

10 Dec 1782 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster,

Farnacres 10th Decr. 1782

We have received your Letter of the 8th with the Ore Carriage Account and shall have the Money ready whenever you think proper to come, only desire that it may not be on Monday next.

The Assays from Lough Vein Slag Lead shew already that the Lead is not refineable, but Farnberry Slag Lead you must refine.

On considering, I think it will be best for you to come on Wednesday, and shall therefore write to John <Friend> by the <New Moon> who will go to Alston on Saturday, and I will order him to be with you on Tuesday Morning and I think you should come from home so as to be here on Wednesday Morning early.

We are concerned when you inform us you have discovered some more Lead to have been stolen, but we do not see that anything further can be done at present. We shall say nothing more til you come here. We are

Your Hble. Servts.

Walton & Turner

13 Dec 1782 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 13th Decembr. 1782

Dear Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 7th Inst. and have this day drawn upon you payable 30 days after date for £240 - 4d being the amount of 750 Ounces of Silver at 6/ 4 1/2d

We are Dear Sir Your most Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS Mr. Walton will be obliged to Mr Holmes for disposing of the enclosed Tickets Nos. 4115 and 29,133 being £20 Prizes & as there is no hurry as to the time of doing that Mr. Holmes will be so good as to sell them when they are likely to bring the best prices.

Farnacres 13th Decemr. 1782

£240 - 4d

Thirty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Cookson Carr & Co. Two Hundred and Forty Pounds and Four Pence - Value receivd. as advised by Walton & Turner

To Mr. Holmes London

3 Jan 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster,

Farnacres 3 January 1783

We have Recd yours of the 30th Ult. and in answer thereto take the first opportunity of acquainting you that the Lime Kiln it is proposed shall be carried on as usual & that we approve of your having begun to Win Stones.

When the Gentlemen of the Company were last in the Country I was asked by them what I thought of Smelting Ore in the Air Furnace way. I gave them for answer that from every Account I had received of the produces from the Air Furnace in the parts of this Kingdom where the management of that kind of Furnace was well understood it was most satisfactorily clear to me that it was preferable to the Hearth; but that I was perfectly convinced they had never had what ought to be called a Tryal at the Cupola; and that I would recommend it to them to send a compleat set of Workmen to make a fair Tryal and even not to be discouraged if upon Tryal of some kind of Coal they shd. find the produce to be less than they expected for that the vast variety of the Qualitys of the Coals of this Country has so very extraordinary different effects that we had found it of advantage to bring Coals from within Six Miles of Newcastle to reduce with. Answer was made to me that they most assuredly would make another Tryal but whether what I said had any effect or not I can by no means pretend to be a judge of. As soon as it is clear they are making a beginning or preparation I desire to know as I will write to the Company for leave that either of you may be shewn the whole process and be permitted to see every thing necessary.

I am very much concerned to hear of the Thefts in your neighbourhood & hope that the Villains will be discovered & exemplary punishment made. Glad you have not lost any more Lead.

The <Genl. Accts.> of <Stock> & Thomas Temperley <.....> for two Weeks are come to hand. I am wishing you and your respective <connections> many happy years <of it>.

PS. If you chuse it you are welcome to my <Black Mare> till Mayday. I have no need <...> for her at present.

I desire you will make out as exact an Estimate as you can of the <Value> per Bing of Lough Vein Ore. Lead at £18- 10 Refd.

Your very humble Servt.

Nich. Walton Jnr

7 Jan 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 7th January 1783

We have recd. your Letter of the 4th Inst. with the Operations for last Month and <10> Assays for the Refineable & Refined Lead & of last Cake which weighed 554 ½ Ounces.

We are much obliged by the information and your sentiments respecting the sale of the Blagill Ore but we hope the effects of the bouncing & buying this Year will not be so serious as you seem to apprehend. If Mr. Hall had done this business quietly it would have been more likely to answer his end but he has raised such an opposition that we are of opinion the Lead Mine Adventurers will be more likely to be profited than hurt. We are glad you observe that no Lead has been Stolen since your last previous to the 4th. Inst. We heartily wish you & Friends many happy Years and are
Yr. Hble. Servts.
Walton & Turner

11 Jan 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 11 January 1783

We have rec'd. your Letter of the 5th & 6th Inst. and with regard to the Furnace Smelting at Whitfield, as you are well acquainted with the person who is to have the management, we desire you will apply to him to have Liberty to attend and see the whole Process, and in event of Refusal, you are desired to let me know immediately.

We are much concerned on Acct. of your Difficulties respecting the Lead Mill Smoke and indeed cannot see any <Method> of your relieving yourselves but that which you propose.

We are obliged by your sending us the Estimates of the Value of Lough Vein Ore.

We very much approve of your Conduct respecting the carriage of the Lead, and think it will be right to send off all the Lead of every kind as fast as possible, and we approve of your marking the Refined Slag Lead in the same manner as you did last year. You will take care to continue to mark all the Lead produced from Ore carried in 1783 - 82 til all is completed.

As we are applied to by a Gentleman who is in the Refinery way at Liverpool to take the washing up of the Wastes at the old Smelting Houses at Keswick called the Dutch Houses, and want to be particularly informed what Appearances there are of getting Minerals and Slags, we desire that one of you will go to Keswick immediately on Receipt hereof, or as soon as your Convenience will admit, and that you will make as strict an examination as you can of the Grounds and we hope you will be enabled to finish your Examination in a few Days, and desire you will employ such number of Labourers as you may think proper in digging up particular parts, the latter to enable you to form your Judgement. After you have done this, you must come to Farnacres & bring with you a Report in Writing of your Proceedings. You are desired to apply to Mr. John Wren of <Nest> near Keswick, to whom we have wrote to give you every Assistance in his power. He expects you will meet with Lead & Copper Ore, Lead & Copper Slags, pieces of Lead & Copper, and some Black Lead such as Pencils are made of, to all of which, as well as any other matter you find, you are desired <to attend.> We are

Your Hble. Servts.
Nich. Walton Junr. JC Turner

PS. If Mr. Wren shd. be from home, you are desired to apply to Mr. Joseph Dawson at Brow <Foss> near Keswick and you will set up your Horses at the Sign of the Royal Oak to which we always go.

17 Jan 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 17th Janry. 1783

Dear Sir,

We have received the favour of your Letter of the 11th inst and have this day drawn upon you for £167 - 10s - 1 being the Amount of 554 ½ Ounces of fine Silver at 6 - ½ per Ounce. The Bill is payable 40 Days after Date. We are sorry to see that Silver has fallen in price so very rapidly, and that it seems likely to be lower, and we shall be obliged to you in your next if you will give us your Judgement as to the cause of this. Yesterday Mr. Walton <received a Letter> from Mr. Smeaton acquainting him that he <had been ill> with a Cold, but that he has got better again. We are

Dear Sir Your most Hble. Servts.
Walton & Turner

£167. 10. 1

Farnacres 17 January 1783 Forty Day after Date pay to the Order of Messrs Bell Cookson & Co. One Hundred and Sixty Seven Pounds Ten Shillings and One Penny. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner
To Mr. Homes London

17 Jan 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 17th Janry. 1783

Messrs. Mulcaster

We have recd your Letters of the 15th and 16th Inst. and are glad to hear that the Chimney <Doctor> is arrived and heartily wish as you do that a cure may be effected.

As we are apprehensive our Letter of the 11th instant has miscarried, therefore we send you the Copy made by the Copying <Clerk>, and, in case the Letter is not arrived when this comes to hand you may copy the inclosed, and then return it.

We are very glad to hear that you have lost no more Lead, and much approve of your Conduct respecting Brownley Hill Moss Cross Vein Ore.

We think Mr. Ions is determined to drive us to the necessity of discharging him, for he is never punctual in any respect about the carriage of the Leads. We shall write to him this day.

We are obliged by the information you have given us as to the Sale of the Brownley hills Company Ore. We had only heard part of the Particulars before.

Refined Lead now sells at £19. 8 per Fodder, & Silver is fallen to 6s – ½ p Oz.

We are Your Hble. Servts.

Walton & Turner

30 Jan 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 30th January 1783

Messrs. Mulcaster

We have recd your Letter of the 19th & 20th inst. and entirely approve of your having postponed your Journey to Keswick 'til fresh Weather and doubt not that the first Opportunity will be taken of doing the Business according to our desire as expressed in our Letter of the 11th Inst.

As you have been refused seeing the Process as to the Smelting in the Air Furnace, we shall apply to the Company immediately. If Mr. Smith comes to you we desire you will shew him every Civility, & let him see every thing he may wish to see.

The price of 3 ½ per yard seems a fair one for leading Stones for the Lead yard, but if you can get the Leading at 3d pray do so.

You are desired to acquaint us at what times Wm. Wilsons Cow and your Horses died or were rendered useless and as many particulars as you can recollect as to their Illness & being affected by the poisonous Quality of the Lead Mill Smoke, and also let us have a careful and particular Valuation of the Cow and Horses. This we think necessary for our own private Information. We are

Yours &c

N.W. Junr. J.C.T.

PS. If Mr. Ions people still neglect to give Re[ceip]ts you must immediately order the Carriers to take all the Lead immediately to Newcastle and not carry One Pig to Newburn.

31 Jan 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 31st January 1783

Messrs. Mulcaster

We have received your letter of the 28th inst and are glad to hear that Mr. James Mulcaster is set forward on his journey to Keswick. The Letter wrote from Chester was wrote as if it had been from this place and only desired your meeting us at Hexham the

23rd Inst. We approve of your having taken Jno. Lowes to assist Thomas Pattinson for the reasons you have given. A Cast Iron Pot shall be immediately Ordered according to your desire. As the Wind has been very boisterous we expect you have had a thorough Trial of the Chimneys and shall be glad to have a good account - a true one we are confident we shall have. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

11 Feb 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 11th Feby. 1783

Messrs. Mulcaster

We should be very glad to know how it has come to light in what manner the Stealing of Lead <Melt the Pigs> as in case we know that some thing might be <discovered> in <detecting> the Offenders. We are

Your Hble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS Send down to Haydon Bridge on Saturday Morning as we shall let you have a Packet of Hand Bills by the <New Man>

13 Feb 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 13th February 1783

Messrs. Mulcaster

We have received your letter of the 6th. instant.

As the people at <Newburn> have <got right again>, we desire you will <rest make every Att...> for the present.

The Weight of Assays shall be set right agreeable to your Letter.

The very particular Acc[oun]t you give us respecting <the stealing> of Lead we thank you for, and Mr. Walton has been in Newcastle this day waiting upon the Owners of Lead Mills, and we hope it will be made a Matter of general Concern, and that you will <serve the Advertisement in> this Weeks paper. The Govr. & Co., Henr. Errington Esqr. & Co., and <Dr.> Hall have not yet been applied to, but Mr. Blackett [ie. John Erasmus Blackett] & Wm. Monkhouse & Co. are warmly disposed for making it a joint Concern, and we flatter ourselves all the rest will join. We are

Your Hble. Servts
Walton & Turner

PS. We think the Justices ought to have compelled <Brownhope> to disclose of whom he got the Lead, and on <finding> of his doing so, he certainly ought to have been been <convicted>.

14 Feb 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 14th February 1783

Messrs. Mulcaster

With this you receive 100 Hand Bills from Proprietors of Lead Mills and 8 from the Corporation of Newcastle respecting the stealing of Lead. This matter has been at my instance warmly taken up by Mr Blackett Mr Hopper &c. and will I hope and doubt not be made a general concern of and I flatter myself this step of Advertizing and Associating will at least check this growing evil and in due time put an entire stop to it. I am sure I need not tell you what to do with the Hand Bills but I think it necessary to acquaint you that they must be called at all the Churches and Chapels in Allendale, Whitfield & Warden and affixed upon the Church and Chapel Doors as also upon all Turnpike Gates. I beg that the calls may be made on Sunday first & the distribution of the Bills made as quickly as possible. It will also be proper to have them called at Hexham and Allendale Town Markets and fixed upon all places which are conspicuous or much frequented & therefore Smiths Shops must not be neglected nor Lead Mill & Refinery Doors. Whatever you see further to be necessary you will of course do. I am

Your Humble Servant

Nich. Walton Junr.

PS I will get Mr. Chr. Bell to take care of Summerrods Dilston and Farnley Turnpike Barrs and do you attend to Nubbuck.

16 Feb 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 16 Feby. 1783

Messrs. Mulcaster

We have recd. your Letter of 14th with the Assays of Nentsberry Hagggs Slags.

You are intending to do right in dividing the Lead so as to make two pieces of Silver.

What you propose as to the Carriage of the Ore is so perfectly proper that you are desired to make it immediately known to the Carriers that they shall be paid 6d. per Bing for all the Ore they carry from the Mines in Alston Moor from this time to the 17 Day of May inclusive from such Mines as we paid 4 1/8d per Bing for last yr. & for such other Mines as Ore may be brought from this year near to such Mines as 4 2/8d per

Bing was paid. 5d & 10d per Bing for Blagill Thorngill Hole & adjoining Mines and 7s/4d per Bing for Windy Brow & the Mines West of Tyne. If any at Greengrove & Rockhill & near to be at 6d. per Bing. We are

Your Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. You are desired to acquaint us whether they have begun smelting with the Air Furnace at the Cupola and what progress is made in that work.

22 Feb 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 22nd. Febry. 1783

Messrs. Mulcaster

On considering your Letter and reperusing the Letter from Mr. Aslett we are clearly of opinion that you ought not to move in the matter as to the Smelting by the Air Furnace 'till you have our directions in consequence of Mr. Halls permission by order of the Governor and Comp. If however Mr Hall sh. give directions & in consequence you sh. be told that you may go we would not have you hesitate doing so. We are

Your Humble Servts.

[Walton & Turner]

1 Mar 1783 John Turner to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 1st. March 1783

Messrs. Mulcaster

Your Letters of the 17th. 22nd. & 24th. are now before us.

It gives us much concern to hear that Thomas Temperley's Wife has lost the sight of one of her Eyes; but as it is so it must be submitted to & she must be careful not to fret lest it should bring on an inflammation in the other Eye. We would therefore recommend that she be thankful for one being yet left and that she make herself as easy as possible. This you are desired to read to her with our best wishes to the Family.

You have acted very properly in going to Hexham about the calling of the Hand Bill.

We shall expect to hear from Mr Hall concerning your going to the Cupola to see the Smelting in the Air Furnace & you shall have a Letter from us immediately After we receive a Letter from him.

Mr. Walton has had a severe Cold for almost the whole of last week otherwise you would probably have heard something concerning the Glaizing of Pots before this time. Your observations on this head are very pertinent, and agreeable to us.

The produce in the Reducing is very good indeed the last Operation as we observe the loss 1/12th & 4/10th or near it, the produce in Silver is also good and over runs the produce by Assay 44 Oz. 9 dwt.

Price of Lead current for Refined £19. 5 per Fodder
asked £19.10 per Do
Silver 6 1 1/2 per Oz.

It would be well to get as many of Mr Wilsons Bricks as possible.

The Coal & Cinder acct. mentioned in yours of the 17th. came to hand.

What John Friend says about the Ore carriage is perfectly right and we desire that he and everybody may understand that by our getting the Carriers to work early it is by no means intended that we shd. possess ourselves of a greater share of the better kind of Ore than we are intitled to. What we want is to get the Carriage Men to work early so that we may be enabled not only to put forward our smelting but be enabled to take our Fifth or Sixth whatever it may be that we are intitled to, of the very same Quality that the Lessee gets it and of proportionable weight to what the Lessee gets.

With regard to the Cutting Ore we are perfectly sensible that you are quite right in every thing you say about it and we inclose you a Letter for John Friend (open) which we desire you will read and take a Copy of & then forward it to him the first convenient opportunity. We are

Your Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner.

2 Mar 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Farnacres 2nd March 1782

Dear Sir

By the London Waggon which set out from Newcastle yesterday you will receive a Box containing 726 ½ ounces of fine Silver. We are

Dear Sir Your most Hble. Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS Be so good <to> deliver the inclosed or send it by Porter to <my Brother Smeaton>
<N.W jnr>

5 Mar 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 5th. March 1783

Messrs. Mulcaster

We have recd. your Letters of the 26th. Ult. and 3rd. Inst and tho' you very possibly may not be told by any of the Companys Agents that you may go and see the working of the Ore Furnace, if you shd. you certainly may go without hearing from us further and the moment we receive any Account from Mr. Hall, if ever we do receive any, you shall hear from us. We shall be glad to be informed of every thing wch. comes to your knowledge relative to this busyness from time to time as it occurs. From the Accounts you have it does not seem very promising but we must not say anything of that except amongst ourselves.

We are very happy to have taken the steps we have concerning the Lead Ore Carriage and very possibly the Co. will do as we have done as it is plain they have something of the kind in their heads. Sixpence will not answer; at least we think so.

The Operation ending the 25 January is corrected according to your desire.

It gives us concern to hear of Pattinsons accident but we are glad to hear he is in a likely way of soon getting well again and that he thinks the Black <Bear> has been of use to him. We are

Your Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

Refined Lead £19.10 per Fodder

Silver Bullion 6. 1 ½ per Ounce

7 Mar 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 7th. March 1783

Messrs. Mulcaster

I have this moment rec'd. yours of the 6th. instant, and approve of your having wrote to John Friend along with our Letter.

I have not heard any thing yet from Mr. Hall and shall not make the least application to him about the Cupola. You are desired to reacquaint our Workmen that if they go to the Cupola and impertinently thrust themselves into the Work going forward there, they must look out for work elsewhere than at Langley Mill and you are desired to speak to every one of our Workmen to the above Purport.

It will be proper to wait 'til you see if any persons offer to supply the place of Thomas Gray, by which means you may be likely to pick up a good Smelter instead of a learner. I am

Your Hble. Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

8 Mar 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

[Note: See also associated table in spreadsheet file 'TNA ADM 66 98-108 Misc accounts', tab '66 98 Errors in Lead Ops 1782'.]

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 8th March 1783

Above [below] you have the remaining observations upon the Operations and we shall be glad to hear from you in answer to the whole when your convenience admits.

We wish the next Operation not to be made out till every thing is as far finished for last years Ore &c as can be and all the Lead delivered & you'll remember that the mark is to continue 82 till that time & then commence 83.

You are desired to press the Carriers to get in the Lead with all Expedition. There were no less than 1327 pieces of Lead lying somewhere between the Mill & Newcastle on the 6th of this Month.

Refined Lead £19. 10. __ per Fodder

Fine Silver 6. 1 1/4 per Ounce

We are Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS The weight of the Assays of the Refined Lead last operation were in dwn 8 – 80 9-19-2 4- -80 in the <mal? Weight & 4-80 in 9-19-2 p fodder.

Memorandums on examining Langley Mill Operations

1782

June 29 Ore Smelted Unrefinable	Bings Cwt	Pieces
Brownley hill Moss Cross Vein	56 2	
produced for Sale 1 1/2 Cwt each		195
of which one of 1 Cwt. from Carrs last year		2

Alter the Operation you have so as to correspond with the above and let the NB for Lead sent to Newcastle stand.

1783

February 22 Stock of Refineable Lead of 1 Cwt each 133 shd be 134

1782 Dec 28 Stock of Litharge 210 - 16

shd. Be 209 2 18

But Query whether the Quantity saved in Operation ending 28 Decembr. shd. not be 39. 2. __ & not 39. __ 2 as it is set down in the Operation because if 39. 2. __ the Stock as in Operation will <be> right & as it makes little difference I have made it 39. 2. __ in the Operation & I desire you'll alter the Operations you have to make it correspond.

1783 Feb 22nd Stock of Litharge 341 1 13
Clearly shd. Be 241 1 13

11 Mar 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 11th March 1783

We have recd. your Letter of the 9th instant, and herewith return you all the Operations since the ending of the last Accts. You may set them right at your Leisure & you need not return them til we come up to make the Pay, for we have extracted from them every thing that will be necessary for our Government til that time. There is not the least Occasion for making fresh Copies.

Your Ideas wth. respect to the Cupola are perfectly right according to our Opinion, and it is a matter <solely indifferent> to us whether you are permitted to <see> the Operations <or not ...> every other <Since tha... the > having the most hearty wish that the Hospitals Concerns shd. not suffer by any Inattention of ours. We think they have judged right in beginning with the best kind of Ore that Alston Moor produces, but as to the real produce from any given Quantity of Ore, we must let that rest for some <time>; it is not likely that the real produce will be known at so early a Period and possibly it may be the Wish of the Agents of the Company to have every thing got into compleat producing Ore or before our being permitted to be Spectators of the Process.

We have for some time thought that Langley Lead Mill being furnish'd wth. Books respecting the several Operations of Smelting, Refining &c might be of use, and we shall therefore be much obliged to you if you will acquaint us what Books you know of which you wd. like to see and we will immediately order them as a Stock to be kept at the Mill. Anything we hear of which may have a Tendency to be of use, we shall of course order.

By Table of Gain and Loss by Refining Slag Lead per Fodder, supposing it to produce 5 Ounces of Silver, it appears that the Gain upon the Refining of a Fodder when Slag Lead sells at £16. 15 - will be just 6d supposing Silver to sell at 6s 1 ½ d per Ounce, the Account for Rampgill Slag Lead will therefore stand as follows.

Gain when Slag Lead sells at £16.15 per Fodder

Silver at 6s 1 1/2 d per Ounce

£-- -- 6

Slag Lead being now £19.2.6, that will make a Difference

of 4d per five s per Fodder which will amount to	£-- -3 2
Loss per Fodder	£-- -2 8

But as Rampgill Slag Lead produces 10 P wts. at least per Fodder more than 5 Ounces, that at 6s 1 1/2 d per Ounce may be reckoned at least £-- -3 -- 3/4
which leaves a Profit by Refining per Fodder of £-- -- -4 3/4

From the above it is clear we shall gain something, and, as times are, tho' to be sure the Lead & Silver Trades are very good, it becomes every one of us to make as much Profit as we can of every thing.

We are Your Hble Servts.

W & T

18 Mar 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 18th March 1783

Your Letter of the 13th inst is now before us. We approve of what passed between Mr. Peter Mulcaster & Thos. Friend and think it may possibly bring a letter from Mr. Hall.

We are very glad to hear that the Smelting at the Cupola goes on successfully.

What you say with regard to Books relative to Smelting &c is very proper, and we shall certainly attend to the matter.

You are right in the Determination as to the Refining of Rampgill Slag Lead, as it was & is Intention that it shd. be refined.

We are very glad to hear that William Wilson has recovered his lost Pig; but we think he ought to have mentioned the Loss to you as soon as he discovered he had lost a Pig. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

18 Mar 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 18th. March 1783

Dear Sir

We have this day rec'd. your Letter of the 15th. inst, and drawn upon you pay[a]ble at 40 Days for £231. 11. 5 being the Amount of 726 ½ Ounces of Silver Bullion at 6s. 4 ½ d per Ounce.

Mr. Walton is much obliged to you and returns you Thanks for your <attention to use of the Instruments.> He would be glad to have them <..... is>>'til you have opportunity of Writing & receiving <our> Answer, and you need not write about them 'til you may have occasion to write to us.

Mr. Walton Jnr. desires his best Wishes to his Brother Smeaton, and desires to hear from him at any time convenient to him about the Greenwich Hospital Matters so as that he may receive the Letter by the 31st of this Month or 1st. April. We are Sir
Your most Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS There is no hurry abt. the Tickets.

£231. 11. 5.

Farnacres 16th March 1783

Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Saint Two Hundred and Thirty One Pounds 11s & 5d. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner

To Mr. Holmes London

Copy

19 Mar 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 19th March 1783

We have just now rec'd. yours of the 17th inst together wth. Thos. Temperleys two last Weeks Coal & Cinder Accounts.

We are glad to find your Work will be so soon completed, but not on acct. of the Quantity being Less this year than we would have wished it; That is a matter which we could not alter, and our wish now is that of getting on with the Carriage as soon as possible.

We entirely approve of Thos. <Stokoe> being employed as a Smelter, not only on Acct. of his Services which we may reasonably expect from him but because he has in our opinion always behaved himself as an industrious careful man.

You cannot too much press the bringing in of the Lead.

We intend being at Langley Mill on Wednesday the 7th. May in the Evening, shall settle the Pay Bills & make out Rece.ts the day following, the 9th. make the Lead Carriers Pay, & the 10th. the Lead Mill & Stublick Colliery Pays; and we desire you may send yr. Accts. at any Saturday previous to that time which is convenient to yourselves, and that Thomas Temperley may do the same, and this you are desired to acquaint him with and at the same time deliver him the inclosed Bill of Parcels for Ropes. Mr Wilkinsons Bills both for the Mill & the Colliery are discharged. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

31 Mar 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 31st. March 1783

Dear Sir

By the London Carrier, who set out from Newcastle on Saturday, we sent you a Box containing 436 ½ Ounces of fine Silver which we doubt not you will receive safe on Friday Sennight in the Evening. We are

Dear Sir Your most HbLe Servts.

Walton & Turner

31 Mar 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 31st March 1783

We have recd. yours of the 24th & 25th instant and, at times convenient to you, shd. be glad to hear from you as to the Cupola Smelting.

You need not send the Pay Bills to Farnacres, and in case the Stone Walls are not finished even at the time of the Pay, they may be measured off, and some Money rested in your Hand 'til the Work is finished.

What you have done as to Thomas Stokow is perfectly right.

The Silver is recd. and weighs 436 ½ Ounces.

We are glad to see the <Reducing> is going on so well.

We have recd. the Assays you mention, and shall be glad to receive the Silver of the Slag Lead &c immediately after being taken off.

We doubt after all that <Wm> Richardson will fall short and not deserve the service of Doctor.

We are very glad you expect to have occasion to set on more Smelters, and as we always thought Wm. Robson the best of the Family, if you see no Objection <and there should be need in for more Hands, we shd. be glad he might be tried.

Silver is now 6s. 4d. per Ounce, and Refined Lead £19. 10. per Fodder, Currently we have sold 3000 pieces at £19. 10 <L. made> £19.5.0.

We are Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS They have cut a Vein in Nent Force Level.

As we find it is not Wm. Robson let the matter rest.

4 Apr 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 4th April 1783

We have rec'd your Letter of the 31st Ult. with several enclosures you mention. We doubt not you will have all ready against the Pay and we wish every thing to be included in the Pay Bill that can be & don't wish to see it 'till we come to the Mill. As soon as you can pray let us have an account of the Lead delivered from the Mill since last Lead Carriers Pay to the time that the whole of the Lead for last years Ore will be delivered and in addition to what has been already said as to the getting of the Lead in we must acquaint you that unless the Carriers deliver the whole in by Easter Monday including the default for Thomas Ions, we shall not make a Pay 'till August of the Lead Carriage.

The account you give us for your own neighbourhood as also of Alston Moor causes us much concern and we most heartily wish a compleat recovery to them who are afflicted and an entire ceasing of those <.....> which are the cause of the present distressing situation of the Inhabitants who from connection, exclusive of natural inclination, we can not but wish well to.

We are Your Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

PS We are much obliged by your continuation of the History of the Smoke and wish very heartily it could be brought to a good __ Finis

5 Apr 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Dear Sir

Farnacres 5. April 1783

I desire you will be so good as deliver to Mr. Willm. Cook Lord Ravensworths Agent in London a Watch for a Young Man of mine the price to be about Six Guineas & the sooner Mr. Cook receives the Watch the better as he will have an opportunity of sending it by a very careful person. You are desired to pack up the Watch in a little Box and after that seal it up in paper & direct it to Mr. Walton Senr. at Farnacres to the care of Henry Ellison Esqr. You'll be pleased to send the inclosed by penny Post to Mr Cooke who will call upon you & you'll let me know the charge for the Watch at any time when you may have occasion to write me.

I inclose you two Recets. amounting together to £35. 17. 3 which I shall be obliged by your paying on the inclosed <Bills>. Mr Ibbetson you'll be kind enough to call upon at the Admiralty and pay him these and Mr. Everest to whom I have wrote will I expect call upon you very <soon>. The lesser Sum is for Mr. Everest. I beg to be kindly remembered to Bro. Smeaton who I hope to hear from very soon. I am

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servt.

Nicholas Walton Jnr.

Mr. Jno. Holmes

7 Apr 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 7 Apl. 1783

I have recd. your Letter of 27th Ult. with a Sketch and description of the Air Furnace and Smelting which so far as you have gone is perfectly clear & satisfactory, I am

Your Humble Servant

Nicholas Walton Jnr.

12 Apr 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 12 Apl. 1783

Inclosed we send you a Letter from <Anne and Joseph Bell>, in case you see no <Objection> to the granting of their Request we shd. be glad it might be complied with.

We have recd. your Letters of the 6th and 9th inst.

As soon as the Delivery of the Lead is finished we desire to have an Acct. of the Quantity delivered to each Carrier.

You are right in your Idea as to the Agreement with John Richardson and what we <mention as to> your making out an Acct. as to the Chimneys was that we shd. Know whether he had got any Materials belonging to the Mill or not, and whether any of our Labourers had been employed for him, as also the time spent by himself and his Men when at the Mill; all which Particulars we observe by your Letter you will be able to furnish us with.

We are much concerned to hear of the Death of John Mulcasters Daughter and of Wm. Wears sudden Death, as we are also when you inform us that the <Disorders> in your Neighbourhood and in Alston Moor still continue.

We approve of the Answer you gave to Joseph Robson, and shall give you Directions when we come to the Mill what to do further.

It will be proper to get the Lead Yards <built> with all expedition and we desire you will begin <.... .. them> immediately.

We are much obliged by the <particular> account you give us <for> the <Process> of Smelting in the Air Furnace and find it is exactly the same as the Mode of running <the Refiners ...ings> of Silver Smiths Shops at the Works now carrying on by Messrs Hinchliffe & Holies, the Gentlemen who got the Grey Slags of us; we also think ourselves much obliged to Mr. Smith for his Civility, and doubt not you will avail yourself of every Opportunity fully to inform yourselves as to the Dimensions of the

present Furnace as also with the respect to the wooden Models <&> are glad to see that the Produce is so good, but you may depend upon it we shall not come to any sudden Determination whether we are to smelt in that way or not. Before we determine it will be necessary to make particular calculations, and therefore we must <require you> to make your Observations as to the expenditure attending the whole Process including workmen's wages <T/F... Lime> and Wear and Tear; and it will be proper for you to <get as much information as possible how much it will cost> to erect a Furnace and Chimney. Your Observations respecting the Trial of <refractory Ores> before we come to any <solution> is undoubtedly very proper.

We are glad to hear the Ore Carriage is <begun> but think if Mr. <Friend Tweddal is watching and ought to have have been, for we have now had a fortnight of as fine weather as was ever seen

We are Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. When you write to us, we wish you not to be <quite> [next 4 short lines illegible]

16 Apr 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 16 April 1783

Dear Sir

Below you have two Receipts which I must beg the favour of you to get Mr. Everest to Sign and that you will pay him the amount being £86. 12. 3. Mr. Everest is wrote to this day desiring he will call upon you.

By the Carrier who set out from Newcastle on Saturday you will receive a Box containing about 470 Ounces of Bullion & we shall not draw for the Cake you last had 'till the Box above ment[ione]d arrives & desire you'll then be so good as send us the Recet. for the pay[m]ent wch. you have been so kind as make to Messrs. Ibbetson & Everest & the Recet. for the £86. 12. 3. Pray when do you expect to receive the Lottery Tickets? I am

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Jnr

PS I am concerned to hear of Mr. Everest having lost his Wife. Perhaps Bro. Smeaton could bring the Watch.

16 Apr 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 16th Apr. 1783

We have recd. yours of the 11th and 14th inst with Thos. Temperleys Coal & Cinder Accts. & of the Quantity of Lead delivd. from Langley Mill for Newcastle. We also recd. wth. yours of the 11th. the several Assays you mention.

We are very much concerned to hear that the Disorder in Alston Moor still continues, but are glad to hear that the Children in the Neighbourhood of Langley Mill are better that when you wrote before.

We observe you have made a Beginning to smelt, and that you are preparing <Stuff> for the Lead Yards, both wch. we approve. We are

Your Hble Servts.

W & T

20 Apr 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 20th April 1783

We have reced. your Letter of the 16th Inst and are very glad to hear you have started the Lead Yard Wall and approve of what you propose as to the Lead which Pattinson is to have. It is desired that Bills application may wait till the time of the Pay. I am particularly glad to hear the Peats are getting in which have stood over Winter & that they are very dry. I am for Mr. Turner & Self

Your very humble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

PS Pray forward the inclosed the first opportunity.

25 Apr 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 25th. April 1783

I have your Letter of the 19th. wth. the Operation in which I find you have set down 140 pieces of Refined Slag Lead marked O instead of 240 & I have allowed the Operation accordingly. The report you have made is proper as to the Lead which is missing at the Mill. I believe all the Lead is come in that is expected & it appears to me to be short Nine pieces but as to this I cannot be certain. I have got yr. Acct. of Lead delivered and also an Acct. from the <Warden> of the Quantities delivered by each carrier there. The covering of the Lead Yards had best be <let alone> determining upon 'till we come to the Mill but I believe it will be by far the best way. I am

Your Hble Servt.
Nich. Walton Junr.

13 May 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 13th May 1783

Having examined all the Vouchers and Recd.<p[iec]es>, we find that they agree with the Pay Bill, and we also find that the Cash repaid you is right as you will see by the inclosed Paper.

On considering the matter as to the furnishing of Corn we think it will not be proper for Greenwich Hospital to do it, tho' perhaps in strictness that would be right. The cause of our Delicacy on this occasion is on acct. of the Proprietors of other Lead Mills who, if the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital were to furnish their Workmen, might find it a matter of necessity to furnish theirs, and blame us on that account. We therefore think if anything is done it ought to be by you as taking the matter up entirely on your own Account, and if you incline to do this, we will advance you Money on your Recets. as you may have occasion to draw for it, as we have no doubt but you will arrange the Business with discretion.

We are Your Hble. Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. We believe our <Cash> will be found short upon the whole 3d. The Deals &c shall be ordered to come on Friday.

[The principal paragraph of this letter was copied again above the contents of the subsequent letters, dated 14th May, prefaced with 'Extract from Messrs Walton & Turners Letter of the 13th May 1783 to Messrs. Mulcaster']

14 May 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 14 May 1783.

The above [as set out in the letter of 13th May] will serve as an answer to the first part of your Letter of the 12th. inst.

I have ordered Deals for the Doors as also for the Boxes &c the latter of which will come slit, and you will receive them by the <Hexham> Carrier of Friday and as I expect, at the same time 2 Box. Crucibles, the Iron &c and the Locks you will probably not receive 'till Monday, but as I am to be in Town tomorrow, I will order them if I have time to arrive by Fridays Carrier.

I hope you have taken care to mark the Lead of this years Ore with 83 which mark must be continued to the ending of the Accts. <wch. as Thomas Ions> has promised his people shall behave well for the time to come the Carriers may go as <well>.

I am for Mr. Turner & Self Your Hble Servt.

Walton & Turner

PS. You are desired to as obliging as pay[in]g Thos. Temperley <£1 18s> for which we will give you Recet. and you are desired to send that to us at the first Opportunity.

16 May 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 16 May 1783

You are desired to fix up at different <times> one of the inclosed Hand Bills upon Langley Lead Mill <Doors>. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. The Locks will not come <'til> Monday.

20 May 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

[Note: 'Castaings Paper' was the 'Course of the Exchange' begun in 1697 by John Castaing, a Huguenot refugee in London. became the de facto 'official' stock price publication. It is still published today as the Stock Exchange Daily Official List and is the longest continuously running financial periodical in the world.]

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 20th May 1783

Dear Sir

Your Letters of the 12th of April and 3rd of May are now before me and I duly attend to what you mention as to the price of Bullion. After the 4th of April I observe there was nothing done as to the price of Std. Barrs, for some considerable time, but as the first price in Castaings Paper after the 4th April was not less than it was upon the 4th I shall charge you 6/3d for the first Quantity and 6s/ 3¼d for the last Quantity and have this day drawn upon you for the Balance of your Account amounting to £160. 2s. 9d as below mentioned the Bill being payable 40 days after date.

Due from Mr. John Holmes	s d	
For 436 1/2 Ounces of Silver Bullion at 6 3		£136 8 1 1/2
For 469 1/2 Do	at 6 3 1/4	£147 4 1 1/2

£283 12 3

Due to Mr. Holmes

For Cash paid Mr. Ibbetson £27 7 7 1/2

For Do. paid Mr. Everest 95 1 10 1/2

£122 9 6

Balance due from Mr. Holmes

£160 2 9

I am much obliged & so is Mr. Turner by the trouble you have taken for us in transacting the business with Messrs. Ibbetson and Everest and paying the above Sums to them and I thank you for what you have done respecting the Lottery Tickets. I long wish to hear from my Brother Smeaton who I shall be happy to be informed is in good health and am with best wishes to him and also yourself and Family from Mr. Turner & Self. I am Sir

Your obliged Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

PS. Be so good as order <Rich.> Probert to send us 150 Casks of Bone Ashes as soon as he can & that he must take care to have the Casks good.

£160. 2. 9.

Farnacres 20th. May 1783

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Saint One Hundred and Sixty Pounds Two Shillings and Nine Pence. Value received as Advised by Walton & Turner
Mr John Holmes London Copy

21 May 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 21st May 1783

We have recd. yours of the 19th inst and desire that Francis <Shield> may by no means be admitted to be School Master and in case the Number of the Scholars shd. continue to discourage others offering, if you could let the School for this year to one of our Workmen at Langley Lead Mill we shd. like that much.

We find Mr. Blckett has sent Corn to Allen Heads and therefore we by you will make it immediately known that the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital will continue to furnish their Workmen at Langley Mill wth. Corn at Prime Cost, and will certainly do the same both at Nent Force Level & Stublick Colliery; we therefore desire you will take in Stublick Colliery in your next Quantity, and that you will write to John Friend & let us know by Sunday Post from Hexham what Quantity will be wanted monthly for Nent Force Level Mine including Workmen at Thortergill Syke Veins. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

23 May 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 23 May 1783

We have recd. your Letter of the 20th inst, and we cannot by any means understand James Watsons Direction which he has given to you, we shall not order any Timber 'til you get clear Instructions from him. We are indeed much surprised to receive such an Acct. from you, and thought upon reading your Letter that we must have been mistaken, and really it astonishes us you could be so readily imposed upon. The Slates must be got from Lough Green and you are desired to apply to Mr. Thornton immediately as to that.

We beg you will do every thing that is necessary to be secure in making the Trial to cure the smoaky Chimnies and are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

25 May 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 25th May 1783

By Johnson and Corbet you will receive <2 Sack> of Rye & <4 Bushels of Corn> which you are desired to forward to John Friend by the Ore Carriers but desire to know from John Friend where it is to be delivered before you send it that there may be no difficulty to the Carriers in the delivery perhaps it may be delivered at Next Force Shop. We are

Your Hble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS. When you write John Friend let him know that each Sack holds 3 Bushels and that the Corn is to be delivered at prime cost including carriage and wear and tear of Sacks.

26 May 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 26th May 1783

We have recd. your Letters of the 23 and 24th inst and entirely leave the Matter as to the School to your Discretion, and shall support you in any thing you think proper to do on the occasion.

We are much obliged by your particular Attention to the Business as to the Corn. With regard to the paying for the Corn, we desire when you <order> any you will let us know, and we will take care to pay for it, and therefore we shd. be glad that all the Orders for Corn not only for Langley Lead Mill & Stublick Colliery but for the Nent Force Level & Thortergill Syke Workmen shd. come from you to Mr. <Harbottles>. We shall expect Johnson & Corbett to carry the Corn at <11d per Boll.> to Langley Mill and will not pay them more, and <in case>, on your applications to them, you find they are <unwilling to continue to> carry at 11d. you may tell them that the Man who has offered to carry the Corn at 11d. shall carry the whole and receive Lead when he comes to Langley Mill, but don't tell them this 'til you try clearly whether they will accept of 11d. or not. As to the requiring Johnson to carry it forward to Alston at the same rate the Ore Carriers <can do>, we have no expectation of that nor do we require it.

We have ordered Thos. Temperley to go to view Nent Force weekly 'til a person is appointed in the room of the late Mr. <Jonas> Hilton.

We have recd. the Assays you mention & observe that Scaleburn Moss & Lough Vein Slag Lead is not refinable.

We have recd. the Ore Carriage Pay Bill which we shall take care of and are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

27 May 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 27th May 1783

Dear Sir

Mr. Donkin a Gentleman who came to London on Account of Hexham Bridge has I doubt not delivered to you my Fathers Watch which he desires you will examine & repair and that you will apply to Mr. Willm. Cook of Heddon Street Westminster when it is finished who will pay for it and send it down by some careful person. Perhaps a Cake of Bullion may be sent next Week but I cannot be certain as to that yet. I beg to be remembered to my Brother Smeaton if still in Town. I am

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

PS. My Father wishes to have his Watch finished with all convenient dispatch.

27 May 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 27th May 1783

The above [below] process of Operations to be right.

The Timber shall be ordered tomorrow and will I expect come to you by the Friday Carrier. I am glad you can get Slates at Lough Green. I have wrote Mr. Harbottle to mark all out Lead GH. I am

Your Hble Servant

Nich. Walton Junr.

Brownbyhill Received			Brownbyhill Smelted	
1782	Bouse	Cutting	Bouse	Cutting
July 27	59.6		10.	
Augt 31			23.7	
Sept 28	13.	6.4	23.7	
Octr 26	10.		15.	
Novr 30		5.6		
Decr 23			10.	
83				
Febr 22				12.2
	82.6	12.2	82.6	12.2

Brownbyhill N Vein Received		Smelted
1782		
Sept 28	7.6	
Decr 28		7.6

Guddamgill Burn X Vein Recd		Smelted
1782		
Augt 31	9.2	
Sept 28	17.6	
Octr 26	15.4	13.1
Novr 30		28.3
Decr 28		1.
	42.4	42.4

July 27 C Head	1.			
D Barn	.2	Sept 28	1.2	
Sept 28 C Riggs	4.	Feby 21	4.	
Octr 26 R Cleugh	1.	.2 Do.	1.	.2

30 May 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 30th. May 1783

Since sending our Letter to Mr. Saint's Printing Office we have recd. your Letter of the 28th Inst acquainting us that Johnson & <Corbetts Waggon> are nowhere, instead of now here, and that they have brought 42 Bolls of Rye. This Rye it is intended shall be sent to John Friend and by way of saving time we inclose you a copy of our Letter of the 26th. taken from the Original we wrote, by the Copying Press, which you are desired to return, first taking a Copy in Case you find that necessary, which it will be, if you have not recd. the Original. We shall see Mr. Harbottle tomorrow & will afterwards write to you as to price. Possibly the market may be lowered but we cannot think it & believe we can depend on your having the the Best from him. What you have done is perfectly right as to Stublick Colliery and it will not be worth while to put the workmen upon taking the Sacks, we will therefore order them all to be marked GH and take the loss of Wear and tear entirely out of the Account. The Men shall not <be hurt.> This to y[our]selves

The 2 Pays are recd. and also T. Temperleys Accounts. Brownbyhill Moss Cross Vein Lead as last year, we observe is not Refineable; but Lough Vein as last year Refineable tho' better than before.

We have made out the Mill Account and there <remains> an agreeable Balance in favour of the undertaking which circumstance we mention to you as being expressive of our entire approbation of your industry and attentions. We are

Your Hble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS. We look upon it that your not receiving our Letter as to the Pays is as either a great neglect in <Mr. Harbottles or Thomas Johnsons Men>.

2 Jun 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 2nd. June 1783

We have recd. your Letter of the 31 Ult but yours of the 30th is not yet come to hand.

What you have done about the Corn is very proper. What you have done about disposing of the Sacks is also very proper, but notwithstanding they will be returned with the Marks of the different people upon them, we think it will be right for Mr. Harbottle to set GH upon them also because that will prevent all possibility of the Sacks wth. your Workmens Corn being charged for other peoples. Mr. Walton saw Mr. Harbottle yesterday who assured him that 8s/- per Boll is the lowest price that the best Rye can possibly be afforded at, and he rather seems to be in doubt, from the great

Demand, whether the Price may not rise, but he says at the same time that that will depend upon the Quantity imported, but that we may rest satisfied he will furnish us with the very best & at the lowest Price he can. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. I wish you wd. learn Thos. Temperley how to put up his Letters to save paper.

3 Jun 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 3rd, June 1783

Having occasion to look into the Accts. for the Ore of 1781 we find that in Operation ending the 26th. January 1782 you report 595 pieces of Refined Lead to have been produced from 1028 <Cwt> pieces and in Operation end. the 23rd February you report that the 1008 & 693 making together 1701 <.....> produced 1006 pieces of Refined Lead but in your <Book> where the produces of all kinds of Lead are set down you have the following entry.

Time when weighed	No pieces	Cwt.Qrs.Lb.	Total No. of pieces	Total Weight Cwt. Qrs. Lb.
1782 Jan 19	598*	897 9		
Febry 2	199	309 10		
9	212	318 3 5		
			1009	1515 3 24

* see above only 595

We think this matter was explained by you some time ago but are not quite certain & therefore you will examine <with> it and let us hear from you. We are

Yr. Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

3 Jun 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 3rd June 1783

We have recd. your Letters of the 29th & 30th & 31st Ulto. and are glad you have a prospect of a School again. You shall not be out of pocket by it. If John Havelock can carry the whole of the Corn including <a better> Quantity we beg he may have the whole. We shall not pay Johnson & Corbett more than 11d per Boll. to the Mill. If you

think it improper for J & C to have the Alston Corn taken from them we shall acquiesce but we wish to prefer Havelock. We are obliged by your attention to the Smoke & desire you'll take care not to break your Necks. We are very glad to see the produce from the Reducing Furnace is good this Operation & hope it will continue good. We are

Your Hble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS. We shall be glad to have Mr. Swinburn and Edward Swift taken in at the <Deanraw> School as Original Subscribers but think they shd. pay something. this we leave entirely to you.

6 Jun 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 6th. June 1783

We have recd. yours of the 3rd inst and approve of what you have done as to the Sacks wch. went to Alston, but we are totally dissatisfied as to your Order of the 3rd. of June to Mr. Harbottle, not on account of the Quantity, but you were told you might order what Quantity you would and we wd. pay for it; instead of this you order 14 Bolls. and send ready Money for 2, and Sacks for it & 2 Bolls. more, but that you had <desired> Mr. Harbottle to give you Credit for 10 Bolls. of Rye and 10 new Sacks, and that it is Chiefly for Thomas Temperleys Men. Perhaps the whole of the above may be entirely intelligible to you; but it wd. have been quite as clear if you had wrote to the following effect and kept the Money in your Pockets.

We have this Day wrote to Mr. Harbottle desiring him to send us 14 Bolls. of Rye & 10 new Sacks.

In this way you might have settled your own Accts. with those people who were to have the Rye & Sacks, & the very first time we see Mr. Harbottle, we will make him return your ready Money by the same <Hands> he recd. it from. We do not mean by this to discourage you from sending for Corn, but merely to keep the Account clear, for we shall charge you with <all> the Money we pay, and then it will be only necessary for you to understand the Accts. you have with <B&L.g situations less> may happen to us by paying for the Corn and Sacks for as to the carriage that will be <eventually> in your <.....> hands, in <..... ..> of a List <.....> desire it may be considered <Mr> Johnson & <Parrett are> farthing more than <13d> p Boll to Langley Mill

We have recd the Operations and are
Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

6 Jun 1783 **Nicholas Walton to John Holmes**

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 6 June 1783

Sir,

By this weeks London Waggon you will receive a Box containing 769 ½ Ounces of fine Silver.

We are much obliged by your Instructions as to the Mistake of One Pound which shall be rectified when we draw for the above. We are

Sir Your most Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

16 Jun 1783 **Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster**

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 16 June 1783

We have recd. yours of the 8th and have corrected the Errors in the Book of Produces conformable to what you mention.

I have Mr. Harbottles Recets. for the 44 Bushels of Rye, but have not yet pd. for the 14 Bolls, nor for the 10 Sacks, but as I have directed him to send back the Money for the 2 Bolls., when I settle with him next I shall pay for 14 Bolls & 10 Sacks unless I find when I go to him that he has not returned the Money for the 2 Bolls. I desire you will continue to order whatever you want or think necessary.

