

16 Dec 1777 John Hodgson to Nicholas Walton

(Copy)

Gentlemen

Inclosed you have my Petition to the Commissioners which hope you'l not fail to sent to them in time you have seen the Ground which I petition to have liberty to Plough therefor you are not a loss how to report upon it hope you are both well and am very respectfully

Your most Obedient Servant

John Hodgson

To the Honourable the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital

The Humble Petition of John Hodgson being a Farmer of your Honours most Humbly Prays your Honours that I may have leave to break up and Plough a Grass Field known by the name of Great Hills containing about Seven Acres; the second Year I shall Manure it well and the third lay it down with Grass Seeds – It is very much rizen with Moss upon the Surface of the Ground which is usual with Ground in our place after it has layn some time and there is no other Method to effectually destroy it but by Plowing, and well manuring it. It has failed one third in the Crop of Grass it us'd to produce nearly on the above account. In the Year 1776 I had about Ten Acres in Tillage which I that Year laid down with Grass Seeds – This Year I was not suffered to Plough any Grass Ground which was very hard upon me being obliged to buy both Bread and Potatoes for my Family Straw and Corn for me Horses and the same time me Ground suffering for want of Tillage; and it will in time distress me much if I am not suffered to produce in part the above Articles from me Farme [underlined, marginal note 'should be Farms'] which is near Seventy Per Annum

I am your Honour Obedient Tenant

John Hodgson

Keswick 16th December 1777

9 Jan 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 9th January 1778

Sir

You will receive herewith a form of an Advertisement [given below] for the General Letting of the Derwentwater Estate and by the Newcastle Coach a Book containing Particulars for the several Farms as now laid out for new Letting; but as Spindleston Glororum and Outchester Farms have been altered and much Improved by new Fences since the last General Letting, It will I find be necessary to have a Survey made thereof

& as as [sic] soon after this Survey is compleated as possible I will send you the Particulars of those Farms to be made use of instead of what is contained in the Book sent by the Coach.

You will observe that the Quantitys of Wood Land do not altogether correspond with the Account sent the Board a few alterations having been made and in particular you will Note that what was proposed to be taken off the Pasture at Woodhall being 39A:1R:34P is not now proposed to be fenced off, it being thought proper to let that alone 'till the Division of Ellrington can be got forward, when it may be done more effectually & conveniently.

The new Modelling or laying out of the Farms and marking off the Wood Lands will I am confident be attended with considerable advantage and I beg leave to assure the Board that I have spared no pains in doing the whole in such manner as appeared to me most likely to answer the End to Greenwich Hospital, I however expect that it will be found proper to make some further alterations but which, will not materially affect any of the Farms as now laid out.

I remember the disappointed Bidders or Persons whose proposals were not accepted at the last General Letting, made great Complaints on Account of of the time of Letting being carryed so farr forward as to within Six Months of the day of Entry by which they were prevented having an opportunity of getting themselves otherwise supplied with Farms for the Succeeding Year and therefore I beg leave to advise that the Advertizement now sent be inserted as soon as convenience can Admit of it and that the time of Letting maybe as soon after Lammas (the 1st August) as possible which I am of opinion will very probably have a good Effect upon the Biddings, by inducing the Bidders not to look out elsewhere till the Fate of their Proposals for the Hospitals Farms is known.

It will undoubtedly be of advantage, only to have particular parts of the Derwentwater Estate to Lett at a time, in future and not the whole, on which Account as well as suiting the Circumstances attending Several of the Estates, a Note is added to the Advertizement shewing for what Term it appears proper to lett the respective Estates as follows.

Dilston, Corbridge and Thornbrough for Six Years in which time it is expected the Several Arrangements will be made that shall be found necessary on Account of the Corbridge Division.

Newtonhall and Whittle for Twenty One Years or under

Newlands and Whittonstall, Hexhamshire Wooley Coastley and Westwood Farms for Nine Years which will give an opportunity of making New Fences and otherwise improving those Estates.

Ellrington Manor and Buteland Estate for Six Years in which time it is hoped a Division of the Open Common Fields of the former and the Stinted Pasture of the latter may be brought about.

