charges during the said Voyage And for the True performance of of all & Singular the Covenants & Agreem'ts aforesaid Each of the s'd parties Doth hereby Bind himself his Exec'ts Admin's & Assigns reciprocally unto the other in the penalty of One Hundred pounds lawfull British Money finely by these presents in Witness whereof the said parties to these presents Interchangablely have Sett there Hands & Seales the Ninth Day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Forty Two

Richd. Robson

Sealed & Delivered being first duly Stamped in the presents of us Thos. Durham John Loyd

29 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr James Wood Ravensworth Castle June 29 th 1742

Sir

I have sent you a bill on William Bell Esqr for £58.19.7½ for the Second Loading of Coales Sent the Hospital. I have made it payable to your self upon your Demand: as it has been long due and as our yearly Acct. Terminates the 30 th <Inst. > it Induces me to do it so

Please to Acknowledge the Rect. of the Bill and place it to the Acct of my p'tner & Self upon the Acct. of the Rents & profitts of the Derwentwater Estate I am

Sir your very Humble Servt.
Hugh Boag

Sir Ravensworth Castle 29 th June 1742
Upon Mr James Woods own Demand please pay him or Order Fifty Three pound Nineteen Shillings and 7½ d Value of the Second Loading of Coales Sent for the Use of Greenwich Hospital this Year I Am Sir your very Hble Servt Hugh Boag
To William Bell Esqr at the Royal Hospital at Greenwich

29 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Bell

To Wm Bell Esqr Ravensworth Castle 29 th June 1742

Sir

I have taken the Liberty to draw on you payable to Mr James Wood upon his own Demand for £58.19.7½ the value of the Second Loading of Coales Sent you for the use of the Hospital, which please to Honour

We sent you a Loading last week the Invoice Charter Party & bill of Loading were Inclosed to William Corbett Esqr last post. And the Amount of this last Loading come to £38.17.7½. I am for my p'tner & Self

Sir your very Hble Servt
Hugh Boag

29 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to Wlliam Bell

To William Bell Esqr

Sir

Since Mr Boag drew upon you for the 2nd loading of Coales & gave you advise thereof we have been Considering how our Balance of Cash stood & in order to Reduce it we have drawn another Bill upon you of this date for the 3 rd Loading amounting to Thirty Eight pounds Seventeen Shillings & Seven pence halfpenny payable 28 days after date to Mr James Wood which we doubt not but you will duly Hon'r, which will greatly oblige

Sir Your most Hble Servts.
Walton & Boag

30 Jun 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

Dear Sir Ravensworth Castle June 30 1742

Upon Considering that this Months End is the Close of our Years Acct. & that there is a ballance in our hands larger than we wish ever to have it, we have besides the Bill sent you Yesterday send you herewith one Bill for Four hundred pounds on Mr Skutt & the above Bill on William Bell Esqr for £38.17.7½. on Acct. of the Rents and Profitts of the Derwntwater Estate which pray acknowledge the Rect of & you'll oblige

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

Dear Sir Ravensworth Castle June 29 1742
Twenty Eight days after date pray pay Mr James Wood or his Order Four Hundred pounds Value rec'd, & place it to Sir Henry Liddell Barts acct. As Advised by Sir Your most Hble Servt. Nich.s Walton
To Mr Ben Skutt in Kings St, St Anns London

Dear Sir Ravensworth Castle June 29 1742
Twenty Eight days after date pray pay Mr James Wood or his Order, Thirty Eight pounds Seventeen Shillings & seven pence halfpenny (Value in Loading of Coales on board of the Royal Ann of Scarbrough) & place it to Acct. as advised by Sir Your most Hble Servts. Nich.s Walton Hugh Boag
To William Bell Esqr at Greenwich near London

2 Jul 1742 Ralph Archbold to John Airey

[Note: The four affidavits dated between April and May 1742 appear to relate to this case, although they were not sent to the Board until January 1744/5.]

A Coppy of Mr Ralph Archbolds Letter to Mr John Airey

Sir Alnwick July 2d 1742

High Buston in the parish of Warkworth lives one of James Harrigates Daughters who is wife of one [space] Graham an able Farmer, sixty years of age. She sayeth her father & Widw. Todd Farmed the North Demain & the wide open and that she knows the Goose Close verry well that it lye between the Main & the Wideopen Grounds and that there was a Runner run through the said Goose Close and she says she is Surprized that they should have Claim'd any Ground that belong'd to the Mains at that

part because that Close bound on with the Wideopen grounds this she told before Severall people in my House. I desired She would make an Oath of it. She said She did not Chuse to make Oath Except she was oblig'ed to it <Jno> Richardson She says has often threatened her he would oblige her to be a Witness she told him if he did it would goe against him upon which he never more Spoke to her. You are Sensable I cannot make people take an oath Except as they please, in this Manner Mary Harrison Widow of Thos. Harrison about Seventy years agoe says that after She had Milked her Cows She always went to the Runner & washed her hands & they dam'd or Cutt holes in the runner for Cows to drink in but as she is blind I thought she could be of little Service. She has a memory very perfect and is not Dead & risen again as one of there Witnesses has done. I am Worthy

Sir your most Hble Servt Ralph Archbold

NB Richardson threatens every body that should offer to be a witness for the King but am sure never Such Oath was taken as they have done no not by the vilest of men and you are very Sensable most or all of them would be sett aside if Faithfully Examined, in shorte time there will more witnesses appear for the King.

4 Jul 1742 Nicholas Walton to Benjamin Skutt

Dear Sir Ravensworth Castle July 4th 1742

Mr Boag as well as my self will think our Selves much Obliged to you, if you will pay Mr Mannock Strickland Ninety Nine pounds and take his Rect. for One hundred pounds a year Annuity due to Lady Catherine Radcliffe at last Ladyday. We always make up our Accts. on the 30 of June and therefore must desire you will make this payment upon Demand & take Mr Stricklands Rect dated 30 of June last. He will produce and deliver up a proper Testimonial of the Life of Lady Catherine Radcliffe etc as usuall, which pray send me with the rect. for the years Annuity. I have wrote to Mr Stickland this day to Call upon you for the money, & doubt not but you will Comply with the payment & Charge it in Sir Henry Liddell Barts. Acct. which will be very obliging to Sir

Your most Hble Servt

Nichos. Walton

4 Jul 1742 Nicholas Walton to Mannock Strickland

To Mr Mannock Strickland at his chambers in Lincoln's Inn

Ravensworth Castle July 4 th 1742

Sir

I have wrote to Mr Skutt this day desiring he will upon demand pay you Ninety Nine pounds, which with Twenty Shillings remittance, is in full of one year Annuity due to Lady Catherine Radcliff at last Ladyday which pray give him a Rect for dated 30 June last, and deliver him up the Testimoniall of her Ladyships Life etc as usuall and you'll much oblige

Sir Your most Hble Servt

Nichos. Walton

4 Jul 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr

Ravensworth Castle July 4 th 1742

Sir

One of our young Men in this Office who has Served as Clerk in Sir Henry Liddell's Affairs Seven years the 11th of next Month, and is a very good one, has the misfortune by too Close Confinement to want health, wch makes it impossible for him to Continue to doe the duty which is expected from him; which is the only reason why he leaves Sir Henry Liddell's Services - And as he is very honest and Capable, a sober young fellow, & only wants Busyness which requires action, we have taken the liberty to apply to you in his behalf, as in case any thing should be in your power to doe for Him, we are senceable you will doe it readily Mr Bright who is Sir Henry Liddells first Cousin is the young Mans friend, & a relation of your new Treasurer's so that an applycation we apprehend will be made from that Quarter & should it be so, or should you have any vacancy among your Riding Clerks, we begg you will favour him with your kind assistance - We hope you will Excuse this liberty, as it is from a desire we have to doe a young Man service who realy deserves it, and whatever Service you doe him, we will always acknowledge as a great obligation Sir

Yours etc

Walton & Boag

The Young Mans Name is Thos Sunderland

6 Jul 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

[Note: Several sections are underlined: the main ones are indicated with square brackets]

To Mr Radley Ravensworth Castle July 6th 1742

Sir

We would have answered your Letter of the 10th June last wch brought us a Coppy of Mr Algoods Letter to Sir John Jennings of the 31st of May Sooner, but that we were willing to be well Informed as to the facts as sett forth by him, before we did, & that we have only just gott finnished so to be able to do it now

The Severall Informations upon Oath taken in the Year 1739 of which you had Coppys, & those we have now taken Mr Airey will make an Abstract of & Send you next post, which will Shew how farr [underlined from 'Mr' to 'Case'] Mr Allgood has honestly and sincerely Indeavoured to draw a true state of his Case, so that we begg leave to refer you to them, but in the mean time it may not be improper to Observe that we apprehend he is in Severall p'ticulars much mistaken.

The Estate of Simondburn we admitt was formerly the Estate of the Herron family, but we doe not admit it, as [underlined from 'a' to 'Manner'] a Seperate distinct Independant Manner or that the Herron family [underlined from 'constantly' to 'Simondburn'] constantly held Courts Barron and Exercised all other Acts of Royalty as Lords of the Mannor of Simondburn for it will appear to you by the Information of Thos. Dodds that the Herrons never kept Courts there.

That the late Mr Robt. Allgood purchased the Estate at Simondburn, of the Herron family, we believe may be true, but we doe not admitt that [underlined from 'he' to 'Royalty'] he Constantly kept Courts and Exercised other Acts of Royalty; for by the Affadavitts of Charleton of Molehill, you will observe Mr Allgood never kept any Courts leet after the late Rebellion, and that the Inclosures were made [underlined from 'Some' to 'Immemoriall'] Some 20, Some 10 and Some 60 Years agoe, but the greatest part thereof time Immemoriall it will Evidently appear otherwise from the Affadavitts of Robert Charleton, William Willson, Cuthbert Ridley, and John Oliver.

As to the Colliery on the South Side of the Coaleburn, having been wrought [underlined from 'without' to 'Allgood'] without any Interruption or disturbance (unless within these two or three Yrs Since Mr Airey became Steward) by Sir Charles Herron & Mr Allgood we doe not admitt of it, for we will be able to prove that the Colliery on Ellingham Ridge lying on the South Side of Coalburn has been wrought by the Derwentwater family & that Mr Errington the Steward to that Family, constantly Obstructed the Allgoods in there Working on the South Side of Coalburn. And Since Michs. 1737 one of us have constantly assisted in the throwing down the Roller & Ropes of Mr Allgoods pitt in our way to Wark Court.

That the Coalburn is the [underlined from 'known' to 'Simondburn'] known boundary between the two Mann'rs of Wark & Simondburn we doe not admitt, for it

will appear by all the affadavitts that it is not, and tho' Mr Allgood has never yet been able to [underlined from 'Learn' to 'Common'] Learn that the Lord Derw[entwate]r or his Ancestors or any other Lord of the Mannor of Wark was Claimed the <Court> rights upon Simondburn Common it will also appear by Severall affadavitts that the Bayliffs of Wark Mannor have taken up Waifs upon that Common & done Severall other Acts of Royalty there. And tho' he Also Says it was never [underlined from 'known' to 'agoe'] known that the Occupiers or Tennants of the Castle and Demesne Lands of Simondburn were ever known to be summoned to appear at Wark Court or did Suit and Service there till about 10 or 15 years agoe, yet it appears the Township were Summon'd that they appeared & did Suit and Service, both by Affadavitts and an old Call Court Roll dated in 1672 and dated in 1682 one in 1730 and ever since Mr Airey was Court Keeper, but these Call Rolls except Mr Aireys are so Irregular that we doubt they Cannot be admitted as Evidence.

We agree that Nenwick pays a yearly Rent of 18<s> as part of Simondburn but at the same time, we must observe that we receive a penny p Ann'l Rent for the Liberty of a Mill Dam on Simondburn Common for the use of Tackett Mills. We know nothing of the Rectory of Simondburn being a Mannor.

Now from what we have said, which we hope you will find grounded upon facts, when the Abstracts of the Affadavitts Come to your hands, it will appear to you how far Mr Allgood has Stated his Case truly, & we hope when the whole is Laid before the Board, they will Judge of it accordingly. The want of the Court Rolls is a great loss in Clearing up this matter and as Mr Anesly no doubt has them, for many years back we think you should apply to him, that they may be had before the Tryall. He has petitioned to have Green discharged and as the Man is poor if his liberty would produce us the Court Rolls it would be the best Satisfaction. Mr Airey will write you this post as he has before done with respect to the Information, so that we shall only add that we will be glad to give all the assistance in our power & we are

Sir Your most Obedt. Servts

Walton & Boag

7 Jul 1742 Nicholas Walton to John Aynsley

To John Ainsley Esqr. Ravensworth Castle July 7th 1742

Sir

As we are in great want of the Court Rolls belonging to the Derwentwater Estate which are in your hands we are directed to acquaint you that the Board of Directors for Greenwich Hospital, will take it kindly if you will look out Such as you have, which we will come around for, after receiving your answer hereto. We wrote Some time since in favour of John Green and Mr Radley has also moved the Board to have him discharged, wch they have Agreed to & are now making application to the Lord of the

Treasury in his behalf, so that you will soon we apprehend have an Acct. of his having Liberty

We are Sir Your most Hble. Servts
Walton & Boag

9 Jul 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm. Corbett Ravensworth Castle July 9th 1742

Sir

In answer to that part of the Boards Minutes of the 16th June last relaiting to Mr Bunting having Inclosed some part of Grindon Common, we begg leave to acquaint you that Mr Bunting has made no Inclosure upon that Common nor has he any direction or Intentions so to doe, or to build a House there but the Tenants of Langly Barrony under the Commiss'rs of the Hospital have at there own Expense done somthing towards it, with an Intention to keep a herd or Servant to prevent <p'sons> who have no right from depasturing their Cattle there This the Board may please to remember the Tennants petitioned for, when they sett forth the Trespasses of Simond Drydon & then desired that the Same might be done at the Hospitalls Expense, but having no answer thereto have engaged at there own Expense to build this House & to take in a Garth for a Hind or Servt. to Live in, whereby every well designed p'son Interested in that Common would have a benefitt and to this < as it> we did not at all apprehend Mr Ainsley or any other person would have objection was Intended for the use of every p'son Concern'd or that have Interest in this Common. Mr Bunting was so Imprudent as to Appear with the Tennants in Opposition to Mr Aynsleys discharge, but we have ordered him to desist & leave it to the Tennants and Freeholders to dispute the Matter amongst themselves, by wch we are in no way apprehensive of the Hospitall being Brought into a Suit, as the Tennantry will proceed no further, & we are

Your most Obed. Servts
Nichos.Walton Hugh Boag

9 Jul 1742 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

[Note: The queries and answers are written as two columns. To make it clearer and easier to read they have been set out with each query followed by its answer]

To Mr Maule Ravensworth Castle July 9th 1742

Dear Sir

We recd. yours of the 18th June last with yr Auditors Qu[estions] upon our last years Accts. wch we mislaid or they would have been Sooner answered. They are now

herein Sent you answered wch will shew the Acct. is right, & you will find it so on Comparing the Rentalls Ending at 1 Mayday 1740 & 1741 with the Acct. All the Querys with regard to the Rentalls on the Second page are owing to Mr Woodhouse's taking the Rentall Commencing at Mayday 1741 instead of that ending then. We are preparing our Acct. Ending the <30th> June 1742. I will soon have it ready so that we would be glad to hear of a Declaration that the last year may be passed before this Comes to your hands, in which we doubt not but both you & Mr Woodhouse will doe what is necessary, our Compliments pray to all friends & believe we are Sir

Your most Oblig'd Hble Servts.
Walton & Boag

Queries on the Examination of the Acct. of Nichos. Walton & Hugh Boag Gentlemen Receivers of the Derwentwater Estate from 30th June 1740 to30th June 1741 Viz:

Queries
On the Rentall End'd Mayd'y. 1740 Whittonstall by Rentall £142.19.. By Acct 142 .9..
Answer
By Rentall to Mayday 1740 is only £142.9. & from that time £142.19. agreeable to the Acct due occasioned by Thos. Westgarth. Rent of Gray Mare Coll'ry being advanced 20 Shillings p. ann.

Query
Hexhamshire by Rentall 114.2.6 By Acct 114. .
Answer
By Rentall to Maydy. 1740 is only £114 - & from that time £114.2.6 agreeable to the Acct. wch is occasioned by an Advance of 5 shillings p. ann in the Farm at Nether Holmes Geo. Blackburn Ten[an]t.

Query
Langly by Rentall 572.15.3 By Acct. 572.17.9
Answer
By Rentall to Maydy. 1740 is £572.17.9 & from that time £572.15.3 Agreeable to the Acct. (See both Rentalls)

Query
Meldon by Rentall 590.7.6 By Acct. 589.7.6
Answer
By Rentall to Maydy. 1740 is £589.7.6 & from that time £590.7.6 Agreeable to the Acct. (See both Rentalls)

Query
Alston Moor by Rentall 82.14.4 1/4 By Acct. 82.5.11

Answer
By Rentall to Maydy. 1740 is £82.5.11 & from that time £82.14.4¼ Agreeable to the Acct. (See both Rentalls)

Query
Castlerigg, Derwentwater and Thornthwaite Customary Rents
By Rentall 27.10.8 ¼ By Acct. 27.14.8 1/4
On the Rentall Ending Maydy. 1741
Answer
By Rentall End'g at Maydy. 1740 & also at Maydy. 1741 it appears the half year Rent is £27.14.8 1/4 & tho' the Totall of the rents for half a year Ending May 1741 be only £27.10.8 1/4 yet you will observe 4 Shillings half yearly for a Dwelling house & Garth at <Skinnershill hill> enter'd by it self in the <2nd> Rentall wch makes up £27.14.8¼ Agreeable to the Acct.

Query
Dilston By Rentall 476.15.- By Acct. 470.15.-
Answer
By Rentall Ending at Maydy. 1740 the Rtl. is £474.15.- & by Rentall Ending at Maydy. 1741 the Rent is £470.15.- Agreeable to the Acct.

Query
Corbridge By Rentall 112.12.1 By Acct. 111.7.7
Answer
By Rentall Ending at Maydy. 1740 the Rtl. is £111.7.7. & by Rentall End'g at Mayday. 1741 the same Agreeable to the Acct.

Query
Wark & Elrington By Rentall 403.14.1 By Acct. 409.4.1
Answer
By Rentall Ending at Maydy. 1740 the Rtl. is £40<8>.19.1 & by Rentall Ending at Maydy. 1741 the Rent is £409.4.1 Agreeable to the Acct.

Query
Meldon By Rentall 1179.15. By Acct. 1180.15.
Answer
By Rentall End'g Maydy. 1740 the Rtl. is £1179.15. & by Rentall End'g at Mayday. 1741 the £1180.15. Agreeable to the Acct.

Query
Castlerigg, Derwentwater and Thornthwaite By Rentall 231.8.7 By Acct. 234.18.1
Answer

By Rentall Ending at Maydy. 1740 the Rtl. is £234.18.1 & by Rentall End'g at Maydy. 1741 the Same agreeable to the Acct.

Query
Do. Custom'y Rents By Rentall 55.1.4 1/2 By Acct. 55.9.4 1/2
Answer
This is answered on the other [previous] Side, the last Article..

Queries on Receivers Disbursements Viz.t:

No <3> Repairs
Query
Geo. Thompson given a Receipt for Jane Cook for £9.10 for <Lead.g> the 21st Octobr. 1741 Query his Authority
Answer
Geo. Thompson is Brother to Jane Cook & Transacts most of the busyness in her affairs

Query
Robt. Johnson 155 Fothers of Stones at 3s p Fother should be at 3d to make the Computation right 11th of March 1740
Answer
Is at 3d p Fother

Query
By what Authority £1.2 is allowed Robt. Martinson for <hard> Bargain 10th March 1741
Answer
By approbation of the Boards being Included in the Contingent Acct. of payments End'g the 31 March 1741

No <7>
Receipts are wanting from the Following for <mak'g> Wood

Abra: Bunting	£13. 5.-
Edwd. Oxley	<…>
Robt. Bunting	1. 4.-
Wm. Ramsey	2. 5.-
Thos. Pattinson	.12
Jno. Armstrong	. 8
Robt. Martinson	. 1.6

These Sums are included in £66. .6d payed the 19th Aprill 1741 to <Sevr'l> for wch £66. . 6d there is a full Rect.

Exam'd by Charles Clark Auditor

11 Jul 1742 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

To Wm. Corbett Ravensworth Castle July 11th 1742

Sir

Inclosed we Send you the Invoice Charter party and Bill of Loading for a fourth Loading of Main Team Coales amounting to 56 Chaldons value £35.9.8½… for the use of Greenwich Hospitall Shiped on board the Fran. & Mary of Scarborough Fran. Hodgson Master.

The Ship we believe is Sailed and hope she will be with you at or about the time this comes to hand I am for Mr Walton & Selfe

Sir your very Hble. Servt.

Hugh Boag

PS The Chaldons are Newcastle Measure

Newcastle July 6 1742

Invoice of a cargo of Coales Ship'd on Board the Fran: & Mary Fran. Hodgshon Master by Order of Messrs Walton & Boag Viz.t

56 Chald. of Main Team Coales at 9/6d	£ 26 12 -
7 Keeles dues at 13/4d	4 13 4
Duke of Richmond Duty	2 16 6
Town Duty	1 3 4
Charter Party	3 6
Bills of Loading	1 1/2
	£ 35 9 8 1/2

Ravensworth Castle July 4th 1742 Errors Excepted Hugh Boag

This Charter Partie Witnesseth that Fran. Hodgshon Master of the good Ship comonly called the Fran: & Mary of Scarbrough in Consideration of the Following Freight doth hereby grant & to Freight Lett unto Mesrs. Walton & Boag of Newcastle upon Tyne Merchants Freightors of the sd. Ship all the sd. good Ship with all her furniture and apparrell for performance of the following voyage (danger of Sea restraint of princes Fire & Enemies only excepted)

And the said Master for himself his Execs. Adms. doth hereby Coven't. and agree with the sd. Freightors their Factor and Assigns. That the sd. Ship being Strong and Staunch well man'd and everyway fitted to perform the sd. Voyage He the sd. Master his servts. or Assigns. Shall forthwith load and take on board the sd. Ship her full and Competent

Loading of Coales (of the Goods and Adventure of the said Freightors or there Assigns) and shall then with the first fair wind & Weather that shall permitt directly Sail and goe wth the sd. Ship and Loading from this port Tynemouth unto Greenwich Hospitalls Key in the River Thames to such convenient place or places there as the Said Freightors their Factors or Assigns shall appoint where the sd. Ship & Loading may safely come and shall then & there unload & deliver all the sd. Loading at the Appoint't. & to the use of the sd. Freightors their Factors or Assigns.