I am glad to hear that the Disorder in Alston Moor & the neighbouring parts abates and sincerely hope it will soon entirely cease, but I am very much concerned to hear that poor Mrs. Percival is dead - Any further particulars you may hear abt. this Disorder we shall be much obliged to you for communicating and are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

Pray send the inclosed to Thomas Temperley.

20 Jun 1783 **Nicholas Walton to John Holmes**

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 20th June 1783

We have this day drawn upon you for £229. 18. _ payable. Forty days after date being the Balance of the Account as above & we shall be obliged by your paying <Rd.> Probert and sending the Recet. the first opportunity that is convenient. We are

Dear Sir Your most hble Servants.

Walton & Turner

PS. The Watches are come safe to hand. Mr. Smeaton very well this day & desires his Compliments. Mr Walton thanks you for the trouble <about the Sale> of the Lottery Tickets.

Due from Mr. John Holmes.

For 769 1/2 Ounces Silver Bullion at 6s. 3d.	£260 9 11	
For <... ..> two £20 Prizes Mr. Walton	39 19 -	
		£280 3 4
Due to Mr. Jno. Holmes		
For a Watch and cleaning another	£ 6 10	
For the amount of Richd Proberts Bill for Bone Ashes	£ 44 -- 4	
		£ 50 10 4
Balance due from Mr. Holmes		£229 18 -

£229. 18. _ Copy Farnacres 20th June 1783
Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Cookson Carr & Co. Two Hundred and Twenty Nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

29 Jun 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster Farnacres 29th June 1783

I have recd. your Letter of the 25th. and yesterday called upon Mr. Harbottle & pd. him for the Rye & Sacks Viz.

For 12 Bolls. of Rye delivd the 6th June	at 8d.
For 10 Sacks delivd then	at 1s / 5d
For 20 Bolls. of Rye delivd 26 June	at 7 / 6
For 38 Do. 27 Do	at 7 / 6

The last price is what Mr. Harbottle charged Lord Ravensworth and Partners last <Week> but always 8s. before.

I find one of the principal difficulties abt. the Tickets being delivered is that the Carriers tumble off their Lead and mix it so that it is sometimes impossible to count it without overhauling almost the whole & then they run about sometimes seeking Mr.

Harvey & sometimes the Warehouse Men and are exceedingly pressing & impertinent & often insist upon having their Tickets before the Lead can be told over. I am not at all surprised that Mr. Harvey shd. incline to believe his own labourers, or our labourers for we pay them, more readily than the Carriers Men. It is proper for Mr. Harvey not to be imposed upon & it might perhaps be a convenience to the Carriers at some particular times to impose. However <let us ea.> all these disagreeable circumstances out of the case & determine what is to be done to prevent the inconveniences complained of for the time to come so that we may go on agreeably with each other and restore mutual confidence. I have seen Mr. Jona Airey who assures me everything shall be done as far as it is in his & his Brother's power to have this Business more regularly carried on for the future, but, without each Carriers man piles his own Lead immediately on getting out of the Carriage, it will be impossible to be certain how many pieces belong to each Carrier, if they mix all together, and therefore you must let all the Carriers know that it is insisted they do pile their Lead both at Newcastle & Newburn, or otherwise they will be discharged, & you must be particularly pressing upon them to be attentive to this on every occasion. After you have done this, you may let the Carriage go on again, but 'til that is done it must stop, except back Carriage where any Carrier brings Wood, Rye &c for us, & they to have the same Injunctions as to piling.

We are very much obliged by your Enquiries & the Acct. you give about the Disorder & hope it is much abated upon the whole. We are by no means offended at your sending Mr. Walton's (Curate of Allendale) Letter, but having had previous Applications, we can by no means stir further in the matter. I am for Mr. Turner and Self

Your Hble Servt.

N. W junr

4 Jul 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 4th. July 1783

We have recd. your Letters of the 28th Ult. & 1st Inst. and are glad to find you have got our Letters about the Rye. We have no doubt you get Mr. Harbottles best Corn but it cannot always be expected to weigh alike & we hope it will be found good.

You have done and propose everything that can be respecting the Lead Carriers' delivery of the Lead, except that it is believed if the Carriers at Newcastle would <each> name a person to whom they would wish to have their Tickets delivered & let that person always know what number of pieces they carry at the time when they deliver them Mr. Harvey would in such case give that person the Ticket when perhaps it might not be in his power to deliver the Carrier himself one & the Carrier might get the Ticket the next journey. This you may mention at your leisure.

We have recd. the Operations for last Month and Thomas Temperleys Accounts for <two weeks>.

It gives us much pleasure to hear the disorder has abated.

If Composition is pd. for your Farms we think you must not contribute as Householders.

When we come to Langley Mill we shall be glad to take the <overflowings> of the Purse and are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

9 Jul 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 9th. July 1783

We have recd. your Letters of the 4th. & 7th. Inst and much approve of what you have done as to the Lead Carriage. We think it extremely hard indeed that James Johnson should be discharged after the great loss which he has sustained & think the treatment of him unjust if he himself was not somehow to blame. We have ordered a Cask of Gunpowder for the Limestone Quarry at Langley to be sent by J. Johnson on Friday. You are desired to speak to James Johnson & Jno. Corbet when you have opportunity & let them know we take it much amiss from them that they or their Men would scarcely take the Bone Ashes under their care which they could not carry last Friday. As they could only take part of them Mr. Harvey desired them only to take the others to their Warehouses which they c[oul]d scarcely do, but were at last with difficulty prevailed upon to take them. We can scarcely refrain letting <.....> have the carriage of the remainder which will be 50 Casks but will not determine that yet. As Joe Robson has the character of being a good Smelter we think it will be right to give him a Tryal in case Liddle shd. leave us, but at all Events let him strictly be enjoined as to what will be expected from him. We are

Your Humble Servt.

Walton & Turner

14 Jul 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 14 July 1783

We have recd. yours of the 11th instant by wch. we are very much obliged, and have this day written to Mr. Jos. Hall & Mr. Friend, and desire you will peruse the whole <& pack> them up as you now receive them.

In our way to Alston we propose dining at Langley Mill on the 10th of next Month, shall stay there that Night, and the next Morning go forward to Alston. Tho' Hay will,

we expect, be dear, we desire you will purchase some for us against we come, as we really think it is hazardous feeding our Horses wth. the Hay wch. grows near Langley Lead Mill. In our way from Alston we wish to see everything at works, & desire that a Cake of Silver may be taken off at that time, concerning wch. we desire to have some conversation wth. you on our Arrival at the Mill the 10th of next Month.

Lead now sells at £19. 10. per Fod[der] refined
Silver at 6s. 3d. per Ounce

We are Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

19 Jul 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. Jn. Holmes

Farnacres 19th July 1783

Dear Sir

I take the opportunity of acquaint[ing] you that I have recd. your last favour with Rd. Proberts Recet. & your Rect. for Watch & for wch. I thank you. This Weeks Carrier brings you a Box containing 812 Ounces of Silver. I am

Your very humble Servt.
Nich. Walton Junr.

PS. Your point is ingenious and I wish you success. Pray let have some particulars after the determination.

25 Jul 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 25th July 1783

We have recd. yours of the 18th 19th & 21st and realy are much impressed concerning what you mention & Mr Corbet writes about the Bone Ashes & we have wrote to Mr Harvey.

What you have done <abt> Joseph Robson is perfecty <o..... We are> glad to find our Horses are <....> to get <.....> when we come west to you but are much concerned <.....> is very bad tho it is of the dangerous kind.

We [rest of 6 line paragraph illegibly faint]
We are Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

8 Aug 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 8th Augt. 1783

Sir,

We have recd. your Letter of the 30th. <.....> and as there certainly is a Mistake somewhere respecting the last Cake of Bullion sent you we think it necessary to send you Extracts from Letters &c relative thereto.

Extract from Messrs. Mulcasters Letter of the 12th. July

'Herewith you will receive a Cake of Silver cut into 8 pieces, the Weight 812 Ounces'.

Extract from Messrs. Mulcasters' account of the Quantities of Lead refined same Date as the Letter, but not sent by them to Messrs. Walton & Turner til the 13th July.

'Produce of Silver extracted from the above 812 ounces.'

Extract from Mr. Harvey's Letter of the 14th July 1783.

'Have this day weighed the Silver Bullion and find it to be Eight Hundred and Twelve Ounces'.

Copy of Receipt

Recd. July 19th 1783 of Messrs. Walton & Turner a Box containing Eight Hundred & Twelve Ounces of Silver Bullion, which I promise to deliver to Mr. John Holmes Watchmaker in the Strand London as Witness my Hand for Jno. & <Jo.> Jacksons

Witness to the Delivery Thos. Guthrie

W. Harvey

Notwithstanding the above as <I> have the best Opinion of your correctness, we shall only <draw> for 811 Ounces, being <perfectly satisfied> you will <Notify> the Error if you find you have made one when you deliver <out> the Silver to the <Con.....rs>. We have this day drawn upon you for £251.18 being the Amount of 811 Ounces of fine Silver at <6s./2 ¼ d.> per Ounce and £1 short drawn for the 28 May last.

I am very glad Weller seems to <sicken> and hope your Answer in Chancery has brought him to his Senses. I understand from both Mr. Smeaton & you that you had got Judgement in the Action you br[ough]t in your Tenants Name this Summer. I shall be glad you would be so good as acquaint me whether Mr. Smeaton is yet in Town and how long he proposes staying. I am

Sir Your most Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

PS. The Bill is payable 90 Days after Date.

£251. 18. ,,

Farnacres 8th August 1783

Thirty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Saint Two Hundred and Fifty One Pounds Eighteen Shillings . Value received as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

22 Aug 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster,

Farnacres 22nd Augt. 1783

We have recd. your two Letters of the 7th. and of the 20th. inst, and approve of your postponing the Trial of Lough Vein Ore for the reasons you have given. As to the Fruit we hope you contrived to get it eaten before it was spoiled, & shall be perfectly satisfied if you did so.

It is desired that Wm. Lamb may set out for Keswick on Wednesday morning next and on his arrival at Keswick he is desired to apply to Joseph Crosthwaite the Miller of Keswick Mills <and> in case of his absence to Mr. <Atkinson> at the Sign of the Royal Oak, and they will direct him where his horse is to be grazed. We shall write to Mr. <Wren> by this Night's Post and <desire him to have every thing for Lamb when he arrives that he may have no Stops. We are not quite certain whether the <ore> not be <made Langley by weight than to in 3 pieces Therefore we> think it will be right for Wm. Lamb to take <12 packs> with him. In case it <... appears he> has a hard Bargain you may depend upon <.....> a proper allowance, and with regard to his Loss of Ore Carriage for the time that must be made up by <John Friend in the manner yoution> When Lamb goes over desire that he will <take a look at the other things which he will not <have > to carry to see if there is any thing like Lead Ore in them; but on further considering this <perhaps> it will be in the best way to bring every thing <off except the flooring wch we observe as is valued at £2 pr Ton and as the whole will weigh just 20 cwt & 25 Lbs, when we will take up the whole, and the F..... will the other oiled.>

[Possibly part of same letter copied to a separate sheet and passed in after the previous:]

Minerals &c now to be <pickup>

	cwt
<Mixture> of Litharge Lead Ore viz	1/2 in one poke
Lead ore	7 in 7 pokes

Compound <Mixtures>	1/2 in one poke 8 to be carried by 4 Horses
Remainder of Compound Mixtures	4 cwt 25 to be carried by 2 Horses
Copper Mixture	3 1/2 cwt in 4 pokes
Regular & other Mixtures	1/2 in one poke 4 to be carried by 2 Horses

Remainder of Regular & other mixtures 4 cwt to be carried by 2 horses.

And as we would wish also to have a Tryal made of the flooring one other Horse must be taken to be bring 2 cwt of it & if it is worth while we can send for the remaining Ton.

In this way of settling the matter <13/15> horses will be required and consequently the sum in proportion to number of Horses will be instead of 23s 55s. If Lamb has not Horses he must get somebody to join him to make up the whole number <11>. And you must give a strict charge to keep every thing in the pokes as they received it & take care yourselves to empty every poke separately when they come to the Lead Mill so that the sorts which belong to each other may be paid together. Particular charge shd be given to the Man to mark the two pokes which have the flooring in for as to all the rest they seem to speak for themselves how they are to be laid. As clear directions for the package the inclosed paper is sent which may be delivered to Lamb and a duplicate is sent to Mr Wren.

We are very glad that the Produce of Refined Lead still continues good.

<We also approve of your observations into Mr Lamb> and we are your Hble servts

Walton & Turner

PS We have recd your <Till ...> acct

23 Aug 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 23rd Augt. 1783

Dear Sir,

I have this morning rec'd. your letter of the <20th. inst>, before the opening of which <this very> letter was dated, so that it arrived very <critically or be answered> immediately.

With regard to the falling short of this Cake of Bullion Arrived the 29th July I desired it <may not by our drawing with 8th instant at 811 Ounces>. This Weeks Carrier will bring you <a Box containing 749 1/2 Ounces>.

I was much concerned to be informed of Mr. Smeaton's Indisposition, the particulars <of whi. Like premonitions ...> and I have this day written to him. I was also much concerned to hear of Mr Smeaton<.... so very poorly & I assure> you ... all

join most heartily in wishing them a perfect Recovery as are likewise go un best wishes to yourself & family. I am

Dear Sir your most hble servt
Nicholas Walton junr

PS. I desire you'll purchase <./..> & send to me a Lottery Ticket in the present State Lottery when you <...> acknowledge the Rect of the Silver. I now advise you <of> My Friend during the <T..... B.....> immedietaly. I shall be glad to know the Determination at Norfolk, and to be informed how you are likely to go on with Weller

25 Aug 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 25 Augt 1783

Messrs Mulcaster,

We have recd your letter by the Carrier Thomas Temperley together with the <Assays &c p....> therein referred to, and observe that the <1st> payment of <another Dropping Time> will be done the 30th <... ..> next.

<.. glad> to find the Trial of the 50 Bings of Ore was begun <this Morning,> and doubt not your care. We are

Your hble servts
Walton & Turner

8 Sep 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 8th. September 1783

Sir,

We have rec'd your Letter of the 3rd. inst and this day shall draw upon you for the Balance of Account as below payable. 40 Days after Date. We are

Sir Your &c
W&T

749 1/2 Ounces of Silver at 6s/ 1 1/2 d per Ounce	£229 10 8
A Lottery Ticket Deduct	£ 14 18 .
Balance	£214 12 8

£214. 12. 8

Farnacres 8th September 1783

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Saint Two Hundred and Fourteen Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eight Pence.

Value Received as advised by - Walton & Turner

Mr. Holmes London

Copy

9 Sep 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 9th. September 1783

We have received your Letters of the 1st. 3rd. and 6th. with the several enclosures therein referred to & thank you for your attention with respect to the <pieces> of Lead in the Hands of the Wallaces. We have laid your Letter and Wallaces information before Mr. <Heron/Horn> who it is desired may consult with Mr. Liddell, Mr. Errington's partner, & if they shd. apply to you we wish you to give them every assistance in your power. I however doubt there is too little grounds for expecting a discovery even if the Lead was actually stolen. The Keswick stuff may as well <lye> till we come to the Mill which will be on Thursday the 16th / Octr. in the Evening. Court at Hayton Bridge next day & return to you in the Evening 18th. & 19 stay with you & prepare for Pays Lead Mill, Langley Kiln, Stublick Colliery and Stublick Level <Mine> on Monday the 20th & on Tuesday the 21st of October we shall leave you probably in the morning; you will therefore end the Accounts the 27th Instant and let Thomas Temperley know he must do the same of course. Mr James Mulcaster will make up the Kiln Accts. to at 27 September Inst.

We are concerned on Account of the disasters to the Horses & shall take that into serious consideration when at the Mill & in the interim we beg to have your sentiments from time to time as they may arise concerning this disagreeable business.

We are perfectly well satisfied with your care & exactness in the Tryal of Smelting 50 Bings of Lough Vein Ore & desire to have the Assays the first opportunity after you have got them done.

We propose writing to Mr. Hall possibly along with this & shall request that the report from Acton and that from the Cupola may each of them together with the Assays be Sealed up and that the same thing may be done with the report you make to us & that the whole may be opened within the presence of Messrs. Hall and Percival & ourselves when they come to His Grace the Duke of Northumberlands <Audit> at Newcastle on Thursday the 25th of this Month. It is desired that you will <work Marri...> Peats, a Winchester Bushel of Coals, a Winchester Bushel of <fallen> Lime, and a <Cask> of Cinders & let us know immediately after you have done so. Pray forward the inclosed the first opportunity. We are

Your Hble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS. We shall make use of your short Acct. as to the Tryal.

You are desired to read the Letter for Mr. Hall before you Seal & send it away. We are perfectly convinced that the Lead Carriers have deceived us and you by making us

think that there was no difference with Mr. Harvey about moving the Bone Ashes, and indeed they seem to be so unmanageable at present that it is immediately necessary <to make a new Law of reporting> them and therefore you must take the first Opportunity of acquainting them that <being informed> they do not pile the Lead but on the contrary refuse doing so on being required, if any of them neglect to pile their Lead <upon delivering> the same we shall most assuredly on the <very first complaint> instantly discharge the Carrier let him be who he will, and shall not pay one farthing for Carriage of the <Lead> wch. shall be <delivered without being piled: it therefore must <be clearly understood between> you and the Carriers that <let> the Lead be delivered either at Newcastle or Newburn it is to be <piled> or otherwise the Carriage forfeited, and no excuses whatsoever will be admitted of, so the Carriers must be very careful how they give Directions to the persons they employ, as the neglect of the man must be considered as that of his Master.

19 Sep 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 19th. September 1783

I have recd your letter of the 12th inst together with the Assays therein mentioned as also a paper with the weight of Coals, Lime Plots and Cinders. I have recd a letter from <W. Hall> acquainting Mr Turner [remaining 13 lines illegible]

Your hble servts
Walton & Turner

26 Sep 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 26 Sepr. 1783

We have recd. your Letters of the 22nd. & 23rd inst, and <can> now acquaint you that we have had a <very friendly meeting> with Mr. Hall <.... that we have nowted the contents of the letter have written toing.> He was full of Civility <.... less ... p.....>

[unreadable 4 line paragraph]

We have <no> objection to your <expending> 81 Fodder in the Refining for the <l.....> Operation <starting> tomorrow. It gives us much pleasure to hear that the ore is coming in faster than it has done for some time past. We are sorry that it appears likely that your Brothers Mare has <recd.> so much injury by the Lead Mill Smoke as not to be likely to be of further use. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

2 Oct 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 2nd. October 1783

We have rec'd. yours of the 27th & 30th Ult. The Cake of Bullion is arrived but only weighs 770 Ounces, and, compared with the Assay, the Cake is 47oz 13dwts 18Gs short of the Assay, which is rather uncommon for by most of your operations for some time past we have exceeded the Assay, but we are glad to see that the Reducing <goes on very> well. We approve of the <Contract> with Henry <Astley>. As the Nent Force Level Men seem desirous to have Rye we wish them or any <others> of our Workmen who desire it supplied with Rye as long as the Ore Carriage goes on. We now hope that Mr. Walton's Calculation of 3500 Bings for this year will be <made than with> as we observe you had got near 2600 Bings on the 27 Ult. As the Corn is now mostly <cut>, we are wishing <to know ..ig. Wind in a> in a proper Direction for trying the new <....m Carriages>, and hope for the best, tho' we fear the contrary. From what we have said above you will see that we have recd. the Assays & Thos.

Temperley's Accounts. We are

Your Hble. Servts.

Walton & Turner

6 Oct 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 6 Oct 1783

We have got a letter from the Gov & Company giving us a flat refusal of every information except by way of <obliging> us as far as they consistently can that they have desired Mr Hall to acquaint us in general Terms which Furnaces answered <Only> but not to communicate to any Person on the particular produce. This you are desired to <... ..> We are

Your Hble. Servts.

Walton & Turner

22 Oct 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 22nd Octr 1783

Dear Sir,

We have recd your letter of the 15th inst & shall this day draw upon you for £227.15.10 being the amount of 770 ounces of Bullion at 5/11d pr ounce. We Dear Sir

Yours &c Walton & Turner

£227. 15. 10 Farnacres 22nd. October 1783

Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred and Twenty Seven pounds Fifteen Shillings and Ten pence. - Value Received as advised by - Walton & Turner

Mr. Holmes London

1 Nov 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 1st. Nov. 1782

We wrote you yesterday which doubt not you will receive from Jasper Richardson and thank you for your care of the Letters and returning the Bills. The Memorandum at the foot of the Account will shew that every thing contained in it is settled, but we are notwithstanding much pleased by your attention to yourselves as well as us upon this occasion.

The Operation is safe in our Hands. Mr. Walton might not to expect to be so near as he has been on some occasions. When his wishes are <exceeded> he doubts not Messrs. Mulcaster will always rejoice. We must however be content let the Quantity be what it will. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

3 Nov 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 3rd. Nov. 1783

We have never had time to look into your Memorandum til this moment.

You are desired yourselves to write to Mr. <Mentam> and order a necessary Supply of Cast Iron Hearth Stones, and the sooner that is done the better. We have ordered 3 Bundles, one strong Hoop, & the other very <slender> Hoop Iron, & the third strong Nail Rod Iron which will come by John Corbett this day.

As the reasons you have given for opening a new Road leading from Langley Castle by the Lime Kiln & Lead Mill appear to us very sufficient, we desire you will not give yourselves any further trouble in preventing Passengers going that way, but we think it will be proper silently to allow this, as we may possibly be directed to stop there being a publick Road by the Lead Mill.

We must desire your advice wth. respect to what is to be done wth. the School House. Our wish is to have it converted into a Cottage, but if that shd. be done it wd. seem reasonable that those persons who contributed towards the building of it shd. be

reimbursed some part of the Money wch. they expended, or on acct. of the Work they did, and therefore be so good as to send us an Acct. shewing the names of the Contributors and the Amount of the Contributions including the Money that Mr. Peter Mulcaster is out of pocket by the Undertaking.

As we are desirous to state to the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital the particular losses which have been sustained by the Farmers at Langley Lead Mill since those for which Allowances were made, you are desired to make out one general State of Facts, as we shall be glad to render all the Sufferers every Service in our power. It will be necessary to state the Amount of each persons Loss, and we shall be glad to hear from you concerning this the very first Opportunity. We are

Your Hble Servts.

W&T

PS. Yours of the 26th. & 28th. are now before us & we have recd. the several Accounts therein referred to involving the Operation for October. The two Accts one for 9s/6d & the other for £5. 3s were both found among the Papers, as we have mentioned to you before. Tho' the Company's Carriers are given over, we still have Hopes not to fall much short of 3500 Bings.

24 Nov 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 24 Nov. 1783

We duly recd. your two Letters of the 6th. & 3 Letters of the 7th. 10th. & 15th. together with Thos. Temperley's Colliery Accts to the 8th. inst. We shall take the first Opportunity of laying the matter as to the Smoke and School House before the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital. The Silver came safe to hand and weighed 715 Ounces only. We are glad to see the Reducing still go on well. <We recd.> the Assays along wth. yours of the 7th. but observe there is <a Misnomer>, Nentsberry Sun Vein shd. be Nentsberry <Greens> Sun Vein, but by way of <keeping> you right as to this we send you inclosed a List of all the Lead Mines in Alston Moor that are worked, or sometimes have been lately worked. As the Weather has been rather better lately we hope the Ore will be got in, & that Mr. Walton's <Calculation> will be exceeded. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. The <sooner> we receive the Operation for Nov. the <more agreeable. The price of Refined Lead is now £17 5s but expected to rise. Silver per Ounce 6s/oz or thereabouts, expected to Be rising

1 Dec 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. Jno. Holmes

Farnacres Decembr. 1st. 1783

Dear Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 27th. Ult. and before duly received your Letters of the 25th. October and 15th. Ult. the two latter inclosing Three Lottery Tickets Viz.

That of the 25th October No.	44,823	Cost	£14 14 6
15 November No.	4,277	Cost	14 2 6
No.	16,109	Cost	14 2 6
			£42 19 6

The Ticket No. 16,109 is for a Company of Five in a Brewery where I am a Partner. None of the Tickets you have purchased at our request are yet drawn that I have been informed of.

The Bullion last Sent weighed 715 Ounces & I shall this day draw upon you at 40 days date for the balance of account as below. I am for Mr Turner and self

Dear Sir Your most Humble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

715 Ounces of Bullion at 5/11 3/4	£ 213 15 1 1/2
Deduct Lottery Tickets as above	42 19 6
	£ 170 15 7 1/2

£170. 15s. 7d. Farnacres 1st. December 1783

Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Cookam Carr Widdrington & Co. One Hundred & Seventy Pounds Fifteen Shillings & Seven pence. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner

Mr. Holmes London

2 Dec 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 2nd. Decr. 1783

We have recd. your Letters of the 27 & 29 Ult. The Operation we wd. be glad to have to take in all the Ore that is expected this Season, and therefore we shall wait wth. patience til you can send us the Operation <wth. convenience>. As to the increasing of the Ore Smelters we desire that may rest til we see you here, and before you come, you must send us the full Account of all the Carriage for the year, and we will get every thing ready packed up for you against you come. We incline very strongly build the

Wall you recommend, but cannot come to any determination yet further than that we desire you will begin as soon as you think proper wth. the Fence joining what you will that Incroachment, and we wd. have you begin at the Gate which we go out at in our Road to Hexham & continue it to the Gate which we go out at in our way to the Reservoir. - Silver is now at 5s/11 $\frac{3}{4}$ d per Ounce & Lead still at £7.5 - refined per Fodder & both are expected to rise. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

13 Dec 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 13 Decer. 1783

Dear Sir,

By the Carrier from Newcastle this day for London you will receive a Box containing 867 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ounces of fine Silver. We are

Dear Sir Yours &c W&T

19 Dec 1783 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 19th Decemr. 1783

We have recd. your Letters of the 16th & 14th Inst and also the Voucher for the Ore Carriage Pay and are obliged by your correcting the errors made in the Recets. The Cash we are glad proved according to expectation right with the addition of one Shilling, given Mr. James Mulcaster. According to your account of the Reducing business we think that the Furnace Flue ought at all times to be made larger than it has been usual to make it by wch. means we shall be likely to have a better produce than heretofore and possibly the Flue may last longer without Repair, but we will not be sure as to that. We are glad your directions to the Reducers have had the desired effect & hope that they will see it to be their Interest to pursue them & that they will act accordingly. - If you vary the line of the Present Fence in Building the Stone Wall between the Two Gates which it will we have no doubt of it be found a convenience to do we should like to have some part of the now inclosed Ground equal to the Common taken in to be thrown to the Common in lieu of such part as shall be taken therefrom. The Assays are come to hand, that is, several, but what number several means we cannot determine. What we have received are as follows.

2 Refined Lead. 2 Cashburn
2 Refined Do. _ 2 Dowkeyburn - See the Name in yr. List
 2 Browngill Sun Vein

Dowkesburn shd. be Dowkeburn.

You receive herewith Four Recets. for the Rents which you got from the Tenants and desire you will require 2s/6d for the Recets. & Stamps as marked on the Recets. <Humphrey>. Lambs Voucher for carriage from <Keswick> you must keep till Mr. Mulcaster comes down and he is desired to bring all the Operations for this last year since the beginning to carry Ore and we will then alter all so as to to set <Mr. Friend's .lander headed> Accts. right. We shall be very glad to see Mr. Peter when convenient to him & think he ought to try to <see Mr. Hollier> when he comes down. Yours of the 17 & 18 <inst are arrived> More & <very truly>

Walton & Turner

27 Dec 1783 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. Jno. Holmes

Farnacres 27 Decemr. 1783

Dear Sir,

I have recd. both your favours and have this Day drawn upon you for £191. 8. 2 being the Balance of Acct. as below. The Bill is payable 40 Days after date. I am

Dr. Sir Your most Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

867 1/2 Ounces of Silver at 5s. 11d.		£256 12 8
Deduct Bill payable to Maule 12 Dec.	£15 4 6	
Do. to R Crossley Esqr 20 Do.	£60 - -	
		£65 4 6
Balance due from Mr. Holmes		£191 8 2

£191. 8s. 2d. Farnacres 27th Decemr. 1783

Forty Days after date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bill and Co. One Hundred and Ninety One Pounds Eight Shillings and Two Pence. Value Received as advised by Walton & Turner

Mr. Holmes London

9 Jan 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 9th January 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 5th. Inst and are very happy to hear of the three persons you mention having had so narrow escape from death, and that our Buildings

afforded them the means of being preserved, and it likewise gives us much satisfaction to be informed of your being all safe and well after the Terrible Snow of Blowing Weather which was similar here but not so bad as you describe. Mr. Walton could not possibly have excused Mr. Peter Mulcaster if he had run any risk in coming into this part of the Country & he begs to assure both him and his Brother that he will always have pleasure in seeing them but most assuredly it will never give him satisfaction that they shd. run any risk as to their persons on any of their excursions that can possible be avoided, & he thinks alike for all those for whom he has a regard.

Being particularly desirous to know the real produce from 100 Bings of Lough Vein Ore as it may of course come from the Bingstead to the Ore Hearth we shall be obliged by your trying 100 Bings as exactly as you did the 50 Bings in every respect? but shd. like to have the whole of the Operations gone thro' including Refining and Reducing so as that not only the produce may be come at as to Quantity, but the product in Money applied to the present prices - Lead is now £17. 10. - Refined <when> that Name £17.5 - the last price. Silver £ - 5. 11 per Ounce. With best wishes we are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. Pray tell T. Temperley we have recd. his Letter & shall be glad to hear further from him & that we wish to have the late obstruction Walled through as soon as possible.

11 Jan 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

[Note: correspondent not named but presumably Nicholas Walton]

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 11th. January 1784

As you will want some Ash Wood I desire you or either of you James Watson & Mr. Thornton will go together & make an Examination where it can be most conveniently got so as to save Carriage and let the Trees wanted be taken down where they stand thickest & don't take down more than wanted yet take enough as it will be better by being seasoned to be using it. I am

24 Jan 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 24th. January 1784

Dear Sir,

We this day send you a Box containing 770 Ounces of fine Silver which hope you'll receive safe; and we have this day drawn upon you for £43. 14. 3 payable 30 days after

Date to the Order of Mr. Tristram Everest which we will allow for and when we draw for the Silver. We are Dear Sir

Your most Hble. Servts.

Walton & Turner

26 Jan 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster,

Farnacres 26 Janry. 1784

We have recd. your Letters of the 14th. 16th. & 20th. inst and thank you for the Delivery of Mr. Thornton's Letter to which we have recd. an answer. We have recd. Thos. Temperley's Accounts and also 4 Assays, and are very glad to see the Produce at the Reducing Furnace so good. The Silver weighed 770 Ounces.

We are obliged by your attention to the smelting of 100 Bings of Lough Vein Ore, and shall be glad to receive the Particulars when convenient to yourselves, being in no absolute Hurry for it.

We are very glad you had an Opportunity of seeing Mr. Hollier, and desire a Trial may be made of Cast Metal Frames for the Tests.

We hope you recd. Directions not to send off the Silver produced from the 100 Bings of Lough vein Ore till you took off another Cake.

We have written to John Friend concerning the Produce of the Ores from Carrs East of Nent and Nenthead Fields North Vein, and are obliged by your communicating to us the necessary Particulars.

We approve of John Elliot being employed in taking down and cutting up the Ash Wood for Langley Mill and Stublick Colliery rather than James Watson for the Reasons you have given. We are

Your Hble. Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. From the accts. we have more Snow now than you have, but it is not quite so cold this Morning as it has been tho' still a frost.

8 Feb 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 8 February 1784

On looking over the Assays we find the following Errors.

		<.> 80ths	
1/2 lb 1783 Dec 10	Dowke Burn	1 2 - 9 18 10 8	shd be 10 21 6
1/2 lb	Browngill Sun Vein	1 20 -11 - 12 -	shd be 12 5 - -
1/2 lb	Refineable Lead	1 9 -10 7 - 6	shd be 10 18 1 2

1/4 lb 1784 Jan 22 Keswick Minerals 2 63 -54 12 16 8 shd be 59 10 16 3

We have recd. your Letters of the 30th. Ult. & 2nd. instant together with the Operation for January, Thos. Temperley's Accts., & all the Assays you mention.

We are particularly obliged by your attention to the smelting of 100 Bings of Lough Vein Ore, but you have given yourselves a great deal more trouble than ever we intended you shd. have. What we wished was to have the Trial of this 100 Bings made exactly in the same manner as that wch. was made of the 50 Bing, so that we might know what Quantity of Coals &c were consumed & the charge of Smelting. We also wished to know not only the Weight of the Lead but the Weight of the Grey Slags & also the Black Slags, with an Acct. of the Lead wch. was in the Hearths at commencing the Work & also after finishing. Your Views in this Trial seem to have been so uncertain whether there was any Profit or Loss by purchasing Lough Vein Ore at £4. 1 - per Bing. Our principal View was to ascertain the Produce and what proportion the Weight of the Lead of different sorts, the Weight of the Grey Slags, & the Weight of the Black Slags respectively bore to the whole Quantity of Ore.

Since writing this last part we find the <Abstract> Acct, in Columns gives every Information as to the 50 Bings. If you know the Weight of the Grey Slags & Black Slags themselves from the 100 Bings pray let us know, as that will compleat our Wishes.

The 51 pieces of 8 Stone Lead we desire may not be sent to Newcastle 'til further order. The manner in wch. you have reported the Cowhill &c Lead in the Operation will do very well.

It is now a Frost & likely to continue wch. we are sorry for on your Acct. We are
Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. We see that our Letter abt. the Trial of the 100 Bings has been the occasion of giving you all the addit[iona]l Trouble.

10 Feb 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 10th February 1784

Dear Sir,

We are favoured with your Letter of the 5th Inst and have examined our Accounts and find you want £22 for Bone Ashes which Sum ought to have been deducted from the amount of the Silver drawn for the 8th of August last but you'll recollect and see by our Letter of that date that our attention was then taken up concerning a difference between us about one Ounce of Bullion which certainly had occasioned our neglecting to acct. with you for the £22 and afterwards we really forgot it which you must be so good to excuse.

This day we have drawn upon you payable 40 days after date for £159. 13s. 5d.
being Balance of Account as below & are

Dear Sir Your most Humble Servts.
Walton & Turner

Due from Mr. John Holmes		
For 770 Ounces of Fine Silver at 5 10 1/4		£225 7 8
Deduct		
Bill payable to Mr. Everest Dated 24th ult	£43 14 3	
Cash pd Richd Probert for		
Bone Ashes 10 July last	22	
		£65 14 3
Balance		£159 13 5

£159. 13. 5

Farnacres 10th. February 1784

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. One Hundred and Fifty Nine Pounds Thirteen Shillings and five pence Value received as advised by
Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

13 Feb 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 13th Feby. 1784

We have recd. your Letters of the 5th. 9th. & 11th inst. together with Thomas Temperleys last Weeks Accounts.

We have corrected the Errors mentioned in yours of the 5th. and upon reexamining the weight of the Assay of the Lead produced from Keswick Minerals we find your calculation to be right.

We are sorry to see this severe weather continue so long and desire the Smelting may stop if you find the carrying it on before fresh weather will be attended with loss.

There will not be occasion to make any further Trial as to Lough Vein Ore, and we do not in the least blame you as the mistake was our own.

You are desired to send off the 12 Stone Common Lead. We observe you have recd. the Iron.

We are all you may be assured extremely concerned for the loss of Lord Ravensworth, a loss which will be severely felt in every Neighbourhood where he used to reside. We are

Your hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

27 Feb 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 27 Feb. 1784

We have recd. your two Letters of the <21st> and Letter of the 23rd. inst. together with Thos. Temperley's two last Weeks Coal Accounts.

We have no Objection to John Friend getting Corn for the Nent Force Level Workmen from N'Castle but as we told him when he was here in December that we wd. have nothing more to do with the furnishing the Corn ourselves, we think he ought to have mentioned the matter to us before he had sent for the Corn; we however have no Objection to their continuing to send to Newcastle for Corn as long as they find it is any particular convenience to them (the Workmen to have it from them).

We are very happy that the Thaw has at last taken place and goes on. It began here abt. 11 o'Clock in the Morning of Saturday the 21st Inst, and has continued without Interruption ever since, and last Night we had a great deal of Rain. This Storm having begun on the 21st. December abt. Noon has continued just 58 Days. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

3 Mar 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 3rd. Mar: 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 1st. inst with the Operation for February.

What you have done as to the 34 pieces of Common Lead (in reality 51 of 1 Cwt.) is perfectly right, and with regard to the Slag Lead wch. has been refined you will report that in the same manner as you do the Refineable Ore Lead, taking Notice that the Silver is not yet taken off.

On examining the last Operation and comparing it with that of the 31st. January, we find some Errors wch. we shall endeavour to explain to you as follows. _ 31st. Janry. 1784. Stock of Common Slag Lead 14 pieces produced in February 16, together 30. In the Operation ending the 28th. of Feby. you have set down 30 pieces of Litharge & Black Slag & Test Bottom Lead marked OS as deliv.d for Newcastle, in our opinion those 30 pieces ought to have been set down as Common Slag Lead wch. wd. have balanced the Acct. for the Common Slag Lead, and left no Stock. 31st Janry. there was no Stock of Litharge & Black Slag & Test Bottom Lead. In February there were 25 pieces of that kind of Lead produced. In Operation ending 28 Febry. you report 17 pieces of Unrefinable or Common Slag Lead marked LS as sent to Newcastle. In our opinion the 17 pieces ought to have been set down as Litharge Slag, Black Slag & Test Bottom Lead wch. wd. leave 8 pieces for Stock, whereas you have no Stock at all set down in the

Operation. We inclose you a Paper shewing in what manner we apprehend those Errors shd. be set right, but shall not alter the Operation 'til we hear from you.

As Mr. King buys his Fire Clay of us, we must deal wth. him for Bricks &c. We shall pay Mr. Harbottle for the Rye and are

Your Hble Servts
Walton & Turner

11 Mar 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 11 March 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 7th. inst and corrected the errors in the Operation of February.

This day we have written to Mr. King desiring him to send a dozen Double of Bricks.

We are sorry for the Account you give of the Ore Galloways but must submit. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS. Refined Lead £17. 5 - per Fodder.

Silver 5 10 per Ounce.

15 Mar 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 15th. March 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 13th. inst with the Assays involved.

We are glad to see that the Reducing continues as good as we observe our Loss in the extracting of the last 81 Fodders is something better than between a Twelfth and Thirteenth.

We desire to have an Operation made out on the last Saturday of this Month, and the Operation after finishing the Slag Hearth &c Work may be made up at such time as you make a finish for last years Ore.

We expect to receive the Rents at Hexham on the 3rd & 4th. of May, & shall probably make the Pay on the 6th. of May at Langley Mill and we desire that 2 Operat[i]o[n] Papers may be made out for April, one for the finishing of the Work, which we wd. have carried forward as far as the 24th. of that Month, and the other to end also upon the 24th. of that Month, and to take in such Articles as may relate to the Ore which shall be brought in during the Course of the present Year.

We are very glad to hear you have got the Bricks & Clay all safe.

Lead & Silver continue the same as when we last wrote. We are
Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. We are obliged by your care of Thos. Temperleys Letter.

19 Mar 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. Jno. Holmes

Farnacres 19 March 1784

Sir

By tomorrows Waggon you will receive a Box containing 922 Ounces of fine Silver.
I desire you'll be so good as to pay Richard Probert for 100 Casks of Bone Ash
which he acquaints Mr. Turner & me he sent on Board the Peggy Captain Middlemas
the 12 Instant at Red Lion Wharf where I suppose the Vessel is still lying on or waiting
for a Wind. I am Dr. Sir

Yours &tc
NW Junr.

PS. I send a proper Receipt for R. Probert to Sign which I desire you return after the
Money is paid to him and he has signed it. You'll observe it is to be Witnessed as he
Signs by making a Mark. I shall not forget to allow for this.

19 Mar 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 19 March 1784

We have recd. your 3 Letters, two of the 15th. & one of the 17th. Inst together wth.
Thos. Temperley's three last weekly Colliery Acct.

As it is now, we think, quite clear that you will compleat last years Ore &c so as to
be ready for the Pay at the time we mentioned in our last, we shall probably fix the Pay
accordingly, and desire that an Operation Paper may be made out for this Month
ending the 27th. Inst, and another Operation Paper for the finishing of the working up
of last years Ore to end upon the 24th. Day of April; and with respect to anything
relative to the Ore of the present year, we desire that the first Operation may end upon
the 29th Day of May taking in from the 24th. of the Month preceding to that time, so
that, in the last mentioned Operation, you must take in any Ore which may be
bro[ugh]t to Langley Mill previous to the 24th. of April or upon that Day, and set the
same down in the Operation as if it was recd. after the 24th. of April, and this will shew
you that you may begin smelting the new Ore when you please, only taking care to
keep it within the new Account.

We doubt not you will have remembered our Directions as to marking of the Lead produced from Ore of 1783 with 83 & that the rest of the Lead which shall be produced to the time of the ending of the Accts. 24th. April is to be alike marked, and that as soon as you begin upon the new and to the time of finishing the Accts. for the Ore of 1784, the Lead must be marked 84. The Lead produced to the time of the ending the Acct. the 24th. April must be all delivered so as to enable us to settle wth. the Lead Carriers for the Lead of 1783 distinct from any other and therefore it will be well for you to let the Carriers know that they must get the Lead to Newcastle & Newburn with[ou]t letting it lie in their Hands, by wch. means we may possibly have it in our power to make the Lead Carriage Pay the same week as the Lead Mill Pay.

We think wth. you that Oxley has behaved improperly, but the Object is not worth making any Difficulty about.

We are particularly obliged by your sending the Estimate shewing the value of Thortergill Syke Ore, which we shall examine, and afterwards make the proper use of.

We have examined the Weight of the two Assays from Lough Vein Slag Lead produced at Langley Mill, and find the Weight of the two to be 55/80 ths of a Grain and as those two Assays were taken from ½ a pound of Lead each, that is equal to 3. 7. 9 per Fodder. The Assays from the Cupola Slag Lead which were taken from 2 Half pounds we have set down as weighing 27/80 ths of a Grain which is equal to 1. 15. 1, 8 per Fodder and so we have it set down in our Assay Book, so we cannot at all make out what you mean by committing a Double Error as to this for we don't find any unless they shd. each of them weigh 27/80 ths, and we will try that tomorrow. We are

Your Hble Servts
Walton & Turner

PS. Since writing the above the 2 Assays from the Cupola Lead have been weighed & found to be 24/80 ths – 1.15.12.6 per Fodder.

Price of Lead £17. 5 per Fodder - Silver 5s/ 10d per Ounce.

27 Mar 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 27 March 1784

As Allendale Town Fair day is upon the 10th May we shall to accommodate the people make the Lead Mill Pay on Tuesday the 11th of May and on Wednesday pay the Lead Carriers being the 12th of May, but if we are wrong as to the Allendale Town Fair being on the 10th of May the Pays may be upon the 10th & 11th of May as before fixed.

It is requested that all the Lead may be got to Newcastle by Monday the 19th of April if that can be done.

The 58 pcs. of cwt Lead must be sent so as to go thro' from the Mill to Newcastle without it being taken off the Carriage and it is to be delivered at Mr. Willm. Watsons

Plumber on the High Bridge. It is to be weighed before you send it off and let us, as also Mr. Watson, have an Account of the weight.

Refined Lead £17.5 - per Fodder

Silver 5. 9 ½ per Ounce

We are Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

2 Apr 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 2nd. April 1784

I have recd. your Letter of the 29th Ulto. and am obliged by the trouble you have taken but sorry you are again reduced to trudge on foot. As Harsondale will be out of Lease the 12th of May 1785 do you not think part of that Farm might be kept for you &c and the Housing then allotted to it & the remainder be laid to Sillywray. I wish you to consider this & let us have your sentiments when you see us at the Mill.

We are glad that the Lead is likely to be got in by the 19th instant & will endeavour to have the Newburn Lead all down in time.

The Pays must be on the 10th & 11th of May as Allendale Town Fair will not interfere.

We some time ago ordered the 100 Casks of Bone Ashes which you are now receiving but forgot to mention to you. Will you want any more for this Years consumption? I am

Your Humble Servant
Nich. Walton Junr.

9 Apr 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 9th. April 1784

We recd. yours of the 4th. inst and have written to Mr. Thornton to get the Plans of Harsondale, Sillywray & Plankey Pasture Farms, and have ordered him to deliver them to you; and you are desired to keep them 'til we come to the Mill.

We hope all the Lead will be got in by the 19th. but rather doubt Thomas Ions will fall short. We have written to Mr. Mentam about the Test Bottoms.

We have recd. Thos. Temperley's Accts. for the last three Weeks. We are
Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. In the Accts. of Ore smelted last Operation you have set down Dowgang & Brigal Burn 2. 1 1/5 shd. have been 2. 1 4/5 & we have so made it in the Operation here.

9 Apr 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 9 April 1784

In the Operation ending 27th. March you have set down 157 pieces of Refineable Lead of 1 Cwt. each in Stock which ought to have been 175, and we have so altered it in the Operation and hope you will find that to be right upon Examination. Total Lead sent to N.Castle in the above Operation 1224 shd. be 1225. We are

Your &c
W&T

PS. The Recets. &c still are intended as at first, but we may have occasion to make some Alterations on account of the Election at Newcastle.

16 Apr 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. Holmes

Farnacres 16 April 1784

Sir,

We received yours of the 7th. and are glad the Silver is arrived. We have this day drawn upon you for £221. 18.- being the Amount of 922 Ounces of fine Silver at 5s./9d. per Oz. after deducting £43. 3. 6 which you were so obliging as pay Richd. Probert for Bone Ashes.

A very warm Contest is now carrying on for Newcastle, but, the Writ having missed its Way, we cannot yet tell when the Election will begin. We are Sir

Your most Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. The Bill is payable 40 Days after Date.

£221. 18.-

Farnacres 16 April 1784

Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson and Co. Two Hundred and Twenty One Pounds Eighteen Shillings. Value Received as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

23 Apr 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 23rd. April 1784

Dear Sir,

By this Weeks London Waggon you will receive a Box containing 874 Ounces of fine Silver. We are &c Dear Sir

Yours &c

W&T

23 Apr 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 23rd. April 1784

As the Newcastle Election does not begin 'till the 26th. we shall only come to receive the Rents at Hexham on the 28th. & 29th. Instant and return immediately afterwards to this place that is on Friday Morning; so that we shall not go to Alston or Keswick till after the Summer is well advanced.

The Lead Carriers Pay must be upon the 12th. May

Mill &c 13th. Do.

instead of the 10th. & 11th. as we shall have a Sale of Wood the 11th. at Hexham.

We shall expect to see you both as also Thomas Temperley either on the 28th. or 29th. inst to dine with us at Hexham and all three must be at Hexham on Friday Morning the 30th. inst to take the Cash up to the Mill for the Pay.

The 3 Cakes of Silver weighed 874 Ounces as follows.

From Ore Lead	332
From Slag Lead	311
From Litharge &c Lead	231
	874 Ounces

The Lead Carriage Acct. according to the delivery at the Mill is come to hand and we seem to want 1210 pieces or did so before yesterday morning but there were some pieces delivered to Mr. Watson at Hexham as we recollect 20 pieces but cannot be certain, however we can find out by writing to him & we shall do so. We suppose there is no Lead on the Road but only at Newburn. We are

Your Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

PS. We wish to have the Lead Mill Pay and Thomas Temperleys Pay Bills delivered to us at Hexham & let Thomas know that the Nent Force Level Pay must be let alone till further. We shall also want <Grindon> Quarry Level Pay Bill.

Refined Lead £17.5.- per Fodder Silver 5 8 ½ per Ounce.

10 May 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Homes

Farnacres 10th May 1784

Dear Sir,

Yesterdays Post brought us your favour of the 6th. Int and we have this day drawn upon you for £248. 6. 10 being the amount of 874 Ounces of fine Silver at 5. 8 ¼ per Oz. after deducting 4s. for Mr. Jno. Waltons Watch, at the same time he received his, Mr. Thomas Walton would have been glad to have received his own Watch which he left with you when in London with his Father in February last. We are sorry to see that Silver is likely to be so low.