Harsondale, Sillywray, Plankey Pasture, Vance and Loaningfoot, Tedcastle, the Lough, Middle & East Deanraw, & the Lees Farms & Land Ends West Farm, part of

Langley Barony for Six Years on Account of being connected with the Division of Lees Common.

The Low Close and Strother Close, Peelwell & Whitfields Tenement and Water Wells Close part of Lipwoodwell Farm also part of Langley Barony, for three Years to correspond with the Term of Rattenraw with which those Lands lie intermixed.

Fourstones Farms also in Langley Barony for Six Years on Account of the Division of Fourstones Common.

The other Farms in the Barony of Langley for Twelve Years which will give time for fencing and other necessary improvements as also for the getting forward the Division of Grindon Common which is a most desirable object.

Whitlees and Leehouses, Hartburngrainge Needleshall and Meldon for Nine Years which will give time for fencing, and other necessary Improvements.

And the remaining Farms etc For Twenty One Years or under.

It is proposed to reserve the Wood Lands agreeable to what has been some time ago recommended to the Board, as also the Lands for Langley Lead Mill, and that nothing shall be allowed on account of Damage by the said Lead Mill after the 12th May 1779; and as it is in some instances found inconvenient to have Tenants who do not reside on their Farms, and as that, and the Granting of more Farms than one, to the same Person, presents Improvement, a Note is added, taking in the whole of the above, all which will I hope meet with the Boards Approbation and I am for Mr Turner & Self

Sir Yours etc

NW Junior

PS Mr Thornton having been with me the other day desires the Board will be pleased to reserve him the little Hill Closes or Greens Closes at Haydon Bridge, at £3 Per Annum which as they lie very convenient for him I beg leave to recommend being agreed to, he to be Tenant at Will. The above Rent will be upwards of Forty Shillings Per Acre the whole of the Ground being no more than 1A:1R:35P.

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich January 1778

The Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in the County of Kent hereby give Notice, that at Salters Hall in London on Wednesday the 5th Day of August next, or as soon after as may be, will be Lett on Leases, to commence upon the 12th Day of May 1779 all those several Farms of Land, Tythes, Collieries Corn Mills, Lime Kilns, and other Estates within the Several Baronys, Manors, Lordships, Townships Hamlets, or Villages, hereafter mentioned (that is to say) Dilston, Thornbrough, Corbridge, Newton hall, Whittle, Newlands, Whittonstall, Wooley Hexhamshire, Heckford, Longhope, Coastley, Highwood, Westwood, Barony of Langley, Barony of Wark, Buteland, Whitlees & Lee-houses, Kirkwhelpington, Hartburn, Hartburn Grainge, Needless Hall, Meldon, Midford, Larbottle, Middleton Hall, Spindlestons and Glororum, Outchester and Chester Hill, in the County of

Northumberland; Scremerston and Tweedmouth in the County Palatine of Durham; and Alston Moor and Castlerigg and Darwentwater; in the County of Cumberland, or elsewhere being parts of the Derwentwater Estate held by Leases, or other Agreements, which expire the 12th May 1779, And all persons who are willing to take any of the said Farms of Land, Tythes, Collieries, Corn Mills, Lime Kilns, or other Estates, are desired to give in their Proposals in Writing to John Ibbetson Esquire at the Admiralty Office London. And for Particulars of all, or any of the said Estates, to be let as aforesaid, apply to Messrs. Walton & Turner, Receivers for the said Hospital, or to the Bailiffs in their respective Districts.

NOTE Dilston, Thornbrough, & Corbridge Farms will be let on Lease for Six Years; Newlands and Whittonstall, Wooley, Hexhamshire, Heckford, Longhope Coastley, Highwood, and Westwood Farms for Nine Years; Harsondale, Sillywray, Plankey Pasture, Vance and Loaning Foot, The Lough, Middle Deanraw, East Deanraw, The Lees, Tedcastle, Land Ends West Farm, and Fourstones Farms part of the Barony of Langley for Six Years; Low Close and Strother Close, Peelwell and Whitfields Tenements and Water Wells Close part of Lipwoodwell Farm, also part of Langley Barony for three Years; the other Farms in the Barony of Langley for Twelve Years; Ellrington and Woodhall Farms and Woodhall Mills and Ground in the Barony of Wark for Six Years; Buteland for Six Years; Whitlees and Leehouses, Hartburn Grainge, Needleshall and Meldon for Nine Years; and the remaining Farms etc will be lett on Lease for Twenty One Years or under.