And shall there Lye for such her unloading the full space of Six lawfull working days In Consideration whereof the said Freightors for themselves their Factors and Assigns doe hereby Coven. & agree wth the said Master his Execs. Adms. and Assigns That they the sd. Freightors there Factors and Assigns Shall forthwith load & putt on board the sd. Ship in the River of Tyne her said full loading & Shall & will receive the same from on board her at Greenwich Hospitall Key aforesd. & that within the time before appointed for unloading thereof And shall also pay or Cause to be payed unto the sd. Master his Execs. Adms. or Assigns the sum of Seven Shillings & Six pence a Chaldron London Measure for every such Chaldron of the said Loading (and so proportionally for a less quantity) which shall be taken in on Board the sd. Ship in the River of Tyne & Delivered at Greenwich Hospital Key aforesd and will pay all the sd. Freight at Greenwich Hospital aforesd. upon delivery of the sd. Loading there and shall also pay & discharge all Customs duties & Charges upon & for the sd. Loading & Twenty Shillings every day the sd. Ship shall lie upon demurrage; and that the sd. Master Shall pay & Discharge all victualing Charges mens wages wth wear & tear for the sd. Ship the change of the Cocquet Lights & peirs and other port Charges during the sd. Voyage and for the true performance of all & every the Coven'ts & Agreements above mentioned the sd. Master bindeth himself his Execs. & adms. & especily the sd. Ship her furniture tackle apparrell & freight to become due and the sd. Freightors do bind themselves their Factors & Assigns & especialy their goods & Cargoe in the penal Sum of Eighty pounds each to other firmly by these presents In witness whereof the sd. Parties to these presents have unto Set there hands & Seals the Third day of July in the Year of our Lord 1742

Fran: Hodgshon

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of William Clark John Baker

13 Jul 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: In the covering letter to Corbett, after invoice and Charter party, Walton says John Bernard but Charter Party and signature has Thos. Barnard]

To Wm. Corbett Ravensworth Castle July 13th 1742

Sir

Inclosed I send you the Invoice Bills of Loading & Charter parties of two Loadings of Coales Shipd the 10th & 12th of July Inst. on Board of the Thomas & Eleanor of Whitby John Bernard Master and the Industry of Shields Edward Hodshon Master the former 64 & the latter 68 N'Castle Chalders amounting together to the Sum of £83.12.5d The Ships are both Saild and will I hope soon be with you, & will I think Compleat your Annuall Quantity. Coales are now at a low price here so that if you would have more the sooner we have your Commands the better

I am for Mr Boag & Selfe Sir Your most Obed. Servt.

Nichos. Walton

The quantities we have sent are as follows

1742	April 20th	60 Chald'n
	May 27	85 Do.
	June 21	61 Do.
	July 6	56 Do.
	10	64 Do.
	12	68 Do.

394 Newcastle Chalds. or 49 1/4 Keels at 15 London Chalden to each

Keel 15

245

49 1/4

394 Newcastle Chalds.should make abt. 739 London Chalders

Invoice of Two Loadings of Coales Ship'd by Order of Messrs Walton & Boag for Greenwich Hospitall Viz:……

1742 July 10th Ship'd on Board of the Thos. & Eleanr. Of Whitby Jno. Barnard Mastr.

64 Chaldon. of Team Coales at 9/6d	£ 30 8 -
8 Keeles dues at 13/4d	5 6 8
Duke of Richmonds Duty	3 4 6
Town Duty	1 6 8
Charter Party	3 6
Bills of Loading	1 1/2
	£40 10 4 1/2

July 12th Ship'd on Board of the Industry of Shields Edw. Hodghon Mastr.

68 Chalders. of Team Coales at 9/6d	£ 32 6 -
8 Keeles dues at 13/4d	5 6 8
1 Boat due	8 -
Duke of Richmonds Duty	3 8 6
Town Dues	1 8 4
Charter Party	3 6

Bills of Loading	1 1/2
	£43 2 - 1/2
	£83 12 5

Ravensworth Castle July 13th 1742 Errors Excepted by me Nichos. Walton

THIS CHARTER PARTIE of a Freight m[a]k[es] witness that that Thos. Barnard Master and Mariner Master of the good ship or vessel Commonly Called or Known by the name of the Thos. & Eleanor of Whitby (for the Consideration of the Freight hereafter mentioned) Hath Granted and to Freight Letters And by these presents Doth Grant and to Freight Lett. unto Messrs. Walton & Boag of the Town & County of Newcastle upon Tyne Marchants Freightors of the sd. Ship their Factors and Assigns All the sd. Ship or vessell wth. All her Furniture Tackle and Apparrell for a Voyage wth. her to be performed Forthwith (Danger of the Seas, Fire and Enemies Restraint of princes and Rulers only Excepted) And the sd. Master for himself his Execs.

And Adms. Doth hereby Covenant promise and Agree to and wth. the sd. Freightors there Execs. Adms. Factors and Assigns That the sd. Ship being strong tite and Substantiall Victuall'd provided and Manned with a Compleat Numbr of able seamen and all things answerable for such a Ship and Voyage <that> the sd. Master and his Assigns Shall forthwith Take on Board the sd. Ship in the River of Tyne her full and Competant Loading of Coales (of the Goods & Adventure of the sd. Freightors their Factors or Assigns) And after the same are so taken in Shall wth. The first fair winds and Wheather that shall permitt Directly sail proceed and Go wth. The sd. Ship and Loading of Coales from this port or Haven of Tynemoth unto Greenwich Key in the River Thames to such convenient place or places there as the sd. Freightors their Factors or Assigns Shall order and Appoint But where the sd. Ship may Safely and Conveniently Come and after her Arrivall there shall in the Space of Seven Lawfull working days Unload an Deliver all the sd. Loading of Coales unto the sd. Freightors their Factors or Assigns for the use of Greenwich Hospitall And the sd. Freightors for themselves their Execs. Adminst. Factors and Assigns Do hereby Covenant and Agree to and wth. the sd. Master his Execs. Admins. and assigns that they the sd. Freightors their Factors or Assigns shall and will Load or Cause to be Loaden on Board the sd. Ship in the sd. River of Tyne the sd. Loading of Coales and shall Receive the same from on Board her at Greenwich Key aforesaid and That within the Days and Time above Limitted for Unloading thereof And also Shall and will pay or Cause to be p'd unto the sd. Master his Assigns (in Consideration of the sd. Freight) the Sum of Seven Shillings and Sixpence of Lawfull British Money per Chalderon for every Chaldron of Coales (London Measure) wch the Said Ship Shall take in on Board in the sd. River Tyne and Deliver at Greenwich Key aforesd. And so in proportion for a Lessor Quantity And shall pay all the sd. Freight upon the Good and Safe Delivery of the sd. Loading of Coales at Greenwich Key aforesaid and that the sd. Freightors their Factors or Assigns Shall pay and Discharge all Customs Dutys and all other Charges in and upon the sd. Loading of Coales and Delivering the same (Except as hereafter is Excepted) and also

shall pay to the sd. Master his Assigns Thirty shillings Lawfull British Money per Day for every Day the said Ship shall Lye upon Demurage

And that the sd. Master and his Assigns shall pay all victualling Charges Mens Wages wth. Wear & Tear for the sd. Ship and also Shall pay the Charges of the Cockett Lights and peers and allso other port Charges During the sd. Voyage And for the true performance of all singular the Covenants and Agreem'ts aforesd. Each of the sd. parties Doth Bind himself his Execs. Adms. & Assigns reciprocally unto the other in the penall Sum of Eighty Pounds of Good & Lawfull Money of Great Britain finaly by these presents In Witness Whereof the sd. parties to these presents have hereunto InterChangeably Sett their Hands & Seals the Tenth Day of July In the year of our Lord one thousand & Forty Two

Thos. Barnard

Sealed and Delivered (Being first Duly Stamped) in the presence of us Rich. Wilson Thos. Durham. Sent wth. the above to Wm. Corbett Esqr. a Charter partie of the Same <Ta..> dated 7th day of July 1742 for the Loading Sent by Edw. Hodgshon

18 Jul 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle July 18th 1742

Sir

This week being the Quarter Sessions held at Hexham for the County of Northumberland; one of us attended the presentation of the Royators [rioters] who Cutt down the Trees & Insulted the Bayliff Mr Bunting & his Assistants in detecting of them Six of the offenders were Indicted two of wch are gone off & the other four having Submited themselves to the Mercy of the Bench were acquitted paying a fine of Five pounds Six Shillings & 8d being the Tax to the Clark of the peace. The Tree is not yet restored, but if the Board think proper it may be recovered by bringing actions against the offenders in the Excheq.r

They are mostly poor people, and as the pocketts of those who are brought to Justice have found the Effects of there misConduct, we hope will be a Tarror to others not to be guilty of the like practice for the future therefore we Submit it to the Board whither they would have us proceed farther or not in this Affair.

We have prepared <a> Mappe of the Enclosure of the Ground in dispute wth Mr Allgood for the Councills Information & have likewise gott Severall Court Rolls to the Number of thirteen dated in 1708 to 1734 wch will be of use at the Tryall These Court Rolls Mr Anesly has Delivered up . We hope care has been taken to Secure Lawer [lawyer?] Bootle Fenwick as the Success of this Tryall greatly depends upon our having them.

Mr Anesly is pressing for the discharge of Green, & promises being usefull in some points which he has in his power to discover, so that it would be well to hasten the

discharge of him which you will please to lay before the Board for their Consideration & we are

Your most obed. Servts.
Walton & Boag

18 Jul 1742 Hugh Boag to Thomas Snow

[Note: An earlier letter shows that this remittance was handled by Thomas Snow in 1741]

To Messrs. Paltock & Snow Ravensworth Castle July 18th 1742

Sirs

We Recd. yours and will in a little time Remitt you the Late Dr. Chamberlains Interest, We Realy forgot, it being hurry'd; but for the Future hope to be verry punctuall and begg you will give us a Line every Year when it is due

I am for Mr Walton & Selfe Your very Hble. Servt.
Hugh Boag

30 Jul 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm. Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle July 30th 1742

Inclosed we send you our Cash Acct. for Last Month, the Ballance whereof in our hands is Two Hundred and Fifty one pounds fifteen shillings & Sixpence. We likewise Send you our Contingent Acct. ending then amounting to One pound two Shillings & Eleven pence, both which please to lay before the Board.

We have agreed with Robt. Naisbitt, for building a Hind House at Scremmerston for the use of the Tennants there and also a Byer at Spindlestone for the use of Rowland Graham, the Tenant there The former the Sum of £10.13. 4 & the latter £16. 9. 8d making together the Sum of £27. 3s which please to lay before the Board for their Conformation. There will be in these Buildings no Expen: of Leading

We are Sir your most obdt. Servts.
Walton & Boag

Contingent paymt. Made on Acct. of the Derwentwater Estate from <31st> March 1742 to the 30th June 1742, Viz.

1742
May <1st> pd. Mr Martin Bryson for Books, paper & Quills

	from 31st Decem. 1740 to the 2nd October 1741	£- 15 8
27	pd Dan. Alder for Letters	- - 6
June 3rd	pd Do. For Do.	- 1 1
28	pd. William Lee what he pd. for Repair'g. Alston Chapple	- 5 8
		£ 1 2 11

Ravensworth Castle 30th July 1742 Errors Excepted Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag
A copy Sent William Corbett Esqr. this day

6 Aug 1742 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

To Mr Richd. Horne Ravensworth Castle Aug 6 1742

Sir

We rec'd yours of the 3 Inst in answer to which by the Generall Estimate of Repaires you will please to Observe the whole Exp's of Repairing Rowland Grahams housing on that part of Spindlestone Called Glororum is £82.6.8 of which £54.5- has been laid out for building 3 Cottages & in that £82.6.8 £18.1.5 was Computed to be the Expense of building a Stable, which we have endeavoured to perswade the Tent's to be without but at last we have been obliged to promise them a byre in Lieu of the Stable for which we Contracted to pay Robt. Naisbitt £16.9.8 which you see is under the Estimate. And by the General Estimate of Repaires you will find two Herds Houses were Intended at Scremerston which were Computed to Cost £20.- one of which is what we have now Contracted for at £10.13.4 We are obliged to you for this Intimaceon & hope what we have Sent will be Satisfactory to the Board & are

Yours etc W.& B

6 Aug 1742 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Snow

Dear Sir Ravensworth Castle July 31st 1742 £118.16.
Twenty Eight days after date pray pay Mr Thomas Snow and Compy or their Order One Hundred and Eighteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings value in Acct and place it to Acct as advised by Sir Your most Hble Servt Nichos. Walton
To Mr Benjamin Skutt In King Street St Anns London
To Mr T Snow & Company

Gentn.

Above is my Bill on Mr Skutt for one hundred & Eighteen pounds Sixteen shillings which with remittances of £1.4. makes £120 a year Interest on £3000 due at Lady day last to the Heirs of Dr Chamberlain for which Sum pray Inclose me a proper Rect. as usuall and you'll oblige Sir

Your most Hble Sert. Nicholas Walton

27 Aug 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Mr Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle Augt. 27 1742

Inclosed send you our Cash Acct for last Month by which you will be pleased to Observe a Balance is in our hands of Two hundred and Twenty nine pounds one shilling & eight pence. The Assizes here were ended last Week, at which were Tryed three Actions of a Paull Robson against John Reed Esqr. on Acct. Of High Green Colliery two of which went against the Defendant Reed and one agt. Robson the p'ticulars of which Mr Airey has Wrote Mr Radley to which I begg leave to refer & for Mr Boag & Self I am

Your most obed. Sert.
Nichos. Walton

3 Sep 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Radley Ravensworth Castle 3rd of Septem. 1742

Sir,

I recd. yours of the 28 Aug last acquainting me that the King has granted a Comission to Severall Gentlemen to inquire whether any and what Man'rs Lands and Hereditements at Amble devolved to the Crown as an Escheat on the Death of William Radcliff Esqr. & that they intend to sitt on Monday the 20 Inst. to Enqr into that Affair & Execute the sd. Comission. I observe the Witnesses who have been Examined have proved that no part of this Estate ever belonged to Jas. Earl of Derwentwater or was any part of the Estate forfeited by his Attainder which I believe we Cannot disprove for James was never in possession as I believe. I apprehend that in case the p'mises in Question did not pass by the Will of William Radcliff that then the Crown is intitled thereto as Standing in the place of James Earl of Derwentwater who was the undoubted Heir at Law to Wm Radcliff Esqr. Mr Bulman has not taken any notice to us that he is Concerned for the King in this Affair but I have wrote to him this post that we will be ready to doe all we Can, in the meantime I should be glad to know what point it is apprehended it will turn upon that we may provide Evidence accordingly. It happens very unlucky that the Comission ag't Matt Robson touching Highgreen Colliery will be opened the 20 Septr <Sys.r pit> I am for Mr Boag & self

Sir Yours etc
Nichos. Walton

3 Sep 1742 Nicholas Walton to Mr Bulman

To Mr Bulman Morpeth Ravensworth Castle Sept. 3 1742

Sir

I Perceive the King has granted a Comission to Severall Gentlemen therein Named to Enquire whither any and what manners Lands etc at Amble in Nortumberland Devolve to the Crown on the Death of William Radcliff Esq. & that they Intend to meet on Monday the 20th of this month at the Black Bull in Morpeth to Execute the said Commission And as I understand you are the Attorney for his Majesty to attend the Execution of this Comission I give you this trouble to be informed what Evidence are proposed to be Examined touching the same. Mr Boag & I will be ready & wait your Ansr. hereto with the directions what steps it will be necessary for us to take. I am

Sir yours etc Nichs. Walton

3 Sep 1742 Nicholas Walton to Hugh Boag

To Mr Boag At Eslington Ravensworth Castle Sept. 3 1742

Mr Boag

I send you on the other side a Coppy of Mr Radleys Lettr. relating the Estate at Amble in Northumberland, & on that head have only to observe that it is Strange Mr Bulman of Morpeth should be the Attorney for the King. He has taken no notice of it to us, & we ought to have Instructions from him as there is no great deal of time to provide Evidence. I have therefore wrote to him this day to desire he will lett us know what Care he has taken & what steps we are to take , & if you will lett me know what day you Come thro' Morpeth I will meet you there, if we may fix what is to be done. Mr Ellison comes to Eslington on Monday or Tuesday, & as I wrote you desires youll Stay & take Care of your harvest wch will be about the End of the Week. Mr Liddell will be at Eslington on Monday Evening. Your family are all well. Your Oats all Cutt & part will be Ledd to morrow.

I am yours etc N Walton

10 Sep 1742 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

To Mr Jos Pearson At Keswick Ravensworth Castle Sept. 10 1742

Mr Pearson

I send you herewith a Rentall to Collect the Rents by which I desire you will doe as soon as you Can after you receive this. I cannot with any Convenience come to

Keswick at the time those Rents should be rec'd so you must collect not only the Small Rents but the Rents of the Demesne Lands & what fines are due likewise, I have Wrote to Mr King that he is to pay what he has rec'd to you, so that I desire you will go over to him for the Money if he does not Remitt it before the 28 Sept & on the first of October may come with your whole Collection to me at Alston where I will be that Evening: What Expenses you are at I will take care to pay you & as I shall return from Alstone the 2nd of October Early you must not fail being at Alstone the day before, Hence it may be as well if you come to Penrith the night before being the 30th of Septr Inst. I begg you'll be punctual & lett all be rec'd with great Exactness & see that you bring rec'ts for all your payments with your acct. thereof ready made out which will oblige

Your Hble. Sert.
Nicho's Walton

10 Sep 1742 Nicholas Walton to John King

To Mr John King Ravensworth Castle Sept. 10 1742

Sir

I have ordered Mr Pearson to receive the Keswick & Thornthwaite Rents, & what fines are due or in your hands. What you have or due now therefore before the 28 Inst. I desire may on or before that day be paid to him, as I given him directions to bring the money to Aldstone the 1 Octr. next or the 30 Inst. both which days I shall be in the Country. You will order the Courts as it suits your own Convenience for neither Mr Boag or I can attend them, but pray send us the proceedings thereof with the Coppy of the Suit Rolls, & we must have them for the time that is past

I am Sir Yours etc
Nichs. Walton

10 Sep 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Sept. 10 1742

Sir

I rec'd yours with the Boards minutes of the 28 Augt.last which I duly observe, & touching the Amble Estate all the Care we Can shall be taken I have likewise rec'd a Letter from Mr Radley of the same date concerning that matter which I answered the 3 Inst. & have this post rec'd his Answer thereto so that I hope we will be prepared to doe what is necessary & for Mr Boag & self I am

Sir Yours etc N. Walton

10 Sep 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Sept. 10 1742

I will with pleasure execute your Comission at a proper opportunity but I am afraid the season for your Butter is too far spent, however we will doe our best. At Christmas will be the best time to buy your Oates, unless you want them sooner, Corn is extreamly well gott in this Country so that you'll have verry good oates & I think low

I am Sir Yours &c

N. Walton

11 Sep 1742 Nicholas Walton to John Dixon

To Mr John Dixon Attorney at Law at Durham Ravensworth Castle Sept. 11 1742

Sir

I desire you will on rect. hereof make a Search in the proper office at Durham for a Coppy of the Will of Francis Earl of Derwtr. & if it is found upon your Search that you'll order a Coppy of it to be made properly attested to be produced as Evidence. If you doe not find it in the office at Durham pray Write to York for it as I apprehend it might be prov'd there, for I think as he dyed possessed of Effects in Severall Countys it would probably be so. If you know of any more likely place to find it in please to order it to be directed to me at this place near Durham to save time. What ever Expence or trouble you have in this affair I will take Care to discharge and am Sir

Yours etc.

N Walton

11 Sep 1742 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr Maule Ravenswth. Castle Sept. 11 1742

Dear Sir

As we have not lately had the pleasure of hearing from you how our Acct. goes on I give you the trouble of this desiring you will forward it as much as you Can as we have that Ending the 30 June last ready to send you, which we would not willingly send till the Other is finished. A Line or two in answer to this will much oblige

D'r Sir Yours etc.

N. Walton

26 Sep 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[There follows a table of Alston Mines employees and mines at work available as a separate spreadsheet TNA 66 107 Alston Moor dues tables, tab labelled '1742 Mar - Jun']

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Sept. 26 1742

Sir

One of us attended at Morpeth last Monday on the Comiss'rs Appointed to Enquire whether the Estate at Amble in Northumberland late William Radcliffs was Escheated to the King, but they did but little business that day, but adjourned to the <11> of October next. Mr Bulman Attorney for the King said that he believed that the Comiss'rs. would not let us hear the Witnesses Examined & if so our Attendance will Signify nothing. He said he wou'd write to London to the Person that Appointed him to know whether we should be admitted or not.

If the Board thinks fit to give us any further Directions about it we will strictly observe them; but it will we believe appear that it is Escheated to the King for it never was in the late Lords possession, tho' some others are of Opinion that Lady Peters [Petre] is Williams Heir at Law.

The Comission the Attorney General ag[ains]t Matt Robson & others was Opened at NewCastle last Monday and will sitt late tomorrow night where we have attended & got the Evidence for them. Next Tuesday we goe upon a <Rect.> & holding the Courts

Inclosed is our Cash Acct. for last month by wch. please to observe there is a Ballance in our hands of £219.16.5½ & we are

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

P.S Inclosed is also the Moor Masters Leadmine quarterly Acct. Ending Midsummer last

27 Sep 1742 Hugh Boag to James Wood

To Mr James Wood Ravensworth Castle Sept. 27.1742

Sir

Inclosed is a Bill on William Bell Esq. for £119.2.1½ payable to your selfe ten days after date being for 3 Loadings of Coales for the use of the Hospital.

The Bill is on acct. of the Rents & profits of the Derwentw'r. Estate & you will please to give us Credit for it & in the meantime Acknowledge the Rect. thereof

I am for Mr Walton & Selfe

Sir Yours etc Hugh Boag

P.S. You should have had this money about two Months [crossed out 'agoe'] since but we have been much hurried & abroad

Ravensworth Castle the 27 Sept. 1742
Sir Ten days after date please to pay Mr James Wood or Order the sum of One hundred & nineteen pounds Two shillings & 1½ d for the three last Loadings of Coales sent for the use of the Hospital as by advice from Sir Your Hble Servt Hugh Boag
To William Bell Esq at Greenwich near London

27 Sep 1742 Hugh Boag to William Bell

To Wm Bell Esq Ravensw'th Castle Sept. 27.1742

Sir
I have drawn on you this day payable to Mr James Wood Ten days after date for £119.2.1½ being for the three Loadings of Coales sent for the use of the Hospitall which bill please to Honour. I am for Mr Walton & Selfe
Sir Yours etc Hugh Boag

P.S. The Invoice and Bills of Loading were sent about the time the Coales were Ship'd

5 Oct 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr Jas Wood Ravensworth Castle October 5th 1742

Sir
Inclosed we send you two bills on Sam Child Esqr. & Co. for Nine hundred pounds on Acct. of the Rents & Profitts of the Derwentwater Estate which pray acknowledge the Rect. of. The dates etc of these bills are as below & we are Sir
Your most Hble Servts.
Walton & Boag

Ra. Fetherstone bill on Sam Child Esqr. & Co. dated 11 Sept 1742 at 28 d's	£400
Do. Do. on Do. dated 18 Do. At Do.	500
	£900

5 Oct 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: See letter of 19 Nov from Wm Corbett to Mr Reed, care of Walton & Boag]

Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle October 5th 1742

Sir

We rec'd yours of the 29 Septem. last with the Boards Minutes of that date and in answer thereto we begg leave to Observe, that as the Colliery of Highgreen and Greenhaugh were Confirmed by a Generall Court the 18 June last to Mr Reed, we apprehend Mr Reed Intituled thereto, by Virtue of that Confirmation, & that he Cannot be an Evidence without a Release of that Agreement on both Sides. Mr Reed has Executed a Release of his right in order to be an Evidence and we begg leave to recommend the boards further Consideration whether the Law will allow Mr Reed a disinterested person without their acquitting him in like manner.