We are Dear Sir

Your most Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. The Bill is payable 40 days after date.

Best Compliments to Mr. Smeaton & desire you will acquaint him that we are enabled to build the Water House at Spindleston New Mill or Waren Mill so as to Roof all fair with the Mill House & that the Gangway and upper Chamber will lye quite open from the Inside Gable of the Water House to the inside of the Gable of the Mill House next the Bridge & that all is going on well except the Aqueduct a considerable part of which forming the the Woody Bank has Slid quite down & must be supported with a Wall.

£248. 6. 10

Farnacres 10 May 1784

Forty days after date pay to the Order of Messrs Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred and Forty Eight Pounds 6s. & 10d. Value received as Advised by Walton & Turner

To Mr. Holmes London

18 May 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 18 May 1784

I desire you will pay Jno. Friend £100 for which he must Sign the inclosed Recet. which you are desired to keep till we come next to the Mill. Such Money as you may yourselves want we desire you will take out of the Pay in which there are £326 in Gold but don't take any of the half Guineas. I am

Your Humble Servt.
Nich. Walton Junr.

PS Thomas Temperley will take the £100 to Mr. Friend

27 May 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 27th. May 1784

We have received your Letters of the 19th. & 20th. of this Month by which we are particularly obliged and thank you for the sentiments you have so fully expressed respecting the Lead Carriages. On considering that subject we are perfectly satisfied that we could get the Lead carried more advantageously to Lemmington than to Newburn and that wd. be more convenient for all the Country Carriers than going to Newburn even if the price delivered at Throckley by the side of the Military Road was no more than Tenpence a piece from the Mill to Throckley, but tho' our thoughts are as above and we could even do without any of the Hexham Carriers yet we wish not to lay ourselves under the necessity of applying for liberties from his Grace the Duke of Northumberland which would on being carried into execution effectually prevent any more Lead being carried to Newburn & probably put an end to the Hexham Carriers ever being employed in case they shd. act improperly upon the present occasion for our wish is that after all the carriage should go on in the same Hands it has done and therefore if you can contrive to get Thomas Ions and his Son to come to Farnacres and make an Apology and to request to be again employed with assurances of better behaviour for the time to come we shall certainly forgive what is past and order the Lead to go in the same Channels it has hitherto done otherwise we shall for the present abide by the determination made at the last pay. When we find a Man attempts to crush Wm. Pattinson he will most likely make a Net to catch himself in and surely as far as in our power will meet with his desserts. It will be well for you to give hints of this sort if you shd. find that to be necessary.

With regard to the Turnpike that to the Lime Kiln is the most necessary and we shd. be glad not to be disappointed to have that done this Season and desire Pattinson may be contracted with for it on the best Terms you can. We will engage that his Lead shall be taken from him at least at Hexham. With respect to the other Road it is most undoubtedly proper that it shd. be done but desire that the part on the Common only may be done this Season; you will therefore also let that on the best Terms you can and if it shd. be thought proper after this time to have the other done to the Barn End this Season we will give you further directions. The prices offered seem not out of the way.

If any of the Hexham Carriers refuse taking Lead from the Country Carriers at Hexham as usual let us know immediately.

The heightening of the Wall you mention and the Building of the Wall at the Lime Kilns may be postponed 'till we are on the spot.

We are very glad the Ore Carriage is begun and desire you'll begin the delivery of the Lead at the Mill immediately.

It will most assuredly be proper to get the Tails of the Black Slags worked up as also the poor Ore Tails & therefore you will contract with the Man you speak of. We are

Yours &tc

W&T

1 Jun 1784 Nicholas Walton to James Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 1 June 1784

We have recd. your Letters of the 29th. & 31st. Ult. and are happy the accident as to the Fire was so well got over. The loss we look upon as nothing. You are desired to give a Couple of Guineas to the people for their assistance letting our own People partake who were so good as come on Notice of the accident. It certainly will be proper to be clear of the Old Woman you mention. If any circumstances of suspicion shd. arise we doubt not your attention. We cannot consider Mr. Peter Mulcaster being absent in any other light than that of chance, he surely was not to blame. Everything remains unsettled as to Harsondale & will do so till we can have you to be satisfied & shall be glad to see Mr. Mulcaster here in Friday at dinner. We approve of what you have done as to T. Ions & the letting the Roads. The Operation & T. Temperleys Accts. are received & we shall pay Mr. Mulcaster £9. 12. 8 on Friday for the payment made <Harbet>.

We are Your Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

Mr. Walton still continues better.

1 Jun 1784 Nicholas Walton to James Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 1 June 1784

Thomas Robson has been with me and says he can prove that he did not exult or rejoice upon James Johnson losing his favourite Horse for that all he said was - You would not have been in this situation if I had been at Newcastle a day before you took up this Wood as I wd. have had the carriage of it - And at another place he said - Little better could happen as James Johnson <deserved some misfortune> for taking up the wood which he had agreed for the Carriage of and was to have had the Carriage if James Johnsons people had not taken it up tho' they ought not to have done so. This he says he can prove by 15 or 16 Witnesses. I desire you will make enquiry into this matter because if James Johnson or his Men have behaved ill we will set Thos. Robson to work

again if on the Contrary Robson only has behaved ill we must punish him by continuing his discharge. I am

Your Humble Servant
Nich. Walton Junr.

11 Jun 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 11 June 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 7th. inst and are glad to find Mr. Peter Mulcaster has got well home.

As we do not find ourselves for the present at liberty at all to interfere as to the Haydon Bridge School Business, we have written to Mr. Twedell that we cannot, for the present, take any part in it. If you shd. hear, without making any particular Inquiry, what passes at the Meeting, we should like to know, but this to yourselves.

It is necessary immediately to determine what Grounds is to be taken for Langley Mill from any of the Farms which are soon to be advertised, and we have written to Mr. Thornton to wait upon you for this purpose the very first Opportunity. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. We have sold 5000 pieces of Lead, including abt. 1000 Slag at £16. 15.- Don't mention the Price. Silver is now 5s./10d. per Ounce.

12 Jun 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 12th. June 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 9th. & Two Letters of the 11th. Instant and shall order you a Quarter Barrel of Gunpowder to come by James Johnson tomorrow.

On considering the Matter as to Robson we think it will be right to set him to work again and desire he may be employed as usual and as if nothing had passed & hope there will not be any ill blood between him & James Johnson and desire you will tell them both that we expect it; at the same time we think it necessary that you shd. acquaint Robson we did not receive the information from James Johnson in consequence of which he, Robson, was discharged & that we have not the least malevolence or ill will to him but wish to have the Carriers behave properly to one another.

Thomas Temperley it is desired may let Thos. Coats have the Coals, only desire that he will speak to Mr. Thornton to look to it that Coats makes the proper use of the

indulgence & as to the payment we shall take that upon ourselves so far as it related to Thos. Temperley & we approve of his conduct upon this occasion.

It is desired that you will get & send us the Vauce and Loaning foot Plan along with the Plan of Harsondale Sillywray and Plankey Pasture Farms and also the Plan of the Lough Farm. Only suit yourselves and determine what you wd. have and at what Rent please and we will make no difficulty in having you accommodated either with or without the Housing & let us know what <offering> will be made and how much that will cost. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS. Let us have your early determination concerning Sillywray.

20 Jun 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 20th. June 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 16th. Inst and Yesterday wrote desiring to have 129 Pieces of Slag Lead of any kind sent to Newcastle as soon as possible.

The Rent of the Sillywray Closes we have fixed at £9. 10. but doubt we must expect Interest for the Fencing which will be necessary, which we observe will be 75 Roods at 8s. say £30 which will bring the Farm to £11 per Annum, the sooner you agree the Building the Wall the better including Wining [sic] and Carriage to John Elliot. The Building by such person as you judge best.

We are glad Thos. Temperley is not much hurt. We are
Yr. Hble Servts
Walton & Turner

22 Jun 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 22nd. June 1784

We have recd. your Letters of the 19th. & 20th. instant & cannot help being in great fear about the Elm Pumps because if they were exposed to the Sun they would be liable to split and if they did they are spoiled, we however hope no harm was done & that they are now safe from harm by the action of the Air or Sun Beams.

It is proposed to lay that part of the Hagbank to Sillywray Farm which lies on the South side of the Road to Plankey which is 21 Acres so Sillywray Farm will be bigger than it was by near Six Acres, and we intend the remaining part of Plankey Pasture to go with Vauce & Loaning foot Farm.

We certainly have a right of Wayleave for every purpose paying the Tenants for damage of Ground but it would be unreasonable to take any part of a Mans Farm from him even tho' a few Yards without his leave and we doubt not T. Armstrong will be agreeable to give us leave to shift the Fence so as to <vest> the standing of the Wall and desire Mr. Thornton may make immediate application to him for that purpose; if he shd. refuse we have a right by the Lease to win Stones lead them and build a Fence where we have a mind but notwithstanding we would not wish to take any thing from the Tenant of Harsondale without first giving him an opportunity of being civil to us. We have no objection to Thorntons having the management as to Building the Stone Wall but must expect that you see to have things done so as to suit you & to be perfectly agreeable to yourselves so you will take care to look to that and let us know if you find yourselves in any difficulty respecting this & at all events take care to have the Wall of such dimensions as to answer the end proposed.

We observe you have followed our directions as to the giving the persons who assisted in extinguishing the Fire at Langley Mill two half Barrels of Ale and are glad they were pleased. We doubt not yr. attention to any particulars which may lead to a discovery how the Fire happened. We are

Yr. Hble Servants

Walton & Turner

29 Jun 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 29th. June 1784

We have received your Letters of the 26th. & 27th. by yesterdays Carrier and Post and are glad that our proposition as to Sillywray Farm meets with your ideas upon the business. We are obliged by the hints you give as to Sillywray Farm and shall not lay the Ground at Hagbank to it for the reasons you have been so good as to give us. The money we mentioned it likely to be paid by Mr. Tweddell he paid us himself at this place by a remittance.

The two new Rooms at Langley Mill must most certainly be considered as a part of your House and any additional Load of Tax that falls upon you in consequence must be allowed by Greenwich Hospital & with respect to the two Windows you mention being walled up we desire you will do so according to your own wishes. We are

Your Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

7 Jul 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 7 July 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 1st. Inst wth. 4 Assays inclosed. The Silver weighed 499 ½ Ounces.

We very much approve of what has been done respecting the intended Fences at Harsondale & Sillywray.

We wish not to have the Road from the Gate to the Barn done til we see the other. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

8 Jul 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 8 July 1784

We have recd. your Letters of the 3rd. and 5th. Inst wth. the Operation and are sorry to see that the Ore carriage gets on so ill. We shall be obliged by your sending us the Estimate as to Lough Vein Ore. The error you mention in setting down the produce of Refined Lead shall be rectified. It is hoped you have got in some good Peats this Week but yesterday afternoon and this day we doubt will do harm to those upon the Fell and hurt some which you may have Stacked at the Mill. We are

Your Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

8 Jul 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 8 July 1784

Dear Sir,

On Saturday the 3rd. Inst a Box was delivered to the London Carrier directed to you and containing 499 ½ Ounces of Silver Bullion. I am Dear Sir

Your most Hble Servt.

Nich Walton Junr

PS. Best Compliments to Brother Smeaton. Shall be glad to hear Mr. Everest is getting well.

13 Jul 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 13 July 1784

We have recd. your Letters of the 8th. & 10th. Instant and thank you for the information you give us concerning the Estate at Lipwood which we wish might be purchased for Greenwich Hospital and if you will get the Coats to name a price we will take the matter into immediate consideration after we hear from you or them. We are

Your Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We are much obliged by yr. calculation as to Lough Vein Ore. Mr. Jobling was with us yesterday and has been told by us that we expect to have our Duty as fast as they can get their Ore washed up and he agrees we shall.

16 Jul 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 16th. July 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 12th. Instant with Thomas Temperleys last Accounts to the 10th. inst inclusive and Six Assays agreeable to what you mention. What you propose respecting Tyne Bottom Ore is very proper, but it must reported in your Operation at least for this Year [underlined: 'Tyne Bottom formerly called Hill Close'], as the Ore is raised out of Hill Close Vein.

If the Ore is not to be got carried on account of a real want of Carriers we doubt we must be tender and not push the Lessees too hard, we shall however not rashly determine upon what we are to do & will not say anything further at present on this subject but that we have seen Mr. Jobling who is willing that we shd. take up our share as fast as they wash up and agree to weigh the whole five parts and lay four by for the Company.

We have written to Messrs. Temperley & Friend agreeable to your wishes and intimations to us. We are

Your Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

PS. We hope your Peat Harvest goes on well.

19 Jul 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 19th. July 1784

Dear Sir

We have recd. your Letter of the 14th. Instant and have this day drawn upon you for £123. 18. 7 being the amount of 499 ½ Ounces of Silver Bullion at 5s./9d. per Ounce after deducting 4s. for cleaning my Sons Watch £4.10s you pay on his Acct. £1. 1. for Waterage of the Pipes and £13. 9. 6 for 49 yards of Elm <Pipes> at 5s/6d per Yard. You'll be so good as send the Recets. for the Pipes & Waterage by Post if Mr. Lambert shd. not get them. We are very glad to hear our Friends Messrs. Smeaton & Everest are improving in their state of health as they have our very best wishes. We beg to hear from you after the Tryals are over and most heartily wish you success. We are

Your very humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

£123. 18. 7.

Farnacres 19 July 1784

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. One Hundred and Then Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Seven Pence. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner

To Mr. Holmes London

£123. 18. 7.

20 Jul 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 20th. July 1784

We have recd. your Letters of the 16th. & 19th. Inst and are very much obliged to you on account of your attention to the Lipwood Estate business. You may be assured we shall not take it upon any Terms without being well advised as to the Title and thank you for that hint. We would not by any means have you think it necessary to make a secret to the Coats's of our wish to purchase and we wd. have you therefore tell them that you have reason given you to think that the sooner they set a price such as they think a fair one the more likely it will be to have us purchase. After all that is said tho' we are desirous to purchase we will not give more for the Estate than we think it worth for notwithstanding its being connected to the Hospitals Estate yet there will be no real inconvenience in wanting it. It will not be amiss for you to let Mr. Thornton see the part of our Letter which we are now writing that relates to Lipwood and to consult together from time to time about this business and he will then be of the same way of thinking as you and act accordingly if anything falls in his way.

What you propose and what Messrs. Temperley and Friend are doing respecting the Ore Carriage will we flatter ourselves bring the matter properly forward & we must now wait for their report and shall also be glad to have yr. Sentiments after you have seen Thomas Temperley on his return from Alston.

The Slag Lead will come in time. You may let Atkinson have Lead. If he has any difficulty about getting it carried from Hexham let us know. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

25 Jul 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 25th July 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 22nd. Inst & approve of your conduct respecting Lipwood Estate and are of opinion the Coates's are taking quite a wrong method by say[ing] any thing about what they are bid if it is in expectation of stimulating us. All we have to say upon the occasion is this. The Estate is well situated for Greenwich Hospital and therefore if they will ask a fair price such as we think we can recommend we shall most certainly advise a Purchase being made but not otherwise as Greenwich Hospital can do exceedingly well without the Estate for as it does not lye intermixed with the Lands of the Hospital we do not see any very particular inconvenience in wanting it, we mean in not getting it.

Nothing more under the present circumstance can in our Opinion be done respecting the Ore Carriage than what is proposed by you and Messrs. Temperley & Friend. Wm. Howdon got a Pig of <Lit[harge?]> Lead 28 June 1783 which we do not seem to have <recets.> for unless the 18s which we recd of you the 20 Octobr. for 1 Cwt 14 lbs of Lead was for that Pig. We desire to be informed of this as soon as possible. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

20 Aug 1784 Nicholas Walton

[Note: This entry appears to be a file note.]

20 Augt. 1784 - Mr. Holmes wrote to this Day acquaint[ing] him that a Box containing 683 ½ oz. of Silver Bullion was sent from Newcastle to him the 14th Inst

27 Aug 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 27 Augt. 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 25th. Inst and desire the acct. for the Mill may end upon the 2nd. Day of Octr. & the Refining & Reducing may be brot. into the Pay Bill as far beyond that as you can make it so as to make the Pay as much as you properly can. The Lead Mill pay will be made the 16th. October, and we propose being at the Mill the 13th. in the Evening & staying til the Pay is over. We are

Your &c
W&T

PS. The Lead Mill, Lime Kiln, Stublick Colliery and Level Pays will be at the same time.

31 Aug 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 31 Augt. 1784

Dear Sir,

We duly recd. yours of the 18th. & 25 inst and have this Day drawn upon you for £196. 10. 2 being the Amount of 683 ½ Ounces of Silver Bullion at 5s/9d. We have made the Bill payable 40 Days after Date. We are sorry to find the Market is likely to be lower. The Receipts for the pipes &c we have recd. from Mr. Walker, and thank you for the transacting of the Business relative to these matters. There are two 2d. penny Stamps which we suppose we are indebted to you for, and desire you will let us know that when you write next. We are very much obliged by the particular Account you have given us respecting your Disputes with Weller. We don't wonder at his being dissatisfied, because no reason seems to operate with him, but we think you have got him tolerably well tyed, and that you will find him a quiet Neighbour for the time to come.

We are very happy to hear of Mr. Smeaton being in good Health. We are Dear Sir
Your most Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

£196. 10. 2

Farnacres 31st August 1784

Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson & Co. One Hundred and Ninety Six Pounds Ten Shilling and Two Pence. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner
To Mr Holmes London

1 Sep 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 1st. Septemr. 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 30th. Ult. wth. the Operation for August and Thomas Temperleys three last Weeks Accounts. We are very much concerned on account of the sad accident to William Pattinsons Son but hope he may recover and heartily wish that he may do so. Mr. Joseph Hall we fear will not get the better of his illness he has however Youth on his side & with care he may yet do well. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

9 Sep 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 9th. Septemr. 1784

We have recd. yours of the 2nd. Instant and also the Box for which Mr. Walton is obliged to you & he desires you'll put him in mind of settling his Acct. wth. you when we come to the Mill. The Coat to be kept 'till then and worn by Mr. Peter Mulcaster as often as he pleases. We approve of what has been done as to the School & are glad to hear there is a chance of William Pattinsons Son recovering.

You are desired to be so good as send all the Gun Powder you have of Mr. Waltons at yr. House in a Box so as to come by the Carrier on Monday to Newcastle & he desires to know whether there is any & what Quantity of Shot at yr. House. If there is any it must be kept. We are

Your Humble Servts.
Walton & Turner

13 Sep 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 13 Sept. 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 11th. inst. I cannot possibly take time to look at the Silver and therefore return the whole. If any of the pieces are in your opinion clean, I certainly think it wd. not be proper to let them undergo a second Operation. You will therefore only clean the pieces that are dirtied and then return the whole to Newcastle.

On the 25th. of August Mr. Harvey sent me his Note for 60 single 1 ¼ Inch Deals at £7. 10 - per Hundred, at the same time he sent me his Charge for 60 which were sent to Nent Force Level; I am therefore afraid both parcels have gone to Alston, & if so, it must have happened from the Negligence of the Carrier, and James Johnson must bring them back to the Mill for nothing.

I am glad the School master is entered, and seems likely to answer.

We must submit to the Weather as it will do far more good to the Country than hurt to us.

I am very sorry to have so bad an Acct. of Jos. Hall, and doubt all is over. I am

Your Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

PS. The Gunpowder is come safe. Nothing is to be done abt. curing the Parlour Chimney of Smoking till I come to the Mill so you'll keep the <PanPlate> till then.

2 Oct 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 2nd. Octr. 1784

Sir,

Last Saturday's London Waggon will bring you a Box containing 894 ¼ Ounces of fine Silver. We are Your &c

W&T

26 Oct 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 26 Octr. 1784

Dear Sir,

We have this Day drawn upon you for £324. 9. 11 which wth. £78. 5. 3 which you will be so obliging as pay to Mr. Everest on his signing the inclosed Rect., will make £396. 15. 2 being the Amount of 1405 ½ Ounces of Silver Bullion (the Weight of the 2 last Cakes sent you) at 5s/7 ¾ d. The Bill is made payable 60 Days after Date. We are Dear Sir

Your most Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We are very happy to hear Mr. Smeaton is in good Health, and you will be so good as acquaint him that he will soon hear from Mr. Walton Junr. You'll also acquaint him that Mr. Meikle has behaved <most sorely ill> with regard to Warren Mill, the <Mastering> of which is very far from being yet completed, and we are now got again into Winter, the Ground having been entirely covered with Snow both yesterday and this Day.

£324. 9. 11

Farnacres 26th. Octr. 1784

Sixty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. Three Hundred and Twenty Four Pounds Nine Shillings and Eleven Pence. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

9 Nov 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 9 Nov. 1784

We have recd. your Letters of the 28 Ult & 1st. 2nd. & <3>rd. Inst with the Bills all properly signed, and have also recd. a Box containing <Sir HG Liddells> Lead. As to the Slag &c we shall certainly return it, and are much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken on this Occasion.

We are very sorry that Thos. Temperley was so imprudent as to set out for <Alston> in so bad a Day, but are however happy to find that no ill consequence has attended this Imprudence.

The Assays we recd. in yours of the 28th. are as follows; <4> for the Operation

	oz	dwt	gr	.. tenths
as to Lough Vein Ore, <Cows>hill one Assay	6.	7.	9.	6
<p J.> Brownley Hill Moss Cross Vn. Assay	3.	8	14.	4
Cowhill 2 Assays	6.	14.	18.	-
Carrs West of Nent 2 Do.	4.	5.	18	-
Old Cowslitts & Cowslitts Cross Vn. 2 Do.	6.	14	18.	-
Hangingshaws East End 2 Do.	2.	18	19.	2
Wellop <H.....> 2 Do.	6.	9.	20.	4
Carrs East of Nent 2 Do.	3.	13	12.	-
Snittergill Hills 2 Do.	10.	3.	8.	4

You will be so obliging as compare this wth. yr. Accts. as we apprehend some little Errors have arose. Price of Lead £16. 10 to 12/6 per Fodder Refined. Silver 5s/7 ¾d. per Ounce tho to be lower.

What you propose respecting an Assay Office is perfectly agreeable to us, and we desire you will get it done in that way which you like best yourselves, only we think the side Walls shd. be raised so high as to make the roof ranges fair with the Roof of the Office, and this we apprehend you mean to do.

We hope there is now no fear but that Mr. Walton's first calculation as to the Quantity of Ore for this year will be exceeded, Viz 3500 Bings, as we observe 3285 ? Bings has been recd. the 30 Ult. as appears by the Operation.

Pray acquaint <Matt> Temperley that his Weekly accts. must begin wth. No. 1 instead of No. 3, and desire he will not write any thing on the back of them for the time

to come as we wish to <ticket> them ourselves. His acct. ending the 6th. Inst must therefore be No. 3 & some as to the <i..d.. ..> they are quite right.

If you got a Bill of <Payment> along with the Iron <Plates From Bl.....> abt the Chimney, pray send it here, if you have it<or not we desire to know wch it to us>

We are Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

17 Nov 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 17 Nov. 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 15th. inst and desire you will be so obliging as order the Nails yourselves from where we usually have had them, and if you can save a Shilling by getting the Bags returned, it will be well.

We are very much concerned on acct. of the Information you have given us respecting the Blagill Company. In case you shd. happen to be called upon, we have not the least doubt but both of you will acquit yourselves as honest Men. The Company taking the Ore and carrying it to their Mills is, in our opinion, a clear admission of what they have taken and carried being sufficiently well dressed; if there is any Difficulty between the Blagill Company & The Governor and Company we shd. apprehend it wd. only relate to such Ore as is not yet delivered to the Company being part of what was bargained for this year. As to whether the Ore wd. run better by being rewashed which has been delivered at the Mills or to the Gov. & Co.'s Carriers, we do not apprehend that can be necessary to be brot. in Evidence. Notwithstanding what we have said as above, we wish that our Sentiments, as well as yours, may not transpire and perhaps it may not be amiss for you to be making out an Acct. to shew the Difference of Produce from Lough Vein Ore and Blagill Ore last year & this in proportion to the Quantity of Ore smelted.

We have recd. the 2 Weeks Coal Accts. The Weather we have had has been much the same as wth. you, but is now very fine. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

30 Nov 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster,

Farnacres 30 Novr. 1784

Your Letters of the 23 rd.> & 27th. are now before us. If you shd. happen to be called upon either by the Gov. & Co. Agents or the Blagill Company, we think all that will be necessary for you to say is that on comparing the Produce from last years Ore and this

you find it has taken less Ore to make a Fodder of Lead this year than last; we however hope this Business will be got settled without Difficulty, as we understand Mr. Hall is perfectly satisfied.

Lead sent from Langley Mill viz. By Operation ending

26 June	845
31 July	1003
28 August	772
2 October	1119
30 October	779
	4518

Lead received at Newcastle by Warehouse. Account ending

26 June	288
31 July	724
28 August	627
9 October	1137
6 November	753
	3534
	984

On the Road betwn. of Lead which was delivered from the Mill to the 30 October inclusive

From the above we are apprehensive you will be right in your Conjectures concerning the Lead being kept too much in the Carriers Hands which we must desire you will speak to them about.

The Assays No. 1 of Peatstack Hill have not been right calculated, their Weight being $\frac{4}{80}$ which gives 7. 16. 19. 2 whereas you have it 7. 16. 9. 6 The variety of produce per Assay is very extraordinary in the Instances you have last sent particularly Peatstack Hill, and we can only attempt to account for it by supposing that some part of the Ore was *scaly* raised out of *Peatstack Hill* and other part out of some of Mr. Errington & Co.'s Cross Veins.

What you mention respecting the Behaviour of the Ore Carriers is perfectly right. We now wish most heartily that the Ore Carriage was finished, and as soon after it is finished as possible shd. be glad to have one of you and John Friend and Mr. Temperley to come down for the Cash, but we must have the Pay Bill sent down here a few Days before that we may have all ready put up for you against you arrive, and when you send the Pay Bill, we desire to have John Friends Check Ticket Books, and the new Delivery Book which he got to enter this years Ore into.

We observe that the loss by Refining & Reducing is nearly a Twelfth as could possibly be expected in this last Operation. We desire that the Operation may not be made out 'til all the Ore of this Year is brot. in and the Account settled, and we are in no hurry about it. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

3 Dec 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 3rd. Decr. 1784

Dear Sir

I give you the trouble of this Letter to acquaint you that the Carrier who sets out from Newcastle tomorrow for London will bring you a Box containing 826 ½ Ounces of fine Silver. I am for Mr. Turner & Self

Your most Hble Servt.
Nich. Walton Junr.

3 Dec 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 3rd. Decr. 1784

We have recd. yours of the 30th. & 31st. Ult. and are glad to be confirmed in the expectation of the Ore Carriage being over this Week.

We are much obliged by your giving us the Information respecting Plankey Mill & Grounds, and as we cannot but think that it might be a convenience to Greenwich Hospital to make a Purchase, if the same can be done on proper Terms, we shall most undoubtedly attend to this matter, and think ourselves obliged to Major Surtees to whom we have this day written on the Subject. We shall be obliged to you both if you will view the Estate along with Mr. Thornton, and let us have your joint Sentiments as to the value to a Purchase, and you'll take care to attend particularly to the Condition of the Dam.

We are sorry to hear that the Alston Road is likely to be hurt by too much Carriage being upon it; we cannot however blame ourselves on this account; but pray do you think that our leaving off the carriage to Newburn is any degree that cause of this? We shd. be glad to have your Sentiments fully on this Subject and are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

3 Dec 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 3rd. Decr. 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 29th. Ult. from which we observe it is likely that we shall receive as much Ore this year as last or thereabouts, and hope the Carriage is now at an end. Whatever you see necessary as to additional Smelters we leave to you, and desire you will do whatever you think proper upon the occasion without consulting us further.

We heartily wish you had thought sooner of building a new Assay Room, but, as it is a little Job, hope the present Season will answer for the work.

We are glad to hear the Information you give us as to the Trial of washing Lough Vein Ore & hope this Business will be got settled without further Trouble. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

24 Dec 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 24 December 1784

We have recd. your Letter of the 21st. Inst wth. the Voucher and are glad to hear the Cash which was put up turned out right upon the whole. As to the Copper Mr. Walton distinctly remembers that the George the Third full weight half pence wch. were not told over were reckoned to be £2. 8. 6 and that the Copper in the Box wch, was told over was ... 16. 6 He also recollects that he received £3. 5. – [ie correct addition] & no more except that Messrs. Mulcaster got 2s. in Copper for which they pd. 2s. & that either Jno. Friend or Thos. Temperley got 1s. in Copper for which 1s. was paid. He really cannot help thinking that the George the 3rd. Copper had been set short down 6d. & that a Halfpenny had been short put up on the Day and consequently you will owe us 5s./11 ½. With regard to the Rye we believe all will be right but have not time to see how that is. It is certain we have not pd. for the last that was got & Mr. Walton has often ment[i]one[d] that to Mr. Harbottle who will not receive the Money 'till we begin to deal with him again. Mr. Thornton must pay you the £15 but you need not give him a Rect. and when you receive the £26. -. 8 take up Mr. Thorntons Rect> which he gave Thos Coats if he gave one & give it to Mr. T & give Thos Coats a Recet. for £35 - <Acq.t> of Stamp 8d & date the Recet. for the whole £35 - in the day you receive the £20. - 8. You are desired to take £20 - of Ann Brown and you may give her for this <time> a Recet. on one of the Blank 4 penny Stamps wch. we let you have but tell her that her having to pay for so many more Recets. is owing to the Rent being not so well paid as it ought to be & that the Credit we have given her, the Interest of the Money considered, will amount to more than our demands for Stamps & Acquitts and perhaps the Sum of

Six Pence may be saved if she will pay £25 instead of £20 which will clear her to Mayday last.

We approve of your allowing the Smelters to rest next Week and of what you propose as to George Ridley. We are

Your Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We inclose you yr. Recet for the Ore Carriage Money to be destroyed. It has been a gentle Thaw ever since yesterday Evening, but it is now beginning to Freeze again. Mr. Walton Sen. has recd. yr. Letter is much obliged and you will soon hear from him.

Since writing the above we have ex[amine]d the Rye Account & find all was fully discharged by Jno. Friend 13 May last & that there still remains for us to pay £7. 17. 6. The Sum pd. by Jno. Friend was £22. 6. including the £7. 7. 6 for 42 Bushels got in Feby. 17 1783.

26 Dec 1784 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres Decemr. 26th. 1784

Dear Sir

We duly recd. your Letter of the 15th. and 21st. and have this day drawn upon you for One Hundred & Eighty Two Pounds 11s. & 9d. being Balance of amount as below.

We are

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servants

Walton & Turner

826 1/2 Ounces of fine Silver at 5/7 3/4	£233 6 3
Bill payable. to Mr. Stephen Jno Maule dated 27th Inst at 20 Days	£15 4 6
Bill payable. to Mr. Ed. Madgwick No. 54 Bishopsgate Street dated 27th Inst at 30 Days	£37 10 -
	£52 14 6
Balance drawn for 27 Inst at 50 days	£180 11 9

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Farnacres 27 Decemr. 1784

Fifty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. One Hundred and Eighty Pounds Eleven Shillings & Nine Pence. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner

Mr. Holmes London

31 Dec 1784 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 31st. Decr. 1784

We have your Letters of the 21st. & 27th. now before us, the former of which we before acknowledged the Rect. of and acquainted you that all would be right as to the Rye account which we observe you take Notice of in your Letter of the 27th. We write to Mr. Thornton this Day about paying you the £15.

We have recd. Matthew Temperley's Acct. and also the Mill Operation for the present Month.

We desire that you will take the first convenient Opportunity of seeing all the Hexham Carriers, and of acquainting them that if we find ourselves neglected by them as to the carriage of the Langley Mill Lead, we shall most undoubtedly get a new set of Carriers, and never employ one of them again. If after your seeing the Hexham Carriers, as you mention in yr. Letter, you find them likely to go on promptly, you need not say anything further at present; and we think it will be right, as you suggest, to make Enquiry as to the Character of the Newburn Wherry-men. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We heartily wish you many happy new Years.

4 Jan 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 4 Jan. 1785

We have recd. yours of the 1st. & 5th, inst and very much approve of what you have been doing concerning the Lead Carriage, and desire that neither Wm. Bell nor Wm. Havelock may have any more Lead from Langley Mill on any account whatever, and with regard to Johnson & Corbett at your convenience you may acquaint them that we think they have used us very improperly, but we shall excuse them if they continue to behave well for the time to come, and as Mr. Chris Bell shall have behaved so well, we beg he may be supplied as far as you can do it to suit his Occasions. Thomas Robson, for the reasons you have given, seems also to be a proper person to be encouraged. This we think is all that is necessary for the present as to the Lead Carriage.

We are very sorry to see that you are so distressed by the Weather. We have for sev[era]l Days past had a gentle Thaw, and it is now raining. The Tops of the Ridges are, in many places, quite bare, and we are told that near the Sea in several places there is no snow at all, and particularly near Widdrington Castle we are told they have been plowing for Ten Days past. The Instance you give as to the Sheep is a very extraordinary one.

As to the Cash wch. you have, we have no doubt of your care of it, and dare say it will be perfectly safe in your Custody. We are

Your Hble Servts
Walton & Turner

4 Jan 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 4 Jany. 1785

We inclose you a Letter for Mr. Thornton which incloses the Particulars of Sillywray, the Ground allowed to Langley Mill, and Harsondale Farms with a Plan of the whole; and we send you a Sketch herewith of the Ground which is allowed for you and Matthw Temperley. After you have made any Memorandums or Copies you think proper from the inclosed, you are desired to send Mr. Thornton's Letter with the Inclosures to him. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner



15 Jan 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 15 Jany. 1785

We very much approve of what you have done concerning the Lead Carriage, and are under no concern whatsoever as to the Governor & Co. On looking into the Newcastle Acct. of Lead Carriage we observe that Wm. Bell has not deliv[er]ed a Pig of Lead there from the 1st. of November to the 23rd. December, but that Wm. Havelock has been carrying most of that time.

With regard to the <Necessary> at Harsondale as Mr. Thornton has contracted for the Work, we desire it may be proceeded with under that Contract, but it is expected you will see that the Work is done to your own Satisfaction.

We are glad to see that the Smelting is going on so well, but doubt the <Frost> will hinder you again; we shall however not blame you if it shd. be so.

We are very much surprised that so extraordinary a thing shd. happen at Stublick Colliery as the decreasing of the <Seam> of Coal from 28 to 19 Inches, and that we shd. not hear from the very man whom we employ there, but we are not more surprised at this Behaviour of his than we are at not hearing from him concerning some Coals which he left at Scremerston and <duly> forgot to say anything abt. them 'til very <late> tho' we have written to him abt. them since and desired to know how he had left the matter as to their being disposed of, he has not vouchsafed to give us an answer.

The Silver is arrived & weighs 858 Ounces.

We observe you have recd. £20 from Thos. Coats which with £15 before recd. makes the £35 agreed upon.

We have recd. Matthew Temperley's Accounts and the Six Assays you mention. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. All your letters in January are dated 1784 except one.

25 Jan 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messr. Mulcaster

Farnacres 25th. Janry. 1785

We have recd. your Letter of the 19th. Inst and re very much surprised at Mr. Bells behaviour. You are desired to acquaint him the first convenient opportunity that we think ourselves exceedingly ill treated by his attempt to throw a difficulty upon us and that we shall most assuredly pay the Carriers the usual price of 3 ½d per piece from the Mill to Hexham and 8 ½ from Hexham to Newcastle and if he is not content with that we must insist upon his giving up carrying for us. We are confident we can do without one Hexham Carrier & if those Gents. think proper to interfere with us in the

management of our business and make any further attempts to manage us we will shew them that we will not be led by them.

We have Matthew Temperleys Letter & approve of his altering the price of working the Coals.

What you have said concerning the Plankey Mill and Ground is very agreeable to us & Mr. Thorntons behaviour seems not a little extraordinary but shall not say more on this subject till we hear further from you on him. It will certainly be right to get the Fences at Sillywray done wth. all Expedition.

Messrs. Taylors Bill shall be pd. and we think that they ought not to be further dealt with. We are

Yr. Hble Servants
Walton & Turner

28 Jan 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 28 Janry. 1785

We have recd. your Letter of the 16th. Inst as also a Letter of the same Date from Wm. Johnson. We shall see Mr. Harbottle tomorrow and will order the Corn, and when any thing further is wanted we desire you will write to Mr. Harbottle himself.

As Wm. Johnson is well situated for carriage to our Mill we desire he may be employed this year, but not on any Conditions except he conducts himself properly as our Ore Carrier.

We have recd. the Acct. of Stock at Langley Lead Mill the 31st. Ult. Pray tell Matthew Temperley that we have not had any acct. from him of the Stock at Stublick Colliery. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. As the Weather is now so <proper> we doubt not the Smelting is going on briskly.

28 Jan 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 28 Janry. 1785

By the Carrier who set out from Newcastle on Saturday last, you will receive a Box of Bullion containing 858 Ounces. I am

Dear Sir Your &c NW Junr.

28 Jan 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 28 Janr. 1785

We have recd. your Letter of the 24th. instant together with Matthew Temperley's two last Weeks Coal Accounts.

What you propose as to Mr. Harbottle is what we wish. On Saturday last we ordered 20 Bulls. & 20 Sacks, which we expect would come by Johnson on Monday.

As Wm. Johnson is well situated for our Carriage it is a matter of no consequence to us whether he is a Freeholder or not. We wish him to be tried & if he behaves well as a Carrier shd. be glad to have him continued in that Employment.

As it is a matter of consequence to us to have our Letters taken care of, we think an additional penny upon such as are conveyed by <Mr. Saints News Man> to be no object, and particularly so as we seem to have a <Convenience> in getting our Letters into your Hands earlier in proportion by that way than by the Post.

Under the Circumstances you mention we think it wd. be better to defer a little in letting Jos. Walton have Lead, but in case of his applying to you we shd. be glad that you wd. refuse him in such way as not to give him any Disgust, and in the mean time we wd. wish you to make Enquiry whether he is a Man who ought to be trusted, then shd. like to know any further particulars wch. you may be able to collect as to the Difference wch. has arisen between him & James Johnson.

We hope very soon to have your & Mr. Thornton's Report of your opinion as to the Value of Plankey Mill & Grounds.

We are concerned to hear that the Ore now remaining unsmelted is not washed, and if possible shd, be glad to know the Weight of the <Trials/Tails> from each parcel so far as you now can do that. Pray send the inclosed to Mr. Thornton the first convenient Opportunity. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

30 Jan 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 30th. Janur. 1785

Dear Sir,

Yesterday having recd. your Letter of the 26th. Inst, we drew upon you payable. 50 Days after Date for £239. 18. 4 being intended as for the amount of 858 Ounces of time Silver at 5s./7 ¼d but which on examining the casting we find to be 10 <s> short for which we will draw at some future time. We are sorry to see the Silver Market so low & that it is expected to be lower.

Our fears concerning Mr. Smeaton are dispelled by our receiving a Letter from him dated the 21 Inst. Tho' we do not rejoice on account of the death of your late adversary

we are happy that you have got rid of so troublesome an Opponent and it will give us real satisfaction to have you and Mr. Smeaton long to enjoy the Ravensbourn Water and Water Birds without further interruption. We are Dear Sir

Your most Hble. Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. <It now Snows heavily. <New> Thermometer 33 Open Air Barometer 28.2. Wind <18. S... ..>

3 Feb 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 3rd. Feby. 1785

The bearer Mr. Jobling comes to consult with you concerning a Situation for a Lead Mill and we think that there will certainly be an opportunity of making such a Building with suitable conveniences near to our Low Mill & are of Opinion that the nearer to that Mill the better as possibly at some future Time it may be of use to Greenwich Hospital connected with our present Works and by bringing up a Level from the Staple that is sunk into the shake of the Limestone the new Mill may assuredly be built very near our low Mill. There will be an additional damage by more Smoke being produced & Langley Castle Farm will be hurt in consequence of a new erection & therefore it ought to be considered what Grounds shd. be taken on by Mr. Jobling & Co. to go along with the new Mill which we shd. imagine ought to take in yr. Pasture and the Ground East of it where the new Walls were lately built & you will also consider what Gr[oun]d ought to be taken by Mr. Jobling & Co. North of the Burn. We shall be glad to have your full Opinion as to the whole of this Business and are

Yr. Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

4 Feb 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 4 Feb. 1785

We have recd. your Letters of the 1st. & 2nd. Inst. Mr. Walton only ordered 20 Bolls. of Rye, but did not give the Order in Writing. You have done right in acquainting Thos. Temperley with the Price of the Rye and also of the Sacks, as also in what you have done respect[in]g Wm. Johnson.

We only wish to know the Weight of the Ore Tails as at first taken off, because we certainly must consider them as to produce Cutting Ore, and we leave it to your Discretion, after having given you this Hint, to make such use of it as you think proper, and it will be well for us to know the Weight of the Ore after washed.

The Errors which you mention to have been made in the Operations we will set right.

The Report which we have recd. concerning Plankey Mill & Grounds is now quite sufficient for us to proceed upon.

The Sum due from Thos. Coats for Coals deliv[ere]d by Thomas Temperley is £3 - 6 being for 181 ½ Loads at 4d. and as we have charged Matthew Temperley's Accts. with this Sum, when you get it from Coats, you will consider it as recd. by Matthew. We are

Your &c
W&T

8 Feb 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 8 Feb. 1785

We have recd. your Letter of the 6th. January 1785 which shd. have been February, and are much Obliged by yr. attention and particular Acct. concerning the situation of a Mill for Mr. Jobling, and are glad to find that our Sentiments and yours so very much coincide upon the Business, most of the Circumstances having been mentioned by Mr. Walton to Mr. Jobling when he was at Farnacres. Any further Remarks you may think necessary we shall be glad from time to time to receive from you, and Mr. Walton will certainly view the Situation before any Determination is come to, and consult with you upon the Spot, but this cannot be done 'til the Snow is off the Ground. The Situation near the Mill seems to be the thing most desirable. We are

Your &c
W&T

11 Feb 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 11 Feb. 1785

We have recd. your Letter which we observe has been originally dated by you the 7th. January 1785, but altered by Peter to 7 Inst. and approve of what you are doing as to washing of the Ore.

The Money you receive of Thomas Coats is to be kept by you, and added to Matthew Temperley's Acct. of Cash paid you for Coals.

We send you a particular acct. of the Quantity of Lead delivered by each Carrier at Newcastle & when since last Pay, from which you will observe that there were 107<3/8> pieces of Lead on the Road the 29 Janry.

We don't know of any particular Demand for Slag Lead at present, and therefore suit your own Convenience in the Delivery.

We have recd. Matthew Temperley's two last Weeks Coal & Cinder Accounts.

The more we think of the Situation for a new Mill, the more we are convinced that it will be proper to have it very near our Low Mill, and have no difficulty in contriving that it may either stand or go without being absolutely tied to our Motions; but we shall not be able to explain this matter 'til we are on the Spot. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

13 Feb 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 13 Feb. 1785

Inclosed I send you some Memorandums concerning Langley Farm &c as applied to the intended erection of a Lead Mill by the Blagill Company, and desire to have your & Mr. Thornton's joint Sentiments upon the following Matters so as that with Certainty, I may receive the Acct. from you if possible by the Post which comes down from Hexham on Thursday; but if you cannot let me hear from you then, I must hear from you by the Carrier who will arrive in Newcastle on Friday Morning. My wish is to have as exact a Valuation of the Ground which is contained in the Memorandum above referred to amounting to 90 Acres as your knowledge with that of Mr. Thornton will enable you to make, and you will observe that by my reckoning 90 Acres to be liable to be damaged. I am supposing the New Mill is to stand at a Distance from our Mill, & if I am under or over in the Quantities which I have set down, you will be so good as to set that right. You'll take notice that I reckon only a part of the East Shield Field & a part of the West Shield Field will be damaged; my reason for which is that I think if 12 Acres of the West Shield Field on the Lower part thereof are laid as for Damage by the new Mill, & the whole of what was intended for yr. Home Pasture laid to yr. present Cow Pasture, that will probably answer your need even better than at present, and you wd. then have 2 Cow Pastures, one of 12 Acres, & the other about 15 ½ Acres, I have reckoned the whole of Little Mill as liable to Damage, but only part of Castle & Kiln Fields; perhaps some part of Little Hill may be reckoned safe, but notwithstanding I think the whole of it shd. be included in what is expected to receive Damage. These being my Ideas respecting the Situation of a new Mill at a Distance below our Refinery, I now come to that part of this Subject which relates to a new Mill being situated near to the Refinery which part of this Business, I must leave to your Discretion to Determine as far as you can by way of opinion only, what Ground shd. be allotted as being liable to be damaged in addition to the Ground now damaged by our own Mill &c only I would first mention that I think it clear these will be our <Lands> of Robinson & Forster's Farms, that part of the Mains & the Cow Pasture wd. be damaged, and the low part of your Cow Pasture, so that at all Events if a New Mill is to be erected, I wd. have the Alteration made so as that you might have 2 Cow Pastures instead the one you now have. I doubt not the Ground is covered with Snow, and that the Valuation you make of the Grounds will be from your Remembrance after using it at over many

times, and perhaps if you were to get Mrs. Brown to bring up her Lease so as to have an Opportunity of seeing the Plan of Langley Castle Farm, it might be of use to you in marking off the parts liable to Damage. I am

Your Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

19 Feb 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 19 Febry. 1785

Dear Sir

By the Wagon which sets out from Newcastle this day you will receive a Box containing 919 ½ Ounces of fine Silver which we hope will arrive safe & to a better Market than the last but rather doubt it may not. We are

Dear Sir Your very humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

25 Feb 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 25 Feb. 1785

We have recd. your Letter of the 21st. Inst. and exceedingly approve of the last Alteration. It will make every thing much more convenient, and will certainly cost less Money than in the other way that had before been tho[ugh]t of. As to what relates to the Bingsteads, Peat House, Office and Smelters Room, that may be settled any time, but at present we think it will be the best way to alter the Cottage so as to have an Office below, and Smelters Lodging above, that the lower door shd. remain as it is, that the Staircase shd. be taken away and a Stone Staircase built on the Outside for the Smelters Lodging Room. The whole now depends upon the Determination of the Blagill Company, and consequent Determination of the Commissioners & Gov[erno]r of Greenwich Hospital, for tho' the <expense> will exceed> your expectations as well as our own, yet we cannot think that to be an Object to prevent the carrying this Scheme into execution.

Yesterday and this Day we have a Gentle Thaw, and as the Wind has been South West and West, we hope it has taken place with you. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We yesterday had the Masons & the Carpenter and MillWright, and have gone thro' and settled all the Estimates.

25 Feb 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. James, Peter & John Mulcaster

Farnacres 25 Feb. 1785

I have recd. your Letter of the 21st. Inst, the Contents of which are very agreeable to me. I certainly wish well to you all, and shall be happy on every occasion, to show you that you are deserving of Encouragement, never doubting to see a Continuation of that attention to the Works under your care which has ever since the beginning of it to this time been so very agreeable to me. I am perfectly satisfied that Mr. Turner's Sentiments & mine will agree on this occasion, and you may depend upon it I shall communicate every thing to him the first time I see him. I am

Yours sincerely

Nich. Walton Junr.