NOTE also – The said Commissioners and Governors except and reserve all Wood Grounds as now Inclosed or marked off for the Growing of Wood & Underwood & also all the Grounds now fenced off on Account or for the use of Langley Lead Mill and no allowance will be made for damage by the said Mill. It is expected that the Several Tenants shall reside on their respective Farms unless permitted to do otherwise by the said Commissioners & Governors and no more than One Farm as now laid out will be Let to the same Tenant.

10 Jan 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

[Note: see separate petition above, dated 16 Dec 1777]

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 10th January 1778

Sir

I inclose you the Petition of John Hodgson of Keswick for leave to Plow up the Great Hills Field part of Great and Little Hills Farm at Keswick containing by Mr Thompsons Survey 6a:1R:17P but estimated by Mr Hodgson to be about Seven Acres. Mr Hodgson sets forth that he laid about Ten Acres to Grass in 1776 but in reality it

was full 11½ Acres – As from the View of Mr Smeaton and myself when last at Keswick and from the report of Mr John Wren the Bailiff it appears that the Ground will be much improved by Plowing it being very Mossey, I recommend it to the Directors to Comply with Mr Hodgsons request not only as a thing that is proper but as an encouragement to him as a Tenant and am for Mr Turner and self

Sir Yours etc

NW Junior

13 Jan 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To Jno Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 13th January 1778

Sir

His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, having taken Notice to Mr Turner that the only thing which delays the prosecuting, the Dividing and Inclosing, of Throckley Fell at present is a dispute between his Grace and the Hospital, who is Lord of the Manor, to obviate this his Grace had signified an intention of proposing to the Hospital either to leave the right to the Manor exactly in the same situation that it is in at present That is that neither the Hospital nor himself should be stiled Lord of the Manor in the Inclosure Bill nor should any share whatever be set out to either of them on Account of the Manor but that the Fell should be divided between them and the rest of the Proprietors in proportion to their respective private properties, Or that One Sixteenth should be set out for the Lord of the Manor and a Clause be inserted in the Bill directing the disputed Claim of the Manor to be tryed and determined either by Referees to be chosen by the Duke and the Hospital or by Action at Law within 12 Months from the time of passing the Bill

Upon the above I beg leave to observe that I apprehend it would not be adviseable for the Commissioners & Governors of Greenwich Hospital to agree to those Propositions for in the first place their consenting to divide in proportion to the private properties without setting out a share for the Commissioners & Governors of Greenwich Hospital or the Duke as Lord and that neither should be Stiled Lord of the Manor would in effect be giving up the right of the Manor and with respect to the Commissioners and Governors agreeing that a Sixteenth should be set apart for them or his Grace as the right should appear to be on Litigation or Reference this would be admitting upon the face of it that the Commissioners & Governors were in some doubts about their right as Lords whereas there does no appear to me a doubt about it.

Upon the whole therefore I cannot help recommending that this busyness may rest 'til Mr Turner & I can have an opportunity of jointly conferring upon the matter and that all thoughts of carrying it before Parliament this Session may be dropped.

You receive herewith a Draft of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill for the Division of Fourstones Common and Exchanging certain Estates of the Hospital in the Parishes of Alnwick Embleton & Warkworth for Lands of his Grace the Duke of

Northumberland in the Common Fields at Corbridge and no time is to be lost in getting the needfull done so as the Petition may be presented before the 3d of next Month. Mr Charleton the Duke of Northumberlands Agent in the Country has expressed his desire that these may be an option in the Commissioners appointed to settle the Exchange to give the Equivalent to the Hospital at Corbridge either from the Common Fields or from the Common or Waste but this I cannot advise and have Wrote him that it cannot by any means be taken from from any other part of the Corbridge Estate than the Common Field Land. I am