We have been upon a Rect. of the Derw'r Rents & have this day remitted Mr Wood bills for Nine hundred pounds & next Week will send him £500 more. We have recd severall proposals for the Farmes lately advertised, which we will send you in a Post or two.

The Commission was open'd touching Highgreen Colliery the 20th Sept at Newcastle, & Satt till last Tuesday Evening, when it was adjourned to the 11 th Inst. at Hexham, but we are apprehensive it will not be finished this Terme so that it will be a very expensive one - & we are Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

17 Oct 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle October 17 1742

Sir

Inclosed we Send you Mr Grays & Mr Downs Bills of Law Charges on the Severall Causes therein mentioned, with what Mr Bunting has Disburst on these Accots. wch Mr Gray has paid him You will please to Lay these bills before the Board for their approbation. We have paid Mr Airey 60 Guineas on Acct. & as the Commission now Sitting is Attended with a great Expence he has call'd upon us for 60 more on that Acct.

Mr James Mason of Leister a party to the Tack note of an Unopen Mine on Ameshaugh Common within the Man'r of Alston Moor is Dead & one of his ptners Mr Laidman is as we are inform'd Insolvent Mr <Bucton> the other ptner has Executed the Tack note but as the others in partnership with him cou'd not be present we have not delivered the original Tack note Sign'd by the Commis'rs to him till we have the Boards Approbation: please to lay this before them & withall be pleased to Acquaint

them that we doe not apprehend any loss can Arise to the Hospital for want of the Other Lessees as the Dues of Ore Raised will be at all times Secured upon the premises. & we are

Sir Yours etc
Walton & Boag

17 Oct 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Oct'r 17 1742

Sir

We have taken Care of Mr Corbetts Commission to buy four furkens of Butter but they are yett in the makers hand for we bespoke them of the same person they were had of Last year& we hope they will be very good. We will hasten them as much as we Can & at the most Convenient opportunity your Oates shall be taken care of by

Sir Yours etc
Walton & Boag

22 Oct 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Oct'r 22 1742

Sir

Inclosed we send you our cash Acct. for last month on which Remained then a Balance of £1312.12.2d in our hands, since when we have remitted the Treasurer Bills for £900. & we hope soon to Remitt the Remainder with a large Sum rec'd Since & we are

Sir Yours etc
Walton & Boag

6 Nov 1742 John Widdrington to Nicholas Walton

[Note: The report was enclosed with the covering letter from Walton and Boag to Corbett dated 14th November]

Gentlemen

As you desired on the 20th day of September last I Attended at Morpeth the Commissioners Appointed to Inquire whether the Estate of the late Honourable William Radcliffe Esqr Uncle of the late James Earl of Derwentwater dec[eas]ed had not Escheated to the Crown etc but the Solicitor Concerned being unwilling I should

Attend on behalf of the Hon'ble the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospitall and hear the proofs made before the Commission and Jury nothing was done that day But adjourning the Commission to 11th October in order that the Solicitor might have time to receive Instructions from his principalls whether I should be allowed to attend or not the 11th October the Commissioners wanting Instructions what Number they should Swear in upon the Jury did not do any Business that day but adjourned to next day on which day and on the 13th 14th and 15th of October I attended when the Jury was Impannelled and the Commissioners proceeded to Business and on these days Examined Seven Witnesses all of them Speaking to the Yearly Rent of the estates which was proved to be as follows

Hope House four farmes and <Hauxley> feilds Two farmes lett
To Mr Edward Manners by Lease dated in 1714 for 31 years at
the yearly Rent of 150. -. -

Togston Moor House or Low Hall Two farmes lett to Mr Anthony
Hall and <Mr C> Hall by Lease dated in 1714 for 21 Years at
the yearly Rent of 70. -. -

The Mannor of Amble 98 Boules of Bigg Called the Hall Corn
Bigg Cunny Warren Colliery and Salt panns lett to the sd Mr
Manners by Lease Dated 1714 for 21 Years at the Yearly Rent of
59. -. -

NB That Since the Expiration of the last mentioned Lease the Colliery not being wrought and the Salt panns laid in there is only the Yearly Rent of <6.-.-> paid for the Conny Warren & the 98 <boules> of <Bigg> It was also proved by the <same Witness > that the following fee farm or Quitrents are paid to the Crown for the above lands (to wit)

For the Manner of Amble the 98 boules of Bigg Conny warren
and Salt pans the yearly fee farm Rent of 9. -. -
For the Hope House the yearly fee farm Rent of 4. -. -
For <Hauxley feild> the yearly fee farm Rent of 3. 8. 2
And For Togston Moor & Houses the yearly Rent of -.13. 4

NB This last Rent is paid to his grace the Duke of Sumersett by the Ten't but was not allowed out of the Rent by Mr Radcliff all the Others were. It is also proved before the Commissioners at London by an Benjamin Bennit that William Radcliff Dyed the 6th Novem. 1732 New Stile wch is the 6th of October 1732 our Stile as apears by the Certificate and Translation thereof by the sd Benjamin Bennett.

Ann Thornton proved before the said Commissioners that the sd. Wm. Radcliffe dyed a Batchellor and was possessed of the Estates above 40 years ago

Geo. Draper of Greys Inn in the County of Middlesex, gentleman, proved before the Said Commissioners that he has in his Custody a Lease and Release from Francis late Earl of Derwentwater to the said Wm. Radcliff Dated the 11th & 12th of August 1692, by which the premises are Conveyed to and to the use of the said William Radcliff his Heirs and Assigns forever

He also proves a Lease and Release from the said Earl Francis to the sd. Wm. Radcliff Dated 22nd and 23rd of July 1698 by which the premises inter all are Conveyed to the said Wm. Radcliff his Heirs and Assigns forever.

NB These two last Mentioned Releases were not produced before the Commis'rs and Jury of Morpeth but only the affidavit of Mr Draper proving them to be as above Stated Therefore it will be Advisable for the Hon'ble the Comis'rs. of Greenwich Hospitall to have a sight of these Deeds, for if they have any title it must be under one or both of them and that in Case there should be any Intail Created by wch the premises vested in Earl James after the decease of his Uncle Wm. Radcliff otherwise 'tis to be feared the Hospitall can have no Claim if it is Conveyed in <fee> to Wm. Radcliff as Mr Draper Setts forth but this is Submitted to the Hon'ble Commis'rs of Greenwich Hospitall.

On the 4th November Inst. I again Attended when the Commissioners and Jury found that all of the premises had Escheated to the King and on Monday 15th Inst the Comis'rs go to Seize the primises for the use of his Majesty

Jno. Widdrington on 6th Nov. 1742

9 Nov 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Novem'r 9th 1742

Sir

Inclosed we send you our cash Acct. for the last month by wch please to observe there is a Ballance of Nine Hundred and Sixty one pounds Eight Shillings & five pence three farthings, in favour of the Hospitall; but this day we have remitted to Mr Wood the Treasurer's Deputy, two bills vallue One Thousand Pounds.

We have a demand upon us from one Mr Teasdale, an Agent of the Lead Company or Quakers Company for the Loss of a Horse which belong'd to him & was lost in one of the unwrought Groves in Alston Moor Called Guttergill wch he values at about Seven Guineas. We have inquired into the affair, & find he lost a horse as above mentioned which, we apprehend the Hospitall are liable to pay for at Such vallue as

Shall be fixed by p'sons Indifferent Chosen. If the Board have no Objections we will gett such valluation made & pay Mr Teasdle accordingly.

Our Generall Acct ending the 30th June last we have ready drawn out & will Send it away next Saturday with the Vouchers thereto, Directed to you & we are

Sir, your most obed't Serv'ts

Walton & Boag

9 Nov 1742 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr Wood Ravensworth Castle Novem'r 9th 1742

Sir

Inclosed herein we send you two Bills drawn by Mr Ralph Fetherston on Samuel Child Esqr. & Company for One Thousand Pounds on Acct. of the profits of the Derwentwater Estate which pray acknowledge the Rect. of & youll Oblige

Sir your most Hble Servt.

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

Ra: Fetherston bill on Samuel Child Esqr. Dated 6 Inst. at 28 days	£900
Do. Do. on Do. dated 6 Do. at Do.	£100
	£1000

9 Nov 1742 Nicholas Walton to Buckton

To Mr Buckton Ravensworth Castle Novem'r 9th 1742

Mr Buckton

The Board of Directors for Greenwich Hospitall have Signified to us that the Tack Note Executed by the Commission to you & Ptnrs may be delivered to you when ever you call for it. I therefore give you this Notice thereof & am for Mr Boag & Self

Sir, your most Humble Servt.

Nichos. Walton

9 Nov 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Radley

To Mr Wm. Radley Ravensworth Castle Novem'r 9th 1742

Sir

We rec'd yours and in answer thereto we apprehend the following description etc may be proper to be inserted in the Leases & Tack Notes you mention.

All that Colliery or Coale Mine Seam & Seams of Coales lying and being within Hartburngrange Estate, in the Parish of Hartburn County of Northumberland demised to William Robson of Wallington in the Parish and County aforesaid for one year with a Liberty of a Lease for 20 years more, at the yearly Rent of Five Pounds.

All that Mine or Vein or Minerall of Lead & Lead Ore Commonly Called or known by the name of Brokenheugh Lead Mine in the Chappellry of Haydon within the Barony of Langley and County of Northumberland Containing in length 1200 yards, and 40 yards on each side of the Vein demised to John Coates of Woodhall in the parish of Nether Warden in the Barrony of Langley & County aforesaid, for one year with a Covenant for 20 years more, at 1/5th Duty.

And all that House and garth with the appurtenances there unto belonging, in the Town, Township & Parish of Corbridge in the County of Northumberland, late in the possession of Richard Betts Demised on Lease for 21 years at the yearly Rent of One guinea to Wm. Soppett Gent'n of Corbridge aforesaid

We hope the above will be sufficient to answer your purpose & we are Sir

Yours etc Walton & Boag

14 Nov 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The report referred to is dated 6th Nov, from John Widdrington to Nicholas Walton]

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Novem'r 14th 1742

Sir

We delivered yesterday a box to William Handcock one of the Carryers between Newcastle & London directed to you in which a Rentall of the Derwentwater Estate as Lett at Mayday last, our Generall Acct. ending the 30th June last & the Vouchers belonging thereto, which we hope will Come safe to your hands. Please to Acknowledge the Rect. of the Box and as soon as is Convenient be as good as lay the Rentall and Acct. before the Board. We have Wrote to Mr Maull & have desired him to waite upon you for the Vouchers as Usuall.

Inclosed we send you the Report of Mr Widdrington Attorney at Law who we thought proper to Attend the Commissioners at Morpeth touching the Amble Estates by which you will please to Observe the Estate is Escheated to the Crown, & tomorrow the Commiss'rs take possession accordingly. We are

Sir yours etc

Walton & Boag

P.S.

Inclosed you will receive the Carryer Rect. for the Box, for the Carriage of wch. you will please to order 10/6d to be paid

14 Nov 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Nov'r 14 1742

Sir

By the Prince Friedrich Capt Hudson Master we have sent you 4 Firkins of butter which we hope will Come safe and prove well it is made by the same person your Last years butter was had of. Yr Oates shall be taken care of, but we think it is too soon yett to buy. & we are

Sir yours etc

Walton & Boag

P.S. Our Acct. Ending the 30 June 1741 has laid very long before the aud'trs. be so good as desire him to to give it <dispatch> as the next years Ending 30 June 1742 is now come before the Board.

14 Nov 1742 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr Maull Rav. Castle Nov. 14 1742

Dear Sir

We have with a good deal of Impatience waited to hear of our Acct. ending the 30 June 1741 being declared before we sent away the Acct. ending 30 June 1742, but also much time is Lapsed we are Affraid the Board would think it too long & therefore yesterday sent it & the Rentall of the Estate as Lett at Mayday last with the Vouchers in a Box directed to Mr Corbett upon whom be so good as Call for the Vouchers The Acct. & Rentalls we presume will be Ordered to be dd [delivered] you a <….le>

The Acct. ending 30 June 1741 not being yet finished gives us a great deal of Concerne we therefore begg you will hasten that it may no way interfere with or stop the other now Coming before you. Mr Clark the Aud'r we are Strangers to but as it is necessary we should Correspond with him on some occasions be so good as let us know how to direct to him and you'll oblige

Dear Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

14 Nov 1742 Nicholas Walton to Francis Woodhouse

To Mr Woodhouse Ravensworth Castle Novem'r 14th 1742

Dear Sir

As we have sent our Acct. away Ending 30th June last we thought it proper to apprize you of it & at the same time begg to be Informed in what Situation our Acct. is for the Year preceeding. It would be a pleasure to us to have these Accts. Passed regularly & hope nothing on our part has been wanting by which that before the Acct. has been retarded. We will think our Selves much obliged to you for your good office in getting it finished so as not to Interfere with that which is Coming before you & your Answer hereto will greatly oblige

Sir Yours etc
Walton & Boag

19 Nov 1742 William Corbett to John Reed

[Note: see letter of 5 Oct 1742 from Walton & Boag to Wm Corbett re Mr Reed's Lease]

A Copy of the Gen'l Courts Releasing Jno. Reed Esqr. of a Lease Granted him of Highgreen Colliery

At a Generall Court for Greenwich Hospital held at the Admiralty office the 12 November 1742

The Court Resolved to accept the Release made by John Reed Esqr. of a lease granted him for Highgreen Colliery pt. of the Derwentwater Estate for a Terme of 21 Years at £5 per Ann. & the Court do also hereby on their Part; discharge the said John Reed, from any agreement, he may be deemed to be under relating to the taking of the said Lease; And Ordered that the Secretary do send him an attested Copy hereof

A Copy
Will. Corbett Sec'y

Sent John Reed Esqr. under Cover by Messrs. Walton & Boag 19 November 1742

19 Nov 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The proposals referred to are available to download in spreadsheet 'TNA ADM 66 98-108 Misc accounts', tab '66 107 Letting proposals 1742'.]

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Nov'r 19 1742

Sir

Inclosed we send you several proposalls made to us for the Derwentwater Farmes lately Advertised to be lett and for a Lead Vein in the Chappelry of Haydon and a Liberty to Erect a Salt Pan on Outchester Shore, & as the Abstract of the Proposalls shews the present Rent and all other particulars we begg Leave to refer thereto; only we begg leave to observe that the Vallentine Erringtons & Wm. Armorer proposalls are only for Seven years Certain, yet they Expect to have an option in Continuing for twenty one years if they think fitt. Mr Armorer you will observe is not yett to be Confirmed, as we Expect to have a further proposall for Scremerston Colliery, but all the Rest we think there is no objection to unless you have had any other proposalls.

We have rec'd. your Letter directed to John Reed Esq. which we have forwarded to him & we are Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

21 Nov 1742 Nicholas Walton to Reginald Hall

To Mr Reg.d Hall In Edinbrough Ravensworth Castle Novem'r 21st 1742

Sir,

Considering the Expence you must of Necessity be at in Coming to Kelsoe & returning to Edinbr'h we think Mr Airey was Shorte in what he did on that Acct. we therefore desire you will receive Two Guineas more of the Bearer hereof Mr Joseph Shaw. We think ourselves much obliged to you for the favour you have done us & doe assure you we will on all occasion be ready to make a Return when it is in the power of Sir

Your very H'ble Servts.

Walton & Boag

26 Nov 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esqr Ravensworth Castle Novem'r 26th 1742

We have nothing to trouble you with at present, except that of Sending you our Contingent Acct. of Payments, which we doe herewith for three months ending the 30th September last & we are Sir

Your most Obed't Serv'ts

Nichos. Walton Hugh Boag

Contingent Payments made on Acct. of the Derwentwater Estate from 30 June 1742 to 30 September 1742 Viz't:

1742			
Jul 16	pd.	John Bell for assisting in making a mapp of Simonburn Common Encroachments etc	£ -. 5. -
	pd	Daniel Alder for postage of Letters	-. -. 6
20	pd	Robt. Naisbitt for Repairing Scremerston hall	4. 7. 3
	pd	Ditto what he paid Severall for Leading materials to Housing at Whittle & Lee houses	6.10. 2
31	pd	Dan'l Alder for postage of Letters	-. -.10
Aug 16	pd	Richard Morrison for Carriage of Leases	-. 1. 6
18	pd	Severall Expenses Attending the Tryall abt High Green Colliery Assaults at Severall times	-. 9. 2
28	pd	Expenses about Amble estate enquiring for Evidence	-. 5. 9
	pd	Mr Edward Carlisle for 2 Acquittances	-. -. 8
Sep 1	pd	John Joppling in part for Carrying a pair of Millstones to Scremerston Mill	2. 2. -
	pd	Daniel Alder the 16 July last for his trouble & Loss of time in the Sessions at Hexham procuring Witnesses & presenting Severall that Cutt down and Carryed away a <Summer> tree from Highwood	1. 4.10
29	pd	John Swinburn for Cleaning and Maintaining Dilston Clock 1 year due Lamas Last	-.10. -
	pd	Mr John Midford for Repairing Dilston Mill being unavoidable	1. 8. -
	pd	Mr Abraham Bunting for his trouble and Loss of time in regulating and Settling the Landtax in Corbridge Parish for the Year 1742	-.15. -
	pd	Ditto for 2 Deales and making a Gate for Dilston hall Court in the Oake Wood being all marked	-. 8. 7
	pd	Ditto for 2000 Thorn quicks had and Planted on Matthew Browns farme at Langley	-.10. -
29	pd	Mr Ab. Bunting his disbursements in detecting and prosecuting Severall Wood Stealers who Cutt down and Carryed away a Summer tree from Highwood Vizt: 1742	
	Aug 3 pd	5 Constables and others for assisting to Seize the Tree -. 8.6	
	May 1 pd	More for assistance when he went to Sell the things <Hamned> upon the Tree being Mobb'd -. 4.6	
	Pd	More to Constables for dispersing the Mobb when Sir Edward Blackett read the Proclamation -. 4.-	

2	pd expences etc going to the <Reawers> for directions how to proceed	4s.	
	to the Constable for watching the Tree the 2 nights 2/6	-. 6.6	
4	pd Mr Bent for drawing an Information In order to gett Warrants against Them	-. 2.6	
	pd the Belman for Calling and discharging the Populace for Carrying away the Tree	-. -.4	
6	pd Thomas Patinson for his assistance & to pay the Doctor he being wounded by the Mobb	-.13.-	
9	pd more for assistance in Searching for the Tree	-. 6.-	
	pd <Mor> for assistance Searching for the Tree but could not find it	-. 7.6	
	pd the Constable going to Langley Barony to take one of the offenders	-. 4.6	
Jul 12	pd Mr Wharton & Mr Dent their fees attend'g the Sessions	-.19.-	
	pd Thomas Pattinson for loss of time Attending Ditto	-. 4.-	
	pd Robert Martinson for loss of time Attending Ditto	-. 9.-	
	pd Loss of time & Expenses Severall Witnesses attending Ditto	-.17.-	£ 4.19. 4
Pd	Mr Abraham Bunting what he paid the Caller for Selling William Elliotts Goods by Publick Sale		-.10. 4
Sep 30 pd	Mr Joseph Pearson his Disbursements as follows		
	Thomas Ladyman for Repairing the Moot Hall and a shop in Keswick	£-. 5. -	
	Repairing Keswick Mill Viz't		
	Gawin Bowe for Spiling and Laying Timber	£2.15. -	
	John Grave for Carriage of Timber	-. 7. 6	
	John Wilson & Dan'l Fisher for Stopping and Sanding the Dam	-. 4. -	
	Edwd. Nicholson for Smithwork	1. 2. 4	
		£4. 8.10	
	Repairing Housing on John Pearsons farme at Stable Hills viz't.		
	Thomas Temple for 5 Load of Lime	£-. 6. 8	
	Jos. Dawson Building a new Chimney	-.12. -	
	Thomas Cocken for 3 foot of Glass	- .1. 3	
	John Dawson for Repairing of Doors etc 5 1/2 days at 12	-. 5. 6	

	Edwd. Nicholson for Nails etc	-. 4.11		
			£1.10. 4	
	Thomas Urwin for Casting 36 Rood of Ditch about the Lands at Nan Crook to prevent the same from being overflow'd by floods	1.16.		- £8. -. 2
pd	Joseph Pearson for Postage of Letters etc from 26 Mar last ending this day			- 1. 8
pd	Daniel Alder Expenses Attending the Commission at Morpeth relating the Amble Estate			-. 4. 6
pd	Do.s Expenses Attending the Commission at Newcastle Attorney Generall ag't Robson & others			-. 4. 6
pd	John Airey Esq. on Acct. of Law Charges			63. -. -
	Sent the Board 26 Novem'r. 1742			£96. 4. 9

30 Nov 1742 Nicholas Walton to John King

To Mr John King. Ravensworth Castle November 30th 1742

Your Letters came to hand in Course in answer to which you may Send us your Recets for the Salary, due to you as Courtkeeper and a Bill for the Ballance for the future what money you receive for times when we are not at Keswick it will be proper to pay such into Mr Joseph Pearson the Bailiffs hands and then they will come regularly to us.

You were before desired to Send us Coppys of the Several Suit Rolls for Keswick and Thornthwaite attested by you, as they have been produced at the Several Courts you have held; and as you have not complyed therewith, we again repeat our desire that they may be Sent to us, as soon as you can. If You'll Oblige

Your Hble Servts

Nicho Walton Hugh Boag

12 Dec 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[There follows a table of Alston Mines employees and mines at work available as a separate spreadsheet TNA 66 107 Alston Moor dues tables, tab '1742 Jun - Sep']

To Wm Corbitt Esq. Ravensth Castle Decem 12 1742

Sir

We reced your Letter of the 1st Decem first with the Boards Minutes of that date & bills of Law Charges of Mr Airey and Mr <Doron> amounting to £224.2.2 which the Board are pleased to refer back to us to be <confirmed> & to make our Report thereon

to the Board which we will not fail to do as early as we can in the best manner we are able.

The inhabitants in Alston Manor are mostly Tenants by Lease for 1000 Years from Henry Hilton Esq from whom the Derwent Estate of which the manor is a part Descended, in which Leases the Lord of the man.r reserved to himself a Liberty to digg and Seek for Lead Ore paying reasonable satisfaction to the Tennants & under this reservation & Covenant the Tennants have Claimed, & as we are informed have received Damages from the late Earl of Derwentwater when any such happened to be. And it is in all Leases of Leadminers granted by the Companies of the Hospital a Covenant inserted to oblige the Lessees to pay all Damages as what may happen to the Tenants from any mines being open and in the possession of such Lessees & Consequently the Commis[sione]rs are liable to pay only such damages as happen either in mines wrought by themselves or that shall be lying unwrought & unlett. Mr Teasdale makes his demand under the above Covenant in Guttergill where the accident happened had been given up some time by D Lowther & Company Lessees of the Leadmines & was then in the Hands of the Commissioners of the Hospital unwrought. & the reason why the Grove was not sound or fenced in can be maybe owing to some Idle Persons who had taken away part of the Covering for firing; for the General method is to Cover the Top with Timber & not to fence around, but in either Method it is very hard to prevent the poor people from Stealing the Covering or fencing away.