27 Feb 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 27 Feb. 1785

We have recd. your Letters of the 23rd. & 26th. inst. As to Ann Brown's Behaviour, we are not at all surprised at it. We are perfectly satisfied, and know clearly that the whole Family wd. have been upon the Parish, or on the Border, if Langley Mill had not been established. Mrs. Brown is certainly very much mistaken in her Ideas concerning this Business, relative to a new Mill, but we have no wish at all to compel her, and desire she may take her own Way. What we have offered to her is for her own good, and if she has not sense enough to see it, she must take the Consequences to herself. Her Term is not long, the Advantage she has had has been great, and the Family have been kept, we may truly say, by Langley Lead Mill. Those Considerations are we find nothing with her, and therefore we must look elsewhere, and most undoubtedly we shall not employ her in any respect whatever for Langley Lead Mill if we can possibly be supplied otherwise. These Sentiments we desire you will read to her verbatim, exactly as you now receive them, and acquaint her further that we certainly look upon it that in every matter where Greenwich Hospital is concerned the Tenants shall be expected to conform to the accommodation of Greenwich Hospital. If Mrs. Brown thinks differently, she certainly has a right to do so, and we must insist upon it that she shall declare at once whether she will let the Commiss[ion]ers & Gov[ern]or of Greenwich Hospital have the Grounds which have been specified viz. The Mains, The Cow Pasture, <LITTLE> Hill, and the East Shield Field including the Quarry Ground at £25 per Ann[um]. If she refuses that, we desire to know from you immediately, as in case of a Refusal, we certainly shall by no means think it proper to employ her, either as to carrying of Ore or otherwise. These Sentiments are expressed seemingly in Warmth, and probably might be looked upon by indifferent persons as oppressive; we

consider them merely as applicable to the present Business, and to make Mrs. Brown sensible of her own Errors. We doubt not of your Care & Attention in this Business to make her sensible of her improper Behaviour, and all we wish as to that is that she shd. be met wth. Propriety upon the Occasion. You are particularly desired to acquaint Mrs. Brown that we by no means ask any thing as a Favour from her, but that we are certain that her Accepting of the Rent will be to her Benefit. We do not insist upon that, except as our Opinion, and leave it to her to determine. Upon the whole of this Business we are perfectly satisfied that it ought to be clearly understood whether Mrs. Brown will or will not accept of £25 per Ann[um] for the Grounds above mentioned, for tho' at the end of Mrs. Brown's Farm, she herself may have been satisfied with the enjoyment of those Lands as a part of her Farm without payment of the £25 per Ann. from the Blagill Company, yet we can by no means say whether any person will take Langley Castle Farm unless those Lands shd. be excepted without there is a Statement made for these equal to £25 per Ann; we therefore not only consider the Blagill Company in this matter but in preference to them the Commissioners and Gov[ernor] of Greenwich Hospital, and consequently this matter ought to be clearly understood, for without that if we are to insist upon the Blagill or any other Company to take those Lands within the Farm of Twenty One Years from May day next, we shall be in a Difficulty.

On Making an accurate Drawing of the last proposed New Mode of accommodating the Blagill Company we find that the Southernmost Bellows according to the last new proposed Mode will interfere wth. the having of a Refinery Bellows in the Situation in which it now is, but we are perfectly clear that this matter may be accommodated, and we have no Difficulty in any respect whatsoever from the last Scheme in fully supplying the Blagill Company wth. what we have proposed, and even furnishing them with our other pair of Smelting Bellows if they shd. want it, by the same Wheel which now works the Refinery Furnace; notwithstanding we speak so by, all we promise is to furnish them wth. one Reducing Furnace, the Refinery Furnace, Three Hearths wth. Bellows without Cast Iron, a Bone Ash & Test House & Office Smelters Lodging Room and the Coal Houses and Lead Warehouse.

We think there will be some little Difficulty if the smelting Bellows for the Southernmost Hearth of the new Mill according to the last Scheme is not made shorter than those we now have for smelting with, because we are satisfied that the length of them will extend a little further Westward than the Middle of the Refining Bellows as they are now fixed, unless the Drawing we have is wrong made, and therefore we shall be very glad to have your Sentiments as to this wth. Mr. James Mulcaster's Drawing, whose Attention, and that of Messrs. James Peter and John Mulcaster has been very agreeable to us on this Occasion. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We think it necessary to burn at least 60,000 Bricks and shall take an Opportunity of writing to a Person whom we hope we can depend upon. We may truly say this is a bold Expectation, for in general of that Craft they are very slippery.

4 Mar 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 4 March 1785

Since writing ours of the 27th. Ult. yours of the 22nd. & 23 Ult. & your two of the 1st. Inst. and one of the 2nd. Inst. have all come to hand, as also the Operation for February. We are obliged to you for what you mention concerning the Workmen & Prices of the Blagill Company for Smelting &c and as Mr. Walton is soon to be with you, we must defer saying anything on that subject.

We observe what you say as to the Rye, and shall take <care> to attend to that.

We have altered the Operations agreeable to yours of the 28th. Feb. but only found two of them wrong.

Mr. Jobling's Proposals and our Report are gone to London, and we hope to receive an Answer very soon; but very soon applied to such great Bodies as we have to deal with cannot compared with the Distance between here and London be at all applied in point of expedition to the Correspondence between you and us. The Plan of Mr. James Mulcaster recd along with yours of the 1st. Inst. is very satisfactory to us, and we will keep it 'til Mr. Walton comes up to the Mill which nothing but Frost & Snow prevents his doing. You will then see from the Plan which he will produce that your Intentions have not been misunderstood. We are all liable to Errors, and our Plan is not without, as you will observe when you see it. You may acquaint Wm. Brown that Mr. Walton will speak to Mrs. Brown abt. the Ground which the Blagill Company are to have (if they are to have a Mill at Langley) the first time he comes to the Mill, and we think what you have done & said upon this occasion is perfectly right. She wd. be imprudent indeed if she were to part with her Stock without knowing why.

What Mr. Peter Mulcaster has intimated has been attended to, and Mr. Wm. Jobling has been wrote to this Day, giving him an Intimation that nothing obnoxious may be introduced. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We are now quite satisfied that there was no difficulty as to the <fixing> of the Bellows.

5 Mar 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 5th. March 1785

Dear Sir

We have this day recd. your Letter of the 2nd. Inst & have drawn upon you pay[a]ble 40 days after Date for £257. 3s. 11d being the amount of 919 ½ Ounces of fine

Silver at 5s/7d and 10s short drawn for the last Cake. Surely Silver can scarce be lower. We believe you will be right in what you say concerning the cause of the low price of Silver and shall be happy finding that it is so. Our concerns are small indeed compared to the General object of Trade. If you wish to have more Silver we think it is probable we may have an opportunity of recommending you to some Friends and desire you'll let us know the first opportunity. We are

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. We expect the Quantity of Silver we can recommend you to may be 4 or 5 Thousand Ounces Annually, that however must be only guess work.

£257. 3. 11

Farnacres 5th. March 1785

Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred and Fifty Seven Pounds Three Shillings and Eleven Pence. Value Received as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

11 Mar 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 11th. March 1785

We have recd. your Letter of the 7th. inst and doubt not the having a new Mill at Langley will have all the effects you mention & we have particularly stated to the Commissioners and Governor of Greenwich Hospital our expectations of the advantages exclusive of Rent. We have written to Mr. Wm. Jobling concerning the Hearth at the Low Mill. Matt. Temperleys Accounts for the last two Weeks are come to hand. The snow is finely [sic] gone from this part of the Country and as the Wind is now Westerly again it is hoped the Ground about the Mill will be soon so clear as that Mr. Walton may come up and he desires Messrs. Mulcaster will let him hear from them the Moment they think it will answer for examining the situation of the intended alterations and improvements at Langley Lead Mill. We are

Your Humble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. We inclose you the Lead Carriers Accts. brot. forwd. to the 5th. Inst.

25 Mar 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 25 March 1785

Dear Sir

We have recd. your Letter of the 14th. inst and have since seen our Friend, Mr. Wm. Jobling, who is very desirous to deal with you, and will send you from 2 to 3 Thousand Ounces of Silver annually from the time of his beginning to refine. The conditions to be the same as you take our Silver upon, and he agrees to drawing at 40 Days Date. If at any time you shd. wish to have a larger Quantity, Mr. Jobling will be glad to furnish you with it. Each party to be clear on giving Notice by Letter.

By last Weeks London Waggon you will receive a Box containing 1014 Oz. of Silver Bullion. We are

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. You need not fear the fineness of the Silver as the Operation will be performed exactly in the same manner as at our Works.

27 Mar 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 27th. March 1785

We are all again covered with Snow. Surely this winter will never end.

Mr. Thornton brings you a Plan of yr. little Farm at Sillywray which we have wrote about to Greenwich Hospital and have fixed the Rent at £9. 10. per Ann. & Five per Cent to be pd. for fencing. I have marked upon the Plan where I think it will be proper for you to have a Road into Calf Close and have told Mr. Thornton what is to be done. The part drawn with Red Ink to be Walled and the entrance to be at the Letter A set down in Pencil. You are to be Tenants from Year to Year as for the Mill Ground near your own Dwellings. I am

Your Humble Servt.

Nich Walton Junr.

29 Mar 1785 Nicholas Walton to Thomas Wood

Farnacres 29 March 1785

Directions to Thomas Wood

He is to go to Langley Lead Mill on Thursday Morning. When there, he is to consider with Messrs. Mulcaster what Iron of different sorts, Cast Iron for the Stamp

Mill and its Gudgeons, and Brasses for the Stamp Mill will be wanted, and to make Moulds for such things as the sizes can be ascertained for.

To consider with Messrs. Mulcaster of the Situation of the Stamp Mill, and as it is intended that the Water Wheel is to be worked at all times when there is spare Water, Messrs. Walton & Turner think it will be proper to have it of the same Diameter as the Wheel that is now in the Mill which is 24 ft.

As Messrs. Mulcaster are now fully informed as to the intended situation of the new Buildings and know of the Alterations proposed, they will be enabled to explain to Thomas Wood what is proposed to be done, which will shew him in what manner to adapt the several Movements so as to answer the intended purposes.

Such Wood as appears to be proper to be made use of, which ought to be winter felled, must be fixed upon, marked and felled with all possible expedition, and <... ..> got to Langley Mill as will suit the intended uses as soon as possible.

The Oak Wood which will be wanted must be fixed upon, marked and cut down as soon as possible, and such part of it as will be wanted, removed with[ou]t loss of time to Langley Mill, and the remainder taken care of and an Acct. deliv[ere]d by Mr. Wood or his Man of what Tops and other wood not wanted are left at the place where the wood is cut down.

A Valuation is to be made of each Tree including the Tops at the time of marking the same, which Valuation is to be sent to Mr. Walton Junr. at Farnacres.

The Cast Iron and Brasses to be got from Mr. Harrison in Pipewell Gate.

Thomas Wood is desired particularly to consider whether an Improvement might not be made in the manner of working the Bellows, so as to make the Water Wheel move slower than it does at present, and answer the same purpose.

It is supposed that the present Wheels with Buckets of the present Dimensions will answer the purpose, but this being only supposition, the Determination of the Fact must be by experiment, and if it shd. be found that the present Buckets are too small, it will only be proper to take off the present Buckets, to increase the Breadth of the Soles, and to enlarge the Buckets, as there is not a Doubt but there is a sufficiency of Water to do the whole works with a Wheel of 24 ft. Diameter at the High Mill exclusive of the Slag Mill Works after the making of the last mentioned alteration of enlarging the Buckets.

Walton & Turner

30 Mar 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 30th. March 1785

We have recd. your Letter of the 28th. Inst with the Operation for the present Month by which we see that the Ore now at the Mill is within Half a Bing of what has been Smelted in this Month. We wish to have our Smelting finished as soon as possible and

therefore you are desired to proceed with the work with all expedition consistent with the good of the undertaking.

Thomas Wood sets out for the Mill tomorrow and after you have considered what Iron will be wanted you will let us know. You'll remember that one of you must come down to see Mr. Hollier about the Cast Iron Barr for the Furnace <bindings>. Thomas Wood brings you the several Plans for the new Buildings &c at Langley Mill and the Sections which I drew when I was last with you shall be sent the first opportunity. Refined Lead is now at £16.5.- and £16.7.6 and Silver at 5s. 7d. Perhaps by carrying some Lead Ore down to the Low Mill you will get further forward but this must only be done so long as 'till Mr. Jobling and Co. are to begin there and they must not begin 'till we hear from London that the General Court approves of what the Directors have agreed to recommend which may yet be Fourteen Days tho' we hope much less. The Lime as it arrives shd. be put under cover if that can be done. This Season makes everything inconvenient. You are desired to consult with Thomas Wood abt. the Screw Plates and Pins & we think it will be perfectly proper to get what of that kind we may want from the best Hands. We have ordered you a Quarter Barrel of Gun Powder for Langley Lime Kiln. We are

Your Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

PS. There must be an immediate determination come to as to the situation of the new Coal House and Lime House for the Smelters but as to the additional Bingsteads for the High Mill we think there is no hurry. As soon as you <fixing> on the <Sites> and situations let us know and give us a Sketch, the measures must be all reckoned inside and we shd. know the proposed heights of the Building.

We inclose you the Lead Carriers Acct. to the 26 Inst <exclusive>. Since writing the above we have seen a Smith who is a very good Workman and a <person> who we can depend upon who <advises both Rack and Screw Plates> and if you will let me know the exact Dimensions of the <Screw Plates> you will want I will <get the and Screw Plates>

31 Mar 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 31st. March 1785

I think it will be right to have the Bellows for Refining and the new Smelting Bellows exactly of the same dimensions as those we have in the Refinery and the High Mill and I desire Mr. James will make a side View drawing of each sort shewing the form and length of the pipe as in his little drawing which reads the wrong way when turned wth. the Low Mill Northw[ar]d and the sooner the better as I will order them the moment the directions come from London. The side View I would have drawn upon a Scale of 6 Feet in one inch. Thomas Wood is desired to consider how much the

Present Water Wheels can be made broader because it may be found that they will not hold Water enough with the present Buckets. The Stamp Mill Wheel need not be broader in the Rim than our present Wheels. I am

Your Humble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

PS. Thomas Wood said he thought an improvement might be made as to the Bellows Pipes pray consult with him about that.

5 Apr 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 5 April 1785

Dear Sir,

We have recd. your Letter concerning the Silver we propose drawing for next Week. We are sorry to find that this Trade is so very bad at present, and think it is probable it will continue so for some time. Mr. Walton will examine the prices for some time back from the present, and will then determine what the Price for the last Silver shall be per Ounce, and he doubts not in such way as will be agreeable to Mr. Holmes. We are

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

8 Apr 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 8 April 1785

We have recd. your Letters of the 30th. March and 1st. & 5th. instant.

Having understood some time ago that everything concerning the Fencing at Sillywray, and the manner of doing the work had been fixed, we are rather surprised at your mentioning our giving full orders to Mr. Thornton abt. this matter the last time he was here but one. We now desire that the Fencing at Sillywray, & what is needful as to making a Road for your entering the Ground which has been allotted to you may be done with all expedition, and in such way as to be perfectly agreeable to yourselves.

We very much approve of your beginning the Cut for a new Reservoir, and of your making this cut 9 ft, wide, but in proceeding further, you are desired to make it 12 ft, wide, and it shd. be so deep as that the Bottom of it will be upon a Level with the Bottom of the Sluice or opening which carries the Water out of the present Dam into the Trough Leading to the Smelting Mill Wheel. If the Cut shd. not be cast so deep it may be lowered afterwards, and that may be determined the first time we come to the Mill.

We are glad to hear that the Masons are getting forward in winning Stones, and desire you will push them as much as possible to exert themselves, the Weather being now very fine, and we hope likely to continue so. We must depend upon you with the assistance of Mr. Thornton to agree for the carriage of the Stones and Slates, and also the Wood wch. is to come from Capons Cleugh, Woodhall, and Coasteley, and we beg nothing may be done by Day, that can possibly be avoided. The Bricks will be so near that it certainly will be proper to lead them by the Day, and employ Labourers to load the Carriages, but no Contracts must be made yet, tho' it will be proper to be making Enquiry. We now have no doubt that Mr. Bedlington and his Partners, who have taken Throckley Colliery, will undertake the Carriage of our Lead from the Turnpike side at abt. the half a mile beyond Newburn Lane End, and carry the same down to N Castle from that place at 1d. per piece, or perhaps less; and therefore Wm. Pattinson will probably be a likely person to contract for carrying the Stones for the new Mill; however we mention this to yourselves for the present, and believe it will be after May day before we can make any Agreement wth. Mr. Bedlington. James Johnson is to have the Carriage of the Wood & Deals, but must take these Articles from Mr. Harvey at the same rate as if they were delivered at Newburn, because we find that Mr. Harvey himself makes ½d. per ft difference between delivering the Wood in his yard or at Newburn, and delivering it into the Carriages at Newcastle Quay, so you will take care to mention this to James Johnson at the first Opportunity.

We have ordered 8 Bars of <Sqr> Iron for <Gavelocks> & Grate Barrs &c which will come on Monday. We really think there might be something considerable saved by having the furnace Grate Barrs of Cast Iron, as we hear Cast Iron is now selling for 10s. or 11s. per Cwt. The iron for the intended Alterations had best be let alone 'til we see further.

We have sent the Sketch of the Coal House and Lime House to Mr. Bewcastle to make an Estimate by, and approve of what you advise as to the height and sizes of them.

We find upon examining Mr. James Mulcaster's Drawing or side View, the following Errors either in drawing or setting down the Dimensions. viz.

As to the Smelting Bellows

From the total covering of the Board with Leather to and with the Hooping for the Pipe 3ft. is only 2ft. 8ins. according to the Sketch.

Length of the Pipe from the Hoop to the Nozzle 1ft. 5ins. but by Sketch is 2ft. 6ins. and indeed we are inclined to think it ought to be 2ft 6ins as the length of the Pipe for the Refining Bellows is 2ft. 3 ½ ins from the Hoop.

As to Refining Bellows

Length of Boards 4ft 5ins. by Sketch 4ft. 11ins.

We perceive that the measures set down are right, and that there has been an Error in drawing except as to the length of the pipe of the Smelting Bellows, and we really

think that the measure of that Pipe from the Hoop to the Nozzle shd. be 2ft. 5ins. or 2ft. 6ins. instead of 1ft. 5ins. as set down. You do not take Notice that the extremity of that part of the Pipe in the Smelting Bellows near the <nose> shd. be made to point a small matter downward from the General Direction, and therefore be so good as to let us know this the first Opportunity. You will also let us know at the same time whether anything is necessary to be pointed out to the Bellows maker on this acct. with regard to the Refining Bellows. We perfectly understand everything else relative to the Bellows and when we order them shall certainly attend to the hints you have given us.

As the Stocks and Screw Plates, we find from Thomas Wood, are got done by John Hall of <Hexham>, to be sure what he has done must be taken from him, and the sooner you get them the better; but Thomas Wood advises our having a <Brew> Plate made here for the <following signs 2/8 inch – full 5/8 inch and full 4/8 inch which we have accordingly ordered from <..>

We have recd. Matthew Temperley's two Last Weeks Accts. and observe that 44 Bushels of Rye have been ordered by Thos. Temperley for the Nent Force Level Men.

We have made enquiry, and find that what George Turner's Son requires is the same that is allowed by Sir Henry Liddell, and we dare say you may venture upon allowing Geo. Turner's Son what he requires. You are desired to get new Moulds made 10 inches long by 5 inches broad & 2 ½ Inches thick; as to the Duty, the Excise Officer will certainly set you right.

We entirely approve of what has been done as to the carriage of the Ore from Blagill. We are

Your Hble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS. We wish that the making of the Moulds according to the above Dimensions may be under the Brick makers own Directions, and the sooner they are made the better as our people will have more time now than afterwards.

9 Apr 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Gateshead 9th. April 1785

Mr. Wm. Jobling is now here and solicits the having the Use of the Ore Hearth at the Low Mill. I have given him leave on condition that he make a reasonable allowance for the use of the Hearth & give up on One Month's Notice in case the intended alteration and additions shd. be put an End to by Greenwich Hospital. I am

Yr. Hble Servt.
Nich Walton Junr

PS. Mr. Jobling may begin when ever you think he may be permitted to do so without inconvenience to our Works.

9 Apr 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 9th. April 1785

Dear Sir

We have this day drawn upon you pay[a]ble 60 Days after Date for £280. 19. 3 being the amount of 1014 Ounces of fine Silver at 5 /6 ½ d per Ounce.

You will oblige us by enquiring whether Mr. Maylin of the Minories continues the Bellows Trade and if he does pray ask him in what time after he hears from us he can furnish us with Two Pair of Refining Bellows and Two Pair of Large Smelting Bellows. We are

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

£280. 19. 3

Farnacres 9th. April 1785

Sixty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred & Eighty Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Three Pence. Value

Received as advised by

Walton & Turner

Mr. Holmes London

10 Apr 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 10 April 1785

My time has been so much taken up that I have never had an Opportunity of fully considering in what manner the best to make a Reservoir so as to be connected with the present Dam; however what you have pointed out convinces me that it will be proper to stop that Work for the present 'til I can have an Opportunity of being again upon the Spot; and I am also of opinion it will be proper to let alone the making the Dam for converting the Coal Level into a Reservoir 'til the same time.

What you propose as to the Lime Kiln appears to us to be perfectly right.

We approve of your having paid Thomas Temperley £20 - and desire you will tell Matt[he]w Temperley to acquaint Thomas Coats that we take it much amiss he has not yet pd. for the Coals he got from Stublick Colliery.

Very probably we shall receive full Descriptions concerning the intended Alterations at Langley Mill before we come to the Rec[eip]ts at Hexham, and therefore, at a venture now fix our being with you on Friday the 22nd. in the Evening, and shall stay with you as long as may be necessary to fix every thing as to Carriage and other

things concerning which you shall hear further from us. We do insist upon it that Mr. Thornton shall have nothing to do with the Carriage himself. Between this time and our coming up, you will, I am satisfied, take every thing into your consideration which strikes you, either as to the carriage or otherwise, and it may not be amiss for you to be trying upon what Terms you could let particular things, by which we think our Work will be shortened when we are with you, and we are the more desirous that you shd. do so, as the Difficulties you point out must necessarily arise.

We now perfectly understand what relates to the Bellows, but Mr. James, still with his White coloured Ink, has set down the length of the pipe of the Smelting Bellows to be 21ft. 6ins. instead of 2ft. 6ins. however that makes no Difference to me as all is now quite clear as to them. I am

Your Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

PS. Geo. Turners Letter shall be deli[vere]d the first opportunity; he will be here again in a few days.

12 Apr 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 12 April 1785

I have recd. your Letter of the 11th. inst with the Copy of mine as to Mr. Jobling & Co. beginning the use of the Hearth at the Low Mill, and approve of what you have done therein.

The Sketches which Mr. Walton gave Mr. Jobling were merely with a View to put you upon thinking, and neither of them will answer; but as we are to be at Langley Mill on the 22nd. inst we shd. be glad that you wd., one of you, come down & see Mr. Holier's Furnaces before that time. Mr. Walton Senr. thinks a Bar resting at each end upon a flat piece of Iron will be the best formed thus [image here] in the part where the fire lyes, and made so as to admit of being moved sideways at one side of the Grate, but cast so at the other end as when they are laid parallel to each other, they will be at a proper Distance for allowing the Ashes to fall thro'.



With regard to the carriage of Materials we can by no means enter into Contracts yet, but as to the Carriage of the Wood which has been cut in the Hospital's Woods, it must be got to Langley Mill as soon as possible, and, whoever carries it, the settling of the price must be left to Mr. Turner and me, or myself, and therefore Mr. Thornton or any Body else who may be employed in the carriage of it. I am

Your Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

PS. Pray send for Mr. Thornton or one of you go to him with the inclosed.
George Moore of Finney hall in the Parish of Allendale has proposed for Netherholmes Farm if you know anything of him we shd. be glad to be informed by Letter when Mr. Thornton comes here on Friday.

15 Apr 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 15 April 1785

We have recd. your Letter of the 14th. inst, but nothing from John <Bewcastle>.

Our Engagements are now so thick upon us that we are very happy you did not come down agreeable to our interest.

As to the Pay and other Matters, they will be best settled when we are at the Mill, but we think it will be necessary to make Agreements for the Leadings as soon as possible; however as Mr. Thornton's Time will be much taken up on acct. of the Valuation of some Wood at Altonside & the Attendance abt. the Recets., we desire you will not stop for him, but do according to the best of your own Judgement.

We thank you for your Enquiries and Account concerning George Moon. You will see an Advertizement for the letting of the farm he has proposed for, and this matter may rest 'til we are at Hexham.

We are glad to hear that the Cut is continuing from the Dam Eastward, and we have the pleasure to acquaint you that we have full Directions to proceed with the needful as to Blagill Mill &c, and desire that the first step may be to make the Office, as that is a place which will be wanted very soon. We have ordered the Carpenters to come down to take off the Wood & Deals immediately and expect to see Mr. Wm. Jobling here tomorrow Morning. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We only heard from Mr. Ibbetson by this Day's Post.

14 May 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 15 May 1785

Dear Sir,

We yesterday recd. your Letter of the 11th. inst, and have drawn upon you for the Silver last sent which was 873 Ounces, and having been exceedingly hurried we neglected apprizing you of having sent it. The Bill is pay[a]ble 40 Days after Date, and is for £247. 7. _ being the Amount of 873 Oz. of Silver Bullion at 5s./8d. We are glad to

see that the price of Silver is getting up, and that there is a prospect to its continuing to do so.

We have recd. a Letter from the Bellows Maker, and expect to give him full Directions by Tuesday or Wednesday next. We thank you for your attention to this Matter.

A very considerable progress having been made in sorting & measuring the Holly, Mr. Walton Senr. will be much obliged by Mr. Holmes writing him in Answer to his Last Letter as soon as his Convenience will permit. We are

Dear Sir Your Most Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

£247. 7. _

Farnacres 14th. May 1785

Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Company Two Hundred and Forty Seven Pounds Seven Shillings. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner

Mr. Holmes London

16 May 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 16 May 1785

Dear Sir,

The Carrier who sets out from Newcastle on Saturday next will bring you 552 ½ Ounces of Silver Bullion being the Sweepings of our Shop for last years Ore. We are
Dear Sir

Yours &c W&T

17 May 1785 Nicholas Walton to John White

Mr John White

Farnacres 17 May 1785

Sir,

Having been from home for some time past, we now take the first Opportunity of writing to you in answer to your letter of the 5th. Inst.

The Nose of the Pipe of the Smelting Bellows is to be 1 ¾ Inch Diam[ete]r in the clear, and to be circular.

As you can secure the Pipes from slipping into the Bellows without the Assistance of the Collar, we give up the Collar, and shall depend upon your alteration in the constructing of the Bellows in such manner as to prevent such kind of Accidents to the

Bellows which we are to receive from you. The fixing of the Gudgeons will, we doubt not, be in such manner as we have pointed out.

All that we have to say respecting the deepness of the Leather is that we wd. wish it to be rather more than common than less.

We should be glad to receive the whole of the Bellows together, and if they arrive at Newcastle at any time not later than the Beginning of July, that will answer our purpose.

We are very well acquainted with Mr. Hawkes, but shall not trouble him with any Enquiry concerning you, but shall depend upon your punctuality and attention to the above Business, and before the Bellows are sent off, you shall hear again from us. We are

Sir Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. The Bellows we had from Messrs. Rust and Maylin in 1766 of the same Dimensions we have ordered of you cost as follows.

Smelting Bellows per pair	£31 10 -
Refining Bellows per pair	22 - -
	£53 10 -

Your prices are

Smelting Bellows per pair	£36 15 -
Refining Bellows per pair	24 3 -
	£60 18 -

Difference in two pairs of Bellows £7 8 -

20 May 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 20 May 1785

Your Letters of the 14th, & 18th. inst are now before us.

The Silver from the Slag Lead weighed	333 1/2 oz
and the Silver from the rich Litharge Slags &c	219
	552 1/2 oz

We cannot help thinking Mr. Jobling's Behaviour as well as that of Lowes to be very extraordinary, but shall rest that matter 'til we come to the Mill.

We have recd. the Coal & Cinder Accounts.

We are glad to hear that the Works are getting on so well, and as Thomas Wood came here about ½ hour after we rec'd. your last Letter, we gave him Directions to send Forty Fath[om]s of Scaffolding Rope & 12 Locks by the Carrier of this Day, and to give

Directions that the Deals may be sent by Mondays Carrier. As to the Nails, Spikes & <Claws>, not having seen Mr. Snowball, we cannot say any thing at present concerning them. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. Mr. Walton has seen Mr. Ralph Harrison and ordered the Cast Iron, but which Mr. Harrison says must be 12s/- per Cwt.

24 May 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 24 May 1785

We have just now recd. your Letter of the 22nd. Inst.

We wish you at all times to be attentive to the Interest of Greenwich Hospital, and have very great satisfaction in finding that you are so. You are perfectly right in what you say as to John Richardson & also as to Thos. Wood. The former we blame very much & have wrote to him this Day such a Letter as we hope will have some Effect with him. With regard to Thos. Wood, we shd. have blamed him if he had come to Langley Mill, because he has been employed for some time past in a matter much more necessary to attend to than the Concerns at Langley Mill for the present, and tho' Mr Walton did not mention his having spoken to Thomas Wood to go to Langley Mill as soon as he possible could, yet he actually did so, and could not have been satisfied if Thos. Wood had gone sooner than he did.

We are very much concerned to hear that the Bricks are so bad, but tho' bad, are they not such as will stand the Weather? If they will Answer, we may think ourselves lucky in being able to get them at all, as the short time allotted for casting the Clay and making the Bricks was understandably a Circumstance very much against both us and the Brick makers. We think you perfectly right in making the Observations you do concerning the Business, but, under the Circumstances we must now make the best of it we can; and we wish most heartily that the whole had been in Stock Bricks. It will be a small Consideration in such an Undertaking as we have now in hand to pay the Difference between Stock Bricks and Common Bricks, and therefore by all means let us proceed and make the best of the people we have by producing Stock Bricks instead of common. If we were to change our Men possibly, nay probably, we might get worse, for we all know the Tribe to be a very bad one - We believe the Price of making Stock Bricks to be 6s/- per Thousand, but if we even have to pay 7s/- we had better do that than stop; however you may depend upon it we will be well informed as to this, and settle with Geo. Turner accordingly.

We have just had the Founder, Mr. Harrison, here, who thinks that the Determination which was come to by Mr. Walton when Mr. Peter Mulcaster was at

Farnacres, - Mr. P. Mulcaster will remember that this Resolution was come to even tho' it was supposed that Cast Iron might be had for 10s/- per Cwt.

The Directions you have given abt. the Lead Carriage we very much approve of.

The Lead Mill & Stublick Colliery Pay must be on Monday the 13th. of June, and the Lead Carriage Pay on the Wednesday following. You will be so good as to take care of the inclosed Letters. We are

Your Hble Servants

Walton & Turner

29 May 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 29 May 1785

We have rec'd your Letter of the 27th inst with the Pay Bills, Notes, Operation Paper & Account of Lead delivered ending the 14th. Inst.

Thos. Wood is now here, and is quite satisfied that we may make the Wheels 20 inches broad in the Rim, 20 inches on a side being quite sufficient. If ever there shd. be some stop at the Low Wheel in frosty Weather, the Advantage of having the Wheel 20 Inches rather than a less breadth will do far more than compensate, the men may therefore proceed in cutting the Deals.

We are very glad to find that the Works have got so well forward.

We propose being with you on Saturday Evening the 11th. of June, and desire you will have a Breast of Veal cold for Supper; you are also desired to get a round of Beef next Tuesday and let it be well salted. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. There must be a Breast and Neck and hind Quarter of Mutton got at Hexham on Friday 7th. inst which wth. the above will be quite sufficient.

11231 pieces of Lead have been recd. at Newcastle

20 sold by J Johnson

103 On the Road

11354 Total & delivered from the Mill

11271 Total last year

93 Made more this than last year

4 Jun 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 4th. June 1785

Dear Sir,

We have this day rec'd your Letter of the 1st. Inst but shall not draw for the Silver yet as we must beg the favour of you to Pay for the Bellows which we lately ordered from Mr. White and which we expect will be shipped sometime about the beginning of July about which time you will hear further from us. We shall be obliged by your ordering 200 Casks of Bone Ashes to be sent us by Richd. Probert of Hoxton Bone House the same Person we usually have dealt with and to be sent by some of the Newcastle Merch[an]t Traders directed to us to the care of Mr. Henry Airey Merch[an]t Newcastle. The sooner we receive 50 Casks the better.

We shall communicate the latter part of yr. Letter to Mr. Walton Senr. this day. Sorry to hear Mr. Smeaton has got Cold & wish him soon well again. Will you be good as to let him know that it is our wish not to have the Greasing of Waren Mill Gudgeons neglected. We are

Dr. Sir Your Hble. Servants

Walton & Turner

PS. It is probable Mr. Smeaton will soon hear from Mr. W Senr. concerning the new invented Cast Iron <Axis> and proposed improvements therein. It is proposed that the Cog Wheels shall be fixed <again> Square of 21 inches running flush with the outer Diameter of the <Bellow> Axis and that the Water Wheel shall be fixed upon an <Octagon> of 29 feet in length each side of which <Octagon> shall run also flush with the outer Diameter of the <Kellow Axis>. The <Octagon> to be <Barrelled> with Wood and the <Irons> to be Keyed in so as that they may be taken out at any time by cutting out the Keys. In this way much <weight of will be saved> and in our <first> Opinion the <necessary strength will be proved>.

18 Jun 1785 Nicholas Walton to Thomas White

The Peggy	Thomas Middlemas Master	Red Lion & Bell Wharfs
The Pearl	John Morris	Do.
The Sweep	Edwd. Hutchinson	Do.
The Michael	Josh. Smith	Do.
The Spring	Greenwell	Do.
The Felicity	Richd Colthirst	Three Crane Wharf
The Dorothy	Parkinson	Do.
The Newcastle	Wood	Do.
The Tyne	Ralph Halton	Do.
The London	Hall	Do.

The Thames John Petrie Do.

Mr. Thomas White Farnacres near Gateshead 18 June 1785

Sir,

Above you have the Names of the Newcastle Traders and the Wharfs where they take in their Loadings and you may send the Bellows by any of the above mentioned Vessels.

Our works which will require the Bellows ordered are in great forwardness and we shall be glad to receive the Bellows for Smelting by the middle of July at farthest and those for Refining within a Week or Ten Days afterwards. You will therefore be so good as particularly to attend to this and let us have them agreeable to this Letter. There will be no occasion to insure them as the Smelting Bellows & Refining Bellows will come in separate Ships conformable to what we mention above as to time. As soon as the Bellows are Shipped let us hear from you that we may be enabled to make you a remittance without loss of Time after we hear from you. We are Sir

Your Humble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. On considering we think it will be best to send all the Bellows so as to be here by the middle of July at farthest if a little sooner, it will be better.

18 Jun 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster Farnacres 18 June 1785

We are sorry to find on examining the Lead Carriers Accounts that Wm. Bell was actually 10 pieces short instead of 3, and ought to have paid for 10. The Mistake arose by James Johnson being allowed 7 pieces as sold by him at Hexham to Jno. Bell, being part of 15 which John Bell paid us for when we settled with him for laying the Pipe at Lightbirks. Now it appears from the Operation ending the 30th. October that the whole 15 pieces are there set down as sold to John Bell at the Mill, & consequently no part of those 15 comes into the Newcastle Quantity so that by allowing James Johnson to have sold Bell 7 pieces of the Lead which he had taken to carry to Newcastle, Jno. Johnsons Quantity overrun 7 pieces, and we made him give Mr. Wm. Bell a Receipt for 7 towards making up his Shorts, but it is clear we ought not to have allowed those 7 to go to Mr. Wm. Bell, nor ought we to have given James Johnson Credit for the Delivery of the 7 to Jno. Bell the Plumber, and then James Johnson's Account wd. have been right & Wm. Bell wd. have been 10 short. James Johnson recd. at the Mill 3308 & you are desired to make immediate Enquiry of him from whom he recd. any Lead and what Quantity from each person. We expect that the Quantity wch. he recd. from some of the Carriers was 46 which makes his whole Quantity 3354

He deliv.d at Newcastle	3341
He sold to Mr. Bullock at Hexham	12
and he sold to some other person whose name you must get	1
	3354

If what I desired had been attended to, which was that you wd. examine your Accounts of Lead sold at the Mill, the Mistake mentioned on the other side could not possibly have happened, and I daresay you will distinctly recollect that I repeatedly desired you to examine into it. It will be proper to give Mr. Wm. Bell as early an intimation abt. this matter as possible.

Being now on the Subject of Lead sold at the Mill, I think it necessary to state to you the Particulars.

Lead set down in the Operations as sold at the Mill	When and of whom Recd. for by Messrs. Walton and Turner
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In June 1784 to Jno Lowes Esqr	1	1784 Oct 16	Messrs. Mulcaster
Do. Octr 1784 to John Bell	15	1784 Octr 22	John Bell
Do. to James Johnson	3	1785 June 13	Messrs. Mulcaster only 2
Do. to Susanna Bell	1	1785 June 13	Messrs. Mulcaster
Do. to John Toppin	1	1785 June 13	Messrs. Mulcaster
Dec or Nov 1784 to James Johnson	1	1785 June 13	Messrs. Mulcaster

From the above it appears that James Johnson has only <pd. you> for 3 pieces instead of 4.

It is desired that not one Pig of Lead more may be sold at the Mill. I am

Your Humble Servant

Nich. Walton Junr.

18 Jun 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

[Note: Undated but assigned same date as previous letter]

Messrs. Mulcaster

From the above [below] it wd. seem that the above 7 pieces were not part of the 15 that John Bell pd. us for, if so and Mr. Thornton, James Johnson or John Bell has still to pay for them then we shall be right in having only recd. of Wm. Bell for 3 pieces. You'll observe that Mr. Thorntons request is dated the 10th of August so that the Lead must have been delivered at Hexham thereabouts by James Johnson but the 15 pieces are set down in the Operation ending 30th. October and consequently must have been delivered at the Mill after the 2nd day of October and before the 31st. of that Month; it

therefore seems necessary to see Mr. Thornton about this and if he cannot clear the matter up, to see John Bell & James Johnson before you speak to Wm. Bell. The 12 pieces we observe were sold Mr. Parker and the single piece to Mr. Bullock. We shall be glad to hear from you about this matter as soon as convenience will permit. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS. Both pairs of Bellows for Smelting & the two pair of Bellows for Refining are ordered to be here by the Middle of July.

If all 7 are still to pay for pray receive the Money £3. 8. -

James Johnson only pd. for <1 cwt> of Cast Lead

Carriage Pay

Copy

Mr. Johnson

Hexham 10th. Augst. 1784

You'll please to deliver to Mr. Bell 7 pieces of Lead which you have recd. from Langley Mill which I will account for.

Nicho. Thornton

19 Jun 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 19th. June 1785

We have recd. your two Letters of the 17th. and one of the 18th. inst, and have already given what will be an answer to yours concerning the Bone Ashes for the Blagill Comp.y

We are very glad Messrs. Mulcaster & Wood had so good an Opportunity of seeing the Works at Acton Mill; are much obliged by your Attention and Particulars you have given us which you may depend upon it shall be attended to.

The following is an acct. of all the Lead which was pd. for at the Lead Carriage Pay on the 12th Day of May 1784 as being lost.

John Corbett	3 pieces	£3 12 -
Thomas Ions	3 Do.	3 12 -
Willm. Bell	1 Do.	1 4 -
		£8 8 -

On the 15th. inst Jno. Corbett Junr. deliv[ere]d the Recet. for his Fathers 3 & Thos. Ions also deliv[ere]d his Recet. for 3, on their respectively having a proportional Allowance on acct. of 6 Pieces out of the 7 having been found to be in the Warehouse and we are ready to return Wm. Bell a proportional Allowance for the piece he paid for, but as we

have not the least reason to think that any Carrier except the above three pd. for lost Lead on the 12th. May 1784 we shall by no means think of making an Allowance beyond the above unless Receipts are produced to convince us of our being in Error.

Tho' we do not think Wm. Forster by any means intitled to our Favour on acct. of his improper Behaviour respecting the purchase of some Oak Bark belonging to Greenwich Hospital yet you will recollect that we have forgiven this when you consider what passed respecting his being employed as Refiner, and whenever it appears to us that we can with propriety make him an Allowance for the <Hudstones &c> he may depend upon the Memorandum which you have given us having the full Effect, but it is possible that we may not have any thing in our power upon the occasion.

You may go on paying the Brick Makers as usual 'til they finish, but you must not settle an acct. with them. We will settle the whole with George Turner himself at this place, and therefore after all is finished, we must desire you will send us the Particulars of the whole. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

24 Jun 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 24th. June 1785

Dear Sir,

I desire you'll be so good as to pay Richard Roberts for the inclosed and take his Recet. which you may keep till you have got the Bellows makers Recet. also & about this you will hear further from me. I am

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servt.
Nich. Walton Junr.

PS. I have reced. Bro[the]r Smeatons Letter by which I am much obliged and have given directions agreeable thereto.

The Company from whom you were to have had the Silver having behaved very improperly to me I shall not trouble myself about their disposing of their Silver and I believe they have sold their first Cake in Newcastle, and as 50 Casks of the 100 of Bone Ashes ordered of Richd. Probert are for this Company I desire that you'll acquaint Probert that we must only have 150 in the whole or 50 Casks besides those for which we now inclose you the Account. I have ordered Richd. Prob. to call upon you soon.

24 Jun 1785 Nicholas Walton to Marshall

12 Bars 2 ½ Inches broad by ½ Inch thick
6 Do. - 2 Inches broad for Bolt Plates & Bolted Iron
6 Bars Flat the most slender sort.
12 Bars 1 ½ Inches Square
12 Bars ¾ In. Square

Mr Marshall is desired to be careful in picking the above and it is desired also that the whole may be sent on Monday by James Johnson directed to Messrs. Mulcaster at Langley Mill. wth. a Bill of Parcels and another Bill of Parcels to Messrs. Walton & Turner. The Charge to be made to the Commiss[ione]rs and Governor of Greenwich Hospital for Langley Mill.

Farnacres 24 June 1785

25 Jun 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 25th. June 1785

Last Night we wrote you that we had ordered the Iron and also desiring that some Slates might be got from Alston moor. It is really strange how it could be possible to misunderstand Mr. Walton when he was last at Langley Mill about this matter and it is requested that no more time may be lost in this business & that we may go on getting what is wanted from thence in case the Expense shd. come within tolerable bounds. As the Slates are much better and lighter than Lough Green Quarry produces it will be worthwhile to be at an additional expense. We have wrote to Mr. Wm. Bell acquainting him that his Account with us will stand as follows.

Due from him for 7 Pieces of Lead short last Pay at 23s	£8 1 -
Due to him for his share of the Value of Six Pieces of Lead wch, were pd for the 12 May 1784 as being lost but which were afterwds found to be in the Warehouse	£1 - 6
Balance Due from Mr. Bell	£7 - 6

Your own Account will stand as follows.

Balance of the Acct after deducting 25s/6d for Gun Powder	£5 7 -
One Piece of Lead short accounted for (wch, was recd of James Johnson) 13th Inst wch we have now entd as recd of you	£1 3 -
Balance Due to Messrs. Mulcaster or rathr Mr P Mulcstr	£4 4 6

The mistake about the over running of one Pig Of Lead will be seen by examining the Operation ending the 30th. Octor. and 4 Decemr. 1784.

		Pigs
1784 October 30 Stocks Refined Lead at the Mill		3
Decemr 4 1620 ps. of 1 cwt produced Refined Lead		1000
		1003
Deduct Refined Lead sent for Newcastle	855	
Sold James Johnson	1	
		856
Stock shd, have been		147
Stock was		148
Over		1

and by the delivery afterwards it appears there really were 145 pieces in Stock upon the 4th Decembr. 1784.

The Bellows will it is likely be here by the middle of July at farthest but they may be here in a Week as there are several London Traders now in London River ready for Sailing to Newcastle.

The sooner you send the Brick makers Account the better and we will again consult Mr. Anderson of Newcastle who has made more Bricks than all the Men in the Counties of Cumberland and Northumberland put together.

We approve of your having pd. the <Wear> Bill exclusive of Jno. Elliot for Leading. It has been a Costly Job but will it is not doubted answer. We are

Your Humble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. We are in some doubt whether it will not be proper to enlarge the Wheel hole for the High Mill, and however to do the whole except the part joining the North Mill, before the side Wall is touched as to pulling down, and we think it ought to be made 2 ½ Feet Wide and well walled with Ashlar set in <Tarras>.

Having made out James Johnsons Notes the following will be his Acct. in full and for which you must get him to Sign the Recets. and at any convenient time return them to us. We have also sent you our Check on the Bank for the Amount wch. James may get at any time by calling at the Bank.

1	£29 19 8
2	5 14 -
3	- 7 -
4	- 3 -
5	- 6 -
6	- 2 9

Balance for which there is a Check Inclosed £36 12 5

Unsettled Articles with James Johnson.

1785 May 20 20 Inch and a half Deals from I don't know

where or who from or by whose order at 4d £ - 6 8

1784 Oct 12 Cooper Plats from Newcastle to

Langley Mill 0 1 16 6
£ - 7 2

The Deals don't agree wth. James Johnsons Prices but no more will be allowed than as I have set down as the prices are in proportion to 1 ¼ Ins. 11 & 12 ths. as I have set them down.

James's Bills as he drew them out are inclosed. His Charge for bringing up 5 ½ feet of Oak from Hexham Fields is quite shameful.

25 Jun 1785 Nicholas Walton to William Bell

Mr. Wm. Bell

Farnacres 25th. June 1785

As a mistake was clearly made by giving you a Recet. for 7 pieces of Lead wch. it was apprehended at the time James Johnson was over but which has since been made out to be otherwise and that his Account was only even or right we think it necessary to acquaint you that your Acct. with us will stand as follows.

Due from you.

For 7 pieces of Lead short besides the 3 you pd for £8 1 -

Due to you for yr. share of the Value of Lead found

since the Pay of the 12 May 1784 being yr. share

for one Piece but you must give up the Recet. we

gave you for the one Piece. 1 - 6

Due from Mr. Bell to Messrs. Walton & Turner £7 - 6

We are Your Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. Your irregularity causes us a great deal of trouble and vexation indeed.

25 Jun 1785 Nicholas Walton to Richard Probert

Mr. Richd. Probert

Farnacres 25th. June 1785

As we find other Persons who have occasion for Bone Ashes can be supplied with quite as good Ashes as yours at 2s./9d. per Bushel we must expect you will make an allowance in your next Acct. for the 50 Casks of 3s. per Bushel on the 200 Bushels Shipped the 20th. of this Month and charge the next 100 Bushels at 2s./9d. if you do not do it we must deal elsewhere.

Your Acct. for the next 50 Casks we expect will be as follows.

50 Casks of Bone Ashes containing 100 Bushels	at 2s/9d	£13 15 -
50 Casks	at 2s/2d	£ 5 8 4
Cartage and Wharfage		£ 1 3 -
		£20 6 4
Allowed for the last 200 Bushels at 3d. per Bushel		2 10 -
		£17 16 4

We are Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

28 Jun 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 28 June 1785

We have recd. your Letters of the 25th. & 27th. inst with the Bills of Expenses, your Explanation of the Mistake as to the Pig of Lead which appeared to run over, Matt[he]w Temperley's 2 last Weeks Coal Accounts and the Operation for June, and we shall strike the Piece of Land reported to be sold to Jas. Johnson out of the Operation ending the 4th. December last wch. will set the matter right.

Before our receiving yours of the 27th. we had wrote to Mr. Wood , and hope he will soon be wth. you, or give Directions so that the Men may not be stopped.

We observe the Quantity of Bricks that have been made are 37,226 Common and 25,420 Stock, and that the Men have had £11 - 6 on account, but you are desired to send us the Particulars of every other Expense that has occurred concerning this Business.

We observe that 23 Bolls of Dantzic Rye have been ordered, as also 2 Sacks, and we will take care to discharge the Bill for it. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

I gave directions to Thomas Wood to get the Wood for the <Stocks> of John Richardson & hope he has wrote accordingly by <Rewcastle & ptrns> who I saw on Saturday with him.

When your Cash is so much exhausted as to require a further Supply you shall have one & pray write in time. The sooner you have it the better as we know you'll take care of it.

The Bellows come much higher now than in 1766. Those for Smelting cost £36. 15. - besides Shipping Freight & Carriage and the Refining Bellows in proportion. Pray do you not think we ought to have the new Smelting Bellows as well as the new Refining ones?

I am very glad you have got 10 Cart Loads of the Clargill Slates and much approve of their being used rather than Lough Green Slates but great care must be taken to have them good & sound. I am

Your Humble Servant
 Nich. Walton Junr.

PS. As soon as the Brick business is over I desire to have such further particulars as you may see proper.

1784	June 26	44 Refineable weighed	43 3 18	only reported to be 43 in June Operation
	Octr 2	16 Refineable weighed	15 2 13	
	May 7	100 Do. at the Ore Hearth	100 - 23	
		7 Do. at the Slag Hearth	7 - 12	
			166 3 10	
151	Reported to have been Refined		151 - 22	
15	lost or mislaid		45 2 16	

Date of Operations Directions for Messrs. Mulcaster to alter their Operation Papers.