Sir Yours etc NW Junior

PS The Draft of the Bill for the Division and Exchange is now before Mr Fawcett and a Clause or Clauses will be introduced relative to the Letting of Mines & Lands connected therewith

14 Jan 1778 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edward Boxley

Farnacres 14th January 1778

Sir

Inclosed you receive Bell and Companys Bill on Hallifax and Company for Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds on Account of the Rents & profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the Receipt of by return of the Post and we are Sir

Your most Humble Servants

W & T

£550.- Newcastle Bank 14th January 1778

Forty days after date pay to the Order of Messrs Walton & Turner Five Hundred & fifty Pounds Value received For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self Joseph Saint

To Messrs Hallifax Mills Glyn & Co London

No. 6653

25 Jan 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 25th January 1778

Sir

You receive inclosed the Clauses as approved By Mr. Fawcett for empowering the Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital to Lett Leases of Mines and Minerals and Lands connected there with without Advertizement a duplicate of which

Mr. Peters sends to Mr Everest this Day by my desire and as soon as the Draft of the Bill, for the Division of Fourstones Common and the Exchanges with his Grace the Duke of Northumberland is finished and in which the above Clauses are proposed to be included, Copys of the Draft will be sent to you and to Mr Everest without loss of Time. I am for Mr Turner & Self

Sir Yours etc. N.W Junior

31 Jan 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 31st January 1778

Sir

Along with Messrs Walton & Smeatons final Cash and Contingent Account you will have received the Derwentwater Cash Account to the 31st Ultimo and also the Book of particulars for the new letting. You'll observe there is a Balance the 31st December of £949:7:11½ in favour of Greenwich Hospital in part of which you will be pleased to acquaint the Board there has been remitted to Mr Edward Boxley a Bill for £550.

Since Writing you the 25th inst. the Draft of the Bill for the Division of Fourstones Common and Exchanges with his Grace the Duke of Northumberland as also for giving power to the Commissioners & Governors of Greenwich Hospital to Let Mines and Lands connected with Mines without Advertizement has been got from Mr Fawcett and as I had been acquainted it was in agitation to have the Fourstones Division in One Bill and the Exchanges and powers of Letting Mines and Lands connected therewith without Advertizement in another Bill, I thought it proper that Mr Everest should have a Copy of the Draft without a Moments loss of time and it was accordingly sent to him by the Newcastle Coach on Thursday Morning last which I was indeed very glad of as I have since received a Letter from him desiring a Copy to be sent with all dispatch to be made use of as instructions for preparing the Bill for the Exchanges etc. it therefore seems now unnecessary to trouble the Board with a Copy of the Draft.

Inclosed you receive Two Proposals for Lead Mines as also the Moor Masters Reports for Three Months ending at Midsummer last the latter of which having been neglected sending before the Board will be pleased to excuse being so farr out of time. The Michaelmas and Christmas Accounts are always late as they cannot be compleated 'til after Lady day on Account of the Working up of the Ore. I am for Mr Turner & Self

Sir Yours etc

NW Junior

6 Feb 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 6th February 1778

Sir

Under Cover herewith you receive a Copy of the Draft of the Fourstones Division Bill which you are desired to lay before the Board. A Copy has been sent by Mr Peters to Mr Everest.

I have the particular satisfaction of acquainting you that the Division of the Open Common Fields at Corbridge is Compleated and the Allotments most of them set out and you will very shortly hear from me again on this subject. The next object to the Commissioners of the Division is the Stinted Pastures and lastly the Commons. I am Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

NW Junior

PS The Allotting of the Field Land at Corbridge has taken place at least Six Months sooner than was expected

11 Feb 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 11 February 1778

Sir

I take the first opportunity of acquainting you that I have sent the Advertizement for the General Letting of the Derwentwater Estate, to the Printing Offices in Newcastle, to be inserted in all the Papers there, and have got Printed, a number of Forms for Proposals, same as inclosed, which I hope will afford a convenience to the Proposers, and be found of use in Bringing the Proposals before the Board with more regularity as to form than might otherwise happen; and they shall be distributed amongst the Bailiffs to deliver to all such Persons as may be inclined to use them.