We think Mr Teasdale may be persuaded to take five Guineas for the Loss and as this is the only one which the Hospital has been liable to pay since they have been Concerned therein we <beg that .. > to them to comply therewith.

Inclosed we send you the Moor Masters quarterly acct ending at Mich last as usual.

We wrote you of the 19 Novemr last if we had received no proposals &c of purchase of the dues of Lead Ore raised to Mich last nor have received any since occasioned as we apprehend from the great fall in the price of Lead & the further fall which is expected if we have a French Warr what to advice the Board to <say> to the Disposal of it we are at a Loss to say. but if the Dues for the Current Year should be now advertized we think it may not be amiss to advertize both years to be sold together or separate & this Advertizement should we think be generall, & not Limited to six months or any particular day, for as the Marketts are Changeable should the price advance before the 6 months are expired & fall again an opportunity of Selling Cannot be taken when the advance is. but this we offer only as our Sentiment & Submitt it to the Board Consideration & we are

Sir Your etc

Walton & Boag

17 Dec 1742 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Mr Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle Decemr 17 1742

Sir

In Answer to your Letter & the Board's Comands of the 1st De. Inst. we have Examined Mr Aireys & Mr Downs's Bills of Law Changes & begg leave to observe that Considering the Length of the Severall Journeys mencend in the said Bills, the time of the Year when such Journeys hapinned & the business which was done therein they could not be done in less time than is there <>.

That as to the <Terms> Charged for such Journeys Mr Airey says they are as settled with Mr Radley viz 15s p day <> & 10 p day his Clerk & we apprehend are the same which has been allowed to him on the like <>, which are lower than he usually Charges to his Country Clients & in regard to Horse hire & Expenses on these Journeys & maintaining Witnesses we cannot see anything laid out but what was unavoidable ; the Severall Sums paid tell <> for Loss of Time & trouble we think <compreasonable> and the number of Affidavits we are Satisfied have been taken which are Charged for and most of them if not all have been transmitted for Mr Airey says to Mr Radley. Mr Downs's bill we Examined <> before it was sent away from hence & above Eight pounds was deducted out of the Journeys and Expenses by reducing it to Conform with Mr Aireys Charges as he and Mr Radley has settled it, but in regard to Matters of Law in each of those Bills we are no Judges so must begg leave to refer the Inspection of these Articles back to Mr Radley who is a proper Judge. Mr Aireys <> Bill with respect to Matter of Law of a <.....> Judges amounts to £68:15:1 as will appear by an acct of the Journeys Expenses abstracted therefrom Sent you herewith amounting to £52:7:2 1/2.

Inclosed we send you all the Bills amounting to £224:2:2 & likewise Incloses you our Cash acct for last Month by which please to observe a Ballance of £403:14:8 1/4 in our hands & we are

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

27 Dec 1742 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr John Maull Ravenswth Castle Decemb 27 1742

Dear Sir

We reced both your Letters of the 4th & 9 Inst in answer to which we are preparing Rentals for Mr <Aswel's> Clark which you may please to Acquaint him shall be sent him as soon as they are ready, in the meantime we hope there needs not be any stop in the necessary preparations which Mr Clark will have to make for the first declaration <> part we have no doubt but you will give the Accts the necessary despatch. Pray

present our Service to Mr Woodhouse & tell him we hope he will forward the two <> all he can.

Inclosed we send you the Testimonial of Lady Kath Radcliffes being alive when the last Annuity became due & Mr Strickland Reced for the Annuity due at last Ladyday dated the 25 Novem last. It is Charged in June last & then was remitted by us to London to be paid but Mr <Audl's> Clark being out of Town the Testimonial Could not be gott Signed sooner than the 11 Novemb last which is the reason why the recet is not dated to Correspond with the Entery in our Cash Acct but this need make no difference as the recet shews the money to be paid. The other Recet we hope you have found among the Vouchers.

As to the Money wch is due from you to us, we are no way uneasie about it, but when it is Convenient to you to pay it we will be ready to order a person to receive it & in the mean time the <> may be allowed out of the Annuall payment we shall remit you soon. Our Compliments attend you and yours who we wish many happy New Years & we are

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

11 Jan 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett. Rav Castle January 11 1742

Sir

In Obedience to the Boards Commands of the 22d December last we have Treated with Mr Teasdale in regard to the Damage he sustained by the Loss of his Home and have offered him Five Guineas as a Satisfaction, which we have fixed but Agree to accept of Six Guineas. This we did not think proper to Gamble with not only as we apprehend what we offered was at or about the Vallue but are in a Strict enquiry into the right of the Claim, we are in Some doubt whether the Law will give the Tenants damages for accidents in the out Grounds. Mr Simpson who is the Court keeper for that Manr we have wrote to on this head to make a State of the Law that if it be necessary we may take an opinion thereon before anything further is done.

We have taken care of the Advertizement for the Sale of the Dues of Lead Ore for last & this Year as the Board were pleased to direct.

Mr Aireys & Mr Downes's Bills of Law Charges are come safe wch shall be pay'd with the Deductions Mr Ridley has made & we are

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

11 Jan 1743 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

To Mr Richd Horne. Rav. Castle Janry 11th 1742

Sir

In answer to your Letter of 23d December last. The Tennants in Alston Moor hold their Land by Lease from Henry Hilton Esq (from whom the Derwentwater Estate descended) for 1000 Years paying a Small Annuall Rent & a Twenty penny fine every Twenty One Years: that is suposing a Tennant to pay Twenty Shillings Annualy Rent he pays a fine of twenty Pounds at the end of every 21Years during the whole Term of 1000 Yrs & the Lord of the Mannor has an undoubted right to work & search for Mines and Mineralls in the inclosed Land paying reasonable damages. But whether the Lord is obliged to pay damages which happen from Working the Mines upon the waste or Commons uninclosed is a matter of question at present with us, as you will observe by what we have this day wrote to be laid before the Board.

The following Advertisement we have ordered to be Inserted in the N<> papers in the County of Cumberland.

The Dues of Lead ore to be sold which were raised in the Manor of Alston moor from Michs 1741 to Michs last & also the Dues of Lead ore raised and to be raised from Mich last to Mich next together or Separate. Enquire of Mr Corbett Esq at the pay office in Broad Street London, Mr Jno Stephinson of Nentsberry in Alston moor or of Messrs Walton & Boag at Ravensworth Castle near Durham.

Please so acquaint Mr Corbett we have bought 50 Quarters of Oats for him, very good at 10s 2d P Quarter & that we will begin to send them by the George the next voyage. Our Complemts pray to him & to y. <> & we wish you all the Compliments of the Season & are

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

<a slip sent inclosed incl Letter …. ….>.

Mr Horne Jan 11 1742

In a little time we will Send you an Acct of what Leasses have been paid for Since our last Acct wth you & M Radley & Remitt you your Just share of w cash but at present we are <bus… Casting> our cash acct for last year & are sincerely W & Boag

11 Jan 1743 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

To Mr Simpson. Rav. Castle Jan 11th 1742

Sir

The Tennants in Alston moor Claim Damages which happen from Working the Mines in Alston moor - Common as well as Inclosed Lands and as the Hospitall may possibly be Inclosed in some Suits relating thereto we desire a case may be stated to lay before Councill, by which we may be thoroughly Informed what we ought to pay And in this case cannot be well done without your having one of the Leases to the Ten.ts it will be proper for you to see one of them which I fancie you may have from old Richardson of Blackhouse or <Shencroft> without having the trouble of Sending into Alston Moor. We apprehend the Soile of the waste or Common is not Granted to the Tenants & that it is no part of the Demised premises, but this you will be well informed of by & using the Leases & when you send us a State of the Case in which be very pticular pray give us your opinion likewise as there is a great regard pay'd to anything wch comes from you by

Sir Your very Hble Servts

Nich Walton Hugh Boag

PS. We wish you & your family the Compliments of the Season.

21 Jan 1743 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr Wood. Ravensworth Castle Janry 21st 1742

Sir

We herein Send you two Bills as below amounting to Four Hundred Pounds on Acct of the Rents and Profits of the Derwentwater Estate, which pray acknowledge the Receipt of & you'l oblige

Sir Your most Hble Servts

Nicho Walton Hugh Boag

Ralph Fetherston's Bill on Saml Child Esq & Co dated 7 Jan at 28d	£200
Ditto Do on Do dated 7 Do. at 28d	200
	£ 400

21 Jan 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle Janry 21st 1742

Sir

Inclosed we Send you our Cash Acct for last Month by which you will observe a Ballance of £735.18.4 1/2d in favour of the Hospital; but we have this day remitted Mr Wood two Bills for Two Hundred Pounds each in part thereof, so that after paying My Airey's Law Bills it will be reduced to little more than One Hundred Pounds.

We have likewise Sent you under another Cover two Rentals for Mr Andr. Clark which he desired to have. Please to forwd them to him & you'l oblige.

Sir Your most Obed Servts

Nicho Walton Hugh Boag

25 Jan 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle Janry 25th 1742/3

Sir

In August 1736 the Board took into consideration a Claim which Mr Strickland made on behalf of Sir John Webb & Counsellor Pigott, to Several Household Goods in Dilston Hall and on the 9th of that Month they were pleased to order us to deliver the same whenever they were called for, & as we have reced a Letter from one Mr Richardson of Nether Witton in the County of Northumberland demanding the Same we think proper to acquaint you therewith least in so great a Distance of time; the Board may have had any reason to alter their Order above mentioned. Mr Richardson has a Letter of Attorney from Sir John Webb.

Impowering him to make Demands of the Executors of Mr Charles Busbie of Staward to the late John Radcliffe Esq and to bring actions against the said Executors for all Effects which were in the said Mr Busbies hands at the time of his Death, which belong to the said Sir John Webb & Counsellor Pigott and tho this Letter of Attorney does not Extend to the Goods in Dilston Hall, as not being in Mr Busbys possession, yet we apprehend it was so intended and if the Board have no objection we think they may be Delivered Safely. Please to give us as early an Answer thereto as you haith Convenience can and you'l Oblige.

Sir Your most Obed Servs

Walton & Boag

25 Jan 1743 Nicholas Walton to Richard Richardson

[Note: Richard Richardson was the steward of John Thornton if Netherwitton Hall, north-west of Morpeth]

To Mr Richardson of Nether Witton. Ravensworth Castle Janry 25th 1742

Sir

I have wrote to our Board as I promised you to which I have desired as early an Answer as possible and that you may have no want of the Schedule of what Goods Mr Busbie had. I herein Send you a Coppy thereof, by which you may be going on with his Executor. As Soon as we receive the demands of the Commissioners You shall hear from Mr Boag.

Your Humble Servt
Nicho Walton

8 Feb 1743 Nicholas Walton to John Maule

To Mr John Maule. Ravensworth Castle Febry 8th 1742/3

Dear Sir

We have been kept so busy since Christmas that we have Extended the time of Sending you the usuall remittance due the 31 December last which we hope you & the rest of our friends will Excuse above we send you a bill for £10.18. - on Mr <Strutt> payable on demand which with the Cred.t we have given your Acct for one Years Interest make up the Annual payment £18.18.- as below which you will please dispose of Accordingly. We are much obliged to you for the despatch you have given our last Acct which we observe has had the Sanction of the Board & with our Complent to your <fam> & all friends we are

Sir Yours etc
Walton & Boag

Due to Mr Maule deducting £5 for Int	£ 5.10
to him for Postage of Letters	£ 2. 2
to his Clerk	£ 2.12.6
to Mr Woodhouse	£ 2.12.6
to Drink with our friends	£ 1. 1.
	£13.18.

13 Feb 1743 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle 13th February 1742/3

Sir

We put on Board the George above Ten days Since 25 Quarters of Oats in 50 Sacks for you which hope you will receive before this reaches your hand and have other 25 quarters ready to send by the Next trip the Ship makes if the Sacks is carefully returned.

Please to pardon the not having notice Sooner for it was a Neglect of a person not giving us Notice of the Ships Sailling. I am for Mr Nicho Walton & Self.

Sir your very Hble Servt

Hugh Boag

15 Feb 1743 Nicholas Walton to James Todd

To Mr Todd Attorney at Law. Ravensworth Castle February 15 1742/3

Sir

As we propose receiving the Derwentwater Rents of the North Country Tennants the 8th of March next and may probably come as farr as Berwick we in the mean time would be glad to know what Sums you have received on Acct of the Arrear due from the late Tennants of Scremerston Colliery. The Tennants are to meet us at Whittingham & unless we see it necessary (on Acct of those Arrears which you have under your Case) to come to Berwick we do not think of Coming farther. So that as far as shall be governd in it by the Acct we have from you please to give and hereto as Early as you can & you'll oblige.

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

15 Feb 1743 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

To Mr Jos Pearson. Ravensworth Castle Febry 15 2742/3

Mr Pearson

We received your Letter of the 7 Inst as we did one from you before relating the damage done to the Mill dam at Keswick which we are sorry to hear of & Cannot say we can give directions as to the Repairs thereof till you send us an Acct of what you reckon may be the Expenses. Consider that none of the marked Wood must be made use of so that you must gett what will be Wanted from Thornthwaite & lett it be so Considerd in your Computation.

As to the Road Called Castle Lane being the Kings High Road we Cannot Judge of it but from its having been presented at Keswick It appears not to have been so. We cannot think Mr Eglionly woud be Concernd in anything of this kind unless he had good reason for it & to be sure he will do what is right and so we must Pray come to Penrith & acquaint Mr Simpson with the Circumstances of the affair and he will advise what is fitt to be done wch you will pursue.

We have fixed the holding of the Courts at Keswick & Thornth the 6 & 7 of Apr Next against which time pray Collect all the Small Rents & Services etc & you Notice to the Tennants of the Demense Lands that we will attend the 6th of April to receive their Rents at the usuall place. Mr King is wrote to this day <notice> you will have <precepts> from him to give Notice of the Courts. Pray acknowledge the Recet hereof & you'll oblige

Your Hble Servts

Walton & Boag

15 Feb 1743 Nicholas Walton to John King

To Mr King. Ravenswth Castle February 15 1742

Mr King

We have fixd the days for holding the Courts at Keswick. & Thornthwate the 6 & 7 of April next being Wednesday & Thand in Easter of which we have wrote Mr Pearson to whom you will send precepts to give Notice Accordingly & let us know that you have done so Youll oblige

Yours etc

Walton & Boag

PS We have reced your Bill & will return you the overplus at Maling

15 Feb 1743 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Simpson

Mr Simpson. Ravensworth Castle Feb 15 1742/3

Dear Sir

We reced yours with the State of the Case as to damages to be paid the Tennants for Working the Mines etc which will Ans our purpose. We have a Letter from Mr Pearson acquainting us that a high Road usually repaired by the Division of Castlerigg now put upon the Inhabitants of Keswick as being the Kings high Road leading from Ravenglass to Penrith. We have orderd him to wait upon you & State the facts to you after which please to give him Orders what to doe. Mr Eglionly is the principal mover in it so that probably you Can reason with him upon it & Sett it right. We will take

Care to make you a Satisfaction for what business you doe in this way at Meeting which we Expect will be the 4or 5 of April Next in the mean time we are

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

15 Feb 1743 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

To Mr Horne. Rav Castle February 15 1742

Sir

We have made out an Acct of what money we have reced for Leases & Tack Notes, but we find we Cannot compleat it so as to send you & Mr Radley Your Share till we know what Charges there is upon the Tack Notes. We apprehend what is rece by Mr Radley for the Hospitals part ought to Come into the Acct & he to be paid for Ingressing both you will therefore be so good as Consider it & then talk with him upon it and let us have the Acct & then we will immediately remitt you the money.

Dr Lowther is Dead. Our Complimnts attend your fire Side & friends & we are Dear Sir

Your most obliged Hble Servts

Walton & Boag

15 Feb 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle February 15 1742

Sir

Inclosed we send you our cash Acct for last month by wch you will please to observe a ballance of £320.10.9 in favour of the Hospital & you will likewise receive under the same Cover our Contingent Acct for the last Months ending 31 Decem last part wch please to lay before the Board for their Concurrence. We reced the Boards Minutes of the 2d & to Inst which we duly observe & are

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

Contingent Payments made on Acct of the Derwenter Estate from 30 September 1742 to 31 December 1742.

1742		£	s	d
Oct 1	Paid Mary Stokoe & John Airey Esq Steward the Bear.r Bayliffe & severall Gent freeholder Expenses holding Haydonbridge Court the 30	3	13	8

	September last			
Oct 2	paid Mr John <Seeth> Do expenses holding Warks Court the 1 & 2 Oct	4		9
2	Paid Mr John Gibson Do expenses returning from Hooding the sd Courts	2	6	2
2	Paid Edward Chester for the use of the Schoolhouse wherein Warks Court was held the 1 & 2 Inst		10	
16	Paid John Bell on acct of building a barn in John Coates' farme at Elrington	12		
27	Paid Richard Gilpin Esq Brewer of Carlisle as pr Mr Robt Ellison's receipt on his behalf which the said Gilpin paid the Dean & Chapter of Carlisle's secretary a further charge upon the Leases of Dilstone & Lorbottle Tyths being for a large rental in the said leases	2	5	
27	Paid Daniel Alder what he paid bringing Witnesses in the case the attorney general agdt Robson & others		4	7
Nov 4	Paid John <Airay> Esq on acct of his bill of law charges	60		
11	Paid Daniel Alder for Ink carriage of the Genl Acct		4	10
18	Paid John Anesley Esq for Milstones belonging to him which were fix'd in Dilstone Mill, he being Intitled to the same by his Agreement	18		
20	Paid John Joppling in full of £6 10 agreed to pay him for carriage of a pair of grey milstones to Scremerston	4	8	
20	Paid do. for a pair of do. & carriage to Alstone Mill	12		
20	Pd William Pearith the 21st Oct last for 2 acquittances on the payment of the fee farm rent due to Dame Eliz Jeekyle			8
20	Paid William Lee the 18th inst for an Acquittance on the pay.t of the fee farm rent fue to Dame Eliz <Cullan>			4
Dec 2	Paid Mr Rob Douglas for 5 acquittances on the paymt of severall fee farm rents issuing out of the Derw.t estate		1	8
27	Paid Mr Isaac Thompson for the following advertisements From 30 May 1741 Lead Mine dues to be let 24 times at 2/6 the fkirst time & 1/6 after £1 17 From 12 Decm 1741 Timber to be sold 442 times at do £3 4 From April 10 1741 Farmes to be let 25 times at do £2 11	7	12	
27	Paid Mr Reyn.d Hall 29 Nov last for his journey & expenses from Edinburgh to Kelsoe being 30 miles when examined in the case of the Attorney Genl agt Robson & other	2	2	
31	Paid Mr Robt Johnson the expense of Newlands Court dinner this year which he paid		16	
31	Paid do for weeding Newlands woods in 1742 & chopping & settling the bark &c	5	11	

31	Paid John Guddrick for postage of letters the year 1742			10	
31	Paid Daniel Alder for postage of a letter from Edinburgh about the cause the Attorney Generall against Robson & other				6
		136	7		2

Sent the Board Feby 7 1742/3

25 Feb 1743 Hugh Boag to Richard Richardson

To Mr Richardson of Netherwitton. Ravensworth Castle 25th Feb 1742

Sir

We have reced an Order from the Commissioners to deliver the Goods in Dilston Hall to Such Persons as are legally Empowered to demand the same upon the producing a Letter of Attorney for the Pticular purpose. When you gett this Letter of Attorney Shall deliver Such as we are Ordered. I am for Mr Walton and Self.

Sir Your Hble Servt

Hugh Boag

25 Feb 1743 Hugh Boag to John Maule

To Mr John Maul at Greenwich. Ravensworth Castle 25th Feb 1742/3

Dear Sir

As I think you have had no answer about our finding Lady Cath Radcliffes Annuity Recet given by Mr Strickland dated the 25th of Nov 1741 I thought it proper to take notice to you that by this time Mr Walton will be at London on Some other Accts distinct from the Hospitals Affaires will Enquire dilligently of Mr Skutt who pd it where it Can be and if it Cannot be found he will Endeavour as I hope he will gett a Certificate of Mr Strickland that it was actually pd at that time.

I thought proper to Write to you this as perhaps it may be some little time before you See him my Service to Mrs Maul and all Friends.

I am Dear Sir Your Hble Servt

Hugh Boag

1 Mar 1743 Hugh Boag to James Wood

To Mr Jas Wood. Ravensworth Castle 1st March 1742/3

Sir

Inclosed is a bill on Samuel Child Esq & Compa for one Thousand pounds dated 26 February last payable in 28 days on Acct of the Rents of the Derwentwater Estates please Acknowledge the Recet of it by return of the Post. I hope to send you bills for about £600 more next Post.

My Ptner Mr Walton being now in Town. I hope ere this he ehas paid his Complimts to you & all friends at Greenwich pray my Service to him when you See him. I am

Sir Yours etc

Hugh Boag

No. 104. Rav. Castle February 26 1742/3 £1000

Sirs Twenty eight days after date to Mr Hugh Boag or Order the Sum of One Thousand Pounds for the Value reced & place the same to Acct as advised by Your Hble Servt

Ralph Featherston

To Sam Child Esq & Compa. Temple Bar LONDON

1 Mar 1743 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle March 1st 1742/3

Sir

I reced the Boards Orders of the 23d February last and shall duly observe them. Inclosed is the draught of Lorbottle Tyth Lease, Throckley Mill Lease, Graymare Colliery Lease, Hartside Colliery Lease & Dilston hall & Gardens to the Several Persons Confirmd for them for the Boards approbation before they be Ingrossd & as Mr Walton is in Town he will assist in Settling them.

I have Sent Mr Wood a bill this day for £1000 payble at a Months date from 26 last Month on Acct of the Derw.r Rents reced.

I am Sir Yours etc

Hugh Boag

Mar 1 1742

Sir, yesterday was sent on board the George <…> 20 quarters of oats <…. …. .. .. …..> sent the next trip shall send <. Barr> with 2 quartrs to make up <…. L…> from yrs &c H B

The above section <….> to Mr Corbett in the Board's letter

1 Mar 1743 Thomas Browne to Samuel Sandip

[Note: A copy of a draft Bill to the Court of Exchequer. It is related to the Exchequer Court document in The National Archives, E 134/21Geo2/Mich4, but as this dated 21 Geo 2 (ie. between June 1747 and June 1748) it seems it took a few years before the case came to the court. This copy was evidently an early draft, therefore, and the issue was not resolved for at least the following 4 years. Browne was presumably the lawyer acting for Webb and Bacon.]

Hillary term in the 16th Year of the Reign of King George the 2nd

To the Right Honble Sam. Sandip Esq Chancellor and under Treasurer of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer at Westminster Sir Thomas Parker Sen Lord Chief Baron of the same Court & to the Barons there in Northumberland.