1784		
Octr 30	Blagill Burn	Bouse received 2: 4 shd. be Cutting & Same in Stock
Dec 4	Blagill Burn	Ore Smelted 10.6 must be all Cutting
	Gallygill Syke	Bouse recd. 7:2 Cutting 2 must be Bouse 6.2 Cuttg. 3
	Do.	Stock Bouse 2.6 Cutting 6 must be Bouse 1.6 Cutting 7
25	Do.	Smelted Bouse 2.6 must be Bouse 1.6 Cutting 1

The above are necessary to make the Operations correspond with the General Accounts Of all Ore deliv[ere]d at the Mill.

June 26	Refineable Black Slag Lead made	44	Stock 44	Total Stock	299
July 31			Stock 44	Do.	456

Augt 28		Do.	44 Do.	425
Octor. 2	16	Do.	60 Do.	549
30		Do.	60 Do.	967
Decr 4		Do.	60 Do.	933
25		Do.	60 Do.	1771
Jany.29		Do.	60 Do.	1585
Mar 26		Do.	60 Do.	<640>
May 14	107	Refined	167	

We are Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

13 Jul 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 13th July 1785

We have this day had a full conversation wth. Mr. Bedlington about the Lead Carriage and have agreed with him conditionally to carry our Lead from the Turnpike Road to Lemmington and from there to Newcastle at 1 ½ a piece he to pay all charges for Tickets Bankage and Waggon way keeping so that it will be clear 1 ½ to be pd. by us & he will be ready to begin when we will. The only thing therefore now to be fixed is with the Lead Carriers who will bring Lead so far upon the Road and it is thought necessary to acquaint you with the following advantages which will arise to them by the business being carried on in this way rather than by going to Newburn. 1st. The place where the Lead is proposed to be delivered is close to the Turnpike Road and about half a Mile further (no more) than the Lane end which leads to Newburn so that the delivery will be easier than to Newburn and the Road always good. 2nd. The Bankage will be pd. by Mr. Bedlington wch. will make a difference of 6d. per Fodder compared with what was the case when the Carriers went to Newburn. 3rd. The Carriers will have an opportunity of being Loaded at the place of delivery wth. Coals as back carriage. Under these circumstances we cannot but think that 10d. a piece will do to this new place but if the Country Carriers will not take that certainly 10 ½ will be fully sufficient. Mr. Pattinson had but be talked to before you say anything to the rest of the Carriers and Atkinson of Bagraw after which we shall be glad to hear from you. We are

Your Humble Servts.
Walton & Turner

15 Jul 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 15 July 1785

We have recd. your Letter of the 14th. Inst and are glad to see so good a Produce of Silver as 890 Ounces from 69 Fodders of Lead.

We desire that the Water Wheels may not be < painted > unless it may be that for the Stamp Mill and we will consider that and let you know further.

We are very much concerned indeed on acct. of poor Wm. Wilson; who we doubt it is too clear must be parted with.

The Errors as to the Black Slag Lead we shall set right, and let you know in our next. As to the Quantity short pd. for; that must be set right next Pay, and we desire you will not trouble yourselves concerning the Errors as they are very few in Number, and we are perfectly satisfied of your good Intentions.

The new Smelting Bellows we are satisfied from your reasons must go to the Blagill Company.

We are glad to hear you have got < 16 > Fodders of the Clargill Slates.

The Smelting Bellows are gone from Newcastle this Day; we believe Jas. Johnson has one pair & John Corbett the other, & we hope they will arrive safe. When it becomes necessary to take off the packing, we doubt not your care in preserving the < Hair Cloth > as much as possible.

We are Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

15 Jul 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Messrs. Walton & Turner

London 5 July 1785

Bought of John White

	£	s	d
2 pair of Refining Bellows 3ft broad 5ft 6ins, long	48	6	-
exclusive of the Pipes - per pair 23 Guineas			
Packing & Shipping Expenses	1	4	-
2 pair large Smelting Bellows 3ft. 4ins. broad 10ft long			
exclusive of the Pipes - per pair 35 Guineas	73	10	-
Packing & Shipping Expenses	1	15	-
	£124	15	-

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 15 July 1785

Dear Sir,

You are desired to be so obliging as to pay Mr. John White £124.15. - in full of his Charge as above, but indeed we think his Charge is extravagant, and you will be

pleased to acquaint him that Messrs. Rust & Maylin did not charge us anything for packing & shipping, and that we hope he, Mr. White, will strike that out of the Account. Our Account with you in case Mr. White shd. not make any Abatement will after your paying him stand as follows.

Due to Mr. Holmes	
For payment to Richd. White for Bone Ashes	£43 3 8
For Do to Mr. White for Bellows	124 15 -
Stamp for Bellows Augt.	4
	£167 19 -

Due from Mr. Holmes	
For 552 1/2 Ounces of Silver Bullion at 5s/7 1/2d	155 7 10
Balance due to Mr. Holmes	£12 11 2

I am for Mr. Turner & Self
Dr. Sir Your most Hble Servt.
Nich. Walton Junr.

Rust & Maylin's Charge
Smelting Bellows per pair £31. 10. _
Refining Bellows per pair £22. _ . _
Same dimensions as above.

22 Jul 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 22nd. July 1785

The business as to the Plumber seems a very extraordinary one to us and we cannot help thinking the Man has an intention of cheating us but he shall not. The usual way when the Plumber employed has Lead delivered to him is that for every Fodder of Lead the Plumber delivers back One Ton of Lead and keeps the One Cwt. or what ever it may be after waste as his own property for the doing of this the allowance is 40s. for Casting for the Ton and what he can make of the Refuse or Ashes & Scummings of the latter of which must have been very Copious by John Bell, which is vastly short of the exorbitant expectations of Bell. Under the circumstances of this matter we are of Opinion it ought to be settled as follows.

Due to John Bell Plumber	
For Casting 37 cwt. 1 qtr. of Sheet Lead at 40s pr. Ton	£3. 14. 6
For the Value of the produce from Lead Ashes & Scummings	
Weight ... 1. 3. 13 at £16 per Fodder for the Lead	

£

Before the above can be settled it will be necessary to weigh the whole of the Ashes and Scummings left by Bell and then reduce them to Lead and say .. If the whole Weight of Ashes and Scummings produced Cwt. Qtrs. lbs. what will 1Cwt. 3 Qtrs. 13 lbs. give of the whole produce and the proportion for 1Cwt. 3Qtrs. 13lbs. being this settled that Quantity only must be reckoned at £16 per Fodder to be added to the Allowance of 40s. per Ton for Casting. In this way you will observe we give Bell an advantage for we do not suppose the Ashes and Scummings will Weigh 5Cwt. 2Qtrs. 13lbs. but we allow a full One and Twentieth part as the proportion for Ashes & Scummings as Wast for the 37Cwt. 1Qtr. for to produce 37Cwt. 1Qtr. it would be Necessary to deliver the Plumber 39. 0. 13 a One and Twentieth of which for Ashes and Scummings is 1. 3. 13 or thereabout the best way for the present will be to tell the Plumber that we will only allow 2s. per Cwt for Casting and that we will make him a proper Allowance for the Waste Lead and Ashes & pray get this Reduced to Lead as soon as you can. As to laying the Lead he must be paid for that as a Plumber.

Glad you are got so well on & are
Your Hble Servants.
Walton & Turner

23 Jul 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 23rd. July 1785

This morning I have recd. your Letters of the 18th. and 20th. of July Inst. You have mistaken the matter a little regarding the Lead Carriage. The Agreement you have made or rather what Mr. Pattinson agrees to take is 10d. per piece to Throckley. The Lane leading from the Turnpike to Newburn is on the East side of Throckley Ground so the agreement must be to carry the Lead to the Waggon Way which is East of Wallbottle Dean Bridge and this Waggon Way is in Newbottle Ground which belongs to the Duke of Northumberland and is about ½ a Mile East from the Lane End abovemention[ed]. I have no doubt the Carriers will take the Lead to this place at 10d. a piece but they must not begin to carry 'till I see Mr. Bedlington again and fix every thing and order Tickets for him. A Man lives constantly at the place of delivery who writes an excellent Hand and takes an Acct. of the Waggon. Nothing must yet be said to the Newcastle Carriers but perhaps it may be as well for their price to continue at 12d. till further & then we shall be able the better to Judge.

James Johnsons people had actually got hold of 20 Casks of Bone Ashes.

Yesterday we wrote you fully about the Plumber who certainly has behaved either like a Knave or a Blockhead. The Ashes and Scummings shd. be weighed both before and after being washed.

I am glad the Bellows are safe arrived and Under Cover & that the Wood is come from Shankfoot.

Thomas Wood was here on Thursday and has had directions to get the Chain made at Newcastle or Gateshead by Mr. Hawks. I am

Your Humble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

25 Jul 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 25th. July 1785

I have recd. your Letter of the 23rd. this Evening & desire you will for the future only write by the Southside Post or the Waggon for by the Northside Post I find we frequently lose Two Days but most commonly one Days time is lost. The under Sheriff will I doubt not do what is necessary as to excusing the attendance of Mr. P. Mulcaster. I perfectly understand your sketch for saving solder but desire that the whole of the Water wch. will run into the Lead Gutter may be made to fall into the High Mill Conduit down the hole in the Pillar. The Weather is and has been exceedingly favourable for our works and we are glad to see every thing going on so well. We are however sorry you have got into an error by letting your Meadow stand too long. It has been a general error thro' the whole Country. This neither a satisfaction nor a justification of your proceedings as to the Hay Harvest. Our Hay is all in Stack and our Oats and Wheat beginning to turn. I have wrote to forward the Chains with all expedition. I am

Your Humble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

26 Jul 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 26 July 1785

Inclosed we send you Richd. Proberts Letter concerning the Bone Ashes and desire you'll consider the subject & return the Letter with your Sentiments. The Coal Accts. for the last two Weeks are received. Matt[he]w Temperley has wrote us about the Dyke which is as you describe. The Mill Wrights Work we know is always tedious but we might have had more hands to expedite our work however we think there are as many hands together as ought to be for the Job now in hand & so long as they don't loiter we must rest satisfied. We wish Wm. Wilson could have staid a Month at Erthing Hall if it wd. have been of any use to him. Indeed the very relaxation from work must be of service. We are

Your Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

29 Jul 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 29th. July 1785

We have recd. your Letters of the 25th. 27th. & 28th. Inst, all together this day & shall we hope be enabled to fix the Lead Carriage business in a few Days and after we do so shall not fail giving you directions relative thereto. We are glad the Hinges &c for the Treddles are arrived at Langley Mill. Richard Proberts Letter is now inclosed, we found it and thought some other Letter had by mistake been sent you but are glad we can now set the matter right. We are not by any means clear as to your wishes for more Iron. We are satisfied perfectly so that you will not desire us to send you any thing but what is needful and we have therefore written to Mr. Wilkinsons Agent to send what you have mentioned by Mondays Carrier but you'll recollect that no loose new Materials or any other loose Materials except Bellows and their movement accompaniments are to be furnished to the Blagill Company by Greenwich Hospital. With regard to Slates it strikes us that no time shd. be lost in getting some other persons employed in working Slates either in Alston Moor [or] in West Allendale for we must not now be stopped on any Acct. This shews the Folly of Mr. Waltons directions not being followed which he first gave in the Blagill Co. Office. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

1 Aug 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 1st. Augt. 1785

We have recd. your Letter of the 30th. Ulto. and also Mr. Proberts Letter with your report & shall rest that business for the present. Greenwich Hospital is to be at the full expense of rebuilding the Reducing Furnace and one Refining Furnace for the Blagill Co. One Thousand Fire Bricks shall be ordered & Clay as usual. Grate Bars must be considered as loose Materials, as also Cast Iron for the Hearths. We are to furnish Chains for the Bellows. In your next we hope all will be set right as to Slates. You are right in every respect as to the other matters about Materials between G. Hospital and the Blagill Company. We are

Yours &c

W&T

1 Aug 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Due from Mr. John Holmes as follows.

For 552 1/2 Ounces of fine Silver	at 5s/7 1/2d	£155 7 10
For 890 1/2 Do.	at 5s/6 3/4d	247 13 5
		£403 1 3

Due to Mr. John Holmes.

For Cash pd Richd. Probert for Bone Ashes	£43 3 8
For Do. to be pd. him for Do.	21 12 2
For Do. pd. John White Bellows maker	121 16 -
Stamp	4
	£186 12 2
Balance due from Mr. John Holmes	£216 9 1

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 1st. August 1785

Dear Sir,

We yesterday recd. your Letter of the 28th. Ulto. and have this day drawn upon you for the Balance of Acct. above £216. 9s. 1d pay[a]ble Sixty Days after Date. You will be pleased to pay Ricd. Probert £21.12. 2 particulars as below and be so good as send his Recet. the first opportunity. Your weighing is right. The mistake was made by our setting down 891 ½ instead of 890 ½. The words in the Recet. from the Carrier are as follows – ‘Eight Hundred & Ninety & one half Ounces.’ We are

Dear Sir Your most Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

Messrs. Walton & Turner <Drs.>

1785	To Richd. Probert	
July 19th	To 50 Casks Bone Ashes qt 100 <cwt> @ 3/	15 0 0
	To 50 Casks @ 2/3	5 8 4
	To Cartge. 10/6 & Wharfage 13/-	1 3 6
		£21 11 10
	Stamp	4
		£21 12 2

£216. 9. 1.

Farnacres 1st. August 1785

Sixty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred and Sixteen Pounds Nine Shillings and one penny. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner

Mr. John Holmes London

10 Aug 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 10th. August 1785

The delivery to Wallbottle Moor Colliery Wagon Way may begin as soon as we have Lead but we should have all delivered at Newcastle which has been sent from the Mill since the Pay, before we begin upon the New Price.

The whole Quantity sent from the Mill since the Pay is	859
Of which received at Newcastle to the 30th Ulto inclusive	587
Wanting or on the Road 31st July 1785	272

After delivery of the above we will give you directions about altering the Price from 12d. to 11½d. per piece. After the alteration takes place the Prices are to be as follows.

From the Mill to Hexham	3 1/2
Wallbottle Dukes Hall	10
From Hexham to Do	6 1/2
From the Mill to Newcastle	11 ½
From Hexham to Do	8

The Persons Name who is to be given Tickets or Recets. for the Lead is John Charleton who lives at Dukes Hall close to the Waggonway at the very place where the Lead is to be delivered and Tickets shall be sent him this Week. We are

Your Humble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. The Carriers should have notice to get in the 272 pieces; and after the Carriage beyond on the new footing express directions must be given to Pile their Lead on delivery at Dukes Hall.

The Price of Rye is likely to rise. We have sent you Fifty Pounds by Mr. Thornton for which you are desired to sign and return the inclosed Recet.

14 Aug 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 14th. Augt. 1785

We have this moment recd. your Letters of the 11th. & 13th. inst, and are very happy to find that the Works have got so well on, and that the 4 Hearths at the Upper Mill have started, and it will give us great satisfaction to hear that every thing answers well. We are glad the wood is arrived, but are much surprised that the Nail Rods are not as we gave particular Directions that they might be forwarded without a Moments Delay. We <deem> we have made the Mistake you mention as to the Quantity of Lead deliv[ere]d from the Mill since last Pay, having taken in the 28 which were melted by

the Plumber as having been deliv[ere]d for Newcastle. We approve of what you have done as to the intimation of an intention of carrying Lead to Dukes Hall, and doubt not that every thing will be ready when any of our Lead goes there. The Assays you mention are come safe to hand. Mr. Walton and probably Mr. Turner intend paying you a visit when the Blagill Mill is near upon being finished, and by that time we shall hope to see our own Refining & Reducing at work; but possibly Mr. Walton may be with you before that time; that is however my intention.

The Parcels of Iron recd. from Wilkinson & Cookson which were deliv[ere]d at Newcastle the 18th. April containing in the whole 42 Bars & 8 pieces of rolled Iron, all the Cast Iron Plates recd. by you from Mr. Harrison, & all the Timber & Deals deliv[ere]d by Mr. Harvey are charged to the Alterations & additions now going on at Langley Mill, but the Screen Plates & Screw Stocks as also the 8 Bars of Swedish Iron sent from Newcastle to the Mill on the 11 April are charged to Langley Mill, and this carries us to the time of making the last Lead Mill Pay. All the Iron got since of Messrs. Wilkinson & Cookson is charged to Langley Mill, but the Chains from Mr. Hawks are charged to Blagill Mill. The Nails got from Messrs. Taylor (concerning which you will remember there was a difference & they made an Abatement) were charged to Langley Mill, but those got since from them have been charged to the new works. We have thought it necessary to be thus particular as we think it proper to inform you lest there shd. be any Clash between the Mill Accounts & the new Works, and we are perfectly satisfied of every necessary attention in consequence of this intimation. We are

Your Hble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS. We have had a very Wet day with the Wind at N.W.

16 Aug 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 16 Augt. 1785

You are desired to forward the inclosed Letter by a Special Messenger to Mr. Thos. Temperley.

As soon as you can let us know how much expense there has been in resetting & burning over again the Bricks which were not sufficiently burnt by Geo. Turners Men, and the Quantity of Bricks which were not sufficiently burnt. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. The same Messenger who brings you this will go forward to Alston.

18 Aug 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 18 Augt. 1785

We have recd. your Letters of the 16th. & 17th. inst to which we have particularly attended, and as we think Thos. Ions has behaved very improperly with regard to our Letter which was to have been forwarded by his Messenger to Alston we desire you will not pay any thing on that account, nor will we.

Mr. Walton has often wished to be with you at Langley Lead Mill during the course of the Works wch. have been lately carried on there, but he was so perfectly satisfied of the Attention of Messrs. Mulcaster that he has been quite easy under the Disappointment of not being able to be with them for so long a time when he was at the same time sensible of several very material alterations and improvements which however he is satisfied have not escaped being taken Notice of.

The Weather in this part of the Country has been much the same as you describe. The good by the rain will far more than counterbalance any Disappointment of ours at Langley Mill; possibly we may experience the Benefit of it after our Works are completed when it gets into the Chinks of the Earth, Stublick Colliery Level may gradually afford us a part of it.

We hoped that the Refining & Reducing at Langley Mill might have got to work sooner than you expect, but we must be content, not doubting that every thing will be done to have them ready as soon as possible.

With regard to the Blagill Mill, we consider it to be very agreeable to have had the Blagill Company accommodated so long as they have been previous to the time they were entitled to any advantage in consequence of the Alterations and Improvements originally proposed for their accommodation. Neither you nor we must think it a Difficulty what time it will take to complete the whole of this Business. It was undertaken for their accommodation, we have not had great inconvenience, and they have had every Indulgence that could possibly be granted to them, and after they get the whole of the works intended for them deliv[ere]d up to them, they certainly will be furnished upon the whole with what will be equal to the original Proposition, which was that they shd. be put into full possession at Lammas, the 12th. inst. This to yourselves.

Under the Circumstances you mention we think that it may not be improper for you to give out that we shall want a Refiner, and if anyone shd. apply that you think proper to encourage as a man who has learned the Art, such person ought to be put upon applying to his Employer for leave to serve with us; if he shd. be refused, it will then be time enough to consider what is to be done. We see it wd. be improper to take Forster under the present Circumstances, and we are sorry it so happens.

Since writing to you last we observe that the charge of the Cast Iron for the Test <Bowsers> and Rings is made to the Improvements &c now carrying on and not to Langley Mill. Whatever Iron you see to be necessary we shall always be ready to send.

The Acct. you give as to the Bricks is indeed very bad, and Geo. Turner must feel the ill effect of it. Any further expense wch. it may be necessary to put Greenwich Hospital to on this acct. (we mean the want of sufficiency on the part of Geo. Turner's Men) we desire you will let us know the Amount of, and the sooner this whole Business is got completed the better. Nothing can be more agreeable to me than that of encouraging a Propriety of Behaviour, the contrary will always meet with our Resentment. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. The man who furnishes us with Bone Ashes agreed to allow £5 per Cent on acct. of prompt payments and therefore we think it will be proper to go on with him 'til a thorough Trial is made with respect to the other Ashes, and we must desire you will not take Notice of this matter to anyone.

21 Aug 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 21 Augt. 1785

We have recd. your Letter of the 19th inst, and are obliged by the intimation you have given us with respect to some of the Company being in the Country. Mr. Walton saw the Governor & a Gentleman with him who, he understands, is a Director, at Newcastle on Monday Evening last, & the two last Letters sent to Thomas Temperley, one forwarded by John Elliot & the other by the Ore Carriers, inclosed two Letters for the Governor of the Quakers Company on the Subjects we mentioned to you, viz. About using Tickets, washing their Ore better, and not paying for the raising of any Ore 'til after washed and weighed; and those Letters we doubt not wd. be deliv[ere]d to the Governor himself by Mr. Temperley.

We are sorry to find that you fear the Wet Weather will hurt the new Walls. If the Masons think it necessary to take any part down and rebuild it, we desire that may be done. You are therefore desired to consult with them on this Subject. We are now glad to observe that the Reducing Chimney is got finished, that the Joists are laid for the Coal & Lime Houses, that the Mill Wrights have begun to take down the Machinery for the Blagill Mill, and that the Slaters have begun slating the New Refinery. We are

Your Hble Servts
Walton & Turner

23 Aug 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 23 August 1785

We have recd. your Letter of the 21st Inst, and are sorry to find you have paid the Man instead of the Horse.

Our wish is that you shd. strictly attend to the intimations we gave you concerning a Refiner; if in consequence Thos. Stoke shd. find himself in a Difficulty, he ought not to blame us but the Blagill Company: that is however a matter that we wd. by no means have brought into the present question. The whole Justification on your part in case Thos. Stokoe shd. not hear from you will be that you could not with convenience give him any particular Information unless you consider the Applications he has already made make it clear to you that he rather wishes to serve us than the Governor & Company. We have Doubts as to the propriety even of this, and clearly think that the best way will be to give out in general Terms publicly that a Refiner is wanted at Langley Lead Mill for Greenwich Hospital. This we have not the least doubt will be the cause of some Applications, and probably will bring Stokoe to you, and if he shd. come, what you propose to require will be very proper as to the liberty of leaving the Company's Service, and of all things we wish to have this matter come forward so as that it might come to the knowledge of the Gentlemen of the Company who are now down because if the Agents shd. either <claim or refuse> we shall have an Opportunity of applying to the Gentlemen of the Company themselves, and shall not scruple doing so, nay shall even think it my Duty to do it.

The stupidity and Difficulty with respect to a want of Flags surprises us very much indeed, surely the Masons have lost a considerable part of their Senses. In want of Attention and following Directions Slates are now mostly in Arrear, and when Flags are wanted tho' we are within half a Yard of a good Watercourse, we are not enabled to get Flags because there have been 2 or 3 considerable Showers of Rain. We cannot blame ourselves, nor can we blame you. We desire the Saddle may be set upon the Right Horse; those whose Business it was to get the Slates & Flags must bear the Burthen and every consequent Blame on acct. of those Neglected.

The Reducing Furnace and the Westmost Refining Furnace it will certainly be proper to proceed with immediately, and to get them put into compleat order, in the doing of which we shall expect to get a very considerable Quantity of Lead from the Reducing Furnace Bellows.

The Weather is seriously wet. The Country now requires dry Weather, & we sincerely hope we shall all very soon experience the wishes for change. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

26 Aug 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

An Acct. of Lead deliv[ere]d from the Lead Mill & recd at Newcastle.

Deliv at Mill & to whom	Pieces	Recd at Newcastle from whom	Pieces
Thomas Atkinson	24		
William Bell	135	William Bell	135
Chris. Bell	60	John Bell	74
John Corbett	150	John Corbett	246
James Johnson	94	James Johnson	124
Willm. Pattinson	184	William Pattinson	44
Thomas Robson	79	Thomas Robson	79
John Ramsay	15	John Ramsay	13
William Wilson	90	William Wilson	40
		Joseph Walton	54
Deliv & recd to 24 Augt	831		809

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 26th Augt. 1785

We have this Day recd. your Letters of the 23rd. & 25 inst with Master Temperley's two last Weeks Coal Accounts inclosed.

No Contact whatever was made wth. the Masons concerning the Building of the Furnaces, but the Contract for the Ashlar Work was that for each superficial yard of 2ft. thick 3 Shillings were to be paid.

The Wet Weather hinders every thing but yesterday was tolerably fair, and this is a fine Day with Wind at North West. We are sorry the Plumber was prevented getting forward by the Rain. Before we settle with him, we will again see Mr. Watson the Plumber of Newcastle & take down his Charges, or make him write them down himself which we believe will be the best way.

As to Stokoe the Refiner, the opportunity is lost which we wished to have taken Advantage of, and we must now take the Event of the matter as it stands according to your Letter, but his lying idle is by no means to be considered as anything.

We are glad to hear that Flags will be got, and that the Slaters are getting on, tho' not as fast as could be wished owing to the bad weather, but no doubt there will be Difficulty abt. the man who is to win the remainder.

It is surprising to us that The Fire Bricks & Clay are not arrived as we went to order them almost immediately after receiving your Letter about them. The Clay which come from Maldon must be <Cast>, or made as small as possible, and then mixed up wth. water so as to form a Mortar and used as such.

By a Letter wch. we have recd. from Mr. Harvey this Day, we find that 809 Pieces of Lead have been delivd. at the Warehouse since last Pay, as you will observe on the preceding page, and as he acquaints us there are about 20 lying at Walbottle, and as we observe John Ramsay recd. 15 at the Mill and has only delivd. 13 at Newcastle, we

suppose he may have 2 pieces still lying at Dilston, which will make up the whole Quantity. We have wrote to Ramsay desiring him to send the 2 pieces forward by some of the Carriers on Monday and we have wrote to James Johnson & John Corbett desiring they will pick up and bring forward all the Lead they can find on the road on Monday, and particularly that John Corbett or James Johnson shall bring forward the 2 pieces from Dilston & the 20 pieces from Wallbottle, at wch. last ment[ione]d place we rather wonder any shd. be laid down. You may begin the delivery to Dukes Hall when you please of any kinds of Leads. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We have recd. a Letter from Thos. Temperley wch. gives us hopes that something good will come of the Company's Journey into the Country this year. It is now 2 o'Clock, and begins to look rather as to rain, but the Weather Glass is rising & has been doing so ever since yesterday Morning.

19 Sep 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres <19> Sept. 1785

We have recd. your Letters of the 9th, 14th, 15th. & 16th inst, and are glad to hear you have recd. the Iron Plates for the Pig Holes, the new Vice, 3 Locks & some Paper, as also a Cask of Oil. The two Iron Furnace Doors Mr. Robt. Mulcaster will send as soon as possible. We must still desire to have a Model made by James Brown for the Treddle Hinges to be kept at Langley Mill til there may be occasion for it. We have wrote to Messrs. Landell & Chambers and desired them to get the Vice repaired for us, and also that they will send 9 Locks in lieu of those which you now have, all of which, after you receive the 9 new ordered, must be returned.

The Acct. of Tillage Ground at Langley Mill is come to hand. We are heartily vexed on acct. of Harrison's improper Behaviour, and in case any of the Stones are not found to stand, he must undoubtedly take them back again and cast new ones. With regard to the Quality of the Metal, I have made Enquiry and found that none of the Founders at Newcastle have any that is good at present, and we have therefore wrote to Mr. Menham desiring he will be particularly careful to pick out the best Metal he has, and to take care to cast the Stones you want as solid a possible. We are glad to hear that the Blagill Mill Wheel is got to work the Ore Mill Bellows, that the Machinery for the working of the other Bellows is fixing and that the other works are getting forward with, but are surprised that the Millwrights shd. not be able to see before now that they wd. want 2 Tons more of Oak Wood. We have wrote to Thomas Wood abt. this & expect he will do what is needful immediately. We have seen Thomas Wood since we determined to employ Mr. Menkham and desired him to get the <Judgement> from him. We are very happy to hear that you are enabled to get Stones from Black Cleugh

for the purposes you mention, & approve very much of what you have done respecting this. The Grindon <.... theins> will answer sufficiently well. We are

Your Hble. Servts.
Walton & Turner

23 Sep 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 23rd. Sept. 1785

On Saturday the 8th. of next Month we intend being at Langley Mill in the Evening, shall stay there 'til the next Day after Dinner, and then go to Alston. On Sunday the 16th. of that Month we propose dining at Langley Mill, shall hold Haydon Bridge Court the next Day, & return to the Mill. The Day following set out in the Morning towards Wark. On Sunday the 23rd. of the same Month we propose again dining with you. On Monday the 24th. settle Blagill & Langley Mill & the Stublick Colliery & Lime Kiln Accts. Tuesday the 25th. make Blagill & Langley Mill pays for the Buildings. Wednesday the 26th. make Lead Mill Stublick Colliery & Lime Kiln Pays. Thursday the 27th. settle what may remain unfinished & leave Langley Mill that Afternoon.

We have recd. your Letter of the 21st. Inst this Morning and are glad to find you have got the Reducing Furnace Door Plates. You say you have wrote to Mr. Harvey and desired him to forward a Letter & the Model for the Stamp Heads to Mr. Menkham at Hexham, and that you thought this was the safest way of their not miscarrying because you understood that Mr. Menham does not now live at Newcastle. We shall therefore write to Mr. Harvey to desire that the Letter & Model may be forwarded to Mr. Menham at Bury Cottage.

The Sum you are to receive of Mr. Thornton is £52. 10s - which we hope will serve 'til the time of the Pay, but if it will not, the sooner you let us know what you want the better.

We have dreadful Weather, but are very much pleased that you have got on your work so well notwithstanding, and we have no doubt the Slating is now finished. There will be no occasions to get any more Slates this Season from West Allen. We have ordered Thos. Wood to send half a hundred Deals. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

28 Oct 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 28 Octo[ber] 1785

We have examined our Accounts for last Pay, and find the following Entries made & Receipts taken; of all which we send you Copies as follows.

In the New Buildings Pay Bill ending the <14>th. May.

Carriage of Quoins and other Ashler Stones from Black Cleugh.

41 John Robson DR	26 Fodders at 8d pr Fdr	£- 17 4
42 John Elliot	26 Fodders at 8d pr Fdr	- 17 4
43 Thomas Coats Snr	26 Fodders at 8d pr Fdr	- 17 4

£2 12 -

In the Due Paper Account

John Robson DR Senr.

67 Common Labour	£5 6 9
90 Carriage of Stones for Assay Room	- 5 8
91 Carriage of Slates for Do	- 3 9
41 Do. of Stones from Bla. Cleu.NB	- 17 4
	6 13 6
Paid by Peter & Jas. Mulcaster	2 2 0
Due	4 11 6

John Elliot Sillywrea

42 Carriage of Stones from Bla Cleu forNB	17 4
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Thomas Coats Senr. pd. Messrs. Mulcaster.

43 Carriage of Stones from Bla. Cleu. for N.B	17 4
44 Carriage of Slates from Lough Green for Do.	1 0
50 Carriage of Wood from Deanraw for Do.	1 0
	19 4

In Abstract of Due Papers

54 Coats Thomas Senior	19 4 pd.
53 Elliot John Sillywrea	17 4 pd.
40 Robson John Senior	6 13 5
	2 2 0 <....>

Receipts taken.

Langley & Blagill Mills 14th. May 1785

Due to John Robson DR

For carriage of Stones from Black Cleugh Quarry

26 Fodders at 8d	£- 17 4
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Recd. 13 June 1785 of Messrs. Walton and Turner the Contents

John Robson

The above Receipt is signed by John Robson himself and is marked in the Back 41.

Langley & Blagill Mills 14 May 1785

Due to John Elliot.

For Carriage of Stones from Black Cleugh Quarry

26 Fodders at 8d

£- 17 4

Recd. 13 June 1785 of Messrs. Walton & Turner the Contents for my brother John Elliot.

William X Elliot (his Mark)

Witness Thomas Temperley

The above Receipt is marked on the Back 42.

Langley & Blagill Mills 14th. May 1785

Due to Thomas Coats Senr.

For Carriage of Stones from Black Cleugh Quarry

26 Fodders at 8d

£- 17 4

Recd. 13th. June 1785 of Messrs. Walton & Turner the Contents for Thos. Coats Peter Mulcaster

The above receipt is marked on the Back 43.

From all the above it is perfectly clear that the Money has been paid at the Pay and as the Elliots paid no Rent at the Pay, it is also clear that Wm. Elliot recd. the 17s/4d for his Brother, that John Robson recd. 17s/4d for which he himself gave a Receipt, and that Mr. Peter Mulcaster gave a Rect. for Thomas Coats's Money; so that he and his Brother must either have paid Thomas Coats the Money or ought to have done so, or have paid it to Matt. Temperley in part for Coals; we therefore think it necessary to give you the follow[in]g Particulars relative to Thomas's Acct. at Stublick Colliery.

When Matthew Temperley <entered> Thos. Coats owed for 181 ½ loads of Coals at 4d. - £3. - 6 and between the time of Matthew's entering to the 13 of June 1785 inclusive Matt. had recd. for 68 ½ loads at 4d. 1. 2. 18 He now owes for 113 loads at 4d. £1.17.8

What we suppose is that you pd. Matt. the 19s/4d and that he had recd. of Thomas Coats himself 3s/6d, and by enquiring of him you may perhaps find how this matter is.

The words 'pd. Messrs. Mulcaster' on the Check to Thomas Coats Senr. Due paper have been wrote by Mr. Walton Junr.

It is probable that the reason why John Elliot might think he was not paid the 17s/4d was that as his Brother Wm. recd. the Money, he may not have accounted to John for it.

Since writing the above we have looked into our own Abstract Cash Account at the time of making the Pay, and find that 19s/4d is charged as paid to Thos. Coats and £1. 2.10 recd. from him in <part> for Coals, and therefore it is <probably> determined that you are, both of you, acquitted, and as to the 3s/6d differences between 19s/4d and £1. 2. 10, if Thos. Coats shd. deny his having paid anything at all in part of the £3. -. 6, we shall be 3s/6d into pocket after allowing him 19s/4d; this however we by no means can wish, and are now only sorry to have had so much trouble given us about a matter which is certainly right in every respect, and we are satisfied there are no Demands on either side respecting the above Transactions, and are happy that every Particular has presented itself to make this conclusive to us.

We got home very well at 10 Minutes before 7 o'Clock, having expended exactly 5 Hours in our Passages. We are

Your Hble Servts
Walton & Turner

PS. The above is the first business after getting home as our Credit and your satisfaction in matters of business will always <operate forcibly> on our Minds.

29 Oct 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 29 Octor. 1785

On looking into Langley Lime Kiln Accts. and comparing it with Stublick Colliery Accounts I find that the Quantities of Coals deliv[ere]d from the Colliery & the Number of Fodders set down in the Pay Bill do not agree. The Account shd. stand as follows.

Coals deliv[ere]d for the Kiln from the 16 Octor. 1784 to and with 14th. May 1785.	246 Loads	41 Fod[de]r
Coals deliv from [then] to and with 8 Oct 1785	1488 Loads	248 Fod.r
		289 Total Fdr
Charged in Lime Kiln Account		297 Fod.r
	Difference	8

It is supposed this may arise from there having been 8 Fod.r of Coals deliv[ere]d for the Lime Kiln after the 8 Inst. for otherwise it is clear there must be a Mistake.

Mr. Walton having only paid Mr. Peter Mulcaster £4. 4. 6 for the Bills of Expenses in June last, he thinks there is a Mistake in that for by doing so he made Mr. Mulcaster allow £1.3- for a Pig of Lead for Jas. Johnson, which Sum of £1. 3. - ought to have been recd. from Mr. Mulcaster, and therefore he desires this Letter may be br.t to Farnacres when they send for the Ore Carriage Money and he will then Pay Mr. Mulcaster the £1. 3. -

In settling the Account for Stublick Colliery with you, we find we have got <17>s too much, and therefore if Matt. Temperley will <keep> us in mind we will give it to him the first time we come to Langley Mill, or will pay you when you come here for the Cash.

There will be 16s. due from Matt. Temperley for the 8 Fodder of Coals deliv[ere]d for the Lime Kilns whether they were delivered before or after the 8th. October unless they were deliv[ere]d before the 14th. May 1785 and were pd. for on the 13th. of June last; and we cannot think they were as there was no Lime Kiln Account at that time. It is plain they were pd. for to him this Pay.

Inclosed we send you two Bills of Expenses for which Mr. Peter Mulcaster is desired to sign Accts, and to return them. These are sent in lieu of our Bill which was made out all together instead of being in two.

We inclose you a Paper relative to the Valuation of the Hearth Stones & Iron Pot in the Hearth at Blagill Mill, and the Valuation of the Refinery Furnace, and think every Particular ought to be valued so as that Mr. Jobling may have it in his power to take the whole away except the Treddle Frame, and not to do anything either to interfere with that or wth. the Water Wheel. We think something shd. be reckoned for fixing the Bellows and Machinery as well as the Value of the Materials, and the like as to the Refining Furnace, but as to the building of the Hearth we wd. have you consider that as Nothing, but only just to value the Iron Stones & Pot; and we beg leave further to add that we have no wish whatever to have any one thing valued at more than you think it deserves.

I wish to have the <amount used> measure of the Blagill Co.'s Lime House Peat House and Smiths Shop. I am

Your Humble Servant

Nich. Walton Junr

An Acct. shewing the Valuation of <our/one> Refinery Furnace and Machinery at Langley Mill at several Periods

1769 Bellows	£26 5 -	Iron £2 15 -	£29 - -
1771 Bellows	£25 - -	Iron 2 15 -	27 15 -
1772 Do	24 10	Do 2 15 -	27 5 -
1773 Do	24 -	Do 2 15 -	26 15 -
1774 Do	22 -	Do 2 15 -	24 15 -
1775 Do	20 -	Do 2 15 -	22 15 -
1776 Do	19 -	Do 2 15 -	21 15 -
1778 Do	18 -	Do 2 15 -	20 15 -
1779 Do	18 -	Do 2 15 -	20 15 -
1780 Do	18 -	Do 2 15 -	20 15 -
1781 Do		Do 2 15 -	
1782 Do		Do 2 15 -	
1783 Do		Do 2 15 -	
1784 Do		Do 2 15 -	

From the above I think it clearly appears that the Bellows and Machinery have been all along too low Valued for the Bellows Cost £22 a pair & Insurance and Freight & Carriage £2 and the Treddle Chains &c for one pair of Bellows might have been something considerable but the whole is left to your determination & the condition of the Furnace must be particularly Noted so that we may know the whole of the Circumstances & Mr. Jobling must pay for everything <so as to have it is his power to

take the whole Furnace* [Marginal Note: '*Bellows and Machinery away except the Treddle Frame'] away if he chuses & <have if we de.....>

An Acct. shewing the Valuation of <one set of Iron> Stones for <our> Ore Hearth at Langley Mill at several Periods

1769 £19 7 -
1771 £19 7 -
1772 £19 7 -
1773 £19 7 -
1774 £19 7 -
1775 £19 7 -
1776 £19 7 -
1778 £19 7 -
1779 £19 7 -
1780 £19 7 -
1781 £19 7 -
1782 £19 7 -
1783 £17 15 -
1784 £17 15 -

These must be pd. for by Mr. Jobling and taken as his own. You have what is now pd. for carriage of Hearth Stones in <.....> The Iron Pot shd. be <dated>

6 Nov 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 6th. November 1785

We have recd. your Letter of this Day and thank you very heartily for your attention to the matter as to the Poor Rate and Mr. Thorntons critical state of health & fear the worst as to him. We are much concerned on Account of the works being so much retarded by the Wet Weather but hope some progress has been made as to the Stamp Mill Wheel hole. What you have to say on the subject as to <dispensing> as well as you can 'till Spring is certainly right. We very much approve of employing Wm. Forster and are sorry that there seems so great a probability of our having occasion for a further person in lieu of Francis Carr. Unless he himself shd. apply to go to the Infirmary we cannot move as to that and indeed we doubt that he is not a proper subject for admission. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS. Under the circumstances of Mr. Thorntons severe attack we have thought it necessary to send Mr. Farrer, sooner indeed than we could well spare him, to endeavour to get Thorntons accounts settled wth. the Workmen & have our fears on this head.

I have been trying and can safely take my Oath as to the matter that Stublick Colliery in the 4 ½ years ending at Mich[aelmas] 1785, reckoning from 12th May 1781 half year, has not made more Profit to Greenwich Hospital than £20. 10 - per Ann. The real Sum, unless I have made an error which I do not think I have, is £20. 8. 9 ½ per Ann. I intend to go through this account again but I do not think I shall find any error unless it may be to reduce the annual Profit.

8 Nov 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 8 Nov. 1785

We have recd. your Letters of the 7th. & 8th. Inst and are glad to find that the Matter as to the Poor Rate stands so well for the present; we are also glad to find that Mr. Fawcett is by no means clear that Lead Mills are rateable. We desire no Difficulty may be made as to the 40/s extraordinary charged for Stublick Colliery, and therefore you will pay the Tax according to the Assessment, and we approve very much, not only of what you have done, but as to the Sentiments you have expressed to us on this Occasion.

This Day having been very fine and very promising for a fine Day tomorrow, we hope the Wheel Case and everything will get on quickly.

We are very much concerned on acct. of Francis Carr. You receive herewith a Recommendation to the Infirmary, and if he can come down to N Castle on Thursday first so as to be at the Infirmary at Eleven o' Clock, it is our wish that he shd. do so, because no time shd. be lost in such a Complaint. We heartily wish to have him got well again, and hope the Infirmary Governor will not look upon his Case as an Objectionable one. It will now be necessary to have Wm. Forster immediately, and any further Man we desire may be got with[ou]t in the least interfering wth. the Governor & Company.

We have recd. the Coal Accts. & Receipt for the Furnace Door Plates. We are
Your Hble. Servts.
Walton & Turner

15 Nov 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 15th. November 1785

We have yours of the 10th. now before us and desire that Jno. Robson Junr. may be taken as a Learner to Smelt & wd. not have you to engage wth. a Labourer till you see further and cannot think it proper to employ either Thos. Coats or Matt. Brown at any Time. I have spoken to a Gentleman abt. Frank Carr being admitted at the Infirmary. He seems to doubt his recovering very much. We [are] in hope you have got finely forward towards completing the works in hand when we left you. We are

Yr. Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. We enclose you the two Pay Bills for last Pay.

18 Nov 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 18 Nov. 1785

Inclosed we send you the Recet. you gave Mr. Thornton for £52. 10 - the 21st. Sept. last which you may destroy. We also inclose you 3 Receipts which you are desired to deliver to Mr. Thornton on his signing and giving to you for us the inclosed Recet. and he must also pay you for us 2 ¼ d in Cash. You must take the first Opportunity of sending us the Recet. which Thornton signs; you must also get from Mr. Thornton and send us a Receipt which we gave him for a Promissory Note of the late Mr John Johnson for the Sum of £24. 11. 4.

The Weather has been so exceedingly favourable lately that we hope you have not only got well on towards a finish of the Works in Hand when we left you, but that you will reach 3000 Bings for Duty this year or near it. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

18 Nov 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 18th. November 1785

We have this Evening recd. your Letters of the 15th. 16th. & 17 Inst and are extremely angry with Jno. Howdon & Jno. Rewcastle who we may possibly never employ again because to neglect us at such a time of the Year is really unpardonable. We have wrote to Jno. Rewcastle and have insisted upon him and Jno. Howdon asking seriously your pardon & have directed Jno. Rewcastle to show you our Letter which we must insist upon and desire you'll let us hear from you what effect that Letter has because if it does not bring about everything we wish you may depend upon it we will be otherwise supplied with Contractors. Mr. Menham we will write to about the Rollers for the Stamp Mill. We approve of Joshua Elliot for the Labourer. We inclose

you the Notice for Dewey Syke which you ought not to have given out of your custody on any Account. There was no occasion for a Witness but it surely could not do any harm. The Silver is arrived and weighs 1097 Ounces which is within one Ounce of what it ought to have been by Assay & that is good work. The produce of Refined Lead as usual at first with a new Furnace is short the loss being abt. a Tenth. It will be by far the best way to end our Acct. and consider what comes in from Blagill after[war]ds as next years Ore as you proposed. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

21 Nov 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 21st. November 1785

Dear Sir

By Saturdays Waggon from Newcastle you will receive a Box containing 1097 Ounces of fine Silver. We have lately found it necessary to make several additions to our Works wch. have delayed the Refining business & the Silver you will receive above mentioned is the first that has been taken from the new Works. The Gentlemen who we applied to you about have thought proper to sell their Silver at Newcastle and we believe intend continuing to do so. We are

Dr. Sir Your &c
NW Junr. JC Turner

PS. Our best Compliments are desired to Mr. Smeaton.

22 Nov 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 22nd. Nov. 1785

We have recd. your Letters of the 19th. 20th. & 21st. Inst, and have now got the Receipts wch. Mr. Thornton signed and delivered to you, and we are glad to hear he is better. We will take care to order the Iron so as to come by Fridays Carrier. We return you the Letter concerning the Notice, and we find it was our Mistake and not yours, as the Letter ought to have been as you now receive it. We have rec'd. Matthew Temperley's 2 last Weeks Coal & Cinder Accounts. What you propose as to the manner of making out the Lead Ore Carriage Account is perfectly agreeable to us, and will save a great deal of Trouble both to you and us, and be likely to prevent Mistakes. We return you the Form with some Alterations wch. we thought necessary. You are desired to assist Mr. Sample in examining the Register for the Chapelry of Haydon, and to copy out every thing which may relate to the Family of the Maggses, Magges,

McGees, and Macgees, and to do the same at the Parish Church of Warden, but before you examine the Parish Church of Warden Register, send us what you find in the Haydon Chapel Register. We are

Your Hble Servts

Walton & Turner

PS. You need not go further back than 1600 - and we doubt the Register will scarce allow you to do that. James & David Pigg having taken Westbrokensheugh Farm, you are desired to let us know whether they both live at Page Croft.

28 Nov 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 28 Nov. 1785

We this Afternoon recd. your Letters of the 23rd. & 27 Inst both under the same Cover, and are very much surprised by the friendly Intimation you have given respecting James Watson and Wm. Wilson the Carrier. We cannot help thinking that Watson has behaved extremely ill in never mentioning the matter before. It is impossible for us to enter into it further than to say we will never employ Wilson again unless he clears up this matter, and accounts fairly with James Watson. Wilson has always been paid for carriage according to the Number of feet of Timber and Number of Deals contained in Watson's own Estimates, and if he did not bring so much Wood and so many Deals as were set down in the Estimates, the Buildings must have wanted the necessary Quantities of those Articles to enable Watson to do the work, so that how Watson can want 168 feet of Timber & 40 Deals and after all have finished our Buildings is quite a Mystery to us. There is no way we can account for this but one. If Watson set down more Timber than he had occasion for for our Buildings, and Wilson has cheated him out of 168 ft. of Timber and 40 Deals part of his, Watson's overcharges, it seems a proper punishment to the man, but if he has embezzled the Wood & Deals from Watson, the Timber & Deals being his own Property and not for our Buildings, it is a matter entirely between the two. You will be so good as to write to Wilson and let him know the Consequence if he does not settle this matter wth. Watson and we are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. The <Chairs m..tle> made at Langley Mills of Watson's <Brother & Arthur ,,,>
<.....>

28 Nov 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 28 Nov. 1785

We have a letter from Mr. Menham in which he says that the Rollers were sent off last Friday, so that we hope they are now with you, as also the Iron which we ordered in consequence of your Letter, but we much doubt that whether the Rollers will be found to answer or not, as we fear the hollow part of them will not be found to be cylindrical; indeed we believe neither Mr. Menham nor Mr. Wood have been to blame concerning the delay, unless it may be that Mr. Menham may not have sufficient Judgement to cast such kinds of things, and we are told by Mr. Walton Senr. that it is very difficult to cast such things true.

You astonish us by saying that the Millwrights expect to be at Langley Mill for a Month yet, and we desire you will tell them that we cannot help thinking that they are too slow, and you may also tell them that if it is found upon the whole that they have spent more time than they ought to have done, it will fall very heavy upon Thos. Wood, and this part of our Letter we beg you'll send to them when they are all together.