The Draft of the Lease for the Farms in the Derwentwater Estate as new Modelled is now finished, and will be laid before Mr Fawcett without delay, and a Copy thereof sent to the Board, as also to Mr Everest, as soon as possible. After being finally settled, I beg leave to recommend that a short abstract be made and a number of Copies Printed off, to be distributed in the several parts of the Country where the Farms lye, by which means, all Persons may know the Terms, and be the better enabled to make biddings; and I would further recommend, that Plans, on Parchment, be annexed to the Leases and Counterparts, describing the several Fields, with the Names of each, and Quantities in Acres Roods & Perches contained therein, together with a Scale of Chains, and a Compass on each Plan; all which may be got done, taking the Large Farms & Small together for Ten Shillings and Six pence each Farm, the Hospital finding

Parchment; and that will only amount to 18d or Two Shillings more. The Board will be pleased to give directions herein with all convenient dispatch, as in case this proposition is approved, the work should be set about immediately. I am for Mr Turner & Self

Sir Yours etc

NW Junior

PS I am not enabled to give you any further account about the Corbridge Division having been much engaged since I wrote you last

11 Mar 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Salters Hall 11th March 1778

Sir

Being come to Town on Account of the Exchange etc Bill now before the House of Commons I take this first opportunity of acquainting the Board therewith; and inclose you the Cash Accounts of Mr Turner and myself for the last two Months on the latter of which there is a Balance of £520:3:2¼ in favor of Greenwich Hospital. I am Sir

Yours etc

NW Junior

25 Mar 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

London 25th March 1778

Sir

Your receive herewith an Estimate of the Expence of Erecting several new sets of Housing in the Derwentwater Estate which Amounts to the Sum of £2339 – Those Setts of Housing are necessary on Account of the laying out of the Grounds in a different manner than they have been hitherto enjoyed by which the several Tenants will have an opportunity of Occupying their Farms to more advantage and the sooner those Works are set about the better as the effect must be that of encouraging Biddings. The Board will therefore be pleased to give directions herein as soon as conveniently may be.

It is with particular satisfaction I can acquaint the Board that Mr Thornton the Hospitals Bailiff for Langley Barony has detected John Todd of Pryor House and John Henderson of Broomhill in cutting an Oak in the Bounder Hedge belonging to White Chapel adjoining to Pryor House Estate. Mr Thornton acquaints me he has the fullest proof, so there does not appear to be the least doubt of a Conviction which I am glad of as Todd & Henderson are old Offenders and were undoubtedly concerned in the Affair

of Waltons cutting a Tree upon the Crookhill in Land Ends Farm which the Board will of Course recollect and that the Offenders Walton excepted who was Convicted then escaped for want of Evidence.

Mr Thornton immediately on discovery of the Tree being Cut in White Chapel Bounder Hedge caused an Advertizement to be inserted in the Newcastle Papers offering a Reward of Five Guineas to be paid on Conviction of each Offender to the Person or Persons on whose Evidence the Conviction should be made which I doubt not will meet with the Boards approbation.

The following Persons having applied for leave to Plow up the Parcels of Ground hereafter mentioned I recommend that their requests be complied with which will I am of Opinion be a proper encouragement to the Tenants and an advantage to both them and Greenwich Hospital Viz

Mr William Brown & Partner -The East Haugh at Throckley 17A:3R:9P

Mr Joseph Dawson - Middle Spring at Keswick

In the continual hurry occasioned by the New Modeling of the Farms and by the Corbridge and Lees Divisions etc I find a mistake has been made in the Advertizement for the General Letting of the Derwentwater Estate by inserting Woodhall Mill and Ground Peelwell and Whitfields Tenement, and Middleton Hall, and as those Estates are not out of Lease upon the 12 May 1779 they should not have been mentioned in the Advertizement so it will be necessary to add a Note at the foot thereof to rectify this mistake

Since Mr Smeaton and I wrote you last concerning the damage by the Smoke of Langley Lead Mill Two Horses have died by the effect of that Poisonous Vapour the Directors will therefore permit me to state the following matters for their Consideration. It is observed that when the Wind continues for some time in the same point of the Compass or nearly so by which the Smoke is driven in such a direction as to affect a particular part of Ground the Cattle become extremely fond of Grazing upon the Ground so circumstanced and unless they are removed in a little time after the most fatal consequences will follow; but if the Tenant is watchfull and has fresh Ground to put his Cattle upon out of the Course in which the Smoke is driven nothing disastrous is to be expected. This has put us all upon thinking of converting the two Farms at Langley Castle into one which would enable the Tenant to remove his Cattle from time to time as occasion required and by this means they might always be kept upon such parts of the Ground as would not injure them and for those reasons I cannot but recommend this being adopted as the most likely means of affording relief.