Humbly Complaining sheweth unto your Honours your Or[at]ors Sir John Webb of great Crawford in the County of Dorset Bart Surviving Ex[ecutor] of the last will and Testamt of James Radcliffe commonly called Earl of Derwentwater Deced & Wm Bacon of Staward in the County of Northumberland Esq Ex of the last will and Testamt of John Bacon Esq late of Staward aforsd Esq deced Debtors and Accountants to his Maty or by the Records of this Honble Court and otherwise it doth & may appear that Wm Graham Doctor in Divinity there Dean & the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and undivided Trinity of Carlisle were in right of their Church seized of all that the Rectory of Whittingham in the County of Northumberland & all the Tyth of Corn and Grain there arising and likewise of the Rectory of Corbridge in the sd County & all Tyths of Corn and Grain Arising within the sd Rectory or Tythable places thereof that the town or Vill of Lorbottle is lying & being within the sd Rectory of Whittingham & the Tyths of Corn & Grain arising within Lorbottle are belonging to the sd Rectory of Whittingham & that the town or Village of Dilston also Divilston is lying within the Rectory of Corbridge & the Tyths of Corn & Grain are belonging to the sd Rectory & they the sd Dean & Chapter being so seized as aforded by 2 sevll Indens of Lease both bearing date the 25th day of Novr 1691made between the sd Dean & Chapter of the one part & Francis Earl of Derwentwater of the other part Demise all the Tyth Corn Grain & Sheaves of the Townfields & Closes of Lorbottle belonging & apertaining to the sd parsonage and Rectory of Whittingham and also all the Tyth Corn Grain & Sheaves of Corn, yearly coming growing arising and renewing within the precincts limitts & Grounds of all and every the Territories Fields Lands Tenems & Closes belonging & appertaining to the Town & Village or Hamlett of Dilston also Divilston parcell of the Rectory or Parsonage of Corbridge for & during two Severall terms of twenty one years each & the sd Francis late Earl of Derwentwater being so possessed as aforesd by

Indens of Lease & Release bearing date the 23d & 24 days of March 1691 Conveyed & settled amongst other things all his Messes Lands & Tenems Situate lying and being in Corbridge aforesd and all those his Corn Tiths of Lorbottle aforesd to the use of himself for his life without Impeachmet of waste Remainder to his son , the Rt Honble Edwd Lord Visc. Langley for his life with Impeachmt of Wast Rem to the Honble James Radcliffe oldest son of the sd Visc Langley for his life with Impeachmt of Wast Rem to Trustees to preserve Contingent Remainders Rem to the first and other sons of the sd James Radcliffe & the Heirs male of the body & bodys of such first & other Son & Sons lawfully to be begotten with severall other Rem over as in & by the sd Indens of Lease & Settlemt to which your Cross crave leave to refer will when the same shall be produced to this Honble Court more fully & at large appear.

And your Or[at]ors farther show unto your Honors the sd Francis Earl of Derwentwater & Edwd Lord Visc Langley being both Dead the sd James Radclyff then Earl of Derwentwater became possessed of sd Tiths of Lorbottle & Dilston for so many years of the restive Terms the rein as he should happen live Remainder to his first and other sons in tail male as in the settlemt is mentioned & he having renewed the sd Leases from time to time and being possessed thereof & of the sd Tyths as aforesd. He the sd James Earl of Derwentwater by Indens of Lease & release bearing date respectively the 23d & 24th days of June 1712 in Cons. of his then intended Man (which was afterwards had) with Anna Maria Webb one of the dau[ghter]s of your orator Sir John Webb Conveyed & Settled amongst other things all that the Manor of Dilston otherwise Divilston with the Rights Members & Apperts thereof in the sd County of Northumberland & all Tenems & Hereditams w'soever part or parcell or reputed part & parcell of the sd manor or as part or parcell or member thereof Demise Letters used occupied or Injoy'd & all & Singular other the Lands Tenems & Hereditmts whatsoever of him the sd James Earl of Derwentwater situate lying & being within the manor Town Village or Hamlett of Dilston otherwise Divilston in the sd County of Northland to the use of himself for life without Impeachmt of Waist Rem to Trustees to preserve Contingent Rems to his first & other Son & Sons on the body of the sd Anna Maria Webb his then intended wife to be begotten & the Heirs male of the Body & Bodys of such & other Son & Sons lawfully issuing with <rem[ainde]r other …. …asin> & by the sd <…..> above mentioned <S…. & …..> to <.. ……..> also crave leave to refer will when the same shall be produced to this Noble Court more fully & at large appears

And also your Or[at]ors further shew unto your Honrs that the sd James Earl of Derwentwater being possessed of sd Tythese as after he the sd james Earl of Derwentwater on the 23rd day of June 1713 renewed the Leases thereof with the right worshipfull Geo <Smalbidge> the Dean & the Chapter of the sd Church of Carlisle after wch renewal that is to say on or about the 9th day of Febry 1715 the sd james Earl of Derwentwater was attainted of high treason & on the 24th of the same feby was beheader & left Issue by Anna Maria his wife late Countess of Derwentwater one son named John who is due form made his Claym to the sd Tyths & all other the manors,

lands, tenements & hereditaments comprised in the sd settlement before the <Com..> & Trustees of the <sequestered> estates pursuant to the sevl Statutes in the case made <yntourded> wch claim was allow'd as by the decree of the sd Com[itte]e & Trustees to which your Or.ors crave leave to refer will when the same shall be produced to the Hon.ble Court more fully & at large appear.

And also your Or[at]ors further shew unto your Honrs that the sd John Radcliffe being possessed of the sd Tyths & of the restive Terms therein under the sd settlement or one of them the Right worshipfull Thos Tullie then Dean & the Chapter of the sd Church did by two sev.l indentures under their common seal both bearing date the 23rd day of June 1720 in consideration of the said surrender of the sd leases of the 23rd day of June 1713 demise grant & to farm let unto the sd Jno Bacon all those the sd tyths of Lorbottle & Dilston to hold to him his Exers & admins & assigns for the res[pec]tive terms of 21 years from thence next ensuring at the yearly rents thereby res.tively reserved. And the right worshipfull Geo Fleming then Dean & the Chapter of the sd Church did by two sev.l indentures udner their common seal both bearing date 13rd June 1727 in Cons of the surrenderof the sd last mentioned Leases demise grant & to farm let unto the sd John Bacon all those the sd tyths of Lorbottle & Dilston to hold to him his exers admins & assigns for the res.tive terms of 21 years form thence next ensuring at the yearly rents therebyres.tively rseserved as in & by the sd leases . . . . . of the 23rd days of June 1727 to which your Or.ers crave leave to refer will when the same shall be produced to this Hon.ble court more fully and at large appear

And also your Or[at]ors further shew unto your Honrs that the sd John Radcliffe being the only son of the sd James then Earl of Derwentwater by the sd Anna Maria late Countess of Derwentwater his wife being an Infant when the sd Leases of the 23rd day of June 1720 & 1727 were granted the same were taken in the name of the sd Jon Bacon but still in trust for the sd John Radcliffe his Exers Admins & Assigns who being poss'd of the sd Tyths as Resting upon Trust as aforesd he the sd John Radcliffe departed this Life on or about the 31st day of December 1731 he having in his life time duly made and published his last will & testament in writing & constituted & appointed your or[ator] Sir John Webb & Nath. Pigott Esq who is sicne dead Exeters thereof & since the decease of the sd John Radcliff your or[ator] Sir John Webb (the sd Nath Pigott having declined acting in the sd Executorship duly proved the will of the sd John Radcliff in the prerogative court of Canterbury & took upon himself the Exec.tr.p theref whereby your or[ator] Sir John Webb or the sd John Bacon during so many years of the sd last mentioned Terms of 21 years as he lived & since his decease your Or.or the sd Wm Bacon his execr became well Intitled to take & receive the sd Tyths of Lorbottle and Dilston for the use & benefit of your or[ator] Sir John Webb the only acting & now the onlu surviving Extor of the last will & test. of the sd John Radcliffe & therefore your Or.ors hoped that they or one of them should immediately from the decease of the sd John Radcliffe & the Probate of this will have been let into the peaceable & quiet

poss.ion & perception of the sd Tyths for the Rem.dr of the sd sevl last mentioned terms of 21 years.

But now so it may please your Honrs that the Right Worshipfull Robt Bolton Doctor of Laws the present Dean & the sd Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Holy & undivided Trinity of Carlisle combing and confederating themselves to and with Sr John Jennings Knt Governor and the Com.rs of the Royal Hospital for seamen at Greenwich in Kent to Nicho.s Walton and Hugh Boag both of Ravensworth Castle in the County of Durham Gentlemen & also to and with John Stokoe Nichs Stokoe Wm Stokoe James Thompson John Thompson Matthew Thompson Mich Brown Thos Brown & David Brown ten.ts of sev.l lands & tenem.ts lying in Dilston als Divilston aforesd & parecll of the Rectory or parsonage of Corbridge in the County of North.land & also to and with Wm Swan Mich Swan John Swan Barth. Dun Robt Storey Andrew Storey Edw Wilson & Geo Buddle Tenn.ts of the sevl lands and tenem.ts lying in Lorbottle afsd belonging & appertaining to the Parsonage of Whittingham in the said county of North.land & also to and with diverse other persons unknown to your Or.ors whose names when discovered your or.ors pray may be inserted in this bill with Apt words t6o charge them how to defeat your Or.ors of the sd Tyths & the benefit of the sd Leases of the 23rd day of June 1727 the sd Dean & the sd Chapter of the church of Carlisle pretend that by virtue of the sd attainder of James late Eral of Derwentwater & of prev.s acts of Parliaments the one made in the 1s and the other in the 9th year of the reign of His late Majesty King Geo the 1st & by force and operations of another Act of Parl.t made in the fifth year of the Reign of his present Majesty intitled an Act for making void the sevl Contracts for sale of the estate of James Late Earl of Derwentwater to Wm Smith Esq & also of the annuity of £200 during the life of Charles Radcliffe & the arrears thereof to Matt. White Esq & the severall Conveyances made in pursuance of the same all & every the Castles Hon. Lordships Manors Mess.s Lands & Tenem.ts & amongst other things all Leases for Life Lives of years & heredit.s whatever whereof the sd James Late Earl of Derwentwaterwas seized or poss.ssd of or Interested in his own Right to his own use of whereof any other person or persons was were or shd have been seized or poss.sed of or interested in Trust for him on the 24th day of June 1715 or at any time afterwards were vested in his Majesty his heirs & successors for the benefit of the publick & that by one other Act of Parliam.t made in the 8th yr of the reign of his present majesty intitled an Act for the Applicatioj of the Rents & profits of the Estates forfeited by the attainders of James late Earl of Derwentwater and Charles Radcliffe all and every Castles Hon. Lordships Manors Mess.s Lands & Tenem.ts & amongst other things all Leases for Life Lives of years & heredit.s whatsoever were given to the maintenance of Greenwich Hospital & that altho your Or.or Sir John Webb did previous to the granting of the Leases hereinafter mentioned make application to the sd Dean & Chapter to renew the sd leases if the 23rd June 1727 which was refused, yet notwithstanding such application the Right Worshipful Geo Fleming Doctor of Laws the then Dean & the Chapter of the sd Church of Carlisle did by two sverall Indentures or Leases each bearing dates the 19th July 1734 & made or

mentioned to be made between the sd Dean & Chapter of the one part & John Watson of Gosw.ck in the County Palatine of Durham & Edw Hutchinson of the City of Carlisle in the county of Cumberland Esq wch John Watson & Edw Hutchinson are in such leases mentioned to be constituted & appointed by the Honble the Lords Comm.rs of hi Majesty's Treasury steward and general rece.rs of & for all & singular the Castles Hon. Lordships Manors Mess.s Lands & Tenem.ts heretofore the Estate of James late Earl of Derwentwater of the other part granted the sd tyths of Lorbottle & Dilston to the sd John Watson & Edw Hutchinson for the sevl & res[pec]tive terms of 21 years from the making thereof & that therefore he the sd Robt Bolton the Dean & the Chapter of the sd Church of Carlisle Did by two sev.l indentures of Lease both bearing date the 23rd day of June 1741 & made or mentioned to be made between the sd John Bolton & the Chapter of the sd Church of the one part & the sd Nicho.s Walton & Hugh Boag of the other part by & with the direction & appointmt of the sd Sir Jno Jennings <Junr> Governours & the Commiss.rs of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in Kent & in Conson of surrender of the sd leases granted to the sd John Watson & Edw Hutchinson as aforesd & for & in considerations therein mentioned grant & demise the sd Tiths of Lorbottle & Dilston to the sd Nichos Walton & hugh Boag for and during the sevl & res.tive terms of 21 years from thence next ensueing and fully to be competent & ended upon Trust nevertheless for that the Rents Issues & Profits of the sd Tiths sho'd be brought to Acct & paid according to the directions of the sd Act made in the 8th year of the reign of his present Majesty under which leases the sd Sir John Jennings Knt Govr & the commrs of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in Kent & the rest of the confederates pretend that the sd Nichos Walton & Hugh Boag are intitled to the sd Tiths & poss.ed thereof in trust for the maintenance of the sd Hospital according to the Dircetions of the sd Act made in the 8th year of the reign of his present Majesty

Whereas your or.ors expressly charge that the sd leases of the 23rd June 1727 wch were granted to the sd John Bacon being still in being and unexpired [annotated to left: 'know nothing of it'] & having never been surrendered or yielded up to the sd Dean & Chapter of Carlisle as well as the sd lease of the 19th July 1734 which were granted to sd john Watson & Edw Hutchinson as those of the 23rd June 1741 to Nichos Walton & Hugh Boag were absolutely void. And the sd Nichos Walton & hugh Boag or the sd Sir John Jennings Knt Govr & the commrs of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in Kent have not not ever had any right to hold or enjoy the sd Tiths [annotated to left: 'submits to court'] under the leases of the 23rd June 1741 but the same Tiths ever since the decease of John Radcliffe ought to have been rece.d and enjoyed by the sd John Bacon during so many years as he lived & after his death by your or.or the sd Wm Bacon in Trust for your or.or Sir John Webb as Extor of the sd John Radcliff & the sd John Stokoe Nichs Stokoe Wm Stokoe James Thompson John Thompson Matthew Thompson Mich Brown Thos Brown & David Brown have for 11 years ending at Christmas last held & occupied sevl lands lying in Dilston als Divilston aforsd & have had great quantityes of corn & grain arising therefrom during the time aforesd & they

the sd Wm Swan Mich Swan John Swan Barth. Dun Robt Storey Andrew Storey Edw Wilson & Geo Buddle have sevl also for 11 years ending at Christmas last held and occupied sevl lands lying within Lorbottle aforesd & they sev[eral]ly had great quantities of corn and grain arising therefrom during the time aforesd & they & all & every the Tenn.ts of all lands tenemts & hereditaments lying in Dilston als Divilston aforesd & in Lorbottle afsd ought to have paid their Tithese accordingly & therefore at other times the sd Sir John Jennings Knt Govr & the commrs of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in Kent and the said confed.ates pretend that the sd James Earl of Derwentwater being possessed of the sd leases the 23rd June 1713 at the time of his attainder the same leases thereupon became forfeited to the Crown & that the sd lease of 23rd June 1740 having been granted in Cons of a surrender of the sd lease of the 23rd June 1713 & the sd lease of the 23rd June 1720 the sd lease of the 23rd June 1727 immediately upon the death of John Radcliffe with[ou]t issue male became vested in the Crown in manner ment[ione]d in the Acts of Parliam.t.

Whereas your or.ors charge that altho the sd leases 0f 23rd June 1727 shuld be looked upon to be a continuation of the elases of 23rd June 1713 which your or.ors by no ways admitted that <or> by the same Rule the sd leases of 23rd June 1713 were a continuation of the sd leases of 25th Nov 1691 and of such other leases as were in being when the sd settlements of the 24th March 1691 & 24th June 1712 were made by the sd settlement or one of them the sd tiths were amongst other things limited to the sd John Radcliffe as first soen of the body of the sd James Earl of Derwentwater & the heirs male of the body of the sd John Radcliffe the trust of the sd tyths & of the leases therefof of 23rd June 1727 became absolutely vested in the sd Jno Radcliffe & upon his decease came to your or.or Sir John Webb as the only acting execu. of his will in as much as the same being but a Chattle interest could not by the rules of law as your orators are advised by limited ever in rem[ainde]r to another person for default of Heirs male of the body of the sd John Radcliffe & at other times the sd John Stokoe Nichs Stokoe Wm Stokoe James Thompson John Thompson Matthew Thompson Mich Brown Thos Brown & David Brown Wm Swan Mich Swan John Swan Barth. Dun Robt Storey Andrew Storey Edw Wilson & Geo Buddle sev.ll.y pretend they never occupied any lands within the town fields or closes of Lobottle or of Dilston or if they did they never had any Corn growing therein. Whereas your or.ors expressly charge that ever sicne the death of John Radcliffe to Christmas last past they the sd sd John Stokoe Nichs Stokoe Wm Stokoe James Thompson John Thompson Matthew Thompson Mich Brown Thos Brown & David Brown Wm Swan Mich Swan John Swan Barth. Dun Robt Storey Andrew Storey Edw Wilson & Geo Buddle have sev.ll.y occupied & enjoted within the res.tive places sev.l large quantities of arable land from whence they have reaped great quantityes of corn wch they sold for great profit without ever having set forth the Tiths thereof <or yi[elde]d> your or.ors any composition for the same all which actings doings & pretence of the sd conf[eder]ates are contrary to equity & conscience & tend to the manifest wrong and apparent injury of your or.ors.

In tender consideration whereof and for as much as your or.ors cane have no relief in the premises by the strict rules of the common law of this realm for want of such precise proof as is thereby required neither can your or.ors without the answers & corporal oaths of the conf.rates to discover the truth of all & singular the premises of the quantitys and values of the sd Tyths nor without the aid & assistance of this Hon.ble court compel the sd Ten.ts to acco.t with and satisfy your or.ors for the same so that your or.ors who do not insist upon any penalty of forfeiture for not setting forth the Tiths but content themselves with the single value thereof are properly relievable in this Hon.ble Court in a Course of Equity. To the end therefore that the sd John Bolton Dean & the Chapter of Carlisle and the Sir John Jennings Knt Govr & the commrs of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in Kent & the sd Nichos Walton Hugh Boag John Stokoe Nichs Stokoe Wm Stokoe James Thompson John Thompson Matthew Thompson Mich Brown Thos Brown & David Brown Wm Swan Mich Swan John Swan Barth. Dun Robt Storey Andrew Storey Edw Wilson & Geo Buddle & the rest of the conf.rates when discovered [annotated to the left: 'does not this Interrogate us to discover the parties & to answer more p.ticularly'] may according to the best of their knowledge Information remembrance & belief full true & perfect answer make to all & singular the sd matters & things hereinbefore set out as fully & particularly as if the same were here again repeated & articulately interrogated to be answered unto & that the sd John Stokoe Nichs Stokoe Wm Stokoe James Thompson John Thompson Matthew Thompson Mich Brown Thos Brown & David Brown Wm Swan Mich Swan John Swan Barth. Dun Robt Storey Andrew Storey Edw Wilson & Geo Buddle may set forth & discover whether your or.ors & the sd John Bacon decd or some of one & which of them have or hath not been intitled from the death of the sd John Radcliffe who died 31st Dec 1731 to the time of your or.os fyling this Bill to all the Tith corn grain & sheaves of the Town fields & Closes of Lorbottle afsd belonging & appertaining to the sd parsonage of Whittingham or to some satisfaction in lieu thereof and also to all the Tith corn grain and sheaves of Corn yearly coming growing & renewing within the precincts limits & grounds of all every the territories fields lands tenem.ts & closes belonging appertaining to the town village or hamlett of Dilston afsd parcel of the sd recotory of parsonage of Corbridge or to some satisfaction for the same or who else hath during that time been intitled to such Tiths and recd the same or any & what satisfaction in lieu thereof [annotated at left: 'can't tell'] & that they may also set forth & discover how many Acres or what other quantity of arable land they respectively held or enjoyed within the sd town fields & closes of Lorbottle and Dilston afsd either & which of them, in every year during the sd times & how many acres or what other quantity of afsd land they respectively sowed with corn & how many bushels or what other quantity of Corn they respectively had arising therefrom & what the same was worth to be sold and when where & to whom & for what price they res.tively sold the same distinguishing the years during which theyt res.tively have been in the occupation of the twon fields closes lands & tenem.ts out of which the sd corn tiths have arisen since the 31 December 1731 & that they may also res.tively set forth and discover the names of such other tenn.t farmers and persons as have occupied the sev.l

lands in Lorbottle & Dilston afsd or either of them in their res.tive occupations at any & what particular time or times from the sd 31st December 1731 to Christmas last past & wch they or either & which of them are or is living or dead and if living where the respectively live and reside & if dead who are their respective exe[cu]tors or adm[inistrat]ors or any or either or which of them res.tively now live and reside & that they may be compelled to pay & satisfy your or.ors for the full value of the sd Corn Tiths during the time aforesd & <w..> previous to any and what lease granted as afsd any and what application was at any time & when made to the sd Dean & Cahpter or to any & which of their agents by any & what person or persons on behalf of your or.ors Sr John Webb & Wm Bacon or of the sd John Bacon or either & which of them giving the sd Dean & Chapter notice that they or one of them was ready to renew this lease or leases and what answer was given to thereto & that the sd Nichos Walton & hugh Boag may be obliged either to assign the sd leases of the 23rd June 1741 to your or.ors or else to surrender the same to the sd Dean & Chapter of Carlisle so that your or.ors may be at libertry to renew them the sd lease of the 23rd June 1727 & that Sr Dudley Ryder Knt his Majesty's Attorney General may answer the preem.es so far as may concern his Majesty's Int[erest] & that your or.ors may be relieved in all & singular the prem.es according to Equity & good mconscience and as the nature of their cause shall require.