We approve of you postponing the making out of the Operation 'til next Saturday.

We are much obliged by the trouble Mr. Peter Mulcaster is taking abt. the Registers, & shall be glad to have the Result when convenient.

James & David Pigg have behaved very ill, and have gone from their Agreement. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

3 Dec 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 3 Decem[be]r 1785

Dear Sir,

This day we have rec'd. your Letter of the 30th. Ult and have drawn upon you for £309. 12. 1 pay'ble 40 Days after date being for the amount of 1097 Ounces of fine Silver at 5s. 7 ½d and £1. 1. 6 Value in Acct. on paying Rich. Probert in August last. We are very happy to hear Mr. Smeaton is in good health and join in Compliments to himself & Family and we are

Dear Sir Your most Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

£309. 12. 1

Farnacres 3rd. December 1785

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. Three Hundred and Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings and one penny. Value received - as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

12 Dec 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 12th. Decem[be]r 1785

On the other half of this Sheet you have the Sizes of several Hoops of Iron which we have at Throckley Engine to dispose of and you are desired to consider & let us know whether any of them will suit for you at the Mill or Matthew Temperley for the Colliery. Also let us know whether a Maul 8 pounds weight wd. be of any use. The Iron is as good as new.

We wish to hear from you with a Valuation of the Hearth Stone & Bellows &c which the Blagill Co. are to Pay for with all convenient dispatch as they ought to be put into this Years Pay at Blagill.

If you think well of it after consulting with John Mulcaster, we would advise that John's Son be brought to Newcastle and one of you to come with him and that you might both stay at Newcastle till there was an opportunity of some person of Judgement seeing the Boy in one of his Fits from first coming on till its going off and to take that Advice in consequence. This we advise as the best thing we can think of but if you are of opinion that this shd. not be done we advise that some person of skill shd. come to Langley Mill from Hexham & stay the Night so as to see the Boy's fit come and go off or that one of you shd. go with him to Hexham & stay with him there till the like could be observed of then to state a Case for Doctor Brown's advice. We heartily wish a compleat recovery to the Boy and are

Your Hble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS. I shall be glad to hear of Mr. P Mulcaster and Mr. T. Temperley getting well to Langley Lead Mill.

20 Dec 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 20th Decem[be]r 1785

We only rec'd. your Letter of the 15th. Inst yesterday Morning and instead of it being left at Arthur Robsons it was left at Mr. <Bargetts> at Gateshead where of all

places we wish the least to have our Letters left, indeed we believe the Letter did not come by the South side Post.

The Vouchers for this Lead Ore carriage are right and we return you the letter given for the amount thereof to be destroyed. You receive herewith a Recet for £37. 9. 2 which you are desired to sign & return to this place and we send you Recet. for Nich. Woodman and Joshua Elliot which you'll be so good as deliver to them & we thank you for yr. attention to the receiving of their Money for us.

We very much approve of what you have done and said about the Cutting Ore and think with you that neither John Friend nor Thomas Temperley have attended to the business as they ought to have done or as we had occasion to request.

If we cannot dispose of the Iron we shall send the whole to Langley Mill and give directions how it is to be disposed of. The principal part may go to Nent Force Level.

You receive herewith the Recets. of Materials sold the Blagill Co. amounting to £42. 6. 7 which Sum we must desire Mr. John Mulcaster to <.....> for us at the Blagill Co. Pay & do you receive it of him & keep an exact Copy of the Valuation.

We observe what you say about poor Thornton and are truly concerned that his recovery still continues without hope. We shall be glad to hear Johns Son is getting better & are

Your Humble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. At any convenient Time pray forward the inclosed. We are very sorry for James Johnsons misfortune.

20 Dec 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 20th. December 1785.

We have this Evening recd. your Letters of the 16th. & 19th. Inst and are struck with astonishment by the Account you give as to the Stamp Mill. We shall send for Thomas Wood and send him immediately to the Mill and will not pay him a Six Pence more 'till he sets everything right and probably never employ him again.

Matt. Temperley's Accounts <T...d pays> with Recets. from the Mill Wrights to the amount of £55. 13. 6 (for which Sum you have our Recet. inclosed). Also Thomas Woods Mens Accounts, are all come safe. We are perfectly satisfied that Mr. Thornton accounted for the £14. - so that matter is set right & the sooner Mr. Thornton is acquainted the better.

Do you not think it would be proper to advertise the lost Lead? or will it be better to let it alone 'till the Pay? If the Carriers have it, they may bring it to the Lead Yard if we don't Advertise it but if we Advertise, it may put them on Searching it to make up after deficiencies in case they shd. be put upon looking into their Accounts before the

Carriage is finished. Your Opinion is desired. What you intend in future is quite proper by way of precaution.

Willm. Corbett has had the impudence to apply for Mr. Thornton's place. It is much more likely he will get an appointment in Morpeth Gaol than <succeed>. He says Mr. Thornton is quite exhausted; we are sorry for it and expect to hear every day of his Death. Be so good as to let us hear from you about him. We are

Your Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

24 Dec 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 24 Decr. 1785

We have recd. your Letters of the 21st & 22nd Inst. and are obliged by the Intimation you gave concern[ing] the Death of poor Thornton. We observe that 21 Bolls. of Rye have been forwarded to Nent Force Level which we shall take Care to pay for. We are sorry that Thos. Wood has come, we are afraid, too soon, but we cannot help that now. Mr. Walton perfectly understands the Sketch which you have sent, and did before from Mr. James Mulcaster's description clearly conceive how it was, and sees it to be impossible for the Water Wheel to take the Water in the manner it has been done, we however hope that Thomas Wood will be enabled to set it so far right as to make it answer. We shall not be able to send you a Chair 'til abt. the Second Week in January.

Mr Walton desires you will acquaint him whether he did not pay you the follow[ing] Sums when you were last at Farnacres. viz

For Matthew Temperley being an over Receiving for

Coals etc. at Stublick Colliery £- - 7

For a Short payment made you on recet. of

Jas. Johnson's Pig of Lead £1 3 -

Mr. Walton thinks he mention[e]d these at the time, but cannot be clear whether he pd. you the Money or not. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

25 Dec 1785 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 25th. Decemr. 1785

Dear Sir,

I recd. your Letter of the 13th. Inst in course and am much obliged by the account you give as to Mr. Everest but I did not mean that you shd. either have given <yourself> so much trouble abt. this matter or have acquainted him with the Contents of our Letter, but merely to have let us know what you had heard lately as to his health which we are happy to find is better than we had apprehended it.

Yesterday your Letter of the 21st. was recd. and we immediately drew for £258. 17. 2 being the amount of 917 Ounces of fine Silver at 5s./7 ³/₄d per Ounce. The usual notice was omitted when it was sent off but 917 Ounces is the real weight. The Bill is made payable at 40 Days after Date.

I am now to thank you for a very fine Quarter of Lamb which is come quite safe and in good Condition and this Family think themselves much obliged by your kind attention and we join in wishing you and yours many happy returns of the Season. We rejoice to hear Mrs. Brooke has increased her Family with another Daughter. The Austhorpe Family deal much in the Female way as to produce. I am

Dear Sir Your much Obliged Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr

PS. We have not had any Winter Weather 'till yesterday and this Day. Wind at East by South. All Ground with Snow but not 2 Inches Deep at Noon.

£258. 17. 2

Farnacres 24th. Decemr. 1785

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred and Fifty Eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Two Pence. - Value received as advised by Walton & Turner

Mr. John Holmes London

30 Dec 1785 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 30 Decr. 1785

We have recd. your Letters of the 25t. & 26th. Inst, and under the Circumstances respecting the Wheel for the Stamp Mill, think that it will be proper, when the Weather will admit of it, to have a Temporary kind of Casing to extend upwards from the Level of the Centre of the Wheel to a little above the Bottom of the Trough where the Water is delivered, which will prevent the Wind acting upon the Water so as to blow it sideways, and also to prevent the Water from flying forward so as not to inconvenience

the Workmen. The Gunpowder was ordered very soon after you left this place; we have again wrote to Mr. Wilkinson about it. We have wrote to Messrs. Temperley & Friend such a Letter as we hope will have the desired Effect, as to the Tontale Ore, and we very much Approve of your Conduct on the Occasion. We very much wish you & yours Many happy Years & are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

1 Jan 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 1 Janry. 1786

Last year you made a payment to Mr. Liddell the dissenting Minister at Hexham which Mr. Walton Senr. desired you to make, and I was requested by him to repay you the Money which I hope I did, but I cannot recollect how that, and therefore you will be so good as let me know & acquaint me as to the Sum for I don't now recollect that.

We are like to have some difficulty concerning Maggees Lands, and possibly it may be necessary to make a Grant of them to some person in whom we can confide, lest the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital shd. have Actions brought against them by persons who these Lands might be let to, on acct. of their not being put into possession at Mayday next; Mr. Turner & I must therefore desire to see Mr. Peter Mulcaster as soon as the Proposals come down from London, at which time we will give him Notice. Some little time after that we shall most assuredly advertise <Dewey> Sykes, but it will only be probably for one Year, and I will speak to Mr. Peter Mulcaster about that when I see him abt. the other.

We are now entirely loaded wth. Snow, and suppose you are the same. We wish you all many happy years. I am

Your Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

When you come down pray put us in mind of delivering you some Promissory Notes to collect Money for.

10 Jan 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 10 Janry. 1786

We have recd. your Letters of the 3rd, 4th, & 10th. Inst, and are sorry to see the produce from the Reducing Furnace to be so very bad, the Loss being within nearly a Quarter part of one full Tenth, & we observe that tho' the Cake of Silver is 1087 ½

Ounces, it does not come up to the Assay by 63 ½ Ounces. We have already acknowledged the Recet. of your Letter with the Operation.

We are sorry to hear that John's Son continues ill. As to Frank Carr, it is happy that he is removed, as there was no possible chance of his Recovery. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We are under no difficulty as to the Silver's arrival at Newcastle, as we dare say it is very safe.

13 Jan 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 13th. Janry. 1786

Dear Sir,

By tomorrow's Waggon you will receive a Box containing 1088 Ounces of fine Silver.

We are

Dear Sir Your &c

W&T

18 Jan 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 18 Janry. 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 16th. Inst, & shall write to Mr. Bedlington the first Opportunity about the Coals.

The Silver, which weighed ½ an Ounce more than you reckoned it, came safe to hand, and went off for London on Saturday last.

The pieces of coloured Lead also came safe, and were delivered to Lady Liddell on Monday last.

We will take the first Opportunity of settling the Rents for the Langley Mill Farms, and will then let you know, being now possessed of the necessary Particulars to settle this Business.

We are very sorry to hear that Elliot & Robinson have each of them lost a Cow.

The Lines drawn upon the Plan were drawn by Mr. Walton as he recollects.

We have not yet had time to try the casting of the Ashler Work.

You are desired to consider between yourselves whether the having 12 Acres of Dewey Sykes wd. be of any use to you by way of Pasture or otherwise, as we fear we will only get 12 Acres, but this we desire you will keep entirely to yourselves.

Having, since writing the above, cast up the Ashler, we return your Papers relative thereto & to the other Works for Langley & Blagill Mills, which you are desired to keep 'til the pay.

We must desire you will take the trouble of collecting the inclosed Notes for us, & for wch. you'll be so good as to sign & return to us the inclosed Recets. We have ordered Wm. Coats to give Notice to the sev.l persons to pay the Money to you. You'll have nothing to do but deliver up the Notes on paym[en]t of the Money. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

Refined Lead £16.10 per Fodder. Silver 5.7 $\frac{3}{4}$ per Ounce.

21 Jan 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 21 Janry. 1786

We have considered the matter as to the Rentals for the Ground at Langley Mill, and have fixed them as follows.

	p. Annum
Mr. Peter Mulcaster's Farm	£7 10 —
Mr. James Mulcaster's Farm	4 — -
Matthew Temperleys Farm	4 15 —
Wm. Wilson's Farm	5 15 —
John Elliots Farm	5 — -
John Forster's Farm	
Geo: Robinson's Farm	
	£27 — —

It is not intended to charge any Rent for the late Incroachment, nor for the Wall that has been lately built. We return you the Plan which you are desired to take care of and keep along with this Letter 'til the next Pay, and in the mean time we desire you will let us know in what Proportions the Rent of Sillywray Mill Farm is divided. We suppose it will be in Thirds between you two & Matt. Temperley.

We inclose you a Copy of the Plan of Dewey Syke shewing which part thereof Greenwich Hospital will be intituled to the possession of at Mayday next which consists of 12 Acres 3 Roods, & the Farm to be repaired by the Hospital will be the Line AB, and the other 3 sides must be kept in Repair by the Steward. You will be so good as to let us know after the Snow is off the Ground what you think you can afford to give per Acre for the 12 Acres 3 Roods, or if you recollect so much of the Quality of the Ground from being upon it lately as to be able to form a Judgement of its Value we shall be glad to hear from you immediately. We are

Yr Hble Servts

Walton & Turner

PS. We do not think it will now be necessary for either of you to come down about the Busyness which we hinted might occasion our sending for one of you but are not quite certain as to that.

22 Jan 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 22nd. Janry. 1786

We have this moment received your Letter of the 20th. Inst with the Recet. for Tofts Sale Notes amounting to £37 - - and if the People don't come to you only let us know; don't seek for them. Before Mr. Peter Mulcaster comes here we desire there may be a full consideration between Matt. Temperley & you about the Sillywray Farm and Dewey Syke both which we intend for you and him and we desire you'll settle it amongst yourselves before Peter comes how you wd. have it and what Rent you all think Dewey Syke shd. be per Ann. we being at the expense of Repairing the Fence next the Common and of Draining it. It is the West most part that we are to have and consists of 12A. 3R. 00P Pray is there any Road thro' that part out of Staward Ground to the Common. We have wrote to Mr. Bedlington about the Coals & hope that matter will be set right. The Owners of Staward must at all times keep the Fence of the West North and East sides of the 12A. 3R. in Repair. We are very happy to hear that Johns Son is better and sincerely wish him soon perfectly well. We are

Your Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

PS. The sooner P. Mulcaster comes down the better. The Chair it is observed is safe arrived; when the time comes for its being sent back again let Jno. Corbetts Man have it and direct it to the care of Mr. Temperley at the Corner of the Sandhill Newcastle.

29 Jan 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 29 Janry. 1786

You are desired to acquaint every one of the Lead Carriers that it is expected they from time to time keep their Lead under Cover, and in places of Safety 'til they either deliver it at Dukes Hall or Newcastle because we see clearly that the stealing of Lead is a growing Evil & that it requires the Attention of every one of us to prevent the bad Consequences arising from the pilfering of it. We shall be happy to hear Mr. Peter Mulcaster got well home & are

Yr Hble Servts

Walton & Turner

31 Jan 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 31 Janry. 1786

Dear Sir,

We have recd. your Letter of the 23rd. Instant, and have this Day drawn upon you payable 40 Days after Date for £306. 6. 4 being Balance of Acct. as below. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

Due from Mr. John Holmes for 1088 Ounces

of Fine Silver at 5s/8d per Oz. £308 5 4

Deduct Cash recd. of Mr. Jno. Widdrington of

Newcastle on Mr. Holmes Acct. 1 19 -

Balance £306 6 4

£306. 6. 4

Farnacres 31st. January 1786

Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr and Co. Three Hundred and Six Pounds Six Shillings and Four Pence Value received as advised by Walton & Turner

Mr. Holmes London

3 Feb 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 3rd. Feb: 1786

We recd. your Letter of the 30 Ult. by Wm. Armstrong Junr. and are glad to learn that Mr. Peter got well home, & that he has done the needful as to the hand Bills concerning the Lead which was stolen.

We have, as far as we can, agreed with Wm. Armstrong Junr. for Dewey Syke for one Year.

It gives us much Concern to hear of Matthew Temperley's Indisposition, but hope from the Acct. you give of him, that he will soon get well again, as we also do that Jno. Friend's Wife will get the better of her Complaint. We are

Yr. Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We are in no hurry either about the Operation or Matt. Temperley's Accts.

5 Feb 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 5 Febr. 1786

Dear Sir,

By the Diligence wch. sets out from Newcastle and will arrive in London on Wednesday Evening I send you a Parcel which you'll be so good as take care of till it is called for by Mr. Maule or sent for by him. I am

Dear Sir Your obliged Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

PS. The Carriage is pd. to London.

5 Feb 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 5 Feb. 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 3rd. Inst with the several papers therein mentioned, and shall, as soon as we have time, attend to the Observations you have furnished us with respecting the Operations. We are very sorry to hear that Matt. Temperley still continues poorly, and shall be very glad to hear in your next that he gets better.

We very much approve of what you have done as to the Lead Carriers, & shall write to John Ramsay as to the <miping> of the Lead. We are

Yr. Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. The matter as to the Bailiff's place is now fixed and Wm. Coats is the Man.

We doubt not any Assistance wch. you may see necessary to be given to Matt.w Temperley will be given by you, but we desire you will see him & ask him, & you may be assured that you shall be satisfied for any Trouble you may have respecting his Business 'til he gets better.

You are desired to acquaint Matt.w Temperley with what we have ment[i]one]d to you as to him and that it shall make no Difference to him and that we hope he will take care of himself & get well as soon as possible.

12 Feb 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 12th Febry. 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 8th. Inst and also the Assay therein ment[ione]d. We observe the loss of Lead in last Operation is nearly an Eleventh part and that the Silver comes within 18oz. 7dwt. 9grn. 6[10] of the Assays. The Silver weighed exactly 894 ½ Ounces. It gives us much pleasure to hear Matt. Temperley is getting better & we shall be happy to be informed that Johns Son continues well of his complaint. On Friday we had a sudden change of Weather and all the snow is gone here. Last Night and this day we have had a perfect hurricane which has done vast damage to the Roofs here and all around us. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

20 Feb 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 20th. July 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 18th. Instant & are glad to hear that you have got the Stamp Mill to work. As to the error you mention it is certainly an inexcusable one but may be remedied in the manner you mention. We approve of what you propose as to Forster. We shall in future direct our Letters to the care of Wm. Coats as you desire and did before receiving yours intend to do so. You will direct as usual to Messrs Walton & Turner. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

27 Feb 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 27 Feb. 1786

We have recd. your Letters of the 21st. 23rd. & 25th. Inst, and approve of what you have done concerning the Stamp Mill, but are sorry you have had so much Trouble about it. We have now very bad Weather and suppose all to be frozen up with you or at least as much as to prevent the Stamp Mill going.

We think what you propose as to the Refining of the Lough Vein Bouse Ore Lead all together is very proper, but you are desired to put GH & 2L's at each end of the Pig instead of GHL, because we expect to be enabled to sell it by itself. We doubt the Information you have recd. from Jas. Johnson will not bear the Test.

We are glad to hear that Matt. Temperley is better, but are much concerned to hear that John Mulcaster's Boy still continues so very poorly, and think it quite wrong that better Advice has not been had before this time.

As to the Notes, we shall give directions that they may repaid at the Hexham Rent if they shd. not in the mean time be paid to you.

Mr. Wm. Jobling is to be here next Friday to execute his Leases, and it is fixed in the Lease of the Blagill Mill that he is to be at an expense in keeping the Roads in repair along with the Commiss[ione]rs of Greenwich Hospital in proportion to the Number of Pigs of Lead of 1 ½ Cwt. each that shall be produced in each year at Blagill Mill compared with the Number which shall be produced at Langley Mill in each year. We are

Yr. Hble Servants
Walton & Turner

28 Feb 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 28 Feby. 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 27th. wth. the Operation for this Month and Matt. Temperleys two last Weeks Coal Accts. and thank you for the information you have given us as to the Lead Ore got at Haydon Bridge for which Mr. Thos. Elliot has got a licence to Try further. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS. You shd. <see and> get One fifth & we wish to have an Assay made of it.

4 Mar 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 4th. March 1786

Dear Sir,

I have recd. your Letter of the 23rd. Inst and have this day drawn upon you for £253. 7. 8 being the Amount of 895 Ounces of fine Silver at 5s/8d after deducting four shillings for repairing my Watch which now goes very well. The Bill payable 40 Days after Date. I am for Partner & Self

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servt.
Nich. Walton Junr.

£253. 7. 8

Farnacres 4th. March 1786

Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred and Fifty Three Pounds Seven Shillings and Eight Pence. Value Recd. as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes Strand London

5 Mar 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 5 March 1786

We have this Evening recd. your two Letters of the 2nd. & 4th. Inst, both of which were left at Arthur Robsons by the South side post of this Day. We observe what you say respecting the Lead Ore that has been found near Haydon Bridge. Whatever the Value of the Ore may be that has been found by the Davisons, we desire you will purchase it at what you think it is worth, and make them allow One penny only as an Acknowledgement, and take the Ore to Langley Mill even tho' we shd. be somewhat out of Pocket by the Bargain; but if they will not sell it at what you think it is worth, you must tell them that it is at their peril they dispose of it. We have tho[ugh]t of this as a better way than taking ?th. part of the Ore, as we had given Directions to Wm. Coats to do, and therefore desire you will let Wm. Coats know this. Wm. Coats says the whole Weight of the Ore is no more than 2 st. 3 lbs. We cannot help thinking John Mulcaster's Observ[atio]ns on this Occasion to be very proper.

When Wm. Armstrong Junr. was here he was acquainted that if the Freeholders who had a right on Langley South Common and the Tenants of Greenwich Hospital wd. join in the expense of building a Herds House and maintaining a Herd on the said Common, we would take upon us to recommend it to the Commiss[i]one[r]s & Gov. of Greenwich Hospital to contribute Ten Pounds per Annum towards the keep of the Herd, but we can by no means think it right at present to fix upon a plan <drawn> in <Idea> where the House ought to be built, but at all Events, it wd. seem folly in an extreme degree to build it in such a situation (this to yourselves) as to make us liable to an immediate Suit. Our wish is to have Estimates made of the expense of building a Herds House in different Situations not liable to the Objection above mentioned; and in general we must observe that we think the Situation for a Herd ought not only to be where he can have a good view, but that it shd. not be either too far West of too far East, for build it where you will it will be impossible for him to see the whole of the Boundary, and the use of a Herd will not be by his standing at the Door, but by moving from one part of the Common to another near the Boundary so as to prevent the Cattle & Sheep of persons having no right thereon by his passing. If after such Estimates as are before mentioned are laid before the Freeholders and the Hospitals Tenants who have a right on Langley South Common, this shd. be a measure approved of, we shd. be glad to give it our hearty Support.

We have wrote to one of the Partners at Throckley Colliery concerning the Coals, and hope that matter will be got set right.

We join with you in Opinion that it will be necessary to raise the price of the Carriage to 12d. but it certainly will be right to try what can be done first without making any Alteration as to price.

If any more Ore shd. be got near Haydon Bridge we are to have ?th. for Duty, and you are desired to let Wm. Coats know this. We are

Yr Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

6 Mar 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Copy of Mr. Ismay's Letter, one of the Partners in Throckley Colliery, to Mr. Walton Junr.

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry any Misunderstanding shd. have happened abt. the Coals for your Mill which you may depend shall be immediately set right to your entire satisfaction. I am &c

Thos. Ismay March 6th. 1786

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres March 6. 1786

Above you have a Copy of Mr. Thos. Ismay's Letter in consequence of one which I wrote him yesterday, and I hope we shall have no further Difficulty in this Matter; but if there shd. be, pray let us know immediately.

It is not at all material that you have marked some of the Lough Vein Lead with only one L at each end , as enough will <come> in that way which we have pointed out which is with 2 Ls at each end. I am

Yr. Hble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

7 Mar 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster,

I inclose you General Instructions for the practice of recovering persons who appear suddenly to die from various Accidents and Causes to be made use of in case of any Accidents happening near where you may be. I am

Yr. Hble Servt.

N. W. Junr.

Farnacres 7 March 1786

10 Mar 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 10th. March 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 6th. Instant with the Assay of Silver from the Haydon Bridge Lead and hope the Quantity of Ore and Quality of it will make up for the Deficiency of Silver. It certainly appears that there is a Vein, but tho' we hope, we fear the Prospect is not good. We shall be glad to hear from you from time to time concerning this Business.

The Frost has been very severe indeed, but this Day it is quite fresh Weather and the snow almost all gone.

We are very sorry to hear that <Fra.s> Robinson is very poorly, and doubt he is not young enough to give us an Expectation of his getting better again.

As the smelting of our Ore will be finished early in April, we think it will be right to try to get the Lead carried without altering the price again, but we shall be better able to judge of that in a little time.

Mr. Jobling was here last Friday and executed his Leases, so that Matter is quite fixed.

We send you a paper shewing some few Errors in the Operations, all of which we have set right in those we have, and we have also corrected the Errors which you pointed out as contained in the inclosed List which we recd. from you, We are

Yr. Hble Servants
Walton & Turner

Errors discovered on examining Langley Mill Operations

Date of Operation	Articles in the Operation				Articles as shd be in Operation									
	Bouse Cutting		Total		Bouse Cutting		Total							
	Bing Cwt	b c	b c	b c	b c	b c	b c	b c						
1785														
July 30	In Stock	Rampgill	94	7	—	—	94	7	88	4	6	3	94	7
		Scaleburn Moss	58	4	6	3	52	3	51	4	—	7	52	3
		Middlecleugh	51	4	-	7	47	2	45	—	2	2	47	2
		Tyne bottom	45		2	2	53	6	53	6	—	—	53	6
Octor 29		Middlecleugh	151	6	13	4	155	2	136	4	13	4	150	—
	Brt in	Hangingshaw E End	3	6	—	6	4	4	4	4	—	—	4	4
	Stock	Do.							15	2	—	—	15	2
Dec 3	Brt in	Shawfoot Cross Vn	2	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	2	1	2	1
	Stock	Do. & N End	1	4	5	6	6	7	1	4	5	3	6	7
		Hangingshaw E End	15	6	-	6	16	2	15	4	—	6	16	2

Cowhill Cross Vein 10 — — — 10 — 8 — 2 — 10 —

12 Mar 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 12 March 1786

Having further considered the Matter as to the price of the Carriage of Lead, we think it will be by far the best way at once to declare to all Carriers that it shall be the same from the Mill to Newcastle as it has been for some pays past - which is 12d. per piece. We are

Yr Hble Servts
Walton & Turner

PS. The above to take in all the Lead from the beginning of the Carriage of 1785 Lead to the ending.

14 Mar 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 14th. March 1786

We have already wrote to you concerning the Carriage of the Lead, but take this Opportunity of repeating that the price of Carriage for the whole of the Lead marked 85 is to be 12d. per piece from the Mill to Newcastle, and consequently 11d. per piece to Dukes Hall.

The Behaviour of the Elliots concerning the Lead Mine at Haydon Bridge had been particularly ridiculous, and looks as if it had been intended with a View to prove that they could tell Lies.

Your Opinion and Advice concerning the Herds House we are much obliged to you for, and think it will be right to let that Matter rest for the present, & we shall certainly do so unless we shd. be applied to further on the Occasion. We are

Yr. Hble Servts
Walton & Turner

PS. We have now very fine Weather, but it is we suppose a hard Frost wth. you as it is a North air. We shall be glad to hear as soon as you may when you think you will be able to make a Lead Mill pay.

20 Mar 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 20 March 1786

We have recd. your Letters of the 17th. & 18th. Inst, and tho' we sent you in another Letter that 10 ½ d & 12 d will be the right prices for carriage of Lead, in fully considering this matter we think it will be the best Way to keep the Prices as they are now fixed viz -

10 d to Dukes Hall

11 ½ to Newcastle.

Having fixed the Lead Mill pay to be the 15th. & 16th. May, we hope that will answer. We are

Yr. Hble Servts

Walton & Turner

21 Mar 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 21 March 1786

As we apprehend it will be more convenient to you, as well as ourselves, to alter the time of the Pay, we think it necessary to give you the earliest Information that we intend to be at Langley Mill on the 12th. of May against Dinner at Three o' Clock and stay wth. you the whole of the 13th. & on the 14th. 'til after Dinner. On the 17th. shall return to Langley Mill in the Evening & on the 18th. 19th. & 20th. be ready to make the Lead Mill and Lead Carriage Pay; you are therefore desired to fix the Lead Mill Pay and Lead Carriage Pay on any two of those three Days wch. you think will suit best, and so as to suit the Lead Carriers as also those who are connected wth. the Lead Mill pay, and let us know. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

24 Mar 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 24th. March 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 22nd. & 23rd. Inst.

It certainly will be right (and indeed wd. be very wrong otherwise) to pay the Lead Carriers 12 d per piece 'til the time they had Notice of our beginning to carry to Dukes Hall, and all the rest of the Lead to be pd. for at the rate of 11 ½.

We are perfectly satisfied that there must have been a Mistake concerning the Assay for the last Operation, and think it must have been in the weighing, but as we had

entered the Assays in the Assay Book before we recd. your Letter, and put them in Bulk wth. the rest into a little Box which we keep for the purpose, we cannot now weigh them, and we are quite satisfied with the Operation tho' it still falls short 17 Oz. 16 dwt. 12 Grs. of the Assay by Computation.

What you propose as to the having the Lead Mill pay on the 19th. & the Lead Carriage pay on the 20th. for the reasons you give we entirely approve.

It gives us much pleasure to hear that the new Stamp Mill is at last going on well, and we hope even tho' the <Shillboards> are too narrow, that it will be found to be the best Stamp Mill in the Country after all. You may expect to receive a Ream of paper by Monday's Carrier. Wm. Coates who is now here gives the same Acct. as you do as to Haydon Bridge Lead Mine. We approve of yr. having paid the <Fore T... L...s>

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

25 Mar 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 25 Mar. 1786

Dear Sir,

By the London Carrier which set out this Day from Newcastle we sent you a Box containing 567 Ounces of fine Silver, and are

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servt.

Walton & Turner

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 25 Mar. 1786

Dear Sir,

We shall be much obliged by your call[in]g upon Mr. Ibbetson any Day after the 31st. Inst but the sooner the better, and paying him £45. 8. 4, and by your paying Mr. Everest £37 - 4 when he calls upon you; both of which Sums we shall deduct in our first Acct. wth. you. We inclose you 2 Receipts for Mr. Ibbetson & Mr. Everest to sign, and you are desired to send them to us at any convenient Opportunity.

No.1 for Mr. Everest to Sign and No. 2 for Mr. Ibbetson.

28 Mar 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 28 March 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 27th. Inst wth. the Operation for this Month, and find it right in every part except one Line in Stocks of Lead.

Common or unrefinable Lead 1 1/2 Cwt. each 8
Shd be Common or unrefinable Slag Lead 1 1/2 Cwt. each 8

James Charlton of <Eden> Rigs near Hexham Servt. to Mr. Chas. Cockerill of S. Shields may, if he apply, be employed in carrying Lead for us.

The Lead Mill Pay we understand is to be upon the 19th., and the Lead Carriage pay upon the 20th. of May, and all the work has best be included in our Pay Bills, as the Pay Bill will show what it is for.

Thomas Temperley's Accounts are received.

We are Your &tc

W&T

4 Apr 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 4 April 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 31st, Ult. and approve very much of your making Applications to the principal Lead Carriers to get in the Lead as soon as possible.

We shall be glad to receive the Silver from the Slag Lead in the way you propose.

We have still such cold Weather that we are afraid the Stamp Work goes on yet very slowly. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We have recd. an Acct. from Thos. Temperley that the Sun Vein Forehead at Tyne Bottom as he has been informed is 18 Inches wide of solid Ore.

7 Apr 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 7 April 1786

If the Silver shd. not be come off when you receive this, you are desired to send it so as that it may with certainty come to Newcastle by Mondays Carrier with Directions to Mr. Henry Airey or Mr. Harvey that to send it to Farnacres when it does arrive. I am for Messrs. Walton & Turner

Your Hble Servt.

Tho: Walton [office copying error?]

10 Apr 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 10th. April 1786

Dear Sir

This day we have recd. your Letter of the 6th. Inst and below you have an Account for the last Cake of Silver as it will stand after you make a further payment on our Acct. which we must by leave to request when our worthy Friend Mr. Smeaton calls upon you. We are

Dear Sir Your Obliged Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

567 Ounces of Fine Silver at 5s/8 1/2 d		£161 16 7
Deduct		
Cash pd. Mr. Everest 3rd Apl 1786	£37 - 4	
Mr. Ibbetson 5 Apl	45 8 4	
To be pd. Mr. Smeaton	31 10 -	
		£113 18 8
Drawn for this day by our Bill pay[a]ble 60 days after Date		£47 17 11

You will soon receive another Cake

£47. 17. 11d.

Farnacres 10th. April 1786

Sixty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson & Co. Forty Seven Pounds Seventeen Shill[in]gs & 11 d. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

18 Apr 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 18 Apl. 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 10th. Inst with Matthew Temperley's two last Weeks Coal and Cinder Accounts.

The weather is still very cold, but we notwithstanding hope that it will enable you to get the Smelting finished against the time you mention, and we wd. have you keep the Silver 'til you can send all away together; and as we have cut the Piece of Silver which is here into 5 pieces we desire that Box may be made so much larger as to take them in, and therefore we give you their Dimensions on separate pieces of paper inclosed with their Thickness in different parts which will enable you to form a proper judgement what size to make the Box, and you may cut pieces of wood of the sizes of

the 5 pieces we have & put them in the Box, and when it comes here, we can take them out and put the pieces of Silver in. You need not mind how rough the pieces of wood are cut. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

6 May 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 6 May 1786

Dear Sir,

By this Days London Waggon we have sent you a Box containing 1139 Ounces of fine Silver being the Sweepings of our Shop for the last years Lead Ore. Being very much hurried we have not more to say than that we are with best comp[limen]ts to yourself, Family & Mr. Smeaton.

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

27 May 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 27th. May 1786

Dear Sir,

We duly received your Letter of the 17th. Inst and have this day drawn upon you for £293. 19. 3 being the amount of 1139 Ounces of fine Silver at 5s. 9d. per Ounce after deducting £23. 10s. which you will be pleased to pay to John Snowball, Carpenter of Greenwich Hospital for our Bill payable to him or Order Twenty Days after Date. The Bill draws upon you for £290. 19. 3 is pay[a]ble 50 Days after Date.

You are desired to be so good as to take the trouble of ordering us 100 Casks of Bone Ashes from Richd. Probert.

Mr. Walton desires to be remembered to his good Friend Mr. Smeaton from whom he has this day recd. a Letter wch. shall be attended to. It will be about a Month before we send you any more Silver. We are

Sir Your most Humble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. I deliv[er]d yr. <respects> to my Father who desires to join in best wishes to you and yours. I observe I have drawn £10 short which mistake shall be rectified in our next Account. NW Junr.

£293. 19s. 3d.

Farnacres 27th. May 1786

Fifty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co.
Two Hundred and Ninety Three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Three Pence. Value
received as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

£23. 10 _

Farnacres 27th. May 1786

Twenty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Mr. John Snowball Twenty Three Pounds
Ten Shillings. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

2 Jun 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 2 June 1786

We have recd. your Letters of the 23rd. & 29th. Ult with Matthew Temperley's four
Weeks Coal Accounts one Cinder Acct. & the Lead Mill Operation for last Month, also
12 Assays. A Ream of Paper is ordered as also 100 Casks of Bone Ashes, and as to the
Grindstone we desire you will give Directions about that yourselves. It must be sent to
the care of Mr. Geo. Goodbed and he to be desired to forward it to Dukes Hall, and to
give Directions to John Charlton to send it by some of our Lead Carriers who will take
care of it & deliver it to you at Langley Mill. When Mr. Goodbed is wrote to <then> he
must be acquainted that it is by our Direction the Grindstone is sent to our care. We
will order you half a Hundred 1 ½ Inch Deals and half a Hun[dre]d 1 ¼ Inch Deals,
and will order 50 of the 1 ½ Inch Deals to be slit. As to the Duty intended we believe it
is ours for this year. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

9 Jun 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 9th. June 1786

Dear Sir,

On the 27th. Last we drew a Bill upon you for £23. 10 pay[a]ble 20 days after Date to
the Order of Mr. John Snowball of Greenwich Carpenter to the Hospital and who you
will find Stammers very much in his Speech. I send this to stop payment of the Bill till
you hear further from me because he has not thought proper to acknowledge the Recet.
of the Bill. I am

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servt.

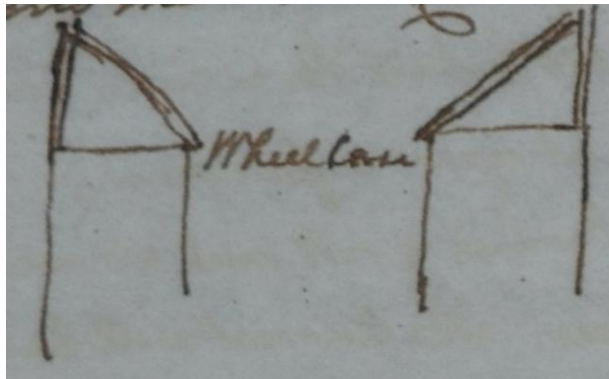
Nich. Walton Junr.

13 Jun 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 13 June 1786

We have recd. yours of the 12th. Inst. All is right as to the Deals sent you, and we altered the Order for the Deals you sent for because we saw that the <Tare> was to take place. Under the Circumstances you mention we desire the Deals may be nailed with the <Sap> on, and by all means on the outside of the Posts, and when the <Sap> fails it may be dressed off and additional Deals put on, but we think it will not be amiss to have some sheeting of Deals under the lowest of the <Boards> to catch the Water as it comes down into the Wheel the sides and carry it Case. Thus



If you had told me what Quantity of Timber you wanted for the Posts in yr. last Letter, we wd. have ordered it Immediately, but shall order the Quantity you mention to be sent by John Corbett on Friday. We are

Your Hble. Servts
Walton & Turner

18 Jun 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 18 June 1786

We have recd. your Letters, but have not time to enter into Particulars about them. When last at Langley Mill we desired you would acquaint us what Sum we are to expect from Mr. Wm. Jobling for the Materials sent to the Blagill Company in the Refinery &c as we expect very soon to see him. We desire to hear from you with those particulars, for tho' we believe you did acquaint us once with them, we have not now time to look them out, so you will be so good as to let us hear from you the very first Opportunity about this. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

27 Jun 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 27th. June 1786

We have this moment recd. yours of the 26th. Instant wth. the 2 Weeks Colliery Accounts and the Operation ending the 24th. Instant. We are glad to hear that John Mulcaster's Son is likely to receive benefit from Irthing Well and that he is under the care of his Grand Father. We are tolerably off here for Hay and they are the same at Ravensworth Castle but in general is quite the contrary and in most parts all is dried up. The Silver is arrived and weighs 800 Ounces. The Iron & Steel shall be ordered. I have very particular satisfaction when I can acquaint you that some great Dealers in Lead have been so obliging as to say that they find our Lead is better in Quality than WBL Lead by 5s per Fodder. This to yourselves. I am for ptr. & Self

Your Humble Servant
Nich. Walton Junr.

PS. In consequence of the above our Lead is much in demand.

27 Jun 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 27th. June 1786

Dear Sir,

By the Newcastle Carrier for London we intend forwarding a Box to you on Saturday 1st. July containing 800 Ounces of fine Silver.

You are desired to be so obliging as Pay Richard Probert for 100 Casks of Bone Ashes and be so good as make out the Account upon a fourpenny Stamp and get him to sign a Recet. which you'll send us when you write on Receiving the Silver. The account will be as follows.

The Commissioners and Governor of Greenwich Hospital
1786 To Richd. Probert Dr.

June 16th. For 100 Casks of Bone Ashes containing

200 Bushels at 3s.	£30 - -
For 100 Casks at 2 1/2 d	10 16 8
For Carriage and Wharfage	2 7 -
	£43 3 8
Allowed for Prompt Payment	2 3 -

Stamp £41 - 8
4
£41 1 -
Received July 1786 of Messrs. Walton & Turner the Contents.

We are Sir Your most Humble Servts.
Walton & Turner

15 Jul 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 15th. July 1786

Dear Sir,

I have this Day recd. your obliging Letter of the 12th. Inst. and have drawn upon you for Balance of Account as below pay[a]ble Sixty Days after Date.

I am much obliged to my brother Smeaton and you for the kind communication respecting my Son which I assure you both gives us all the truest satisfaction, and I beg you will thank my Brother on Acct. of the trouble he had about the Sextant. My Son writes me it is a charming fine Instrument and that he thinks himself much obliged to Brother Smeaton for the trouble he took in getting and sending it. I am

Dear Sir Your most Humble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

Due from Mr John Holmes for 800 Oz. of Silver
at 5s/8 1/4d £227 10 -
for Money short drawn for 27 May 10 - -
£237 10 -

Cr. For Payments made

Mr. Smeaton for Sextant for my Son £10 13 -
Richd. Probert for Bone Ashes £41 1 -
Mr. Everest per Receipt for his Bill £37 - 7
£88 14 7
Balance £148 15 5

£148. 15. 5

Farnacres 15th. July 1786

Sixty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. One Hundred and Forty Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Five Pence. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

29 Jul 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 29 July 1786

We have recd. your Letters of the 22nd. & 24th. Instant, and as Mr. Walton expects very soon to be in your Neighbourhood, and most probably at the Mill, he wishes to see the Stamp Mill Covering before he gives any Directions as to painting. From what Mr. Walton has heard, the Blagill Co. had no chance to purchase Windy Brow Ore. We are very much concerned on reading the Acct. you give of our Slag Hearth Men, and particularly on acct. of John Robson, but hope that, as they have had so little Slag Hearth Work of late, the Illness of both may be caused by something else than their being Smelters. We have recd. the last Weeks Coal Acct. which came in yrs. of the 24th. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

4 Aug 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 4 Augt. 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 2nd. Instant wth. the Operation for July inclosed, and we are glad to see the the Ore Carriage goes on so well. You don't mention the Operation in your Letter, but notwithstanding that we are certain we have got it.

We observe you have recd. 21 Bolls. of Rye for Nent Force Level Men, for which we shall get a Bill of Parcels. We are

Your Hble. Servts.
Walton & Turner

28 Aug 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 28th. August 1786

Dear Sir,

On Saturday last we recd. your Letter of the 23rd. Inst and have this day drawn upon you for £236 - 7d. being the amount of 850 Ounces of fine Silver at $5/8\frac{1}{4}$ per Ounce. The Bill is pay[a]ble 40 days after Date. We are &c

Walton & Turner

£236 ____ 7

Farnacres 28 Augt. 1786

Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred and Thirty Six Pounds and Seven pence - Value Recd. as advised by Walton & Turner
To Mr. Holmes London

9 Sep 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 9 Sept. 1786

Sir,

By this days London Waggon from Newcastle you will receive a Box containing 832 Ounces of fine Silver. I am for Partner & Self
Your &c NW Junr.

22 Sep 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 22 Sep 1786

Your letters of the 18th and 20th are now before us and we approve of what you have done as to the Bricks but hope youll have sufficient to serve for our demand at Plankey Mill.

We have recd your Tillage Account and Matthew Temperleys two last weeks Coal Accounts.

The Weather is so exceedingly fine for the Harvest that we think ourselves happy on that & do as well as can at Langley Mill.

In answer to yr Letter of the 14th Inst we now inform you that we shd be glad to have the account end the 30th Inst & that the silver weighed 832 ounces. Very sorry to hear about John Robson still continues so poorly. We are

Your Hble. Servts.
Walton & Turner

23 Sep 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 25 September 1786

Dear Sir,

I have recd. your Letter of the 20th. Inst and have made some enquiry after the Person you mention. I find that within the course of this Year he has Married to a young Woman called Stephenson Daughter to a Carpenter of considerable Note in Newcastle who is said to be worth a good Deal of Money. I have reason given me to

think Walker is in low Circumstances & I doubt his abilities in his Profession are in no wise equal to those of his late Father. If you send a Bill upon him I will endeavour to get the Money but I shall be from home from the 9th. of Octo.r to the 31st. Inclusive or so much engaged that I shall not be enabled to attend to any business except that of Greenwich Hospital. I have this day drawn upon you for £234. 17. 4 being the amount of 832 Ounces of fine Silver at 5 / 7 3/4 per Ounce. The Bill is pay[a]ble 40 Days after Date. My Son acquainted me that he had sent his old Watch to you desiring to have a new one. Any charge on this Acct. you'll be so kind as make me Debtor for. I expect to see my Partner Sir John Turner very soon in this Country. I know he has had a Mill in his Head for some time. My Daughter is now at Austhorpe upon a Visit to Mr. & Mrs. Brooke. I am

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servant
Nich. Walton Junr.

£234. 17. 4
Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington and Company Two Hundred and Thirty Four Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Four Pence.
Value Received - as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

Farnacres 25th. Septem[be]r 1786

8 Oct 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 8th. October 1786

Dear Sir,

By the London Waggon which set out from Newcastle Yesterday you will receive a Box containing 847 Ounces of fine Silver. We are
Your &c Walton & Turner

1 Nov 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 1 Nov. 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 30th. Ulto. with the two last Weeks Coal & Cinder Accounts, but cannot find more than 2 Assays, which are of the Refineable Lead, and therefore if you took notice of what they weighed we shd. be glad to know that we may enter them in our Assay Book.

The following is a List of the Lead Carriers with the Quantities they have delivd. at the Warehouse since the 27 May last.

	Pieces
Geo: Dickinson	12
Wm. Wilson	38
Wm. Havelock	30
Thos. Robson	149
Wm. Bell	278
John Bell	194
James Johnson	314
John Corbett	483
Geo: Goodbed	1120
	2618
delivd. at Langley	
Mill since	
27 May last	4421
	1803

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that the price of Refined Lead is now £17 - - per Fod[de]r but Silver is only 5 / 7 ³/₄ per Ounce.

In your Letter of the 25 you desire to know who are to come for the Money for the Pay. Thos. Temperley & Jno. Friend must come, and either of you may accompany them. We are

Yr. Hble Servts
Walton & Turner

1 Nov 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 1. Nov. 1786

Dear Sir,

Your Letter of the 18th. Ulto. is now before us, and we have this Day drawn upon you for £239. 2., being the Amount of 847 Ounces of fine Silver at 5 / 7 ³/₄ per Oz. - The Bill is pay[a]ble 40 Day after Date.

I have communicated that part of your Letter of the 18 Ulto. relative to the Mill and the price of Timber to Sir John Turner who is obliged to you. I am

Dear Sir Your most Hble Servt
Nich. Walton Junr.

£239. 2. ___

Farnacres 1st. November 1786

Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred and Thirty Nine Pounds Two Shillings. Value Received - as advised by Walton & Turner

Mr. Holmes London

10 Nov 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 10th. November 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 8th. & 9th. Instant and are sorry to find the business as to the Lead Stealing stands so very differently from what we hoped for, however we think all has been done that can be so far as we have gone and that under the present circumstances we cannot do more for as to Mr. Strickland & Jane Stuart it might perhaps be very difficult to find them and we have at present no Information to ground a commitment upon. As to Havelock I see his Evidence wd. overturn what has been taken down from Ann Strickland and with regard to Ramsay his Evidence would directly contradict the assertions contained in the narrative taken from Ann Strickland. The Matter must therefore rest for the present that is it must rest 'till we see whether anything further can be made of it & indeed we incline to think that if it rests where it is it may prove to be best of all. That will however depend upon Circumstances by which we must be all guided in case of further Information. As to the Woman we never doubted her being a bad one.

We have written to Mr. Tweddell from whom we have not had a Syllable by the North Post and we have also written to Mr. Teesdale from whom we have a Letter. We are

Your Humble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. We must desire to have Mr. Williamsons Original Opinion.

17 Nov 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 17 Novem[be]r 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 14th. Instant and are of opinion that it will certainly be proper to make a thorough trial of the Slags & whatever else may be found at Woodhall, and desire you will yourselves proceed in the Business according as you have pointed out or with such Deviations as you may see necessary from time to time being satisfied of your Judgement care and Attention. We are

Yr. &c
W&T

PS. The Silver weighs 900 Oz. We give up Ann Strickland. The Assays & Mr. Temperley's two Weeks Coal Accts. are come to hand.

17 Nov 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 17 Novem[be]r 1786

Dear Sir,

I was favoured with your letter of the 7th. Inst inclosing Two Letters and a Bill upon Mr. I. Walker for £20. The Letters have been delivered as directed, and the Bill is accepted by Walker, but tho' I wrote him a Letter, I was not favoured with an Answer; if however he pays the Money I shall not mind that.