May it please your Honours to grant unto your or.ors not only process of Distring [?distraint] as against the sd John Bolton Dean &the Chapter of Carlisle but also his Majesty's most gracious writ or writs of subpoena under the sael of the Hon.ble Court to be directed to the sd Sr John Jennings Knt Governor and the Com.rs of the Royal Hospital for seamen at Greenwich in Kent Nichos Walton Hugh Boag John Stokoe Nichs Stokoe Wm Stokoe James Thompson John Thompson Matthew Thompson Mich Brown Thos Brown & David Brown Wm Swan Mich Swan John Swan Barth. Dun Robt Storey Andrew Storey Edw Wilson & Geo Buddle & the rest of the conf.rates when discovered thereby commanding them and each & every one of them at a certain day & under a certain pain therein to be <lionitted> personally to be & appear before your Hon.rs in this Hon.ble Court then & there to answer all and singular the prem.es & further to stand to and abide such further Orders Direction & Decree therein as to your Honrs shall seem meet & your or.ors shall ever pray

Thos Browne

1st March 1742 Let process Issue T Parker

4 Mar 1743 Hugh Boag to James Wood

To Mr Jas Wood Ravensworth Castle March 4 1742/3

Sir

Inclosed you have a bill on Mr Benjamin Skutt at 25 days date for Six hundred Pounds on Acct of the Rents of the Derwentwater Estate, please to Acknowledge the Recet of the Bill by return of the Poste and you'll oblige

Sir Your Hble Servt

Hugh Boag

Ravensworth Castle March 4 1742/3. £600 Sir

Twenty Eight days after date pray pay unto Mr Hugh Boag or his Order Six hundred pounds Value rece and place it to Sir Henry Liddell Barrts Acct as advised by Sir Yor Hbl Servt Fran. Thibou

To Mr. Benjamin Skutt in King Street St Anns London

4 Mar 1743 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq Ravensworth Castle March 4 1742/3

Sir

Inclosed is our Cash Acct for last Month by which please to observe there is a ballance due from us at the End of the Month of £1727.16.7 Since which as I advised last <> I sent Mr Wood a Bill for £1000 & this day have Sent him another for £600 - which will reduce the Ballance verry low. I am for Ptner & Self

Sir. Your Verry Hbl Servt

Hugh Boag

7 Mar 1743 George Grey to William Corbett

[Note: Found in letter book after that dated 17th May 1743 presumably because it was sent to the board on 23rd May]

?The Tennants of the manor of Aldstone Moore in the County of Cumberland formerly hold their Estates as Customary or Tenantright Estates descendable from Ancestor to Heir upon payment of Small yearly Rents and of Certain Fines or Grasom to the Lord upon Change of Lord by Death and upon Change of Tenant by death or alienation. In King James the 1st Time the Tennants agreed to surrender their

Customary Intrest in their Estates and accept Leases thereof for 1000Years at their old year by Rents and to pay a Twenty penny fine every Twenty one Year.

In pursuance of this agreement Henry Hylton Esq Lord of the said Manor by Indenture of Lease dated first of September 9 Jac I [1611] demised to R.W. That Messuage or Tenement Called N being of the Yearly Rent of nine Shillings situate in Aldstone moore and also all that part of the Common Called Gilderdale for which he pays a Yearly Rent 1s4d and all Houses buildings Meadows feeding Grounds inclosures Pastures Commons of Pastures Turbary way& waters and all other Easements and Profitt and Commodities whatsoever to the Said Messuage or Tenement and all other the premises belonging or in any ways appertaining or thereoff accounted reputed or taken as part or parcells or used or Occupied as part or parcells thereoff together with House boot or Hedge boot & To hold from first of May 1615 for 1000 Years then next yielding and paying to Lesser his heires and Assignes the said Severall Yearly Rents of 9s and 1s2d and a Certain Fine or Grasom at the End of every twenty one years as also Suit of Court and after Severall Covenants from Lessor for payment of the Rents and Grasoms and Covenants from Lessor to Suffer a Recovery in order to confirm Lessees Title <Ct> are inserted the following clauses Viz and it is Covenanted and agreed between the Sd parties and the Sd R.W. (the Lessee) doth Covenant promise and grant for him his Executors and Assignees to and with H.H. (The Lessor) his Heires and Assignes that it shall and may be Lawfull to and for the said H.H. (Lessor) his Heires and Assignes at all times herein before demised and granted to enter into any part of the demised premises to digg and Seek for take have and Convert to his and their own profitt benefitt and use. All the Mines and Ore of Lead that happen to be found in and upon the premises with Convenient way and Leave for the Carrying and taking away of the said Ore and he said H.H. Lessor doth Covenant promise and grant for him his Heires and Assignes to and with the Lessor his executors and Assigns that he the said H.H. Shall and will make such recompense to sd R.H. his Executors and Assigns for such Loss and damage as he or they shall thereby Sustain as shall be sett forth by the foreman of the Jury and other the foremost of the Jury for the time being or any two of them and in default thereoff by two indifferent men the one to be appointed by the Sd H.H. His Heires and Assigns and the other to be appointed by the Sd R.W. His Execs and Assigns.

All the Leases to the Severall Tenants are in the same Form for Severall ages last there have been Lead Mines in Aldstone moore both in the Inclosed Grounds demised to the Tenants and also in the wastes or Commons all which mines have been wrought by the Lord or his Lessees, the Leases granted of these mines are generally made void in Case the Lessee does not work with a certain number of men so many months in the Year and are often determinable upon other defaults in the Lessees and it is usuall for the Lord in such Leases to take a Covenant from the Lessee that he will at the determination of his Lease Leave one or more pits or Shafts open upon every Vein or working so that the Lord may Carry on the work if he pleases.

When a Lessee does not think the work worth Carrying on he suffer a forfeiture of his Lease by not working and then give the Lords agents notice so that they may

enter upon the mine if they please and sometimes they do make an Actuall entry and sometimes only let the Pitts or shafts and workings continue as the Lessees leave them.

The Tenants of Aldstone moor both before and Since the granting of these Leases have departured their Commonable Cattle on the wastes within the Manor as Common appurtenant to their now Leasehold Estates and Such Cattle frequently fall in to the old Shafts of the Lead mines and are killed.

The Manor of Aldstone moor is now vested in his majesty for the use of Greenwich Hospitall.

Whether the Tenants in Aldstone moor by virtue of the Lost Covenant mentioned in their Leases are intitled to any Satisfaction from the Lord or his Lessees for any damage which they Sustain either by the digging of pitts upon the Common or wastes or by Carrying away ore gott there or that Covenant only extends to the damage they Sustain by digging pitts Ct in the Inclosed Grounds particularly demised to them.

I am of Opinion that the Said last Covenant extends only to the inclosed Ground and not to the wastes and tho it will not by way of Covenant bind his majesty or the Hospitall yet it is by an agreement as such run alway along with the Lane.

When a Tenants beast departuring upon the wastes or Commons fall into any Shaft there and is killed can the owner of such Beast maintain any Special Action upon the Case against the Lord as his Lessee for not filling up the Shaft if yea against whom must such Actions be respectively brought especially when such an accident happens after the Tenants Lease is forfeited or determined and before the Lord has made any Actuall entry upon the mine.

In working the mines on the wastes the Lessees ought to take due Care of the Pitt's &c by them Sunk so as to prevent damages to the Commoners Cattle and during their title I think are liable to make Satisfaction for any Loss thereby Sustain'd unless there be a Custom to the Contrary but as such damages must have frequently Happen'd the usage on this Occasion will determine this Question I think such actions will lye against the Lessee or person Sinking such pitts during the Lease or Contract but not against the Lord at any time unless the pitts are actually by them sunk.

Is the Lord by virtue of the Last Covenant obliged to make Satisfaction to the tenant for any of the Tenants Cattle which may fall into any pitt digged by the Lord or his Lessees in the Tenants own ground or does that Covenant only extend to the damage to be done by digging Ct to the Herbage and Soil.

I am of Opinion that the Tenant will be intitled to Satisfaction for damages in his own Ground either by Spoyling the Herbage or loss to his Cattle the words of the Covenant being Loss and damage which extend to both.

A Copy of the above Sent to the Board the 23d of May 1743
Geo Grey March 7 1742

14 Mar 1743 Hugh Boag to Abraham Bunting

To Mr Bunting. Ravensworth Castle 14 March 1742/3

I am sorry that Mr Gee and his friends does not still take Care to pay the Rent. Saturday last was the last day they took & Still they do not Come near me, however Stay till you hear from me again before you distrain.

Mr Anesley has Wrote me that his Tennant at Low hall wants 60 Fother of Limestones for Lowhall. I have Wrote him he is welcome if it does not interfere with the Tennant to occasion a Complaint & I told him I have wrote to you & that it was usual to take a License so let the Tennant have one. I am

Yours etc

H Boag

14 Mar 1743 Hugh Boag to Shaftoe Downs

To Mr Downs. Ravensworth Castle 14 March 1742/3

Sir

I am ashamd of not answering your first Letter about Dixons Bond but I have been in the North & other <entrides> has prevented me besides Mr Walton is not now at home & as it's to be a Joynt affidavit must refer it till he Comes home who I expect Saturday if not Sooner. You may depend we will not trust him any Longer. I <>cannot say I am any way Surprized at Philip Larkins answer but I <sent> fear from what than of his Lease. I'll have a <l…ch> at him. Iam

Sir. Yours etc

Hugh Boag

14 Mar 1743 Hugh Boag to John Strangeways

To Mr Strangeways at Cheswick near Berwick.

Ravensworth Castle March 14 1742/3

Sir

Mr Ancrum did not come near me at Whittingham nor none of his Partners so cannot say any thing more about this charging you unreasonably for the Wayleave than what was talked at Whittingham but one or both of us propose to be at Scremerston and Berwick in about a Month or less and then hope to see you. I am for Mr Walton & Self

Sir Your very Hble Servt

Hugh Boag

15 Mar 1743 Hugh Boag to James Wood

To Mr Jas Wood Ravensworth Castle 15 Mar 1742/3

Sir

Inclosed is a bill on Samuel Child Esq & Company dated this day payable at 28 days for £800 - on Acct of the Rents Issues & Profitts of the Derwentwater Estate the Recet of Which please to Acknowledge only the Return of the Post as you did last for those Sent. I am for Mr Walton & Self

Sir Yours etc

Hugh Boag

My Service to all friends at Greenwich.

No. 114. New Castle Mar 15 1742/3. £800
Sirs Twenty eight days after date pay to Mr Hugh Boag or Order the Sum of Eight Hundred Pounds for the value reced and place the same to Acct as advised by Your Hble Servt Ralph Featherstone
To Saml Child Esq & Co Temple Barr London

15 Mar 1743 Hugh Boag to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle March 15 1742/3

Sir

I had an Acct last night from Dilston that on Saturday the 12 Inst Seven of the Tennants those were Servd with <Or ….> Supeneas [sub poenas] (by Mr Robt Bulman Attorney at Law in Morpeth) at the Sute of Sir John Webb Bart return<bl> by the 20th of April Next also he has servd David Brown Father to one of the Tennants but is not Tennant himself & one Nichs Stokoe who <I take> is only a Son of John Stokoe. I am of opinion that the Execs of the late Mr Radcliff are for giving the Hospital some trouble about the Dean & Chapter <&> the Leases of Dilston & Lorbottle Tythes.

The Board will be pleased to take Notice to Order some to answer for them agt the time mentioned.

Inclosed is Mr John Stephensons quarterly Acct of the Lead miners to Christmas last with an Acct of the Mines unwrought.

I have Sent Mr James Wood this day a bill on Samuel Child Esq & Comp for £800 - on Acct of the Rents & Profitts of the Estate. I am

Sir. Your verry Hble Servt

Hugh Boag

[There follows a table of Alston Mines employees and mines at work available as a separate spreadsheet TNA 66 107 Alston Moor dues tables, tab labelled '1742 Sep - Dec']

20 Mar 1743 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

To Mr Rich Horne. Ravensworth Castle March 20th 1743

Dear Sir

I Reced your kind favour the Morning I came out of London & being then obliged to attend Sir Henry Liddell till after Board time. I could not possibly wait upon Mr Corbett and you to obviate the difficulty which Mr Ellicks apprehended in our Collecting the Monthly Bill at Newcastle. I was likewise willing to see my Ptner Mr Boag before I gave you any answer in this way, for as Mr Ellicks had been so good as say he would pay a great regard to the recommendation provided that Difficulty could be gott even I was desirous of Seeing him before I of my Self pretended to remove it. That the Money must be collected by a person in the Custom House at Newcastle is very certain but it is a thing which will not we apprehend Require the presence of us for as we can have it done by a Person who Sitts at that Board, there will be no manner of occasion for our Attendance oftner than to See that it be properly & carefully Executed, which we shall think a Duty Incumbent upon us & we make no doubt but to transact it in that way with the same advantage to the Hospital that it has been hitherto done. We are much obliged to Mr Corbett & your Self for this and many other favours & only beg what farther I hope is necessary for procuring a promise from Mr Ellicks for this plan when a Vacancy shall happen. Mr Boag is present & joins with me in Compliments to Mr Corbett & his family & to you & yours & I am

Dear Sir Yours etc

Nicho. Walton

25 Mar 1743 Hugh Boag to James Wood

To Mr James Wood. Rav. Castle. Mar 25 1743

Sir

Above [below] is Mr Waltons Bill for £214.15.3 1/4 (the amount of your Debentures sent me) on Mr Benjamin Skutt payable in the days which I hope youll receive safe.

Mr Mountainey the Collector at South Shields did but pay it till yesterday. I am for Mr Walton & Self

Yours etc

Hugh Boag

PS Advise us of the Recet of this.

Ravensworth Castle Mar 25 1743
Dear Sir Fourteen days after date pray pay Mr J Wood or his Order Two hundred & fourteen pounds fifteen Shillings & three pence farthing (for Value reced) and place it to Sir Henry Liddell Barts Acct as advised by Sir Your most Hum Servt Nich Walton
To Mr Ben Skutt in Kings Road St Anns London

29 Mar 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle March 29 1743

Sir

You letter comes to hand in Course dated the 22nd Inst for which we think ourselves greatly obliged to you & beg leave to give you the following answer thereto. The Recers of the Sixpence P Month from Seamen must undoubtedly sitt at the Customhouse Board at Newcastle for the Convenience of Masters of Ships who come to Clear there, but tho we should be appointed Recers yet we apprehend it may be Collected by our Deputy a Person who has a Seat in a customhouse, without further attendance from us than to Inspect and see that it be properly done from time to time. This is the Method Sr we have always proposed to doe it in, but should there be any difficulty in that we have Each a Son who may be fitt to fill the vacancie before it happen & in that we shall not differ whither of us it shall happen to fall upon. In the former way we chuse it by which any little Profitts which arise from it may accrue to us Joyntly & as it is a thing we would not attempt to ask unless we were satisfied of the business being done as Effectually as ever, so we hope Mr Alix will favour us with his promise for the vacancie when it shall happen: in the doing of which we shall not only think our Selves greatly obliged to him, but to you Sir who have been so kind as give us this recommendation and give us leave to say we are

Sir Your most Obiged Hble Servts
Nicks. Walton Hugh Boag

29 Mar 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Armorer

To M Wm Armorer Jun Ravensworth Castle March 29 1743

Sir

Your Letter without date came to hand offering £120 for Tennants Cottage on a Lease for 21 Years Including the Limestone Quarry to be free at the End of every 7 Years in answer to which the Limestone Quarry must not be Lett with a Colliery so that we woud be glad to know the utmost you will give for the Colliery without having any regard to any advantage from the Limestone Quarrys. We are so farr from being unwilling to Accept of you as a Tennant that we wish to have you & tho we may have namd your having proposed yett no Person will know what you had offerd. We are obligd & it is fit we shoud take the best biddes & unless you are so it is not in our power to doe you Service. Your Ans we desire by return of the Post as we shall be obliged to Report the biddings to the Board next Week & we are

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

8 Apr 1743 Nicholas Walton to Francis Woodhouse

To Mr Francis Woodhouse Ravensworth Castle Ap 8th 1743

Dear Sir

My Partner Mr Boag is abroad but before he went from home we were favoured with yours of the 31st March last which brought us your Queries there Recd from Mr Johnson, John Swinburne, Edward Winship: which I could not get ready to give you my answer Sooner then this Post. But before I doe most Sincerely tell you I am heartily concerned to hear of your Indisposition, and more pticularly that I shod anyway be the Cause of it I can only say I wish you soon a perfect return of your health & that all happiness may attend your fireside.

I send you herein the Acct of Arrears, in the late Recrs time Showing what has been pay'd thereof from time to time & that the <Supens> agree Exactly with the last Quietus And so in like manner to June 30th 1741 & 1742 which I hope will make that matter Clear. You will likewise receive herewith my answers to the several Queries together with Mr Johnson & Swinburns Recet Rectified, and that of Edw Winship under writt by Mr Skinn which I hope will be satisfactory. I have also Inclosed this Post our Commission to Sir Henry Liddell to save Postage & have desired Mr Skutt Sir Henrys Agent to wait upon you with it & to pay you the Fee due upon the Entry; & as I thought the sending you a Coppy might Save you some trouble so you will receive one, which you may Examine with Mr Skutt, and keep by you if you think proper & when you have done with the Original be so good as give it to Mr Skutt who will Convey it

with Safety to me by some of Sir Henry Liddells people who will be soon in the Country.

We are taking Care to have the disbursements properly vouch'd by making the Recets for Repaires, Sesses etc all on distinct papers, so that in future you will have no trouble in turning from one Bundle to another to seek for the vouchers & if there is anything else We can do to shorten the work will be ready to comply with it.

We will be glad to hear that a Declaration of Accts is fixed & doubt not but ours will appears to the Chancellor of the Excheqr a fair one, as I am persuaded of your Friendly offices in Stating Facts to him in a True light. I once more wish you soon well of your Cold & with my Compliments to Mrs Woodhouse.

I am Dr Sir Your very Hble Servt.

Nicho Walton

PS Mr Boag when he went abroad desired me to present his Complimts to you & Mrs Woodhouse & to all Friends.

Arrears in the late receivers time

Dr For the amount thereof at Martinmas 1734 as appears by the account settl'd to the 31 Dec 1737		£508 19 9 1/2d
Cr By cash recd and accounted for by Messrs Walton & Boag in the acct ending 31 Dec 1737 in part of the £508 19 9 1/2d on opposite side		£ 79 12 8 1/2
Balance 31 Dec 1737		£429 7 1
		£508 19 9 1/2

Dr For balance 31 Decr 1737		£429 7 1
Cr By cash recd and accounted for by Messrs Walton & Boag in the acct ending 30 Jun 1739 in part of the ballance on the opposite side		£ 56 19 10
By balance 31 Decr 1738 the receivings Carryed to the 30 June 1739		372 9 3
		£429 7 1

Dr For balance as above		£372 9 3
Cr By cash recd and accounted for by Messrs Walton & Boag in the acct ending 30 Jun 1740 in part of the ballance on the opposite side		180 2 6
By balance 30 June 1740 agreabl to the Sup.w in the Quietus then viz		
Corbridge Estate	£5 8	
Whittle	32 15 3	

Throckley	41 1 6	
Whittonstall	2 10	
Hexhamshire	3 10	
Meldon & appurts	92	
Scremmerstone	1 16 4	
Alston Moor	11 5 10	
Fee farm rents	1 19 10	192 6 9
		£372 9 3

Dr For balance 30 June 1740 £192 6 9

Cr By cash recd and accounted for by Messrs Walton & Boag in the acct ending 30 Jun 1741 in part of the ballance p contra 8 11 4

By balance 30 June 1741

Corbridge Estate	£5 8	
Whittle	32 15 3	
Throckley	38	
Whittonstall	2 10	
Meldon & appurts	92	
Scremmerstone	1 16 4	
Alston Moor	11 5 10	183 15 5
		192 6 9

Dr For balance 30 June 1741 £183 15 5

Cr By cash recd and accounted for by Messrs Walton & Boag in the acct ending 30 Jun 1742 in part of the ballance p contra 20 5 10

By balance 30 June 1742 vizt

Corbridge Estate	£5 8	
Whittle	32 15 3	
Throckley	23	
Whittonstall	2 10	
Meldon & appurts	92	
Scremmerstone	1 16 4	
Alston Moor	6	163 9 7
		183 15 5

The names of each person from whom the £183 15 5 is due 30 June 1741 and 1742 in the like manner

		1741	1742
Corbridge	Richd Gibson for Gibson lands	£ - 18 -	£ - 18 -
	Philip Horsman	4 10 -	4 10 -
Whittle	Matt als Gerard Readhd	32 15 3	32 15 3

Throckley	Robt Weldon	1	1
Do	Wm Brown	37	22
Whittonstall	Cuth Brown	2 10	2 10
Meldon & appurts	John Charleton	90	90
Do	Wm Hewitt	2	2
Scremmerston	James Wilkinson	1 16 4	1 16 4
Alston Moor	Wm Lee	11 5 10	6
		£183 15 5	£163 9 7

Mem. In the acct ending 30 June 1741 there is £6 16 returned in Arrear as a debt contracted in the late rec.rs time which is a mistake it being a debt contracted in the present rec eivers' time. See Coastley and appurts. Robert Dickinson for Hackford and Langhope £6 16s.

And be pleased to observe the like mistake in the Accot for 1742 ending 30th June. See Coastley and Appurts Rob Dickinson for Hackford and Langhope £1 16s. being what remained unreceived of the £6 16s abovementioned.

So that what is really in arrear of the arrears contracted in the late Rec.rs time is as above the 30 June 1741 £183 15s 5d and 30th June 1742 £163 9s7d.

Nicho.s Walton

April 8th 1743

Queries on Messrs Walton and Boag's acct of the Derwentwater Estate for one year ending 30th June 1742

[Queries start at the LH margin, and the receivers' answers are indented immediately beneath each query]

1741 10 Octobr. Shafto Down's Land tax to Ladyday 1741 by receipt £1.8.6. By account £1.8.9.

This is a mistake and ought to be no more in the Acct than £1.8.6.

14th Octobr. Allowed John Smart £3.3.4 for a modus for the Petty Tyths out of Spindeleston to Balmbrough Castle, due Good Friday by Receit & rental. Acct says Lady day 1741

Good Friday or the Friday before Easter is the time when this modus is generally said to be due & we are at a loss to know whether it be due then or at Lady Day. We know nothing more than what the Rental says wch was returned to us by the Hospitall and that says Lady Day

NB preceding account says Ladyday 1740 receipt says Easter

This is answered above

6th Octobr Paid John Swinburne 10s for keeping Dilston Clock in repair anno 1740, for which credit is given in preceding acct

This receipt is wrongly expressed then ten shillings paid Jno Swinburn being for keeping Dilston Clock to Mich.s 1741 as will appear by his Rect. Altered and signed by himself Sent herewith

29th Decr. Mr Johnson's nill by pticulars & for which Credit is given is £3.1.11 by rec.t & Total £2.1.11 to be set right

There was paid Mr Johnson £3.1.11 as appears by the articles, which shew the mistake to be a wrong casting up but you have herewith a proper receipt for £3.1.11 wch was really paid

10th March pd Edward Winship £5.10 for Coales dd for Mr Skinns use the receipt to be indorsed by mr Skinn

Edward Winshipps rec.t you have herewith endorsed by Mr Skinn

Why is 6s8d charged for one year's fee farme rent due Mich.s 1742 for part of Warks town payable by Edwd Charleton Esqr which is beyond the time of this Acct & would regularly come into next year's rental

This 6/8 was Rec.d by us at Mich.s 1741 altho' not due till Mich.s 1742 for which reason we Charge ourselves with it. But it would have been as well to have let it lye in our hands till the next years Acct.

Why Ra. Thompson's 3 years acknowledgement of a cottage and Garth at Meldon due Mayday 1741 was not charged in the Rentalls

Ralph Thompson's Cottage and Garth ne enjoy'd under the Derwentwater Family without payment of rent & afterwards in the Rec.rs time, But upon a representation made by us to the Board they orderd a small acknowledgement to be taken wch ought to have been brought into the RFentall but was omitted by us. The next Rentall will have it Included.