By tomorrows Waggon you will receive a Box containing 900 Ounces of fine Silver.

I am glad to hear my Brother Smeaton is well. Pray tell him I shall not be able to proceed upon his work 'til some time in December, but you will assure him I shall not neglect a Moment when I can attend to it. I have read it over but without doing anything else. I am with very best Wishes to you and him.

Dear Sir Your &c

NW Junr.

21 Nov 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 21 Nov. 1786

We have recd. your Letters of the 20th. Inst, and desire you will do whatever you think proper concerning the Slags at Woodhall, as we are certain you not only know what is best to be done, but that you will do that; and we send you a Letter which we have recd. from Mr. John Cooke concerning this Business. We do not think it at all proper to limit you in any respect as to this Matter, and therefore desire you will act both as to manner and price as you think best.

Tho' we do not expect that any good will come as to the Enquiry concerning Lead Stealing yet we cannot but think it our Duty to have this Matter further enquired into, and therefore desire that Mr. Peter Mulcaster may go to Carlisle again and apply to Mr John Mitchinson to whom you are desired to deliver the inclosed Letter wch. we send open to you; if Mr. Mitchinson should happen to be from home you are desired to apply to Mr Hugh <Stanyer>, and shew the Letter to him which we have sent you for Mr. Mitchinson, and desire him only to accompany you to any Magistrate in Carlisle in case it shd. be necessary to apply to a Magistrate; for Mr. Peter Mulcaster's own good sense will dictate to him whether any further Information which Ann Strickland may be enabled to give will make it necessary to apply to a Magistrate, and at all Events we think it will be by no means proper to give Ann Strickland any more Money.

It is our opinion that particular attention shd. be had as to the time when the Offences wch. Ann Strickland gives an acct. of were committed, and we shd. be glad

that you wd. examine her particularly as to the stealing of the Lead from Sir Thomas Blackett because if Mr. Blackett shd. think proper he may make further Enquiries into that, and your doing so will not only be obliging to us, but we are certain very much so to him. Any other particulars which you may think proper to enquire into we desire you will, as we think the more Circumstances we can come at the better. This Idea is however upon the supposition that the Circumstances will be founded on facts, but this after all we very much doubt. Mr. Mitchinson is a Quaker, but practices as a Conveyancer, and is a very sensible Man, and we desire that you will employ him not only in advising what Magistrate you are to apply to, but that you will take him along wth. you to the Magistrate and that you will pay him what he charges for his trouble. We are of opinion that it will be proper for you not to take Notice which way you are going when you set off for Carlisle.

What you say as to Dukes Hall shall be attended to. We are
Yr. Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. I send you inclosed Mr. Tweddell's Letters of the 9th. and 20th. Inst which desire you will take care of & return to me after you have done with them, and I also send you Mr. Hopper Williamson's Opinion and a Copy of the examination of Ann Strickland wch. you are desired also to return to me when you find you have no further occasion for them. After Mr. Peter Mulcaster returns Home, it will be proper for him immediately to wait upon Mr. Tweddell, and as I suppose in case the Magistrate at Carlisle shd. think proper to issue a Warrant it will be deliv[ere]d to a Peace Officer, that peace officer and Mr. Mulcaster must come together to Mr. Tweddell to get the Warrant backed, and afterw[ar]ds such Officer, or other Officer as Mr. Tweddell shall advise, must take the person or persons into Custody who are specified in such Warrant. I am

Nich. Walton Junr.

27 Nov 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 27 Nov. 1786

We have recd. your Letter of yesterday and very much approve of everything that has been done by Mr. Peter Mulcaster and particularly of his Letter to Mr. Little. The inclosed it is desired may be forwarded at any convenient Opportunity. We are

Your Hble Servts.
Walton & Turner

PS. Very glad you met with Gentlemen at Carlisle who could behave with Civility.

4 Dec 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 4 Decr. 1786

We have recd. your Letter of the 3rd. Inst with an Acct. of all the Ore deliv[ere]d at Langley Mill for the present year, and desire either of you, John Friend & Thos. Temperley may come down as soon as possible after you have made up your Minds when the Pay may be made so as to suit your own Convenience, but the very sooner the better, and we have no objection to your paying the expense of a Special Messenger, and as everything is ready as to the Account we beg to see you as above directed on Monday first in the Morning early, when we shall have everything ready for you and hope by that time you will be able to make out and deliver to us a General Acct. of all the Ore deliv[ere]d. We however do not make a point of that, and are satisfied you will send it as soon after as possible if you do not bring it wth. you. We are

Yr Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

18 Dec 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 18 Decr. 1786

We have recd. your Letters concerning the Lead &c and return you the Receipt which Messrs. Mulcaster Temperley & Friend gave for £724. 4s. 9d. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. The Lead Carriage cannot yet be set forward again.

19 Dec 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres Decemr. 19th. 1786

Dear Sir,

We duly recd. your Letter of the 29th. Ulto. and have this day drawn upon you for £234. 1. 3 20 days after Date being Balance of Account as below. I am wishing you and yours many happy returns of the ensuing Season & the same to my worthy Brother Smeaton.

Dear Sir Your most Humble Servt.

Nich. Walton Junr.

900 Oz of Silver at 5/7 3/4	£254 1 3
Deduct Bill on Walker recd.	20 - -
Balance	£234 1 3

PS. I have been so much engaged of late in settling our Annual Account and other unavoidable engagements which I fear will last till the New Year, that I shall not be able to proceed wth. my Brother Smeaton's business till January & then it may expect dispatch.

£234. 1s. 3d.

Farnacres 19 Decemr. 1786

Twenty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Bell Carr Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred and Thirty Four Pounds One Shilling & Three Pence, Value received as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr. Holmes London

23 Dec 1786 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 23 Decemr. 1786

Sir,

The London Waggon of this Day from Newcastle will bring you a Box containing 960 Ounces of fine Silver. I am for Partner & Self

Sir, Your &c NW Junr.

25 Dec 1786 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 25th. Decemr. 1786

The Silver weighed exactly 960 Ounces but we find it to be short of the Assay

Oz dwt grn tnths

42 3 10 8 ac to our computation

847oz Operation endg 28 Oct over 3 5 11 3 Assay made 4 Octr. 1786

900 Do endg 2 Decr short 2 18 22 8 Do 10 Decr 1786

The two from Assays of 4th. Octor. & 10th. Decemr. are very good work indeed but there certainly must have been some neglect in working the last Operation the Refined Lead being Quite too rich in Silver there being by Assay left in it at the rate of 14. 16. 8 per Fodder which is 4 21 6 more than was left in the Refined Lead of the operation preceding which Multiplied by <81> is equal to 19. 16. 21. 6
which deducted from 42 3 10 8

19 16 21 6

Still wd. have been short 22 6 13 2 if the work had been apparently as well done as the preceding Operation according to Assay so there is probably some thing due to bad work and some thing to this uncertainty of reckoning by Assay. We heartily wish you both and yr. respective connections many happy returns of the Season and are

Your Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

2 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 2nd. January 1787

We have just recd. your Letter of 1st. Inst and also the Operation for last Month.

Wm. Pattinson was here this Day and we have told him that he and the other Carriers may either deliver the Lead at Newcastle or Dukes Hall and have desired him to let all the other Carriers know this.

We heartily wish you both and yr. respective connections many happy new Years and are Your Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We think it may be as well to let the business at Carlisle rest a little as it now does.

7 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 7th. January 1787

We have recd. your Letters of the 4th. & 5th. Inst and are glad the Lead Carriage is fixed for either Dukes Hall or Newcastle as that was our intention tho' we believe Mr. Walton as he wrote in a hurry might say Newcastle without mentioning Dukes Hall. We approve of yr. Letting the Ore & Black Slag Tails you mention at the rate of Eight Guineas per Fodder of Lead. He to pay Smelters Wages & we to find Mill Room & Fuel. The sooner you do this the better. There is no occasion to weigh the Kiln Tools. We cannot possibly give directions for any Lead whatever to be delivered from the Mill till the whole of the Lead is got to the Lead Yard, & you must send us an Acct. how much Lead has been delivered to each Carrier at the Mill site the last Lead Carriage Pay. You don't say anything about the Pig of Lead that was found at Corbridge. We are

Your Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We find that Wm. Bell and Robt. Wilson are each a Pig short at Dukes Hall.

8 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr. John Holmes

Farnacres 8th. January 1787

Sir,

We have recd. your Letter of the 3rd. Instant and have this day drawn upon you for £271 being the amount of 960 Ounces of fine Silver at 5s. 7 ³/₄d per Ounce. Mr. Walton Senr. has had a Letter from Mr. Smeaton giving an Acct. of all being well at Austhorpe. We are

Sir, Your most Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

PS. We cannot account for it but a Gentleman of our acquaintance ay Newcastle who has a great deal of Silver to dispose of says that he has for some time past got 5s. 8 ¹/₄d per Ounce for his fine Silver.

The Bill is payable at 40 days after Date.

Mr. Walton will be obliged by your getting him a Ream of Copying Paper at Mr. Woodmasons, Folio, uncut; and Six Bottles of Copying Ink, and desires they may be sent by some one of the Coal Ships to the care of Mr. Henry Airey in Newcastle 86 Mr. Cook who lives at Lady Ravensworths in St. James's Square will assist Mr. Holmes in getting them sent on Board a proper Ship. Mr. Smeaton will write Mr. Holmes about a Compass wch. it is desired may come along with the Paper & Ink.

£271 _____

Farnacres 8th. January 1787

Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs. Eden Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred & Seventy One Pounds. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner

Mr. Holmes London

9 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 9th. January 1787

We have recd. your Letter of the 8th. Inst. with the Two Weeks Coal Accounts. It is necessary not to begin the Lead Carriage from the Mill till all is brought to Newcastle which is now upon the Road and therefore let the Inconvenience of Expense be what they will this must be dispensed with and care must be taken not to do anything which may endanger the Buildings. Pray cannot you take some of the Lead down to the

Blagill Mill Lead Yard and lodge it there 'till the Carriage begins again? By permission we shd. think that might be done and we think John Mulcaster wd. take as much care of it as he wd. do of the Blagill Co. Lead. We wish to receive an Acct. of the Quantity of Lead that has been deliv[ere]d from the Lead Mill to each Carrier since last Lead Carriage Pay & are

Your Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

10 Jan 1787 Peter Mulcaster to Robert Hopper Williamson

Particulars extracted from Peter & Jas. Mulcasters Letter of 10 January 1787 for Robt. Hopper Williamson Esq's Opinion and Direction respecting a Pig of Lead which it is said is in the Custody of Abraham Fawcett of Corbridge, and said to be the property of the Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital.

The Pig of Lead found or pretended to have been found at Corbridge by Abraham Fawcett cannot be come at, Robert Wilson finds himself a Pig short at Dukes Hall, & at his desire James Mulcaster gave him a Line to Fawcett desiring the Pig might be delivered to him, he has however refused to deliver it, tho' Wilson bid him at first Sixpence, then a Shilling, and at last Two Shillings. He refused even to let him see the Lead, and said if Mr Wilson himself was there he should not either see or have the Lead delivered him til he was paid Five Shillings for it; after being told the above by Robert Wilson, a Brother of Abraham Fawcett came to Peter Mulcaster, & seemed as if he wanted to treat with him about the delivery of the Pig of Lead. P.M. however thought fit to behave a little stiffly with the man by telling him that as the Pig of Lead had been refused being delivered to the Person we ordered to receive it, we should not treat with either him or his brother about it til we received Directions from you, which we expected soon to get & also expected his Brother would find himself wrong in withholding the Lead from the Man we sent to take it, for if five shillings can be demanded, and got, for every Pig of Lead that may be taken upon the Road, a very lucrative trade of that sort may be carried on. This Abraham Fawcett tells Robert Wilson that he knows of another Pig of Lead that has lain buried in Wide Haugh about Three years, we supposed he would discover it also for being paid another five shillings, we therefore beg your Directions what we must do in this Affair, for til then we shall do nothing, for we look upon it as a serious Affair the giving Fawcett five shillings for the taking up a Pig of Lead dropped from the Cart in the open Street of Corbridge; if it had been let lay there, it would most likely have been found by the man who droped it on his return home, it would in our opinion be quite a wrong precedent such as would occasion a vast more of Five Shillings to pay, & yet no less Lead lost.

Peter Mulcaster could not see Wm. Bell yesterday, he was however told that he is a Pig short at Dukes Hall, that it is a Slag Pig which he wants, for which reason Robt. Wilson

wanted much to have seen the Pig in Fawcetts Hand at Corbridge as he could then have known whether it is Wm. Bells Pig or his own, his being a Refined Pig.

12 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

12 January 1787

We have this Moment recd. your Letter of the 10th. Inst. and very much approve of what you have done respecting the Pig of Lead at Corbridge, but we shd. be particularly glad to know what Evidence can be met with to prove Abram. Fawcetts having found a Pig of Lead and that it is in his Custody, because if Fawcett will not deliver the pig of Lead, we think it wd. be right to have a Search Warrant, and if then found in his Custody, to charge him wth. stealing it with a view to exploit Money from the Carrier, but upon this Head we will consult Mr. Fawcett tomorrow.

We have recd. your Acct. of Lead delivered from the Mill to the sev[era]l Carriers with Stocks & Delivery according to the Information which you have got; which last, the Stocks & Delivery we believe will not be found to answer. We are

Your Hble Servts.

Walton & Turner

13 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnaces 13th. January 1787

Above [below] you have an Account shewing the Quantity of Lead still undelivered at Newcastle, which we are sorry to see is more than we expected it would have been. As soon as possible after all is come in and we can settle an Acct. you may depend upon our giving you leave again to begin the Delivery from the Mill. We are

Your Humble Servts.

Walton & Turner

An Account shewing the Quantity of Lead delivered from Langley Mill for Newcastle from 1st. June to and with the 8th. Decemr. 1786 and the Quantity of Lead delivered at Newcastle from 1st. June 1786 to & wth. 11th. January 1787.

	Pieces	Pieces
Delivered from Langley Mill		5949
Delivered at Newcastle & by whom		
William Bell	333	
John Bell	396	

John Corbett	697	
George Dickinson	12	
George Goodbed	2730	
Wm. Havelock	30	
James Johnson	553	
Thomas Robson	244	
Willm. Wilson	61	
Robert Wilson	7	
		5063
Lead yet on the Road between the Mill & Newcastle		886

13 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 13 January 1787

You will observe that we have taken the first opportunity of being advised respecting the Information we rec'd from you as to Abram. Fawcett. We think it will be proper to proceed only upon that of the piece of Lead being supposed in his Custody, but we cannot help thinking that the Brother of Abram. Fawcett may be as likely to have the piece of Lead as Abram. We therefore cannot but be of opinion that there is sufficient Ground for suspecting that it is in the Possession either of the one or of the other, and consequently it is a desirable thing to have Informations made so as that searches may be made of the Dwelling places of each of the Brothers; but at all events you must endeavour to get information made before a Magistrate so as to have a Search Warrant applying itself to Abram. Fawcett, and in case the lead sh[oul]d be found that Magistrate will of course proceed in consequence of the Discovery of the Property, and commit or otherwise, as shall appear to him to be proper. Our Reason of suspicion upon Abram. Fawcetts Brother is that he came to Peter Mulcaster and seemed as if he wanted to treat with him ab[ou]t the Delivery of the Pig of Lead which Abram. Fawcett has been said to be possessed of, and therefore it is plain that he is a Confident at least in this Business, and may possibly have the Pig of Lead in keeping for his Brother, under this idea.

Messrs Bell & Wilson, upon being informed by Mr Peter Mulcaster as to what passed between him and Abram. Fawcetts Bro[ther] may think as we do and if they sh[oul]d do so, they may safely make information of their Information respecting both Brothers, and we apprehend that if either sh[oul]d make information that they do suspect both, a Search Warrant will of course be issued. All that we have to say further upon this occasion is that we must recommend the Business to be gone upon with as little Bustle as possible so as not to give any Alarm to the two Brothers, because if they sh[oul]d have the least intimation, there will be a total End of the Business, and the Pig

of Lead will be lost, and therefore perhaps Mr Bacon Wastell of the Spital seems to us to be the most likely man to be applied to because Mr Bell and Robt. Wilson we suppose both of them live very near to Hexham, and the causing them to go to Threepwood where otherwise we sh[oul]d have been glad to have had this matter to have gone, might occasion Alarm, and besides after the issuing of a Search Warrant, you will be enabled to proceed immediately to Corbridge and in a short time after the issuing of the Warrant be enabled to make the Search. The sooner you go upon this Business the more agreeable to us, & we have directed this Letter to be sent to you by a Special Messenger from Mr Thos. Jones. We are Your Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

19 Jan 1787 Robert Hopper Williamson to Peter Mulcaster

Copy of Robert Hopper Williamson Esqr's Opinion.

Under all the circumstances attending the Affair of the Pig of Lead in Fawcetts Possession I sh[oul]d think the best way w[oul]d be to get a Search Warrant upon the Application of either of Robt. Wilson or Wm. Bell and if the lead when found sh[oul]d prove to be the Pig lost by either of them I sh[oul]d suppose the Conduct of Fawcett w[oul]d fully justify his commitment upon suspicion of the Felony.

If however the circumstances sh[oul]d not turn out so strong as at present supposed, & the property of the Lead can be ascertained, the owner of such Lead might by an Action of Trover recover the Value of it from Fawcett even upon the supposition of the truth of his story viz: that he found it in Corbridge, because when a man finds the property of another and refuses to deliver it to its proper owner upon having his reasonable charges paid him, such refusal is in law termed a conversion and renders the person making it liable to answer in Damages the Value of the Property to the real Owner. I sh[oul]d be inclined to adopt the first of these Methods as the most likely to answer the desired end, and I think the suspicion is strong enough to induce a Magistrate to grant such a Warrant

Robt. Hopper Williamson

Newcastle 19th Jany 1787

19 Jan 1787 Robert Hopper Williamson to Nicholas Walton

[Note: letter undated but given date of 19th Jan here ie same date as of the opinion sent to the Mulcasters]

Copy of Robt. Hopper Williamson Esqs Letter to Messrs Walton & Turner

Gent[leme]n

I have given my sentiments upon the affair of the Lead at the bottom of the enclosed letter – upon considering the matter I sh[oul]d clearly think that to proceed in a Criminal way w[oul]d be most effectual. In an Action of trover the property must be proved as well as in an indictment, & the property being of so inconsiderable a value perhaps render it not quite so proper an object of an Action, and indeed in this case the Circumstances seem to give the matter much more the complexion of a Felony than merely of a Civil Injury. I am Gent[leme]n

Yours etc

Robt. Hopper Williamson

19 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to Robert Hopper Williamson

[Note: see items from Mulcaster of 10 January and from Williamson of 19th]

Farnacres 19th January 1787

Dear Sir,

We inclose you two letters which we have this Day received relative to the Pig of Lead said to be in the Abraham Fawcetts possession at Corbridge and upon which we must request to have your further directions and Opinion. We consider the behaviour of Fawcett to be a matter very serious if under the circumstances he cannot be punished because we shall most assuredly meet with many such instances sh[oul]d it be understood that any person has a right to take up the Property of Greenwich Hospital and keep it unless p[ai]d what they may take it into their heads to demand and therefore we are inclineable to prosecute in any way that shall be most likely in its consequence to operate as a Check to this new method of taking & keeping the Property of another Person in spite of him. So you will be pleased to consider that it w[oul]d be no object to Greenwich Hospital being intitled to Costs upon a Civil process. Perhaps it might be proper for Mr James Mulcaster or Mr Peter Mulcaster to go to Corbridge and demand the Pig of Lead before anything further is done, this you will consider and we sh[oul]d be glad to hear from you as soon as convenient being very desirous that no time be lost in doing <all that you> may think necessary

Your most H[um]ble Ser[vant]s

Walton & Turner

PS I inclose the Opinion already given upon this business and also a Fee for y[ou]r Opinion and Directions.

We have directed this to be left with you tomorrow morning and will order a Servant to call about Noon tomorrow and if you sh[oul]d not then be enabled to send us your Opinion and Directions we will send again in the Evening. Pray return the papers now enclosed and let us have your Opinion and Directions on a separate Paper.

20 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 20th January 1787

Messrs Mulcaster

We received a Letter of the 17th & one of the 18th Inst from Mr Ruddock yesterday in the evening and have taken the first opportunity of getting Mr Williamsons further opinion & directions, a copy of which you receive herein and we desire you will proceed accordingly & take the first opportunity of doing what is necessary in consequence of Mr Williamsons Opinion and of course it will be proper to apply also to Mr Ruddock without whom we find the Justices do not choose to proceed. If Robt. Wilsons information sh[oul]d be thought insufficient to found a search warrant upon, you may consider whether you or either of you cannot swear that you suspect that there is a Pig of Lead the property of the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in the county of Kent that has feloniously taken away, now in the property of Abraham Fawcett of Corbridge. This we mention to you but don't think it will be proper for you to shew this Letter to anybody. We have wrote to Mr Ruddock & told him that you will call upon him and it is our wish that Mr Tweddell & he sh[oul]d be applied to upon this occasion and that as soon as possible. We are

Your Hum[ble] Ser[vants]
Walton & Turner

PS Mr Williamson says very properly in a letter that he is very sorry the Carrier sh[oul]d be so intolerably stupid & remiss by which great difficulties are thrown in our way and he thinks it is a great pity that a Search Warrant co[ul]d not be & that he saw no reason to withhold it.

20 Jan 1787 Robert Hopper Williamson to Nicholas Walton

Copy of Robt. Hopper Williamson Esqs further Opinion respecting a Pig of Lead supposed to be in Abraham Fawcetts possession.

The circumstances stated in Mr Ruddocks Letter & in that of Messrs Mulcasters of the 17th Inst respecting the Pig of Lead belonging to Greenwich Hospital & now in Fawcetts possession make it extremely difficult to determine what method is the best to be pursued in that Business. The very inaccurate & unsatisfactory account given before Mr Ruddock by Wm Bell was certainly a sufficient Ground for the Magistrates declining to proceed in the matter upon his testimony; but I cannot help being inclined to think that a Search Warrant might have been granted upon the deposition of Robert Wilson, and such Search Warrant w[oul]d have had this good effect viz: to put Fawcett

upon shewing how the Lead found in his possession was obtained, and if it really turned out that he found it, as he pretends, then an action of trover might be brought for the recovery of its value – Wilson says he lost a Pig of Lead belonging to the Hospital, a Pig of Lead belonging to the same Hospital is now suspected nay almost known to be in Fawcetts Possession. Fawcett claims no property in it but insists upon a large reward for finding it, and refuses to let any of the Hospitals Servants or Carriers see it.

I own I cannot but think that upon Wilsons Oath before the Magistrate that he had lost a pig of lead and which he suspected to have been stolen and that he believed the same to be in Fawcetts possession (for there is not the least occasion for him to swear that he suspects it to have been stolen by Fawcett) a Magistrate w[oul]d certainly be fully justified in granting a Search Warrant for the purpose of searching the places in which such lead was suspected to be deposited. Whether or no Fawcett c[oul]d be committed upon suspicion of the Felony must be mut depend upon what Circumstances appear upon the investigation of the matter before the Magistrates after the production of the property. The circumstances of Fawcett offering the Lead to its owner does not seem to me a conclusive proof of his having taken the lead without an intention of stealing – he offers it again to its owner, but expects an exorbitant reward, and if such a conduct was to be looked upon as conclusive evidence that person taking the property of others did so without the animus furandi [i.e. intention to steal] I am inclined to think that such a mode of proceeding w[oul]d become the most general and also the most beneficial species of thieving.

If however a magistrate sh[oul]d decline acting in this matter by search warrant I see no Remedy but an action of trover for the Value of the Lead & which action must be brought by the persons who were at the time of its being lost the real owners of it, & who I take to be the Governors of Greenwich Hospital; & I sh[oul]d advise such action notwithstanding the smallness of the value of the property which upon the trial may be proved, to be brought in one of the Courts of Westminster Hall because upon a verdict in such Action altho' the Jury sh[oul]d assess damages under 40s the Pl[aintiff] will be intitled to full costs unless the Judge before whom it shall be tried shall certify that the damages do not amount to 40s and this certificate is discretionary in the Judge trying the cause and under such circumstances of flagrant ill conduct in the Def[endant]t as w[oul]d appear in the present case it is probable that the Judge w[oul]d refuse to shelter him from full costs by such certificate. The expence of defending such an action as this therefore probably be in the event an heavier punishment than might be inflicted upon him even upon a criminal prosecution, and which his conduct seems loudly to call for.

Sh[oul]d it be found expedient to proceed against Fawcett criminally I still adhere to my first idea, viz: that it w[oul]d be prudent to lay two Counts in the Indictment one stating the lead to be the property of the Hospital & the other stating it to be the property of the Carrier out of whose possession it was taken.

Rbt Hopper Williamson
Newcastle 20th Jan 1787.

20 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to Nicholas Ruddock

Farnacres 20th January 1787.

Mr Nicholas Ruddock

Dear Sir

We are much obliged by your favor of the 18th Inst which with Messrs Mulcasters Letters upon the same subject have been laid before Mr Williamson whose further Opinion and Directions we have got and have sent a Copy to Messrs Mulcaster who will of course apply to Mr Tweddell and you upon the occasion. What we have now to request of you is that no Time may be lost in doing what may be needful and that in the transacting of this busyness everything may be so ordered as that proper punishment may fall upon the offender. You will be so good as present our best respects to Mr Tweddell who we are certain will assist us as far as he properly can.

We are in haste

25 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 25 Jan: 1787.

Messrs Mulcaster

Having fully considered, and particularly attended to the Title of the Account which you sent to us we find it to be impossible to take in the Intention which you have so properly pointed out in such small Bounds, and therefore we have drawn out a paper of conditions such as we are of opinion will be sufficiently expressive of what is intended by ourselves as well as the Carriers, and as you will observe the Conditions are to be printed, we propose that one sh[oul]d be deliv[ere]d to each Carrier. The Title of the Account Book which is to be signed by the Carriers opposite to the pieces of Lead they receive we now propose to be as follows.

Langley Mill 1787. We whose Names are hereunder subscribed do respectively acknowledge to have received on the Days hereinafter set down the several quantities or Pigs of Lead belonging to the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in the County of Kent opposite to which our names respectively are set, and which we promise and engage to deliver at Dukes Hall or at the Lead Yard belonging to the said Commissioners and Governors at Skinnerburn Newcastle, or either of these places subject and conformable to certain conditions which have been delivered to us previous to any of the Lead being delivered to us or to our servants.

We inclose you a printed Copy of the Conditions upon which, as well as the above Title, we shall be glad to have your Sentiment by Monday's Carrier, after which we will

print off what we think a necessary Number, and bring them with us to Corbridge Tuesday evening as we propose having a Lead Carriage pay at that place the Day following being Wednesday 31st Inst so you will take care to be at Corbridge as early as you can on Wednesday morning, and you are desired to bring with you the Lead Carriage Ticket and Delivery Books and everything else which you think can possibly be wanted, or perhaps if one of you was to come to Corbridge on Tuesday Evening with the necessary Books etc it w[oul]d be better, and indeed we think one will be quite sufficient for the attending of the whole business. We propose being at Corbridge ab[ou]t 5 oclock on Tuesday Evening.

We shall expect to hear from you tomorrow concerning the Business of Abraham Fawcett. We are

Your H[um]ble Serv[an]ts
Walton & Turner

25 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 25 Jan: 1787.

Sir

We were this day fav[oure]d with your Letter of the 23rd Inst acknowledging the rec[eip]t of ours of the 8th Inst which did not arrive in London 'til the 16th on acc[oun]t of its having been mislaid in the Office after being sealed.

We are sorry to find that Mr Smeaton neglected writing about the Compass, as it is much more wanted than either the Copying Paper or the Ink, and indeed we cannot help saying that we are disappointed in seeing that we are to receive Ink Powder instead of Ink. Mr Walton's expression in ours of the 8th was Six Bottles of Copying Ink – and the reason of his desiring Ink rather than Powder was that Mr Bolton himself having sent Mr Walton 1 Doz[en] papers of powder as a present, he (Mr Walton) has found so much difficulty and disappointment in making the Ink from them that he wishes most heartily he had never seen them. After those you have sent come to hand, we will try to make Ink from them, and if it sh[oul]d not answer, we must beg leave again to trouble you for some Ink.

We cannot help thinking that you mistake me In what we have intimated concerning a Gentleman of our Acquaintance receiving 5s 8d per Ounce for fine Silver. This matter having accidentally been ment[ione]d to us, we not only tho[ugh]t it our Duty to the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital but to you and ourselves to mention it to you, but not in the least with a view or wish to deal with any other person and we beg leave to assure you that we are now and have been perfectly satisfied with the agreement as it now stands between us, and we hope you are so too. Perhaps the Difference of price may be owing to the circumstances you mention (the carriage) but, be that as it may, we have no wish to alter the line in which the whole of our Silver now goes. We are Sir

Your most H[umb]le Serv[ant]s
Walton & Turner

26 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 26 January 1787

We have rec[eive]d both your Letters and also one from Mr Ruddock and are sorry to see that nothing can yet be got done about the Pig of Lead at Corbridge. We approved to Mr Ruddock talking the matter over with Mr Williamson and hope after all something affectual may be hit off. We have written to Mr Ruddock and sent the letter to meet him at Mr Williamsons. We think it will tho' more troublesome (than having the initials of the Lead Carriers <merged> together) certainly be proper to have a number of Letters made and shall order Two sets or perhaps something of the kind may be had at Newcastle ready made and if so we will bring them with us to Corbridge on Tuesday, and deliver them to you the next day at the Lead Carriage Pay. We shall expect to see one of you at Corbridge with the necessary Books etc for the Pay on Tuesday Evening and we hope the Carriers will come early the next morning. We are

Your H[umb]le Servants
Walton & Turner

29 Jan 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Farnacres 29th January 1787

Messrs Mulcaster

We have this evening had your Letter of the 22nd Inst with the Five Weeks Coal accounts and one Cinder account. We wrote you on Saturday Evening with Directions for further trial as to the Pig in Abrham Fawcett's possession which doubt not you w[oul]d receive yesterday after you wrote to us your Letter having been directed to the care of Mr Wm Coats. We duly rec[eive]d your letter as also Mr Ruddocks. As soon as possible we will allow you to begin the carriage again but cannot yet so you must do as well as you can. You shall have a <Title> for the Lead Book sent you when we give you directions to begin the carriage again but doubt it must be some longer than that you have sent. We shall expect to hear from you by Friday's carrier & are

Your Humble Ser[van]ts
Walton & Turner

PS. Pray write to Mr Little and desire he will be so good as let you know what his charges may be that you may have our directions to pay him. Send our compliments to Mr Mitchinson.

2 Feb 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 2nd Febr'y 1787.

We have ordered the Letter A B C D F G H I K M N O P R T W and expect to send them to you by the Post which will be at Hexham on Monday first but if we can get them sent by Mr Blacketts Post which will be at Hexham on Sunday we will do so as we expect to get them on Saturday without fail.

We would have the Carriers Lead marked as follows:

Thomas Atkinson A
Chris. Bell CB
George Bell GB
William Brown WB
William Bell B
Robert Bell RB
Thomas Bell TB
Mattw. Bell MB
John Corbett C
Chas. Cockerill CC
Anthony Dickinson D
William Forster F
Thomas Forster TF
William Havelock H
James Johnson I
John Kyle K
William Newbiggin N
William Oliphant O
William Pattinson P
Thomas Robson R
John Routledge IR
William Rowland WR
William Wilson W
Robert Wilson RW

We are much surprised at Thomas Robsons behaviour at the Pay. Thomas Robson had Tickets allowed him for all that he claimed at Newcastle and therefore it is strange how his receipt could fall <short 5> and indeed it is still more so that he sh[oul]d <bear

the loss by paying for 5 so very easily for he never complained. This makes me suspect that he may with any lead and therefore suppose that to have our mind his being short 11 Pays & are

Walton & Turner

9 Feb 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 9 Febr 1787.

We have rec[eive]d your letters of the 4th & 5th with Mr Temperleys Five Weeks Coal Accounts and John <Elliot> Tickets.

We do not think it will be worthwhile to trouble Dukes Hall & Skinnerburn with marking the Atkinsons * Tickets BH & BR. Those persons will receive their own tickets, and their delivering them to us at the pay will be sufficient.

We send you 4 more Letters by Jno. Corbett, and hope they will please better than the others. We are

Your H[um]ble Servants

Walton & Turner

PS * What you do as to marking the Mill Tickets is perfectly right.

16 Feb 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 16 Febr 1787.

We have received your Letter of the 12th Inst and very much approve of what you are doing and propose to do to the Lead Carriers. We are very glad to see that the Lead Carriage has got so well on, as we are also when we acquaint you that it is expected there will be a brisk demand for Lead this year. The present current price for refined lead is £17 per Fodder, and the last Bullion which we sent to London was sold for 5s 7 ¾d per ounce. Messrs Airey have sold 2000 pieces of Lead since the Middle of January, most of which are delivered. We are

Your H[um]ble Servants

Walton & Turner

19 Feb 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 19th February 1787.

Dear Sir

I have rec[eive]d your favor of the 16th Inst for which I thank you and will send you the Lottery Tickets whenever you acquaint me they are in course of being paid. The compass £1.1 is charged to Mr Smeaton for which and the Ink Powder & Paper from Mr Woodmason. I will make a deduction from the Value of the Bullion which was sent from Newcastle on Saturday last, being 514 ½ Ounces. I am

Dear Sir, Your Obliged H[um]ble Ser[van]t
Nich Walton jnr

28 Feb 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 28th Febr'y 1787.

As we have a chance of agreeing with Messrs Walker & Co for a considerable Quantity of Litharge, just as it runs from the Test, we desire youll weigh all the Litharge which you produce after you receive this and compare that with the produce of Refined Lead from it – only you must reserve about 28 cwt for filling 4 casks with such kind of Litharge which we expect you will receive by John Corbett on Friday. These 4 casks are by way of Tryal. We have your Letters of the 17th, 19th & 26th now before us. We have corrected all the errors in the Operations and have rec[eive]d Matthew Temperley's two weeks coal Acc[oun]ts & the Operation for this Month. The Bullion came safe, you have done right as to Rampgill Slag. Lead we expect will be at £17.10 very soon. We will order a Quarter Barel of Gunpowder. You are desired to do as you propose as to Messrs Ruddock and Tweddell. We are etc.

W & T

2 Mar 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 2nd March 1787.

We have this moment rec[eive]d yours of the 1st Inst with Copy Yours of the 28th Febr'y. What you propose as to knowing the Weight of the Lead before the Operation of Refining is performed in which you are to take Notice of the Weight of Litharge produced, from such Lead & the Quantity of Lead w[hic]h is to be produced from such litharge, in addition to what we have before said, is what we wish to know. After you receive the Casks, you may fill them at leisure, but as there is not to be any Sifting, we don't expect the filling of them will take up a vast deal of Time, tho' we can imagine it w[oul]d take more than to allow of the Carriage that brings the Casks to return with them filled. When ready, let them be sent Directed to Messrs Walker Fishwick & Co at their White Lead Manufactory & write to them & request that they will be so obliging as give the Carrier a rec[eip]t for them. We believe the Lead Mill Pay

will be at some time in the Second Week of April but cannot say with certainty yet. We are

Your H[um]ble Servants Walton & Turner

PS We understand the Litharge Casks will hold 6 or 7 cwt. We wish whatever they hold that the Quantities respectively may be even cwts only.

2 Mar 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 2nd March 1787.

Inclosed we return you the Acc[oun]t of Ore Smelted and Refineable Lead produced in Operation ending 28 October last with some observations at the Bottom upon which las we shall be glad to hear from you. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

9 Mar 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 9th March 1787.

Dear Sir

We duly rec[eive]d your Letter of the 7th Inst and have this day drawn upon you for £144.5.8d being Balance of Acc[oun]t as below and thank you for the trouble you have had on our account. We are

Dear Sir Your Obliged & Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

514 1/2 ounces of fine silver at 5.8 1/4 £146 6 2

Deduct

A Miners Compass £1 1 -

Paper and Ink Powder - 19 6 £2 - 6

Balance due from Mr Holmes £144 5 8

Bill for which payable 40 days after Date.

£144.5.8 Farnacres 9th March 1787. Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs Eden Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co., One Hundred and Forty Pounds Five Shillings and Eight Pence Value received as Advised by Walter & Turner
Mr Holmes London

23 Mar 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 23rd March 1787.

We have received your Letters of the 15th & 19th Inst and are obliged by the intimation you have given respecting Mr Lowes, and think with you that out of civility it will be proper to acquaint him with Dixon and Robson being at work in the West Heugh, and therefore we desire that one of you will go with our compliments and let Mr Lowes know this, and perhaps he may think it worthwhile to make a Trial on his side of the Water or to let it to Dixon and Robson.

We have made several calculations from which it w[oul]d seem to be worth our while to deal with Mr Fishwick & Co but do you not think it will be better to furnish them with the smaller part of the Litharge and reserve the round or lumpy part to be reduced, as we have understood that the less the Litharge is fallen when it is thrown into the reducing furnace the produce of Lead will be the better, and we desire you will give it a consideration & let us know your sentiments as soon as you conceivably can, as also whether you think that the Lead which is left in the Litharge Slags, after paying the expense of smelting them, will leave as much Value in Lead as will pay the expense of reducing which we reckon will with wear and tear cost about 2s/6d per Fod[der]. We have given particular Directions to have the Lead bro[ugh]t in from Dukes Hall in time so as that it may have the Newcastle Books sent up to Langley Mill before the Pay, and hope the whole will be got in by the 9th April; we shall also order that the Dukes Hall Book may be sent by the return of the Mondays carriers, the 9th next month. We have received the 2 Weeks Coal Acc[oun]t and we approve of your sending the Acc[oun]t the 24th instant. We are

Your H[umb]le Serv[an]ts
Walton & Turner

19 Apr 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 19 April 1787.

Sir

We have received you Letter of the 14th inst and have this Day drawn upon you for £292.18.1 being the amount of 1030 ounces of fine silver at 5s/8 ¼d, and we are glad to hear that silver is likely to rise, and that you will so soon get rid of the above Quantity. Mr Walton desires his best wishes to Mr Smeaton and will be glad to hear he is in good health. The Family at Farnacres join in best respects to you & yours & we are

Your most Hu[mb]le Ser[vant]s
Walton & Turner

P.S. The Bill is payable 30 Days after Date.

Be so good as order us 150 casks of Bone Ashes of Richd Probert

Farnacres 19th April 1787. £292.18.1 Thirty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Eden Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co Two Hundred and Ninety Two Pounds Eighteen Shillings and One Penny Value Received as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr Holmes London

20 Apr 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 20 April 1787.

On considering your Memorandums delivered to us at Langley Mill we have th[ough]t proper to order the Iron Nails & Ream of paper to be sent by John Corbett this Day, and have ordered 150 Casks of Bone Ashes to be sent from London to keep up the Stock at the Mill. If you have occasion for any fresh Ash Wood you must purchase it as the season is now over for cutting that kind of Wood. In November next year your Wants of that kind may be supplied from the Hospitals Woods. You may give Wm Watson leave to let Francis Robertson have one of his Meadow Closes and a Pasture Stint. It does not seem necessary to make any further inquiry of Ann Strickland. You must do what you are of opinion is necessary as to the repairing of the present Roads belonging to Langley Mill, and in addition thereto we desire you will continue the Turnpike from the Gate joining the common to the Gate near the Barn. With regard to the Gable End think that nothing further ought to be done but preparing Stones 'til further Orders. On looking into the Lease of Blagill Mill we find that Mr Wm Jobling obliges himself to take all his coals and lime from Stublick Colliery and Langley Lime Kilns except such coals as he may take from Throckley Colliery and he also obliges himself to take such Quantities of Peats from Greenwich Hospital as he shall have occasion to use for the Works at Blagill Mill and to pay such Prices for such Coals Lime and Peats as those articles shall from time to time be charged to Langley Lead Mills. The Comm[issioner]s of Greenwich Hospital oblige themselves at all reasonable and convenient times to furnish & deliver to Mr Jobling from their Colliery at Stublick and their Lime Kiln or Lime Kilns at Langley all such Quantities of Coals and Lime (except such Coals as he may take from Throckley Colliery) as he shall have occasion to use for the Works at Blagill Lead Mill, & they also engage to furnish and deliver (the weather permitting) such Quantities of Peats to Mr Jobling from Langley So[uth] Common as he shall have occasion to use for the said Works at Blagill Mill he paying such prices annually for such Coals Lime and Peats as above mentioned. We are

Your H[umb]le Serv[ant]s

Walton & Turner

21 Apr 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 21 April 1787.

We have rec[eive]d your Letter of the 18th & 20th Inst and desire you will agree immediately with Ann Brown at 3d per yard to lead to the Stable, but we desire that it may be clearly understood that she is not to lead any in wet weather. We are glad to see that you are beginning to get Ore from the Governor & Co.s Mines and that you have been enabled in consequence to forward the Rye for Nent Force level workmen. We have rec[eive]d 14 assays – the three last Cakes of Silver weighed 602 Ounces, 269 Ounces, and 159 Ounces. We are

Your H[um]ble Ser[vant]s
Walton & Turner

2 May 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 2nd May 1787.

We have rec[eive]d your Letters of the 25th & 30th of last month with Wm Temperley's Coal acc[oun]t and the Operation ending 28 April. We are perfectly satisfied that Greenwich Hospital is not obliged to furnish the Blagill Co with Coals from the Yard Coal Seam, but notwithstanding that, we desire that they may have Coals along with us as long as such kind of Coals can be got, but only for the purpose of reducing. We are

Your H[umb]le Serv[ant]s
W. & T.

6 May 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

[Note: recipient not named, but previous correspondence of this nature went to Holmes]

Farnacres 6th May 1787

Dear Sir,

We shall be obliged by your Paying Richd Probert his Bill fo 50 Casks of Bone Ashes particulars as follows ---

The Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital

To Richd. Probert Dr

1787 May<3d>

To 50 Casks of Bone Ashes containing 100 bushels at 3s £15 - -

To 50 Casks at 2s/2d £5 8 4

To Carriage	10 6
To Wharfage	19 0
	£21 11 10
Discount for prompt payment	£1 1 6
	£20 10 4
Stamp	4
	£20 10 8

Rec[eive]d May 1787 of Messrs Walton & Turner Twenty Pounds Ten Shillings and 8d in full of the above by ---

After you have p[ai]d the Money be so good as immediately send the Acc[oun]t here w[hic]h we will settle for when the next Box of Bullion arrives which we believe will be some Time. Our Best Compliments to yourself and Family and also to Mr Smeaton. We are

Your H[umb]le Ser[vant]s
Walton & Turner

13 May 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 13th May 1787.

I got home this Day against Dinner and had the pleasure to find all well at home. On my arrival here I met with your Letters of the 8th and 10th Inst containing the Assays from the following kinds of Lead.

	No of Assays
1st May.	2. Scaleburn Moss Ore Lead
	2. String of Middle Cleugh Sun Vein <>
	Query which Sun Vein & whether North or Sun Vein
	String to that Sun Vein
7th May	2. Scaleburn Moss Slag Lead
	2. Rampgill Slag Lead
	2. Lough vein Lead

The Assays from Rampgill Ore Lead did not come in the Letter.

It will if we can make a full agreement with Rbt. Fishwicks Co. be worth while perhaps to go <nearer> in Refining than we have hitherto done because if we should contract with that Co. to take all our litharge except the Rich Litharge it w[ould]d be worth while to be content with fewer ounces of Silver if we can sell all our Litharge. [underlined: ' This to yourselves. '] Fishwick & Co. can take it all & have offered to do so.

In addition to what you propose, we desire you will not only weigh the Litharge of this Week but the Litharge Slags, of course the Refined Lead will be weighed.

Upon enquiring at Hexham I found that no Casks had come either by Johnson or Corbett for Litharge so I suppose Robt Fishwicks Co. are getting proper Casks made and will send them when they are ready. You may fill the Two Casks of theirs now at the Mill or rather we would have you put <7cwt.4.0> into each of those Casks & you may send them off directed to Messrs Walkers Fishwick and Co. at the Lead Wharf at Skinnerburn, as soon as convenient. Mark the weight of each Cask at one end before any Litharge is put in and on the other end of each <with> Litharge in it.

I am just now favoured with your Letter about Plankey Mill, & am obliged by the attention to that Business. I am

Yours etc N Walton

P.S. I shall be glad to pay every Regard to your Opinion as to Elliot's Successor.

15 May 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 18th May 1787.

Having now examined the Assays which you delivered to me when I was last at the Lead Mill which were made in 1783 I find as follows

		Gr 80th	Oz	dwt	grn	10th	
1783							
May 20	Assay delivered me	23	-	5	12	14	8
23	Do. sent to Farnacres	16	-	3	18	9	6
		These assays were from Scaleburn Moss Slag Lead					
Jan 29	2 Assays sent to Do	54	-	6	12	7	2
Jul 11	1 Assay sent to Do	41	-	10	-	21	6
	1 Do deliv me & faulty	38	-	9	6	4	8
		These assays were from <.> Ore Lead					

I have put up the Assays which were in the inclosed <pages> into my collecting box.

I desire you'll engage John Jackson to supply the place of Joshua Elliott being satisfied Sir John Turner will approve of this. I think it necessary to direct you to let Wm Brown and Frank Robinson know that we think their applications were very improper ones as we do not chuse to employ their children as labourers at Langley Mill.

As Willm. Armstrong has thought proper at last to make an appology I most readily forgive him on condition of he and his family taking care for the future not to offend & I will not mention the matter to <.>. But I must request further that they

prevent others as much as they can from committing such Trespasses for the Time to come as I had reason to complain of. I am for Self and Sir John Turner

Your Humble Servants
Nicholas Walton & Turner

19 May 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 19th May 1787.

We have rec[eive]d your letter of the 15th. Six assays including the two for Rampgill which were omitted being sent before. Blagill North Vein Lead we conclude is not refineable without looking at the Tables. Having written to Mr Airey about the Litharge, I postpone saying anything more 'til I see him tomorrow when I expect he will be here and give me some account of the matter.

20th May 1787. I have seen Mr Airey who has rec[eive]d a letter from Messrs Walkers Fishwicks & Co. from which it appears that they have sent off 10 Casks by Friday's Carriers; those as well as any others you may receive from them, you are desired to fill 'til you get to the length of 150 cwt including the two casks which contained 15 cwt being those last sent off; but don't send any more Litharge off than that Quantity (150 cwt) tho' Mr Fishwick & Co. sh[oul]d send you Casks, unless you sh[oul]d receive our further Directions on this Business. We are

Yours etc
W & T

19 May 1787 Nicholas Walton to Jonathan Airey

Mr Jona: Airey

Farnacres 19th May 1787.

Dear Jonathan

On a clear supposition that Mr Fishwick sh[oul]d send Casks for the Litharge by the Carriers of Friday and Monday last or the one of those days, I desired that our work might go on in such manner as that we might immediately fill the whole with as little loss of time as possible, in consequence of which the litharge is now lying ready, & we cannot tell what to do, whether to reduce it into lead or to let it lye for Mr Fishwick, and indeed if it is to be reduced we must have a loss, because by its lying, it becomes small or falls as we call it like lime, and after fallen the Produce in Lead is not so good as when the Litharge is reduced immediately from the Refining Test. I beg you'll see Mr Fishwick upon this Business as soon as you can, & acquaint him with the above circumstances and that if we do not receive the Casks without loss of time, we must reduce the litharge now in hand. We shall also be glad to have Mr Fishwick's final

determination upon our proposition to furnish the Co. with litharge upon the Terms mentioned in ours of the 7th May Inst. I am for Self & Sir John Turner. Dear Jonathan

Yours etc
N. Walton

PS. I hear some Refined Lead has been sold at £20:10:-

The Casks which Mr Fishwick first sent were returned to the Co. with each 8 cwt in them and they have now fifteen hundred wt in them or 7½ cwt each. Mr Fishwick having sent them again to the Mill some time ago

21 May 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 21st May 1787.

On asking my Son this Morning, I find that the Two Casks of Litharge weighed

	A 8 - 7	B 8 - - accdng to them
	Qr Lb	
Weight A 7 2 Litharge Cask	1 23	7 3 23
B 7 2 Do Cask	1 19	7 3 19
Overweight	- - 12	- - 9 or 21 lb

which comes to 5/4 ½d. This is too much. I wish to give good weight but not so much as this. I am

Your humble Serv[an]t
Nicholas Walton Esq

PS Pray tell Mattw. Temperley I w[oul]d have him give a look at the Old Water Level or Main Coal Level at Scremerston when he goes over there and examine the sides and Roof and write me his opinion from Scremerston in what part it will be best to put a Frame & Dam so as to prevent the water running to the East of the Great Dyke towards the Sea.