<E.> Fra. Woodhouse
Nicho Walton

8 Apr 1743 Nicholas Walton to Benjamin Skutt

To Mr Ben Skutt. Ravensworth Castle April 8 1743

Dear Sir

Our new aud[ito]r of the Derwentwater Acct thinks it necessary to have our Commission Entered in his Office & therefore has desired it may be sent to Town for that purpose. I have therefore post'd it to Sir Henry after packing it under cover

directed for you this post & desire you will on Recet hereof gett it of Sir Henry if he is in Town or if he is not that you will take of the Cover as you well knew it by my Direction & the Size of the Packett which is 6 Inches long & near 6 Inches broad. If it should be above weight you will pay the Postage & Charge it to me and I must begg the favour of you to Carry the Commission to Mr Francis Woodhouse at the Aud.rs Office, Whitehall, or at his house in Charles Street Westminster & deliver it to his own hand with a Coppy thereof which you will find within the Commission. The Charge of Entering being One Guinea I desire you will pay Mr Woodhouse & take his Recet which you will transmit to me with the Commission which pray be verry Carefull of & return me by Mr Quinch or any of Sir Henrys Servants that will bring it Carefully by Land. The Coppy I fancy Mr Woodhouse will keep.

I am Dr Sir Your very h.bl svert

Nicho Walton

12 Apr 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle April 12th 1743

Dear Sir

As above [below] you have all the proposalls we have had for Scremerston Coll.y. Except one from Mr Stokoe which being only Sixty pounds is not taken Notice of as also that made by Mr Rutter to you. And unless you have had any other proposall we think the Colliery shd. be Confirmed to Mr Armorer who is the best bidder & a verry able man. You will please to observe that as Mayday is at hand this affaire shd be soon determined that the Tennant may have proper Notice for his Entry at Mayday.

We observe the proposalls of Peter Fearon on behalf of Joseph Dixon, Thomas Smith & Joseph Teasdale of Cockermouth offering 1/6 Duty for the Lead Mines Called Beckstones & Ladstock in Answer to which we begg leave to observe that We apprehend Beckstones & Ladstock to be one & the same Vein & that the late Col Liddell & his Executs & Ptners have not Ceased working at one of the places since the taking of the Mine in the Mannor of Thornt. & they are now working at Beckstones not half a mile distant from Ladstock so that the Board we apprehend have not a power to Lett & we are

Sir Yours etc Walton & Boag

1742/3 An account of proposals made for Scremerston Colliery vizt.

		No Yrs	Rent offrd p annum	Rent <Ad…> to confirm it
Decem 8	George Mills	21	£105	
Febr 24	Mr William Butler	21	£120	

Mar 2	Mr Wm Armorer determinable if he think fit at the end of 7 Or 14 years on 6 mths notice	21	£120	
Apr 6	Mr Wm Armorer determinable on 12 mths notice if he thinks fit at the end of 7 Or 14 yrs	21	£125	£125

12 Apr 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle April 12 1743

Sir

We were favourd with your kind Letter of the 7 Inst & are greatly obliged to you for the trouble you have had in your application to Mr Alix on our Acct as we are to him for the friendly Assurances he has given you to doe us Service when the Vacancee Shall happen. The method he points out to us is to be sure a verry good one especially for the Reasons he gives & we will take Care to peruse it but it would have been a much greater Satisfaction to us to have had this Office Settled upon one of your Sons by your Interest only, for tho' Sir Henry Liddell is Exceedingly good & will not deny us a favour of this kind yett as we are allready under Such Obligations to him we are Willing to avoid giving him trouble as much as we Can. We begg leave to return you our hearty thanks for the <> favours & observe at your Convenience you will tender our thanks to Mr Allix for his favour which will greatly oblige.

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

12 Apr 1743 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

To Mr Rich Horn. Ravensworth Castle Apr 12 1743

Sir

We were favoured with your kind Letter of the 7 Inst & we are verry much obliged to you for the application you have made to Mr Alix on our Acct & we are also much obliged to him for the friendly assurance he has given you to doe us Service when a Vacancie shall happen.

The method he points out to us is to be sure a verry good one Especially for the reasons he gives & we will take what we Can to pursue it but it would have been a much greater Satisfaction to us to have had this office Settled upon one of our Sons by the Interest of our good friends at the Pay office only for tho' Sir Henry Liddell is exceeding good & we hope will not deny us a favour of this kind yett as we are already

under so great obligations to him were done to us avoid giving him trouble as much as we Could. we begg you will accept of our most hearty thanks for your Labour & good wishes & please to present our Humble Service to Mr Alix & thank him in our name for the favour & we are

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

13 Apr 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Armorer

To M Wm Armorer Jun Ravensworth Castle April 13 1743

Sir

We reced yours of the 30 March last in which we observe a Clause which may Create some difficultly if you should be the taker of the Colliery which is that of delivering you the Colly in Good Condition. We apprehend the Colliery to be in a proper Condition for an Entering Tennant & of such her Condition you must be better acquainted than we are so that we Can lay our Selves under no obligation to deliver her otherwise than as she realy is & we will take all the Care we can that that the present Tennant doe this Succeeding one Justice. This we thot proper to name to you as a thing that is not asked by other proposer nor shall we Comply with it otherwise than above & as we woud willingly doe you all the friendship we can give we have to advise your Offering some further Rent, than you have already offerd, as Without that we are affraid you will not Succeed. This Sir will appear probably to you to be intended to draw you on but it is as you may be assured out of Friendship (nothing Else) by

Sir. Your most Hble Servts

Nichos Walton Hugh Boag

14 Apr 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle April 14 1743

Sir

Inclosed you'll receive our Cash Acct for the last Month which you will be pleased to Observe the Ballance in favour of the Hospitall £85:5:8 1/2 which being all we have at present to trouble you with. we are

Yours etc. Walton & Boag

17 Apr 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

Mr William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle April 17th 1743

Sir

In our NewCastle Journal & Courant was published yesterday an Advertizement for the Sale or Letting the Lead Mines in the Derwentwater Estate leased by the late Collonel Liddell, Dr Lowther & Ptners along with some other mines they hold by Lease in the County of Durham which we take the Earliest opportunity of Acquainting you with & herein you willto receive the Advertizement. The reason why these mines are Advertized to be Sold or Lett we apprehend to be from the Death of Collonel Liddell & Dr Lowther which makes it inconvenient to the Execurs of both to Continue the Working of them, pticularly as the Mines have not been turn'd to profitt but on the Contrary we believe to very Great Loss & the want of prospect of their being better together with a verry dull Markett for Lead makes it to the Execurs abovementioned as well as the other Partners very discouraging. These we believe are the Reasons for Publishing this Advertizement which you will please to lay before the Board & if there is any thing necessary to give us in direction thereto it shall be Carefully observed by

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

19 Apr 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle April 19th 1743

Sir

We were yesterday Servd with Supean.rs [sub poenas] at the Suit of Sir John Webb to appear in the Court of Exchequer the 20 Inst which we begg leave to lay before you & hope the board will give directions to Mr Radley to appear for us as easily as he can for as it is not in our power to appear upon the 20th having notice only yesterday about Noon, the Sooner it is done afterwd the better.

The Tennants of Dilston & Lorbottle have been all sent by which it will be no difficultee to Come at the Value of the Tyths wou'd it not be better to Comperimise the matter therefore, than to Suffer them to <neover> after an Expensive Lawsuit but this we Submitt to the Board's Consideration & are

Sir Your most Ob. Servts

Nichos Walton Hugh Boag

19 Apr 1743 Hugh Boag to John King

To Mr Jno King. Ravensworth Castle 19 April 1743

Dear Sir

I reced your favour with my bunch of keys which I am very thankful for, and am much obliged to you for the care you have taken in Sending them. I had wrote back to Mr Pearson and others for to Enquire after them.

I forgot to desire of you to send us a Copy of the Call Roll for last Court and also for every Court for we should always (as Mr Simpson does) have a Copy of yr Call Roll with the <bordeiis>

I had no talk with Mr Simpson about the <Almation> fines but will Informe our Selves and if you do<cal..> same time it will be as well.

I shall leave a bottle of the best Ink for you at Mr Rays Shop.

I am for Mr Walton & Self Sir. Your Hble Servt

H Boag

PS Send us at Least Copys of all the Court Calls Since we were not with you at the Courts & Inclosed the last.

3 May 1743 Nicholas Walton to Francis Woodhouse

To Mr Woodhouse. Ravensworth Castle 3rd May 1743

I was extreamly glad to hear by your last that you have recoverd your late Indisposition & heartily Congratulate you & Mrs Woodhouse thereon. I was from home when your Letter Came to hand so that I Could not answer it Sooner than this Post which I hope will be no Inconvenience; on the opposite side you have a state of William Lees Acct showing how the £50 returnd in arrears to be divided the 30 June 1742 for I find as you have justly observed there is no distinction made which is in miscoppying the Acct but it is the Acct above it will make it Clear I hope it will be attended with no further Inconvenience. Mr Boag is abroad but I am Sir much at your Service & with my Compliments to Mr Woodhouse I can only say that we will be much obliged to you for an Acct when our Accts are passd & that I am

Dear Sir Yours etc

Nichos Walton

William Lee to the Commiss.rs of Greenw.ch Hospitall

Dr

For Balance due from him 30 June 1741

In the late rec.rs time £11 15 10

In the pre't rec.rs time	80 10 -	91 15 10
For one year's Rent of <..re.>		
By <Summe> due at 1 May 1742		76 - -
		£167 15 10
Cr		
By cash rec.d of him as follows in part rent and arrears vizt		
In the late rec.rs time	£5 5 10	
In the pre't rec.rs time	112 10 1	117 15 10
By acco.t of Arrears due 30 June 1742		
In the late rec.rs time	£ 6 - -	
In the pre't rec.rs time	44 - -	50 - -
		£167 15 10

10 May 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Willm Corbett Esq Ravensworth Castle May 10th 1743

Sir

Inclosed we send you our Cash Acct for the last Month by wch you will be pleased to observe a Ballance of Five Hundred & thirty four Pounds & a penny halfpenny in favour of the Hospitall what we will very Soon remitt you. we have likewise Inclosed you our Contingent Acct for the last three Months Ending 31 March what please to lay before the Board.

Last week one Mrs Algood having Occasion to serve a <Process> against Matthew Robson (the Person we have the Dispute with about High Green Colliery). She Imployed a Bayliff who in the Execution of his Office was so miserably beaten that he dyed of his Wounds & bruises; & the Jury have brought in their Verdict Willfull Murder. It is said Matthew Robson's Brothr is one of the Persons concerned in this Matter & that he is since gone off. You see Sir what a Wicked sett of People we have to deal with. We are Sir

Yours etc

Walton & Boag

Contingent payments made on acct of the Derwentwater Estate from 31 December 1742 to 31 March 1743 as follows:

1742/3				
Jan 31	Pd William Thomson for postage of letters			£ - 1 - .
Feb 22	Pd several persons for Thornquicks <…> and planted at severall places as follows			
	Jas & Mich.l Maughan	1300 for Lipwoodwill	£- 7 6	
	John Fairlam	1100 Haydontown	5 6	

	Edward Bell	1100 ditto			5	6	
	John Coates	1200 Brokenhaugh			6	-	1 4 6 .
	Pd Thomas Wather for leading materials to build & repair housing & outhousing on his farme at Altonside						4 10 - .
	Pd Thomas Brown one years damage of ground by the Tylehouse in Dilston Park due Michaelmas last						1 - - .
23	Pd Richard Ellis for an acquittance on the payment of a Quitt rent for Coastley Corn Tyths						4 .
	Pd Mr Geo Potts for repairing & laying a <kiln> at Throckley Mill						2 - .
	Pd John Coates for leading materials to build & repaire housing on his farme at Elrington						4 8 - .
	Pd Mr Abraham Bunting his dibursements as follows						
	For leading materials for making a Hedge about the Tyle Garth in Dilston Park		£-	10	-		
	For Crookes Stapples & Locks for the Gates			2	5		
	For 2000 Thornquicks had & plamted in severall farmes in the Estate		-	10	-	1 2 5 .	
	Pd Do which he paid Revd Mr Wastells clerks for two lying warrants for himself & Nichos Glenwright						5 - .
Mar 5	Pd Mr Thomas Hopper postmaster in Hexham 2 years postage of letters ending 31 december last on acct of the Derwentwater estate						6 4 7 1/2
	Pd Mr Rowland Graham for 2,100 quicks planted on his farme						12 6 .
	Pd Mr Geo Murton for making Barn Doors & repairing the floor						10 8 .
	Pd do for 13 7 ft deales at 8d for ditto						8 8 .
31	Pd Mr Martin Bryson for paper had of him to 31 Decem last						2 16 2 .
	Pd Daniel Alder for postage of letters						3 5 .
							25 16 9 1/2

[There also follows a table of Alston Mines employees and mines at work available as a separate spreadsheet TNA 66 107 Alston Moor dues tables, tab labelled '1742 Dec - 1743 Mar']

17 May 1743 Nicholas Walton to Richard Horne

To Mr Richd Horne. Ravensworth Castle May 17th 1743

Dear Sir

Inclosed you have an Acct of what we have reced for Leases and Tack notes to the 31st of December last, by which there is a profit of £55 1 3 to be divided after deducting Mr Radleys Charge and Our Expences. Mr Radley by his Acct makes a Charge £8.-.8 for Ingrossing and Stamps of which we only allow Four Guineas having reced nothing for Rutherford, Dr Lowthers, Mason and Chesters Lease and Tack notes We have

Inclosed you a bill for the Moiety of the Profitt and Mr Radleys Charge being together £30-1-1 1/2 as above which pray Acknowledge the Reced of. you will please to observe we have reced some Gratuitys besides the Guinea for each Lease or Tack note which we Acct for to you and with our Compliments to your fireside and all friends we are

Dr Sr Your very much Obliged Hble Servts

Nicho. Walton Hugh Boag

Ravensworth Castle May 11th 1743

Dear Sir Ten days after date pray pay Mr Richd Horne or Order Thirty Pounds One Shilling and a penny halfpenny Value in Acct and place it to Sr Henry Liddell Bart's Acct as advised by Sir Your Most Hble Servt Nichos Walton

To Mr Benjamin Skutt in King Street St Anns London

23 May 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: see George Grey's summary dated 7th March 1743 (new style)]

To Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle May 23d 1743

Sir

We have had some time by us the State of the Case relating to damage by working the Lead mines in the Derwentr Estate with Lawyer Greys Opinion thereon which we overlooked and therefore was not sent you in Course it is therefore herein sent you by which you will observe the Lord of the manor is not liable to pay damages but where it happens in such pitts or Shafts as are dugg by himself You will please to lay it before the Board for their directions that we may be enabled to give Mr Teasdale (who lost a horse) a Final answer to his demand.

Thomas Browell refuses to execute the Lease of Throckley Colliery and has given us notice that he will Continue the payment of the Rent no longer than Next Mayday and will Quitt the profession thereof at that time it will therefore be prefer to advertize immediately the Letting of it in which we desire the Boards directions and are

Sir Yours etc

N Walton H Boag

5 Jul 1743 Nicholas Walton to Andrew Scott

[Note: Whole letter struck through; possibly not sent]

To Mr Andrew Scott. Rav Castle 5 July 1743

Mr Scot

We have reced a Letter from Mr Armorer wherein he complains that all <you …menton>. Tenants get your Coales at some other place and not from him which we are much surprized at that you should not Encourage the Hospitals Colliery when they are so indulgent to all of you.

We cannot help taking Notice of it and are Sorry you put us upon Resenting it.

We desire for the future you grant no Licences for Limestones to any but those that make use of Scremerston Coales Unless it shall appear us to be a very Unreasonable thing we desire of them that you will lay your Comands on the Tenants to take their Coales there also. We shall be glad of a line from you if can give any reason for leaving the Colliery. We are

Sir Your Hble Servt

N Walton H Boag

8 Jul 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle July 8. 1743

Sir

Inclosed I Send you our Cash Acct for last Month, on which remaines a Ballance of Two Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, Nine Shillings and Six Pence in favour of the Hospitall. And herein I likewise Inclosed you the Invoyce of another Loading of Coales, shipd on Board of the Thomas & Eleanor, Thomas Barnard Matr, amounting to £46.10.1 ½ with the Bill of Loading and Charter Party. The Ship is not Sailed therefore I doubt not but these papers will come in time & I hope the Coales will give satisfaction.

I am for Mr Boag & Selfe Sir Your most Hble Servt

Nicho Walton.

July 7. 1743 Ship'd on Board the Thomas & Ellr Thomas Barnard Master for Messrs Walton & Boag viz

61 Chalders of Main Team Coales at 12s	£36	12	-
8 Keel dues at 13/4d	5	6	8
Duke of Richmonds Duty	3	1	6
Duty to the Town	1	5	5

Charter Party	3 6
Bills of Loading	1 1/2
	£46 10 1 1/2

19 Jul 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle. July 19 1743

Sir

I was yesterday all day with Mr Airey Settling the Evidence to be examined upon the Tryall with Mr Algood at the next Assize & looking over two Coppys of Inquisition post Mort. upon which Mr Algood as we are inform'd greatly depends; yet as it appears to us sh'd Mr Algood make out a Manner these Inquisitions make it dependant upon the Manr of Work. Mr Airey writes this post to Mr Radley on this head and sends him that part of the Inquisitions which he apprehends make for us that he may Examine whither the Coppys are right & least Mr Radley sh'd be abroad I begg leave to observe to you that we think Examin'd Coppys should come down with some of the Counsells Clerks or some proper person to be produced as Evidence. But this is submitted to the Boards Consideration. Another thing we begg you will send us down & that is Mr Algood's Letter to Sir John Jennings dated 31 May 1742 in which he states his Case which greatly differs from his plege. Our Assizes begin the 2nd of August next so that you will be pleased to hasten what is wanted above. The Letter wrote by Mr Algood to Sir John Jennings you sent us a Coppy the 15 June 1742 but the original is what we want.

Inclosed I send you the Invoice of Seventy New Castle Chalders of Coales Ship'd on board of the Mary of Scarborough. Geo Hewitson Master amounting to Fifty three Pounds four Shillings & two pence halfpenny for the use of the Hospital with the bill of Loading & Charter Party. The Ship is Sail'd & will I hope Come safe & sound not but the Coales will give Content. Mr Boag's from home so that I am for him & Self.

Sir Yours etc

Nichos Walton

Newcastle July the 13 1743

Ship'd on Board the Mary of Scarbro Geo Hewitson Master for Messrs Walton and Boag Viz:

70 Chalders of Main Seam Coales at 12s	£42
9 Keeldues at 13/4	6
Duke of Richmonds Duty at 12d	3 10 6
Towns Ditto	1 9 2
Charter Party	3 6
Bills of Loading	1 1/2
	£53 4 2 1/2

7 Aug 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The invoice of 30th July for coal shipped on the Elizabeth of Whitby which precedes the following letter in the copy letter book is not mentioned herein but is given here becaue of the close association of dates. It appears that 5-6 pages have been cut from the copy letter book at this point.]

To Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle August the 7th 1743

Sir

Last Fryday the Cause between the Attorney General and Mr Allgood was tried before Judge Dennison when the defendant Mr Allgood contrary to all Expectation produced not only very ancient Inquisitions taken in Henry the 8ths time and Queen Elizabeths but Court Rolls so far back as 1683 by which it appeared to the Court that Mr Allgoods Simondburne is an Indisputable Mannor. Besides they proved by living Evidence Several Acts of Royalty by the Herrons and Algoods family Equaltat least to any Evidence we cou'd produce As therefore the Evidence on the part of the defendant was so strong and as our Court Rolls go no further back than 1708 and those very irregular till Mr Airey became Courtkeeper it was the opinion of our Councill not to produce them or any Evidence at all but to rest it upon theirs least by Shewing our strength there might be this ill Consequence attending it that other people might set up Mannors within ours when they found what strength we had all the Ancient Court Rolls and Boundery Books not being to be found.

We are Sir Yours etc

N Walton H Boag

Newcastle July the 30th 1743

Ship'd on Board the Elizabeth of Whitby Jos Wright Master for Messrs Walton and Boag Viz:

70 Chalders of Main Seam Coales at 12s	£42		
9 Keeldues at 13/4		6	
Duke of Richmonds Duty at 12d		3	10 6
Towns Ditto		1	9 2
Charter Party			3 6
Bills of Loading			1 1/2
	£53	4	2 1/2

9 Sep 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: This is the last part of a copied letter the first part of which was evidently on the last of 5-6 pages which have been cut from the volume prior to this page. Judging from the dates on the previous page that remains, and this, the missing material dates between 7th August and 9th September. The recipient and date of this letter is not known, but from context is likely to have been William Corbett. It has ben assigned the same date as the letter which follows it in the volume.]

direction therein, not only as it is a very necessary thing but as he is a Farmr of £300 p ann. & pays well. The other <pl….is> in the Inclosed Estimate are also much wanted by the Tennants so that we hope the Board will at the same time give direction for all together. We have Recd yours with Mr Stehoes Petition which we will well enquire into and make our report thereon & we are sir

Yours etc

Walton & Boag

PS. Inclosed is our contingent account for the last 3 months which please to lay before the Board.

We have Inclosed you our cash account for the last month upon which is a Balance of £249 10 3 ¼ in favour of the Hospital since whi ch we have sent Mr Wood a Bill for £20 15 6.

9 Sep 1743 Nicholas Walton to Joseph Pearson

To Mr Joseph Pearson. Ravensworth Castle September 9 1743

Mr Pearson

As it is Inconvenient to both Mr Boag and me to come to Keswick to receive the Rents due at Mayday and Pentecost last and as I shall be at Alstone the 30th Inst at night, I must desire you will come thither that Evening with the Rents beforementioned which you are to receive in the meantime I shall allow all reasonable Expences which shall attend the receiving of them & bringing them to me. You have by you an exact Rentall, so that I begg you will with great Exactness collect the whole. I shall expect to see you in the evening of the 30th Inst at Alstone house, and hope to dispatch you, so as that you may returne the next day as early as you think proper. Take care to collect such Fines or Arrears of Fines as are due. My Complemts pray to Mr Christien; my Landlord Grave etc & you'll oblige

Your very Hble Servt

Nichos Walton

9 Sep 1743 Nicholas Walton to Abraham Bunting

To Mr Abra Bunting Rav Castle. Sept 9 1743

Mr Bunting

I reced yours in answer to which the Recet of <Den…> Rents are fix'd for the 3d and 4 of October next at the Grey Bull in Hexham & which you are to give proper notice if you have not allready done so. I have wrote to Mr Johnson to do the like & hope you and he will leave no person on the Estate without Notice. I shall come from Aldston to Hexham the 2nd at Night & am

Yours etc

Nichos Walton

15 Sep 1743 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: The Executors referred to were the executors of George Liddell, deceased, who controlled the lease originally granted to Liddell]

To William Corbett Esq Ravensworth Castle Septemb 15 1743

Sir

In answer to yours of the 7th Inst inclosing the Boards Minutes of that date relating the dues of Lead Ore. I begg leave to acquaint you that in the Lease granted to George Liddell Esq & Ptners there is a reservation made of a Liberty to Smelt the dues at the Lessees Mill at such times as it may be Conveniently done paying to the sd Lessees reasonable Satisfaction for the use thereof so that if the Board think proper to Smelt their dues; the Lessees can without inconvenience allott a part of their Mill for that purpose.

I send you herein a Computation of the Expence of Smelting reckoning the Ore at 38s P Bing & Supposing Lead to Sell at £11 P Fodr by which you will observe there will be a Small profit, but as I Compute upon the Ore making out at the rate of 5 Bing to a Fodr of Lead & which shall produce 9 Ounces of Silver, the profit may be more or Less, but I am of Opinion it will Scarce exceed the Computation. If you sell the Ore at present the Money will come into hand at Ladyday next whereas if we sh'd smelt it into Lead it cannot be sold before Michaelmas 1744 or thereabouts so that the Interest of the money for Six Months I doubt would exceed the profits & besides some difficulty may arise in <get[ing]> readily refin'd; for tho I am Satisfyed the Exec[utors] will readily grant a liberty of making use of their Refining house yett they cannot at all times do it. You will please to observe the Board have no liberty Reserv'd to make use of the Lessees Refining house being built upon their own Estate near this place. I hope what I have said will be a full answer to what the Board require so that I have only to

add the sooner they come to a solution the better, as the season will soon be over for getting the Ore Led to the Mill before Winter. The Marketts here for Lead are advancing but it's continuance is very precarious so that I should incline to think it rather the Interest of the Hospitall to sell their Ore now than Smelt it, but that I submitt to their Consideration. It is not unlikely if the Board are in Treaty with the Quakers Company but they may advance to 40s P Bing for Bouse Ore & they shd give 35s for the Cutting in proportion upon the prospect of the rising Markett. I am for Mr Boag & Selfe

Sir Yours etc
Nichos Walton

Computation of the charge of smelting a fodder of lead vizt

5 bing of ore at 38s	£9 10 0
Leading to the smelting mill	3 4
Smelters wages & fewell &c	11 0
Liberty of using the mill & utensils	5 0
Carriage from the mill to the refinery	16 9
Charge of refining & reducing into lead	13 8
Washing over at the mill	5
Inspecting the Smelting & Refining	2 6
	£12 7 3

The waste in extracting the silver & reducing into lead will be about 2 cwt in 21 cwt so that 19 cwt of lead will remain at £11 per fodder

of 21 cwt	£9 19	
9 ounces of silver at 5/10 1/2	£2 12 10 1/2	
		£12 11 10 1/2
Nett profit		4 7 1/2

A copy sent the Board 15 Sep 1743

10 Oct 1743 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

[Note: Two other bills of 3rd and 11th October to the value of £170 follow this letter and are given here. There then follows a three month gap in the copied correspondence although no pages are missing from the letter book at this point]

To Mr Ja Wood. Ravensworth Castle October 14 1743

Dear Sir

I herein Send you Mr Ralph Fetherston's bill on Samuel Child Esq & Co for One Thousand Pounds dated the 8th Inst and payable 28 days after date on Acct of the Rents and Profitts of the Derwentwater Estate which pray acknowledge the Recet of & you'l oblige.

Sir, Your most Hble Servt

Nichos Walton

Ralph Fetherstons bill on S Child Esq dated 8 Inst at 28 ds £1000.
Newcastle October 8 1743. £1000-
Sirs Twenty eight days after date pay to Messrs Walton & Boag or their order the Sum of One Thousand Pounds for the value reced and place the same to Acct as advised by.
Your Hble Servt Ralph Fetherston
To Sam. Child Esq & Co Temple Barr London

Bills had of the following persons on Acct of the Derwentwater Rents viz.

Greensfield October 11th 1743 P £110
Sir Thirty days after date pay to Mr George Morton or order the Sun of One Hundred & Ten pounds Value received as advice from Your Humble Servant John Weatherburn
To Mr John Middleton Mercht in Gold Square Tower Hill London.
Endorsed by Geo. Martin.

Dr £60 Leeds 3d October 1743
At One month date pay to My Self or Order Sixty pounds as P advice from Matthew Denison
To Mr Samuel Gilly Merch in London
Endorsed by George Morton

19 Jan 1744 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett. Ravensworth Castle January the 19th 1743/4

Sir

In Answer to your Letter of the 8th of December last relating to Peatstack Hill being Advertized we have Inclos'd Sent you an Advertizement agreeable to the Moor masters Report at Christmas last ; in which you will be pleased to observe Peatstackhill is not Comprehended not having yett been given up by the Execrs of Geo Liddell Esq and Partners. We would have sent this Advertismt Sooner but waited for the Moormasters Acct which he Could not Sooner Send by reason of the delay in Settling the Accts of the Lead ore dues, with Lead Compy Agent; which we Send you a Copy of Corresponding with the Abstract of the Moor Masters Reports Except a Small matter which the Execs of Geo Liddell Esq & Prtners are to Acct for; as you will be pleased to observe by Comparing the Abstract Sent you herewith with the Moormasters Reports formerly Sent you and those you will receive this post. We have Inserted the Limestone Quarrys at Scremerston to be Lett which we Apprehend may be done to advantage without putting the Hospitall to any Expense & when the Board have approved the Advertizemt it will be proper to insert it in the Newcastle Papers in which we will wait their Orders.

Since we received yours in regard to Throckley Colliery Wm Brown has amended his proposal Five pounds P Ann. on Lease for 21 years, So that he now Offers Forty pounds P Ann. and Twelve Shills P Tonn for all Coales that Shall be Water bore And as we have reced no other proposalls nor Expect none further we think the Colliery sh'd be Confirm'd to Wm Brown unless any better Offers have been made to you.

In Answer to the Boards Minute of the 6th of December last we have Examin'd as narrowly as we can in to the Cause of Berwick Hill Coll being Sett to work and Cannot find any Collusive managemt between Mr Armorer and Mr Stokoe but that it was Intirely Ow'd to the water draining thro' the Strata from Berwick Hill by means of the Winn[in]g at Scremerston which Mr Stokoe Could no way avoid. And we realy think the Hospitall should allow Mr Stokoe the difference between £220 P Ann he agreed to pay ano £125 P Ann which the Colly is now Lett for but as we offer this only as our Opinion, we begg Leave to Submitt to the Boards Consideration and we are

Sir Your most Obed Servts

N Walton H Boag

[There follow several tables of Alston Mines employees and mines at work available as a separate spreadsheet TNA 66 107 Alston Moor dues tables, tabs covering March to Dec 1743, together with tables calculating financial value of dues between Sept 1741 and Sept 1743]

12 Apr 1744 Nicholas Walton to Richard Peck

To Mr Richd Peck & Mr Amos Barnes Ravensworth Castle April 12th 1744

Gentlemen

We are Commanded by the Directors of His Majestys Royal Hospitall for Seamen at Greenwich to call into our assistance proper persons Skilled in Winning & working of Colliery, to Inspect & view the Colliery called Scremerston in order to discover whether the winning of Scremerston Colliery might not have been done at such a Distance and in such a manner as to have effectually prevented the Draining of Berwick hill Colliery into it. We therefore desire you will be at Berwick next Sunday Evening, that you may the next morning proceed to make the proper discovery in which you will have all the Assistance from us that we have in our power or can procure for you. And that you not omit on Pticular relating this Enquiry, be pleased to observe.

That it will be necessary for you to descend the pitts in Scremerston Liberty and there view and Inspect the workings thereof and the Levells carryed up or drove for the effectual winning that Colliery in order to judge whether that Levell has been perform'd in the most proper place or whether it might not have been perform'd at some other place so as to prevent Effectually the Draining of Berwickhill Colliery. Give your opinion therein fully & clearly with all such pticulars as you think proper for setting this matter in a Clear light to the said Directors.

It will also be proper for you to Examine the workings of Scremerston boundering upon Berwickhill Colliery in order to discover whether any out strokes or holes have been made from Scremerston Colliery into Berwickhill Colliery & by whom such out Strokes or holes have been made whether by the late Tenn. Stephen Redpath & Ptners the late Tenn. Mr Stokoe or the present Tennant Mr Armorer. And in case you find any such Outstrokes or holes you will pticularly be informed whether any damage & what the Colliery of Scremerston has sustained thereby with the advantages to Berwick hill.

And lastly it will be proper for you to examine whether any winning have been attempted to be made at Berwick hill Colliery if Compleated & what benefitt that Colliery has thereby & if you shall find the winning at Berwick to have been begun & not compleated it will be proper for you to show when it was begun when discontinued & what more time would have been necessary to compleat it in, with your opinion, whether it would have been a Compleat winning for Berwick Colliery or not. Give your opinion herein and show what quantity of Coal would have been drained by this winning & how long you apprehend the Colliery of Berwick hill would have been a Current going or working Colliery.

We will we hope reach Berwick on Sunday Evening and meet you at Mr Humphreys in Tweedmouth and are

Gentn. Your most Hble Servts

Nichos Walton Hugh Boag

20 Apr 1744 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: This letter appears in the copy letter book after the noticeably long gap of three months and it is possible that interveninig pages have been cut from the volume, as also happened to the pages of copies belonging to Aug-Sept 1743. It is preceded by a table of Alston Mines employees and mines at work available as a separate spreadsheet TNA 66 107 Alston Moor dues tables, tab labelled '1743 Dec- 1744 Mar']

To William Corbett Esq Ravensworth Castle April 20 1744

Sir

In Answer to yours of the 16th Inst we will take care to Insert the Clause in the Newcastle Papers for letting Woodall Mills, but as the law does not oblige us to Advertize the Lead Ore dues for Six Months we Intend it to be a Separate advertizement not only on that Acct but as they ought to be Sold and remov'd off the Premises this Summer which cannot be if you Limitt the time of Sale to the 17 October next & Consequently by such Limitation they cannot be remov'd till the Summer followg nor the Money Cannot be reced till Mayday 1746. Whereas if they are sold and deliver'd this Summer we shall receive the Money at Mayday 1745 which will be a saving of at least £30 to the Hospitall.

We have been at Scremerston but have not gott the Report of the Surveyors, which prevents us from making ours this Post. They are to be with us tomorrow after which we will loose no time in Stating the Whole matter in as Clear a manner as we can. We doubt not but it will be to the Boards Satisfaction in the mean time we are

Sir Yours etc

Walton & Boag

21 Apr 1744 Richard Peck to Nicholas Walton

A SURVEY OR VIEW of Scremerston & Berwick hill Collierys made the 16th April 1744 By Orders of Messrs Walton & Hugh Boag by us Richard Peck & Amos Barnes Viz:

We this day descended the first Coale pitt in Scremerston Liberty & there viewed such of the open workings as are adjoining to the water Levell the Coale being all wrought in that pit which can be got to the rise within the Inscribed Pricked Line Square on the map A & found the water Levell secure & a Drift drove to a new Pitt No.5 which is now sinking there being no Coales working at present in Scremerston Lordship. The Levells or winning of Scremerston we find to be at the most proper place as it is begun at the Sea banks at High water mark at the nearest distance from the first Coale pitt No. 4 as may be observed by the map having regard to the distance between the Sea Shore & the Eastmost red Line which was the supposed water Levell taken at any other place

but where the Levell was begun & the red line before mentioned, and with regard to the Draining of Berwick hill Colliery we find the Stone so full of partings that we think it woul'd have been Equal at any Distance. And had it been executed at any other place it is our opinions the Consequences woul'd have been the same to Berwick hill & an Expense Increased to the Hospitall very greatly in proportion to the Distance from the present winning.

The Coale being wrought in Scremerston Liberty within the Inscribed prick'd line Square A boundering upon Berwick hill we could not discover more than one hole or outstroke into Berwickhill which Mr Armorer the present Tenant as we are Informed or his agents made by which a Small part of Berwick hill Colliery described in the map by the Long Square B is freed from Water , he according to the Best Information we cou'd get before this outstroke was made the water drained from Berwick hill thro' the Hill & Roof into Scremerston & also thro' the Severall sorts of Stone which communicated with the Levell Shafts in Scremerston We are also informed an outstroke was made by Stephen Redpath & Ptners during the time he wrought the Colliery but that where this home was made there was no water it have been drained thro' the Hill & Roof & other vacancies in the Stone into Scremerston Colliery & it is our opinions that whether any outstrokes had been made or not Berwick hill Colliery wou'd have been drain'd of water by Scremerston winning. And as by that Colliery being so drain'd, the Coale will soon be wrought out we are of opinion Scremerston can receive no damage thereby, but that on the Contrary while Scremerston is lying & the Rents pay'd for the same and the Coale preserved it must be a very great advantage. And we are of opinion that as by these two Collierys being in two different hands Berwick would be of longer continuance….. so neither cou'd be valuable during such continuance & that in the present & future situation Scremerston Colliery have all the advantages which cou'd be wished for by all appearance & must in Course be of long continuance.

We find a winning was begun by Mr Armorer the present Tenant of Berwick hill Colliery within that Liberty at High water mark as is described in the Map No 7..8.. &9 & a double Line and was Carried on to within twenty five yards of the Coale in Berwick Liberty & would have been finished in about two months. This winning was begun as we are informed in February 1741/2 & was discontinued in February or March 1742/3 upon Mr Armorer taking Scremerston, But is to be observed that before this winng was discontinued Mr Armorer had been working Coales in Berwick hill Eight months by means of the water draining to Scremerston as is before mentioned. This winning wou'd in our opinions have been very Effectual to Berwick hill had not Scremerston winning been made and must have rendered Berwick hill in such a Situation in a separate undertakers hand that Scremerston during her working would have been of very little value. Whereas as the Case now is the Coale in Berwick hill will be wrought out in about 3 months wch makes Scremerston of much more value.

Upon the whole we think nothing can Prejudice the winning or working of Scremerston Colliery from what has been done, but we recommend proper Care to be taken to Oblige Mr Armorer to Clean out the present Drift & future Water Levell from time to time & to leave 8 yards of Coal between the Water Levell Drifts & the workings as the same shall extend thro' the whole Colliery given under our hands this twenty first day of April 1744.

Richard Peck Amos Barnes

22 Apr 1744 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

[Note: the map referred to was not copied into this volume. The moormasters account referred to is given in the tab '1743 Dec – 1744 Mar' in the spreadsheet TNA ADM 66 107 Alston Moor dues tables 1741-4]

To Willm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle April 22nd 1744

Sir

In obedience to the Boards Commands we went to Scremerston and viewed the Colliery there the 16th Inst above ground as Mr Peck & Mr Barnes did below, whose report of the 21st Inst we send you here together with a Coppy of our Letter to them, as their Government, by which report we doubt not but the Board will see the Injustice of the Charge, as to any Fraudulent practices or Injuries done to Scremerston Colliery. We waited upon Mr Jeffery who gave us all the assistance he could which was in Substance contain'd in the papers Mr Horne Sent us.

The Surveyors we called to our assistance are of the best Skill and reputation in this Country, having very great Concerns under their Care, the former being concern'd for my Lord Carlisle, Mr Ridley. Mr White and Severall others and the latter for Sir Henry Liddell Bart Mr Wortley Mr Bowes & Mr Ord; And as such we have thought them proper persons. And tho' we think their Report answers the Grievances complain'd of yett we begg leave to relate some Facts which we our selves know.

That the Tennant of Scremerston Colliery is also Tennant of Berwick hill we admitt to be true & are of opinion it is of very great advantage to the Colliery of Scremerston, as these two concerns being in the hands of one Tennt gives him an opportunity of supplying the adjacent places with Coales at one Half the Expence of Agents and all other certain annual Charges from Working only one Colliery at a Time. Besides preventing a contesting trade which is all too frequently the case in all Trade where there is Competitors an Instance of which we have very lately Experienced in the Contest between our late Tennt Mr Stokoe while he farmed Scremerston & Mr Armorer who at the same time farmed Berwick hill Colliery.

With respect to the many holes complain'd of as made from Scremerston to Berwick hill and also with regard to the draining the water from Berwick hill by means of Scremerston winning, we think the Surveyors Mr Peck and Mr Barnes have fully

cleared up those pticulars so that we sh'd say no more on that head than that we agree with them in opinion having seen many Instances of it in Parallel cases at very great Distances. As to Mr Armorer being an Ingressor of Collierys, or prejudicing the Publick We find he is concerned in no Collierys but Scremerston, Berwick hill & Unthank belonging Mr Blackett Memb for Newcastle the two last of which will soon determine as Berwick Lease is out at Ladyday 1748 & Mr Blacketts in 12 months or thereabouts from this time. There are besides in the Neighbourhood of Berwick 4 other Collierys in different hands. The measure as we informed is the same it always has been and the price lower by one Sixth than Stipulated by the Corporation of of Berwick.

That the vallue of Scremerston Colliery must diminish in proportion to the Improvement made in Berwick Colliery wou'd be a Fact if Berw Colliery was an Improving one but as in a few months it will be near wrought out the Fact will be that whilst Berwick Colliery is diminishing Scremerston will be increasing in vallue. This Sir we begg leave to lay down as matter of Fact & that it never can be in the power of any man to Improve Berwick Colliery at the Expence of Scremerston.

We have herewith Inclosed you a Map of Scremerston Lordship with a description of the winning, beginning at the Sea Banks at High water mark thus 1 2 3 4 which winning was compleated at No 4 & which we can with confidence say is done after the best manner, at the nearest distance & therefore at the least Expence. This Sir we speak from the field of Experience and know it will bear any Examination. The Workings which have been form[er]ly in Scremerston lye Joining upon the North Boundary between that & the first red line laid down upon the map. And as those Workings Joyn upon the Boundary of Berwick hill from the No West corner of the Square A the Coale is all wrought and taken away in all Libertys. What we expected to win the time the winning was begun, lyes between the two red lines described upon the map but very much to our advantage the present appearances will gain a vast quantity of Coale more, as the Dip of the Coale is more East than the expected and the water Levell, what is described by the black line upon the map Extending from the North a little to the East of South. The winning within Berwick hill is described thus 7 8 9 which was carryed on within 25 yards of being Compleat and would with Intents and purposes have been a Compleat Winning to Berwick hill Colliery.

In regard to Mr Armorer being discontinued as Tennant of Scremerston Colliery we Submitt it to the Boards determination but humbly begg leave to observe, that as he in a fair manner offered for this Colliery, was the best bidder & Confirm'd Tennant by a General Court he will think himself hardly used if the same is not Carryed into Execution. He is a man of Substance and will we apprehend be a very good Tennant. We have taken all the pains we can to clear up this matter to the Board & hope it will meet with their approbation.

Inclosed we send you the Moor Masters acct to Ladyday last. Our Contingent Acct to 31st March last & your Cash Acct for last Month on which is a Ballance of £2055.12.1 3/4 in favour of the Hospitall. This Ballance being so large is owing to a Scarcity of Bills but we hope to make it low verry soon and are Sir

Your most Obed Servts
Nichos Walton Hugh Boag

4 May 1744 Nicholas Walton to John Wood

To Mr Wood. Ravensworth Castle May 4. 1744

Sir

Notwithstanding we have a pretty Large Ballance in our hands Bills are so very scarce that we cannot make you remittances as fast as we Intended. I have prevailed upon the Lead Companys Agent to give me a Bill which I send you Inclosed amounting to £1262:10:1 1/2 dated the 1st Inst payb. 30 days after date to Mr Boag & me wch pray Acknowledge the Recet of on Acct of the Rents & Profits of the Derwentwater Estates. We are yet £2000 Strong but cannot gett Bills, tho' you may depend upon our using our best Endeavours & I am Sir

Your very Hble Servt
N. W

£1262:10:1 1/2. Newcastle 1st May 1744
Thirty days after day Please to Pay Messrs Walton & Boag or order the sum of One Thousand two hundred &Sixty two pounds Ten Shillings & three half pence; value reced as P Advice from your friend & Serv John Teasdale
To the Governor & Company For Smelting down Lead in London. these

25 May 1744 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Mr William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle May 25th 1744

Sir

We reced yours of the 16th of May Inst with the Boards minutes of that date, which we duly observe, & in answer to that part which relate to the sending of Coales, we are afraid it will this year be attended with difficulty as Fraights are high. We will however doe the best we can and send 'em at such distances of time as to prevent Damage And we begg leave to return the Board thanks for the allowances they have been pleased to order us for this service & we are

Sir Your most Obed Servts
Nichos Walton Hugh Boag

29 May 1744 Nicholas Walton to James Wood

To Mr Ja Wood Ravensworth Castle May 29th 1744

Dear Sir

Bills are not to be gott in this part, payable in London, or you wou'd have had remittances 'ere this for the Ballances in our hands & had we not this opportunity of making free with Sir Hen Liddells agent, what we have now remitted must have come by the Carryer as we believe the rest must come in order to Clear our hands of Cash, at the end of next month, when our years Ends. You have above a Bill on Mr Skutt for Eight Hundred & Ten Pounds dated this day and payable 30 days after date, which will be punctually pd please to acknowledge the Recet of it and you'll oblige.

Sir Your very Hble Servts

Nichos Walton Hugh Boag

Ravensworth Castle May 29th 1744

Dear Sir Thirty days after date pray pay Mr James Wood or his order Eight Hundred and Ten pounds (value reced) and place it to Sir Henry Liddell Bart Acct as advised by Sir Your most Hble Servt Nicho.s Walton

To Mr Benjamin Skutt in Rathbone Place London

22 Jun 1744 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Mr William Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle June 22nd 1744

at the Navy Office

Sir

We reced yours of the 13th June with the Boards Minutes of that date & Inclosed we send you our Cash Acct for last Month the Ballance whereof is £1424.11.8 1/2 then in our hands. Since which we have sent Mr Wood One bill for £500 and this day three More for £760 -10 that now the Ballance in our hands is very Small & we are

Sir your most Obed Servts

Nichos Walton Hugh Boag

26 Jun 1744 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Wm Corbett Esq. Ravensworth Castle June 26th 1744

Sir

We would have answered your commands of the 7th of June sooner but that the enquiry you were pleased to make required time to be informed as to some of the Particulars,

The Timber upon the Derwentwater Estates lyes in an Average about 16 miles from the navigable part of the Rivers side. That in Northumberland from the River Tyne & that in Cumberland from the Ryver Derwent near Workington. The Land Carriage of both will be at least 20 a Load & the water Carriage to the Shipping place for the former 2:6d & for the latter 15d P Load. The most convenient place for Shipping the Northumberland Woods is at Newcastle & for the Cumberland Woods at Workington. We apprehend as farr as we are judges that very little of the Northumberland Woods will be fitt for the Navy, but believe that a good deal of the Coke in Cumberland will be very fitt for that use. Mr Bird a Gentleman from Deptford came here in June 1742 & received all the Wood in the Derwentwater Estate (of wch we acquainted you the 11th of that month) who no doubt will be ready & best can Informe you how farr the Derwentwater woods may be fitt for the navy use. & we begg leave to recommend it to you to consult him as we look upon him to be a very good Judge. Inclosed you have Mr Ridleys Letter & we are Sir

Y etc

N Walton H Boag

26 Jun 1744 Nicholas Walton to William Corbett

To Mr Ridley. Ravensworth Castle June 26th 1744

Sir

In answer to yours we have had no Acct how the biddings for the Derwentwater woods goe on nor how there of some considerable time been any offers made to us, whatever orders have come to us have been communicated to the Board of Directors for Greenwich Hospitall & when any others come they shall be communicated by Sir Y etc

Nichos Walton Hugh Boag