22 May 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 22nd May 1787

We have rec[eive]d your Letters of yesterday with Mattw. Temperley's 2 last Weeks Coal Accounts.

We have not yet had time to make any computation concerning the Trial you have made as to the Litharge, and we think it will perhaps be the best way to defer making

and calculations 'til we get the result of your next weeks Experiments, and if you have kept the Litharge Slags which you weighed in this last Trial to 10cwt 2qu 6lb, we sh[oul]d like to have not only them, but what you get from your intended succeeding Trial, smelted in the same manner as your last experiment of smelting Litharge Slags. We observe what you say respecting the Litharge Casks and are sorry you have been so much put about by waiting for them. It certainly will be proper to put in the Bungs either with Paper or some kind of Canvas or Cloth and you must do the best you can 'til we see whether we can make an absolute Agreement with Mr Fishwick or not, a thing we can by no means speak with confidence about yet.

The Eight Assays you sent in are come to hand.

We are concerned to hear of <Ann> Brown's Behaviour, but why did not you mention this to Mr Walton when he was as the Mills? We inclose you a Letter which we desire you will read, and afterwards seal and send to Mrs Brown, and if it sh[oul]d not have the desired effect, you will let us know, and we will act as we have therein set forth.

Perhaps the Less we say about Stublick Colliery the better, but it is a Fact beyond all possibility of contradiction that the Gain to Greenwich Hospital for these two years past has been no more than £4:10:8½. If you think it right, you may say that you know the Colliery has produced very little profit for these two years past & that you are sure the profit within that time has been under £10. We are

Your H[umb]le Servants
Walton & Turner

24 May 1787 Nicholas Walton

[Note: apparently sent to Walton's un-named brother]

Computation of the expence of One Fodder of Litharge and the charges w[hi]ch ought to attend the bringing it into Lead as follows

One Fodder of Refined Lead	£20 - -
Duty at <...>	£2 7 -
	£22 7 -

23cwt 2qu 23lb of Litharge will make one Fodder of Lead which at £19 per Fodder of Litharge, amount	£20-10-10
4 Casks at 3/6	- 14 -
Duty at 5/- per Ton for the Litharge	- 5 4 3/4
	£21 10 3
Remains for Profit by Export	£ - 16 9

N.B The value of the Litharge Slags it is presumed will pay all the expences of bringing the litharge into lead.

Farnacres 24th May 1787

Dear Brother

From the above I think it w[oul]d scarcely be an object to export rough litharge but we can have no objection if you <..are> to try.

I am Your very friendly
Nicholas Walton

26 May 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 26 May 1787.

We have rec[eive]d your letter of the 23rd and are sorry to see the difficulty that you have laboured under in getting the Litharge Casks filled and assure you that unless we can have this business so contrived as to keep you and the workmen clear of the difficultys you mention we shall drop it and by way of relieving you from the trouble of getting it in at the Bung we see there will be no way that can be depended upon but taking out the end of the Cask as no Bung can we think be made big enough either on the side or end of the Cask. This however shall be further considered & we will drop the whole business rather than run the risque of destroying your health and that of those we employ.

It would be a very agreeable thing to <...> have all the Litharge Slags and Test Bottoms Smelted in future with the same kind of Black Slags <p.. pay Away ..ffant> that the Litharge Slags were lately fluxed with in making the Experiment of what Quantity of Lead might be contained in the Litharge Slags; that it will be necessary to by an Experiment or two whether our doing so will be attended with loss or not and therefore we desire that a Quantity of Litharge Slags and Test Bottoms may be weighed over taken weigh for weigh, so that the quality of the Two Parcels, each of which must be sufficient for a full Shift, may be as near alike as possible and to Tryall one Parcel with Common Black Slags and the other with Lead Slag and to take notice whether any more <Cinders> are created in one Operation or the other. The Black Slags of neither kind need not be weighed. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS As soon as the order for Mr Fishwick is completed you must write and give us an Account of the whole Quantity sent away from the Mill <and on what Days>. The first

16 cwt does not come within the last order from Mr Fishwick and therefore he is to have 30 times 5 cwt beside the 16 & then stop.

26 May 1787 Nicholas Walton to Richard Fishwick

[Note: Fishwick is referred to as the recipient in a letter of the same date to the Mulcasters]

Messrs Walkers Fishwick & Co.

Farnacres 26 May 1787.

Gentlemen

Yesterday we received a letter from Messrs Mulcaster acquainting us that upon Tryal they find the filling of the Casks with Litharge at the Bunghole to be not only a very tedious but unwholesome business being in their opinion much worse than the Sifting of Litharge, for tho' the Lumpy part of the Litharge be all broken so as no part shall be more than three inches any way in size, which is the Diameter of the Bunghole yet without putting them in piece by piece, Two or Three of those pieces meet together in the Neck of the Funnel and there stop and this will happen very frequently when the pieces are not more than 1½ Inch in size any way. They could not think of any way to remedy this but by having a man to force down the litharge into the Cask with a small Poker and besides, unless the Cask, after the first two cwt is put in, is kept constantly shaken, it fills to the Bunghole tho' there is a considerable vacancy at each end of the Cask. They add this is not only Heavy work, but the Man who Rolls the Cask must have his Face almost close to the Bungholes from where the Dusty part of the Litharge is coming and which he must unavoidably draw in with the Breathing, indeed it is believed the Litharge cannot without more labour than the above be got out again this however Mr Fishwick will see and if he finds any difficulty, as he has Coopers at hand, he may take the ends out.

I have thought it necessary to be this particular as in case of our dealing together, the more convenience that can be contrived to both Parties the better. I think if the Bunghole was made at the End of the Cask and made Six Inches Square with the sides made <B.> and to be fixed to the Cask with a hinge and made fast with a hasp and staple in the same manner that the Bung of a Barrell Churn is fixed every <inbution> would be removed and if the Casks are made somewhat stronger than common they would serve a long time without repair as the Heads would not when they are so constructed have reason to be taken out.

I have given direction to Messrs Mulcaster to let you have 27 Casks each containing 5 cwt beside the two Casks which contained 16 and these same Two Casks which held only 15 cwt put into them the last time they were sent down so that the whole Quantity will stand as follows

Two Casks containing	8 cwt each	16 cwt
Two Do.	7 1/2 Do.	15 cwt
Twenty Seven casks at 5 Do.		135 cwt
		166 cwt

After Messrs. Mulcaster have delivered the whole of the above they are directed to stop till further order, and we must desire that you will as soon as you can come to a determination upon the offer which we have made and which we are resolved not to alter, and it is to be observed that when Lead sells below £15 a new rate must take place. We shall be glad to hear from you and are

Gents. Your most Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

27 May 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster

Farnacres 27 May 1787.

We have your Letter of the 24th Instant and agree to much in opinion with you about the Litharge Casks that we can tell you we yesterday wrote to Mr Fishwick expressing our wishes about having Bungholes 6 Inches Square at one end of the Cask & the Bung to be fixed in like manner as the Bungs to a Barrel Churn, and if we sh[oul]d go on you may depend upon having every convenience that is necessary for your accommodation particularly and also that of the Workmen so as that this Work may be done with safety to you all as far as it can be contrived.

What you say about the Tryal to Smelt the Litharge Slags is very proper & we w[oul]d have you only to confine the Tryal to the Litharge Slags only which you make this week.

The Lead comes in very slowly as you will see by the following list of Carriers and Quantities since the Pay

Apr 28 Mr Chris. Bell	1	which it was supposed was lost
May 4 John Corbett	52	
Robt Wilson	10	
7 James Johnson	25	
John Corbet	16	
Chris. Bell	7	
14 Do	6	
James Johnson	35	
17 John Corbet	33	
18 John Corbet	38	
19 Chris. Bell	7	
21 John Corbet	52	

We entirely agree with you in Opinion but the result of Chemical Operations sometimes turns out very different from what one would expect that it is in our judgement necessary to Try those Experiments as they will shew us clearly what the Truth is and not leave us to more Opinion.

Yesterday we received a letter from Mr Fishwick who says that they find it necessary still to defer giving us an answer respecting the continuing to deal with Greenwich Hospital for Litharge but that the whole of our Observations as to the Casks and the mode of filling them with Litharge shall have proper attention paid to and that we shall have their Ultimatum as soon as they can properly give it. So you see the matter must rest till we hear further from them and you must keep the Casks now filled with Litharge till we can give you directions what to do with them, in the mean time we think it w[oul]d not be amiss to keep them under Cover. If they sh[oul]d agree for Litharge everything shall be made convenient for filling and weighing.

The silver weighed 819 ounces and you have as below the weight of the Litharge the first Parcel of which was not weighed at the Lead Wharf

1787	March 12	3 Casks	16 - -
	May 18	Same 3 Casks	15 - 21
	28	10 Casks	50 2 7
		10 Do	50 1 14

We do not yet have the weight of the 7 casks last sent. The other 13 Casks you observe from what was said above we expect you have filled with Litharge.

The Experiments of the 19th and 26th Ult. In the Refining of Lead & weighing the Litharge etc are perfectly clear to us and will answer the intended purpose, notwithstanding the Error in weighing the Litharge, for there certainly must have been an Error.

You have done very properly in letting Mr Hall have 3 stone weight of Fume, and for which we do not think it will be proper to charge anything, but we do not think it will be proper to make a practice of this, so you will take care not to deliver any more without taking pay for it. Lead Fume sold the 29 Oct 1772 for 5s/9d per cwt and ought now to sell at 8s/6d; you are desired to let us know what Day the Fume was delivered for Sir John Turner & what the weight – we believe you acquainted us before, but we have mislaid the Letter. We are

Your Most Humble Servants
Walton & Turner.

8 Jun 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster,

Farnacres 8 June 1787.

We have rec[eive]d your Letter of yesterday with Mattw. Temperley's 2 weeks coal accounts inclosed.

Our weather here has been much the same as you express and yesterday the Hill Tops were covered white with Snow, which however almost immediately melted.

As the Gentlemen in the Neighbourhood of Langley Mill seem desirous of having cheap paint, you are desired to acquaint them that they may have Fume at 8s/6d per cwt or 1s/1d per stone for any Quantity under 1 cwt but don't sell less than 1 stone, and you are also desired to charge Mr Hall at that rate for what he has got. We are

Yours etc., W & T

8 Jun 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 8 June 1787.

Dear Sir,

We were duly favoured with your Letter of the 12th Ult and Mr Walton is very much obliged by the trouble you have taken on his Account, and will settle for the several articles of Account when a draw for the Cake of Bullion which was delivered to the London Carrier on Wednesday last weighing 819 ounces. Youll be so good as pay Richard Probert for Bill as per acc[oun]t of Particulars Below and which youll be pleased to transcribe upon a Four Penny Stamp and get Richd Probert to sign a Rec[eip]t & then send us the Acc[oun]t immediately. We are, Dear Sir

Your most Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

PS After paying Richd. Probert as below you will want of us £41..1..4 for Bone Ashes.

The Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital To Richard Probert

1787

Jun 1 To 50 Casks of Bone Ashes cont 100 Bushells at 3s	£15 - -
To 50 Casks at 2s/2d	£5 8 4
To Carriage 10s/6d Wharfage 13s	£1 3 6
	£20 10 4
Stamp	- - 4
	£20 10 8

Rec[eive]d June 1787 of Messrs Walton and Turner £20..10..8 Twenty Pounds Ten Shillings and 8d in full of the above Acc[ount] by Witness

23 Jun 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster,

Farnacres 23rd June 1787.

We have rec[eive]d your Letters of the 18th and 21st Inst with Two Weeks Coal Accounts and one Cinders Account and 8 Sets of Assays, Seven of which show the Lead to be very well worth Refining from which they were taken and the other from Woodhall Slags Lead not worth Refining. When you get any further Account about West Heugh Lead Mine we shall be glad to hear from you. We have not yet had anything further from Mr Fishwick about the Litharge. He has some Experiment to Try before he can give us a final Answer, so you will go on as if we had never done anything in this business till you receive our further directions about it. The Tryals you have made are very satisfactory as to the Smelting Litharge Slags and Test Bottoms with a flux of Slag Tails and with a flux of Common Black Slags it shows us that we need not <apply again> to the Tails of Black Slags for a flux of those articles.

The weight of Lead in the Litharge Slags and Test Bottoms according to computation from former Experiments ought to have been	10 - 20
Real Weight produced by flux with Tails of Slags was	9 3 2
Real produce by said flux short of computation	- 1 18

We are, Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

26 Jun 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 26th June 1787.

Sir

We duly rec[eive]d your Letter of the 16th Inst and have this Day drawn upon you payable Forty Days after Date for £226 17 5d being Balance of Account as below. We are with best compliments and wishes of a good Journey to Mr Smeaton.

Sir, Your most Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS We heartily wish Mrs Brooke's soon well. We hear she has got the Measles

Due from Mr John Holmes
For 819 ounces of fine silver at 5s/9d £235 9 3
For Two £20 Prizes in the Lottery for Mr Walton Junr £39 9 -
£274 18 3

Due to Mr Holmes
Payment to Richd Probert Bone Ashes 12th Ult £20 10 8
For Do. to Do. for Do. 13th Inst £20 10 8
For a Watch for Mr John Walton £9 19 6
Allowed for the Old Watch £3 - - £6 19 6
£48 - 10
With above £226 17 5

£226..17..5 Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of <Messrs Eden> Ridley & Co. Two hundred and twenty six pounds seventeen shillings and five pence Value received as advised by Mr Homes, London Walton & Turner

5 Jul 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Lead delivered at Newcastle by the following Carriers from 1st April to and with 30th June 1787

Chr Bell 67 Pieces
Wm. Bell 108
John Corbett 473
James Charlton 14
Wm. Havelock 11
James Johnson 123
Geo. Goodbed 665
Wm. Rowland 25
Wm. Wilson 6
Robt. Wilson 10
1502

Messrs. Mulcaster Farnacres 5th July 1787

Above you have an acc[oun]t shewing the Quantity of Lead which has been delivered to the Lead Wharf since the Pay.

Lead Refined now sells at £20 per Fodder. Silver now sells at 5s/9d per Ounce

Including the Pig found by Mr Chris. Bell the Quantity of Lead sent from the Mill to the 30th Ult was 1947 pieces, and as 1502 pieces have been rec[eive]d there appears to be upon the road 445 pieces.

Your letter of the 2nd Inst inclosing Mr Wm. Temperley's 2 weeks coal acc[oun]t and the operation for last month is come safe to hand, and we are glad to see that the Peats are now drying so very fast. Take care not to get them in too soon. We are

Your H[um]ble Serv[ant]s
Walton & Turner

7 Jul 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 7th July 1787.

Dear Sir,

By the London carrier of this week you will receive a Box containing 895 Ounces of fine silver. We are

Yours etc W & T

16 Jul 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster,

Farnacres 16th July 1787.

We are exceedingly sorry to acquaint you that the Cake of Silver before the last that was sent from Langley Lead Mill was not so fine as it ought to have been. Mr Holmes has fully explained this matter to us so as to convince us of the fact, & says that he has always used it as an Argument for when he sells our Silver, that it must be perfectly fine and so should it. Mr Holmes further says I must now beg favor of you to desire your people at the Refinery to be very careful in making the Silver fine, for if it is not, it will very much discourage the sale of it. We are

Your H[umb]le Serv[ants]
Walton & Turner

PS. Mr Walton desires that Wm. Dixon & his partner will say at once whether they propose doing anything further at West Heugh – and you will be so good as let us know their Determination as soon as possible.

24 Jul 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 24th July 1787.

Dear Sir,

We are very much concerned to hear of the Cake of Silver sent from Newcastle the 6th of last month not proving so fine as it ought to have been. We immediately wrote to

our people at the Refinery who have promised to be careful, and say that at all times they really are so, but that in some instances near the time of the taking off a Cake of Silver some of the Clay drops out of the Joints between the Bricks from the Roof of the Furnace which discolour the upper surface of the Cake of Silver, and while they admit that both Cakes of Silver last sent were neither of them fine in the Sale, but believe the refiners of that <.... ..> of the Silver which had become a little dirtied wd been found quite trifling. [2 lines blurred and now illegible] proves so fine as it ought to be, we shall be ready and willing to make any proper allowances.

We have this Day drawn you for £235.17.3 being Balance of the Acc[oun]t after Reduction £20.10.4 which you are desired to be so good as Pay Richd. Probert as per Acc[oun]t of particulars as on the other side.

The Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital
To Richard Probert Dr.

1787 July 7

To 10 casks of Bone Ashes containing 100 Bushels at 3/-	£15 - -
To 50 Casks at 2s/2d	£5 8 4
To carriage 10s/6d, Wharfage 13s/-	£1 3 6
	£21 11 10
Discount for prompt payment	£1 1 6
	£20 10 4
Stamp	- - 4
	£20 10 8

Received July 1787 of Messrs Walton and Turner Twenty Pounds Ten Shillings and Eight pence in full of the above account by Richard Probert X His mark
Witness

We are Dear Sir, Your Humble Servants Walton & Turner

PS We will allow for the Stamp for Probert next cake of Silver – Bill is payable 60 Days after Date which will make up for Deficiencies in the Cake sent in June.

£235.17.3. Farnaces 24th July 1787 Sixty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs Eden Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two hundred and Thirty Five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Three pence. Value received as advised by Walton & Turner Mr Holmes London

26 Jul 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster,

Farnaces 26th July 1787.

Your Letters of the 16th & 19th Inst are now before me, and we are very sorry that Mr Mattw. Temperley has been so much hurt, but from your account of the matter

hope to hear in your next that he is got well again. We have received his Two Weeks Coal Accounts and the Assays contained in yours of the 16th Inst.

With regard to the refining of the Silver, all that can be done is to take the utmost cares and we have not the least doubt that will be attended to by you as much as possible. We do not think it will be proper to refine the Silver over again, unless something more happens than has happened to the piece of Silver which was sent away from here the beginning of June.

We shall not have the least objection to recommend Dixon & Robson to be taken in as partners with any who may purpose for West Heugh Lead Mine.

We are surprised to see Coopers Dykehead & Gallygill Syke so rich in Silver and Old Cowslitts and Carrs West of Nent so poor.

We are sorry to tell you that the weather continues so wet here that we have about 26 Acres of very fine cut grass almost quite spoilt, and this morning it was a perfect Deluge, and rained all last night.

Being particularly desirous to get as far forward as possible with Smelting and Refining so as to finish the whole of the Ore that will come in this year as soon as the Carriage is finished, we desire you will consider the most proper means to effect this and perhaps the Blagill Company not having so much to do might hand us the Ore Hearth which we lately had before the Blagill Mill was in being, and in other respects we might contrive to get the <works further forward than are so in a> common way of working. The present high price of Lead certainly makes it necessary to be attentive to have the Lead at Market as soon as possible but besides that we have other considerations to <induce> to get the smelting of this years Ore as quickly done as can be, but at the same time we think it our Duty to <.> that we would not have anything so far <hurried.... Produce>.

We are afraid that the Weather being so very wet may interfere in some degree with our Operations in getting quickly forward with the Smelting etc as Peats in Stock we fear will soon run out, and as to the Bricks we should not be surprized if some part of them were by this time as far as Tinmouth Bar. We are

Your H[um]ble Serv[ant]s
Walton & Turner

30 Jul 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster,

Farnacres 30th July 1787.

We have rec[eive]d your Letter of the 26th Inst which came to our Hands last Night, and we are glad to observe that Mattw. Temperley is got better again.

We have observed that more lead has been made since the beginning to smelt this year than has been made in the time ever since we begun smelting, except in some few Instances, but not withstanding we desire that every exertion may be made in the employing of our own Workmen to get as much work done as they can possibly do

without injuring themselves and so as not to be a loss to the produce, which will make the first Pay a good one to them, and enable them to lye after finishing this years Ore. We are very much obliged by your giving us your Sentiments so fully upon this Subject, and intirely coincide with you in Opinion.

This morning is particularly fine, & the wind South West, but there is a vast Dew on and the Glass is rather fallen. You may be assured we heartily wish for fine weather, not only on account of getting Peats, but on account of the Hay Harvest. We understand Sir H. Lidell has determined to lead 60 acres of as fine Meadow as ever was cut in this Country to the Dunghill, and if this Day does not very much improve it, it certainly must go there.

We approve very much of what you have said to Thos. Timperley about the delivery of the Ore and inclose you a Letter for him on that Subject. We are

Yours etc

W & T

1 Aug 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster,

Farnacres 1st August 1787.

We have rec[eive]d your Letter of the 30th Ult. Inclosing the Operation for last Month and Mattw. Temperley's Accounts to the 28th Inst inclusive. The Weather still continues so wet that we cannot get anything done at our Hay. The Account you give of Mr <Martells/Wastells> Coals is exactly as we expected & as have told Mr <Martell/Wastell> when he once <secured the> taking of some Coals for Langley Mill that we apprehended they <are not so>. We propose being at Langley Mill on Tuesday evening the 7th Inst. That is Mr Walton his son and Mr Turner as also Mr <Fryer> and desire you will have a cold Breast of Veal that evening for us we shall be at Hexham that Day at Dinner and will be glad to see one of you there. We propose staying with you till after the 15th of August. Mr Fryer and Mr Turner will return home on the 9th Inst. We are Yours etc

W & T

19 Aug 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 19th August 1787.

Dear Sir,

By the London carrier of last Week from Newcastle you will receive a Box containing 846 Ounces of fins Silver or thereabouts for I cannot be exact yet as to Quantity.

I have desired my son John to call upon you and desire you will be so good as pay him Fifteen Pounds. He is now at Woolwich in the <Colofone>. I am,

Dear Sir, Yours etc

N. Walton

PS I have just got the Rec[eip]t for 846 Ounces of Bullion.

3 Sep 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 3rd Sept 1787.

Dear Sir,

We duly rec[eiv]ed your Letter of the 27 Ultimo and have this Day drawn upon you for £216.6.10 being Balance of Acc[oun]t as below.

Mr Walton is much obliged to you for his son £15- and we shall be obliged by your paying Mr John Snowball £11-. He lives at Greenwich and will call upon you for the Money, and you will be so good as take a Receipt upon a Two penny Stamp as follows.

Received Sept 1787 of Messrs Walton & Turner Eleven Pounds being in full of Cash acc[oun]ts by them of Mr John Snowball of Dilston on my Account.

We are, Dear Sir, Your most Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

Due from Mr Holmes

For 846 ounces of fine silver at 5s/8 3/4d £242 6 10

Deduct

Cash pd by him to Mr John Walton £15 - -

Cash to be pd by him to Mr John Snowball £11 - -

Balance £216 6 10

Mr Snowball to pay for the stamp

Farnacres 3rd September 1787 £216.6s.10d Forty Days after Date Pay to the Order of Messrs Eden Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred and Sixteen Pounds Six Shillings and Ten Pence Value received, as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr Holmes London

3 Sep 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster,

Farnacres 3rd September 1787.

We are glad to hear you have at last got the Hay home & when you know the whole Expence desire youll send us an Account of that. We think it will be the best way

to take an acknowledgement for the small Quantity of Peats cast by Robert Pearsons Grandson. We approve of [what] you have done about ordering or rather desiring that no more Fern Ashes may be sent for the present and we are much obliged to y[ou]r Brother who was so good as to write to us much to the same effect as you have done.

Thomas Temperley writes us that our orders about getting as much Ore in as possible shall be attended to and adds – If it should happen as it formerly has done that a considerable Quantity of Ore should at the end of the Year be Weighed over and resting at the Mines and it is our desire he and John Friend will take the Duty of it. We own that it is quite our Wish that the Duty of it should be taken and unless there should in your Opinion be any Material objection to that it is our desire that you should write to Messrs Temperley & Friend to do so. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

7 Sep 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster,

Farnacres 7 September 1787.

We received your Letter of the <5th> Inst with a Copy of ours of the 3rd.

The Pay will most certainly be about the Middle of October, and therefore if you can contrive to refine and reduce as much as will make a good Cake of Silver so as to bring it within the Pay we shall have no objection, and we must repeat that it is our utmost wish to get as far forward with Smelting and Refining as possible consistent with having the work properly done, and it is our particular desire that if ever there should be any weighed-over Ore at the end of the year, we should have the Duty of it to Langley Lead Mills and indeed we think that to be necessary and that it ought to be done as far as it can be practicable, and we approve of what you propose writing to Messrs Temperley & Friend upon the occasion.

We are much obliged by your care as to the Hay, and hope it will look as handsome when we come to the Mill as, from your account, it does now. When it is offered to Sale (which perhaps it never will be) perhaps it will not look quite so handsome.

The Farmers in this Neighbourhood are wishing to get forward with their Corn Harvest, but have been prevented by foggy weather and this Day by Rain; it certainly has been the worst season ever known for Hay & Peats, and now does not promise better for the Corn Harvest, it is however our Duty to be content and make the best of it. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

13 Sep 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

[Note: This copy letter is pasted into the volume after the letter dated 7 Sept. Sicne its content is quite different to that of the letter dated 3rd Sept it is possibly a clerical error, and has been given the date 13th Sept instead here.]

Messrs Mulcaster,

Farnacres 3th September 1787.

I send you along with this a parcel of White Ore which must beg the favor of you to Assay for me both for Lead and Silver as soon as your convenience will permit.

The Price of Lead shall continue £20 Refined Silver 5s/8 ³/₄d per ounce. The Quantity of Lead delivered since last Pay is 3938 P[ieces] from the Mill and there have been delivered at our Lead Wharf 3843 P[ieces] so that of Lead delivered at the Mill to 25 Aug there only remain <undelivered> 95 P[ieces].

Last Monday we sold 1000 L 300 O & 340 <Ls> Youll take care that the refined Slag is marked Ref. this Year and afterwards. We are

Your Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS Every effort must be made to get as fast forward as possible with the Smelting & Refining.

21 Sep 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster,

Farnacres 21st September 1787.

Inclosed we send you a letter which we have rec[eive]d from Mr Ruddock and upon which we should be glad to have your & Mr Coat's joint opinion and Report as soon as your Convenience will permit and we should be glad to hear at the same time what Estates are in Langley Township and what Estates in Deanraw Township. When you write pray return the inclosed Letter.

We have rec[eive]d your Letter of the 14th Inst inclosing 11 Assays including one from the White Ore we sent you, & we thank you for the trouble you had in assaying the White Ore which we observe does not prove refineable according to the present price of Lead and Silver.

This Day is extremely wet indeed so that if you have it as wet, it will spoil the Peats that are yet out very much, but we hope they are mostly in as yesterday was so very fine a Day.

We are Yours etc
W & T

P.S. Our wish is certainly to have Statute Work performed upon the Alston Road, but we see Difficulties attending this Business which we are doubtful may occasion Litigation. This however to yourselves.

25 Sep 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 25th Sept 1787.

Dear Sir,

We have rec[eive]d your Letter of the 22nd Inst and have this Day drawn upon you for £203.7.8 being the Amount of 710 Ounces of fine silver at 5/8 $\frac{3}{4}$ per ounce. We are

Dear Sir Yours etc

W & T

The Bill is payable 40 Days after Date.

£203.7s.8d Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs Eden Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred & Three Pounds Seven Shillings and Eight Pence – Value received – as advised by – Walton & Turner
Mr Holmes London

29 Oct 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster,

Farnacres 29th Octr. 1787.

We have rec[eive]d yours with the Assays and Acc[oun]t of produce from Keswick Ore as also giving your Sentiments concerning the Losses sustained by F. Robinson & H Robson and inclose you two Rec[eipts] which you are desired to get signed; that for £2.10.- being for Robson and do you pay them the Money for which we will be accountable to you.

We approve of the Manner which you have proposed to us that the Matter as to the Pasture shall for the future be understood. The Fume Mr Hall had may be p[ai]d for by you when you come for Cash for the Ore Carriage Pay. We are

Yours etc. W & F

30 Oct 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 30th October 1787

Sir,

We have rec[eive]d your Letter of the 20th Inst and will this Day draw upon you for £235.6.5 payable 30 Days after Date being for 827 ½ ounces of fine silver at 5s/8 ¼d per ounce. I am for Self & Sir John Turner. Sir

Yours &c NW Junr

Farnacres 30th October 1787 £235.6.5. Thirty Days after Date to the Order of Messrs Eden Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two hundred and Thirty Five Pounds Six Shillings and Five Pence – Value received – as advised by Walton & Turner
Copy Mr Holmes London

2 Nov 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs Mulcaster,

Farnacres 2nd November 1787. ½ past 6

We have this moment received your Letter of the 30th Ult and are rather in a difficulty what to say about the Carriers asking or rather demanding an advance of Price, we are however absolutely determined not to pay one farthing advance for the Time that was passed when they mentioned this matter which was upon the 30th of October and whether we should agree to give any advance or not after their Pay is the only object in view. If the Carriers will continue going as long as they do go after the 30 October and behave themselves properly, that shall be taken into consideration and we will make them some allowance for continuing till we are enabled to get the weighed over Ore to Langley Mill but in case the Weather should prove so unseasonable as that the Galloways will be likely to receive injury by continuing to go, we do hereby empower you to allow the Carriers to stop whensoever you see proper. If 6d per Bing addition will content them & they will not leave the consideration to us you may agree with them but not to go one moment back from the Time they mentioned the business to you.

You may send off the Litharge which is put up for Mr Fishwicks Casks and the sooner the better. He agrees to take it. We are

Your Humble Servants

Walton & Turner

PS If the Carriers should prove refractory you may tell them they had but take care how they behave as perhaps they may not have such a good day for the Pay as they have been used to if they behave improperly but this do as from yourselves.

If we can avoid an addition of price to the Carriers we should like it much but as it is our wish to get as much Ore as possible we would rather give even 9d per Bing than stop, and the Weather has really been so bad that they will deserve something for continuing to go.

9 Nov 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr Jno. Holmes

Farnacres 9th November 1787

Sir

On the 7th Inst we sent you a Box by the London Waggon containing 919 Ounces of Fine Silver. We are Sir Yours etc W&T

PS Sorry to see that Silver looks downward.

19 Nov 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 19th November 1787

We continue to approve of everything that has been done and what is intended as to the Carriage and think it will be right to keep going on till the stop of the Ore Carriage before you make out another Operation.

We are sorry to see that Abm. Steel is in your Opinion likely to give way I fear the undertaking will suffer when we are to employ others in lieu of Abm Steel and John Robson.

It is impossible for us to say how the Ore ought to be reported that John Friend has called Handsome Mea. Thomas Temperley will best determine that matter. We are

Your Humble Serv[ant]s

Walton & Turner

Refined Lead £20 per Fodder

Silver 5s 8 ¼ per Ounce

20 Nov 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 20th November 1787.

Sir

We have received you Letter of the 17th Inst and have this Day drawn upon you for £203.8.7 being Balance of Account as below made payable 40 days after Date. We are

Your most Humble serv[ant]s
Walton & Turner

PS Be so good as make Mr Walton Junrs best respects to Mr Smeaton and acquaint him he is much obliged by his late favor and begs to inform him that he expects to be less engaged in about 14 days than he will be for some time after one Week following the 14 days, as he expects a call for London & must be prepared.

919 Ounces of fine Silver at 5s 8 1/4		£261 6 9
Deduct Payment to Mr Everest	£24 15 1	
Mr Ibbetson	£38 3 1	
		£57 18 2
Balance		£203 8 7

Farnacres 20 November 1787 £203.8.7 Forty Days after Date Pay to the order of Messrs Eden Ridley Cookson Widdrington & Co. Two Hundred and Three Pounds Eight Shillings and Seven Pence Value received as advised by Walton & Turner
Mr Holmes London

21 Nov 1787 Nicholas Walton to Richard Fishwick

Walker Fishwick & Co.

Farnacres 21st November 1787.

Gent[le]me[n]

We have received your Letter of the 17th Instant and will furnish you with Sixty Fodders of rough Litharge such as you have already had from Langley Lead Mill upon the Terms expressed in our Letter to you of the 7th of May last, the same to be delivered at our Lead Wharf at Skinner Burn in the Months of December January and February ensuing the Date hereof. But we must make a Point of having the Bung at the end of the Casks and the Bunghole must be Four Inches Diameter if round or Four Inches Square. Your answer is desired as as soon as your convenience will permit. We are Gents

Your Most Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

23 Nov 1787 Nicholas Walton to Richard Fishwick

Messrs Walker Fishwick & Co.

Farnacres 23rd November 1787.

Gent[leme]n

We have given directions to our People at Langley Mill to have everything in readiness for filling and delivery of the Litharge. You will be so obliging as attend particularly to the fixing of the Bungs so as to prevent the loss of Litharge & we think it will be right to have them so contrived as to be fixed and shut in the same manner as the Barrel Churn Bung is, but if you think any else way will be effectual and convenient we have no wish but that is should be done agreeable to your Sentiments. We are

Gent[leme]n Your Most Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS We have no doubt as to being enabled to supply the demand of 60 Fodders in the Time Specified but if any accident should happen to our Machinery or by some inevitable or unforeseen circumstance we should be prevented fulfilling the Contract within the Time specified we doubt not that it will be perfectly agreeable to you to allow of further Time. We do not on any other idea expect this.

23 Nov 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 19th November 1787

We yesterday agreed with Messrs Walker Fishwick & Co. for Sixty Fodders of Rough Litharge to be delivered in December January and February and Casks will be set next Week with Bungholes in the Ends of them Four Inches Diameter if Round or Four Inches Square. So you are desired to be preparing & see Johnson & Corbett and let them know. What you have said about <Pig> is satisfactory and we must desire youll put us in mind of giving you directions <on> Rec[eip]ts for such of the Tenants as we expect to <receive> Money from at the Ore Carriage Pay. We are

You Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

28 Nov 1787 Nicholas Walton to Richard Fishwick

Messrs Walker Fishwick & Co.

Farnacres 28th November 1787.

Sirs

Having been at Hexham yesterday I had an opportunity of seeing Mr Peter Mulcaster who acquainted me that he thinks it will suit us best to have the Litharge all delivered or at least Packed up in 4 or five weeks and wishes to receive the Casks as soon as possible. You will then be so good as send the Casks as soon as you can & he Mr M hopes there will be at least 100 Casks sent by Friday sand Mondays Carriers. I am much obliged by your favor of the 24th Inst and am for Self and Sir John Turner Sirs

Your most humble Servants

Nicholas Walton

PS If delivered in 4 Weeks it will take <65> Casks <per week>, if in five weeks <10 Casks for two weeks & 150 for the other weeks>.

28 Nov 1787 Nicholas Walton

[Note: possibly to John Charleton who, in August 1785 at least, was the resident at Dukes Hall in Walbottle who took delivery of the lead and issued tickets as receipts]

Farnacres 28th November 1787.

Dear Sir

I am sorry to have occasion to trouble you concerning our Lead Carriage but think myself under a necessity of requesting that you will immediately see Mr Outerside and make a point of it with him not only to deliver Tickets to the Carriers when they bring Lead to Dukes Hall, but to take the Lead when the Carriers bring it let the Time of the arrival of the Carrier be what it may, because otherward it will be impossible for us to get our lead carried as it ought to be <As it> will frequently happen that Carriers will be under an absolute necessity of delivering their Lead in the Night. <The cause> of the present application to you is on account of one Wm Wilson whose Boy or Serv[an]t delivered some Lead either this or last week about four oClock in the <morning> & who was detained by Outerside three or four Hours and after all was obliged to come away without a Ticket. I doubt not that you will directly set this matter right

Dear Sir Your most Humble Servants

Nicholas Walton

4 Dec 1787 Nicholas Walton to Richard Fishwick

Messrs Walker Fishwick & Co.

Farnacres 4th December 1787.

Gents

We are not a little surprised and indeed hurt on hearing this day from Langley Mill that instead of Casks being sent with the Bungholes in the end we have been sent with Bungholes in the side. It is a matter of more consequence to us to attend to the preservation of the Lives of our Agents at Langley Mill and our Workmen there than any dealing with you Gentlemen can compensate for and therefore unless the Terms of Agreement relative to the Casks can be complied with we dare it may be at an end and you must allow us to think that our wishes have not been attended to in that way which we had a right to expect from your assurances and cannot possibly persuade ourselves that it is otherwise than that your directions having been misunderstood by your own Workmen. We shall be glad to hear from you by the bearer and are

Gents Your most humble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS If any more Casks should be sent with Bungholes in the sides we have given instructions that they shall not be filled

15 Dec 1787 Nicholas Walton to Richard Fishwick

Mr Richard Fishwick

Farnacres 15th December 1787.

Sir

We have received your favor of the 14th and should have been glad to accommodate you with 60 or 80 Fodders more of Litharge but doubt our Quantity of Ore at the Lead Mill will not admit of our furnishing you with much more than the 60 Fodders agreed for as some of the Ore produces Lead which will not bear the Expence of Refining now when Lead bears so high a Price. We will however consult with our Agents at the Lead Mill and if we find we can furnish 60 or 80 Fodders beside the 60 Agreed for we shall be glad to do so only we must be allowed such Time for the delivery as that we can have opportunity of getting Carriers and you may be assured we shall not delay the delivery. It is much wished that the Bungs might be as near the Centre of the Cask Heads as possible and that all holes in the Staves of which the Casks are made should be carefully <filled up>. This we suppose Mr Mulcaster will have <emphasised fully> as we directed him to call upon you on Thursday Morning last Week.

Sir, Your most Humble Servants
Walton & Turner

PS We have ordered Mr Mulcaster to endeavour to engage more Carriage Men. The moment we hear from the Lead Mill you shall have a positive answer as to what Quantity of Litharge further we can furnish you with. It has been and is our wish to receive the Casks at the Lead Mill faster than the Carriers can take them away because when it is stowed in the Casks it is out of the way of our other Work which it is necessary to go on with.

18 Dec 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 18th December 1787.

Dear Sir,

By the Mail Coach which will set out from Newcastle tomorrow you will receive a Box containing two Parcels one for Mr Stephen John Maule and another for Mr Cook at Lady Ravensworths. They will be called for and you will be so obliging as give directions that they may be delivered when sent for. The Parcel for Mr Cook contains the Skin of a White Fox which is to be delivered to a Furrier to be dressed. If you know of a Person skilled in that way be so good as recommend him to Mr Cook.

You will I expect receive a Box of Bullion by this Weeks Carrier but I don't yet know the Weight. My best Compliments pray to Messrs Maule & Cook and with the Compliments of the Season to you and yours & Bro. Smeaton

I am Dear Sir, Your very Humble Servant

Nicholas Walton Junr.

18 Dec 1787 Nicholas Walton to Richard Fishwick

[Note: Undated, but between two letters dated 18 Dec 1787 in book so given the same date here]

Messrs Walker Fishwick & Co.

Sir

As I find it will not be convenient for us to furnish you with more than sixty Fodders of Litharge as agreed for, I take the first opportunity of acquainting you with this and am for Self and Partner Sir, Yours etc

N.W. Junr.

PS We could have let you had [sic] some more Litharge with more than equal Convenience if Casks could have been got to Langley Mill in time, & indeed Messrs Mulcaster are now rather inconveniently circumstanced for want of Casks.

18 Dec 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 18th Decer 1787

We have rec[eive]d your Letter of the 17th Instant and think under the circumstances of our being rather difficult for Carriage at present that it may be proper to excuse Wm Wilson & his Brother as their [sic] engaging to behave properly. As to the readiness of Outterside in Writing. His writing was in consequence of Mr Waltons writing a very angry Letter to him because he had not write [sic] sooner.

You have as follows an Acc[oun]t of the Number of Casks of Litharge <.> in since the begining of November.

9th Novem John Corbett 13

7th December 9

11th December 13

14th December 9

None came the 17th (yesterday).

We think it impossible for us to let Mr Fishwick & Co have any more Litharge till new ore come in.

The Operation is come to hand & also 6 Assays.

The Vouchers came all safe but we have not yet heard of the Silver being arrived: tho' doubt not it is. We inclose the Rec[eip]t you gave for £810..7..8. We are

Your Humble Ser[van]ts Walton & Turner

21 Dec 1787 Nicholas Walton to John Holmes

Mr John Holmes

Farnacres 18th December 1787.

Dear Sir,

This weeks Carrier will bring you a Box containing 902 Ounces of Fine Silver. I expect soon to see you and am in haste.

Dear Sir Yours etc N. Walton Junr

PS Upon rec[eip]t of the Bullion be so good as write as usual.

23 Dec 1787 Peter Mulcaster

[Note: no mention is made in this memo of Walton or Turner being present]

Farnacres 23rd December 1787

Present: Messrs Peter & James Mulcaster and Mr Thomas Temperley

Messrs James Mulcaster and Thomas Temperley upon being asked whether a clear Account of all Lead Ore raised within the Manor of Alston Moor could be made out in any one year ending upon the 12th Day of May, are clearly of opinion that according to the present mode of working Lead Mines within the Manor of Alston Moor (which cannot without a great Inconvenience & Loss be altered) such account could not be made out without computing Quantities, and that more greatly the settling of Accounts under such a Circumstance could not be otherwise than attended with Uncertainty.

Upon their being asked what time of the year would be most proper for settling the above mentioned Accounts, they were also clearly of opinion that the 29th Day of September being the usual Day in each year on which the respective Lead Mine Adventurers settle their Accounts would, and will at all times, be the most proper time for settling the Accounts for the Lead Mines.

The Several Adventurers to be allowed Fourteen Days for drawing all the Ore which shall have been worked to the 29th Day of September, and Fifty Six Days from the 29th of September for the compleating of the washing of all the Lead Ore which shall have been raised to the last mentioned time.

Witness Thomas Temperley Peter Mulcaster James Mulcaster

24 Dec 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 24 Dec 1787

We have rec[eive]d your Letters of the 19th and 23rd Inst. And I have written to Mr Fishwick acquainting him that we cannot with convenience furnish him with more than the 60 Fodders of Litharge agreed for: under the circumstances of refined Lead being £21 per Fodder, we apprehend the Lead from Lough Vein we cannot profitably refine. You are desired to do as well as you profitably can as to getting the 60 Fod[ders] to Newcastle, and hope you will not have a Difficulty in effecting that.

We are much obliged by your intimation both as to Dukes Hall and what you <pass> to us in confidence. We own that the Offer you mention rather surprizes us. We are

You Humble Servants Walton & Turner

28 Dec 1787 Nicholas Walton to Richard Fishwick

Messrs Walker Fishwick & Co.

Farnacres 28 December 1787

Gents

From what Messrs Mulcaster have said in a letter rec[eive]d from them this Day we take reason to think that we could let you have some more Litharge than the Sixty Fodders agreed for upon the like Terms, if you will therefore send Casks we will try what we can do and will let you have as much more Litharge as we can without putting our works to inconvenience.

You will be so good as let us hear from you as soon as you can in answer hereto as we are both going from home. We are

Gents. Your most humble ser[vant]s

Walton & Turner

28 Dec 1787 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 28 Dec 1787

We have rec[eive]d your Letters of the 25th & 27th Instant and also Mattw. Temperleys two last Weeks Coal Accounts & a paper showing to when Litharge has been delivered, & the Number of Casks and Weight of Litharge.

We are glad to hear that you get well home. In the Account we sent you of the Number of Casks received with Litharge, we did not know by whom they were delivered except those to which we set John Corbets Name opposite but expect to be informed as to this tomorrow.

Your observations respecting the Time to be allowed after Michaelmas is perfectly right and agreeable to our own Ideas.

We intend writing to Mr Fishwick and acquainting him that if he will send us Casks and give us such Time as we find will not occasion our work to be put to an inconvenience we will send him as much Litharge more than the Sixty Fodders as our work will afford so as not to be the cause of our works being deranged.

Our wish is to have the Pay Bill and Estimate of Produce and Expence as Quickly as possible and we do not expect that accuracy is to be expected but only that you are to make as good guess work as you can where you cannot do better. We are

Your Humble Servants

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PS We have mislaid the Paper of Memorandums which you drew out upon a supposition that Lord Newburgh was not to have the Lead Mines of certain things <and> powers to be reserved & therefore shall be obliged by your drawing out another Paper of the same kind & sending it to us.

1 Jan 1788 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

Farnacres 1st Jan: 1788

We have rec[eive]d your Letter of the 30 Ult and are particularly obliged by your sending us the Operation to the 29 Ult. Your Punctuality we have always had very great satisfaction in and we have no doubt that when we have required your Exertions in drawing out the Accounts which we have requested from you, that you will do everything in your power to let us have them as soon as possible. When we say so, we do not by any means wish to hurry you, but to give us as cool and dispassionate Considerations of what you may consider to be proper upon the occasion, we shall by no means look upon you as tied to anything but mere matter of opinion of what may be the probable result of your Operation at the Lead Mill taking on not only smelting, refining, reducing, but every other charge that you can of to compleat the whole work including every Article now at the Mill – Lead Ore, Grey Slags, Black Slags, Hearth Ends, Ore Tails, for <expences> &c – send not only that you should consider what will be the expences of converting the Stock remaining at the Lead Mill upon the 29 of December into Lead etc but that you should compute as nearly as you can what may be the probable charge of Contingencies of <several> kinds including Labourage, Repairs of Furnaces etc.

The whole of what we have written is previous to our having rec[eive]d your Letter of the 30th and now having read the same, we cannot help thinking what you propose respecting Lough Vein Ore to be very proper, and the same as to Rampgill Ore. With respect to the judgement that you are to <favour> upon the Operation, you are desired to do the best you can, and we are satisfied that what has been already said will relieve you from every difficulty, because tho' we know you cannot come to a certainty you will give us the best Opinion in your Power and we will give every Allowance which you can possibly wish for. With regard to what you mention as to the making out of the Pay Bill, you must also do that as well as you can, and in this too we do not doubt your Attention so as that the expence if <some had> required a Pay to the 29th of December could not materially differ from what the real charge to Greenwich Hospital ought to have been in case such pay had been made. The Lead & Litharge Carriage Account we are desirous to receive as well as the rest, but we are no way desirous that you should hurry yourselves either as to this or any other Matter, our desire being that of a cool consideration & determination of the business, and if you should think that you can finish the Smelting by the end of January it will save much Calculation if you could contrive to send us an account such as we have required after that time rather than to the 29th Dec. As to the Slags of whatever Denomination, or Lead produced therefrom and other Articles we have not a doubt that you will be enabled to do every thing that is necessary without materially erring.

We most heartily wish you & your Connexions many happy years, and are

PS You must now consider the price of Refined Lead to be £22 per Fodder and Silver 5s/8 1/2d per Ounce

8 Feb 1788 Nicholas Walton to Peter Mulcaster

Messrs. Mulcaster

No. 156 Strand London 8 Feb: 1788

You must not on any account think of discharging John Jackson, but continue to employ him in such things as are absolutely necessary. We approve of what you have done as to the Litharge.

We are sorry that Thomas Temperley has got into such difficult circumstances, and it seems as if it w[oul]d end in ruin, as there does not seem to be any way of giving him relief. It is absolutely necessary for us to be cautious as to our Connections with him at present, and therefore we desire you will send to him the Inclosed Note; and when he comes to Langley Mill accompanied by Mr Friend he will state to you how his account stands with us, and after doing so he must be required to send us a Copy of the Account thro' your Hands, and let it be signed by him & witnessed by you and John Friend; this being done you are desired to acquaint Thos. Temperley & John Friend that we expect they will act jointly in either receiving or paying money from this time, and as we consider it to be our duty to insist upon this as a justification to those who employ us, we hope that the complying with it will not be considered as a difficulty, and you will acquaint John Friend that we shall consider him to be equally liable, with Thos. Temperley, to account for all Money which shall be rec[eive]d from this time. You are desired further to say that we have the best opinion both of Thomas Temperley & John Friend, and that nothing but the present difficulties of the former could have <necessitated> our requiring what we have done. We are

Your Humble Servant

Nich. Walton Jnr

Refined Lead to be reckoned £23

Silver 5.8 3/4