Thomas Watson one of the Tenants of Allerwash having failed his Farm has come into the Hands of John Watson his Brother who having to the utmost of his power done every thing to support his relation has by that become a principal Creditor – John Watson was before this happened Tenant upon Eastbrokenheugh and now having two Farms he is desirous to Lett one of them for the Year Commencing the 12th May next. Before I left the Country I was made acquainted with the above and as I since am informed by the Bailiff Mr Thornton that it will be a very great inconvenience and loss

to John Watson to be obliged to keep both the Farms I beg leave to recommend that he may be permitted to Lett either the one or the other of them provided it is to a person of good Character and Circumstances.

There is a part of the Highwood Farm called the Highside which it is proposed to Lett as a Farm. The present Road from Hexham to this Ground is about 3 Miles and there is a Turnpike Gate to pay at every time the Occupier has occasion to come on Horseback or with a Carriage to Markett. On my View of this Ground and finding it thus Circumstanced, at the same time knowing that some part of the Ground was not more than 1¼ Mile from Hexham I had thoughts of taking a Wayleave thro' some of the adjoining Grounds so as to shorten the Passage but on examining the Plan of those adjoining Grounds and comparing the same with the Hospitals Plan of the Highwood Estate I observed a Communication might be made thro' the Hospitals own Land which will effectually answer the end and the distance upon a medium will by that be decreased from 3 Miles to 1½ Mile or there abouts but as it will be necessary to take down about 150 Small Oak Trees I did not think proper to proceed in making the Road till the Boards direction was had.

The Banks of the River Tyne at Fourstones having suffered by Floods and it appearing probable that a Considerable derangement might happen if some thing was not done before the Floods which are usual in the early part of the year it was thought prudent to defend those Banks without delay by throwing a quantity of Quarry Stones at the foot of the Slope next the Water in the places which had been injured. As soon as possible an Estimate shall be sent the Board of the Expençe of Compleating this Work and in the mean time directions are given to prepare Materials.

On my setting out for London I received the Letter from Mr Ellison which I now inclose. He has I believe very honestly stated the Matter and is I should think intituled to some indulgence but if he has further time allowed he should give some assurance of performing what is expected after the time which it may be thought proper to give is elapsed.

His Grace the Duke of Northumberland being considerably interested in the Corbridge Division, advanced the whole of the Money in carrying the busyness thro' Parliament tho' Greenwich Hospital was much more interested in that Division than his Grace. The Hospital being more Interested than his Grace in the Fourstones Division I beg leave to intimate it to the Directors whether it may not be proper on the present Occasion (the passing Fourstones Division Bill) to pay his Grace a Similar Compliment by advancing the Money which will be wanted on that Account. I am

Sir Yours etc NW Junior

List of Farms for which new Farm Houses will be wanted
and Estimate of the Expençe of Erecting the same Vizt

Numbers

1	Dilston Park South Farm	£294
2	Fell Close Farm at Newlands	186

2	Hoods Close East Farm	186
1	Land Ends West Farm	294
1	Esphill Farm	294
1	Mill Hills East Farm	294
1	Allerwash West Farm	294
3	Meldon Park North Farm	203
1	Hartburngrainge South Farm	294
		£2339

Estimate for Numbers 1

Length Breadth Height

36	15	17	House Dairey & Back kitchen	£120	
21	15	9	Two Byers	48	
24	15	9	Stable	28	
24	15	13	Barn	33	
36	13	16	Helm and Granery [sic]	55	
A Necessary and Shed				10	£294

Estimate for Numbers 2

22	15	7	House & Dairey Etc.	£73	
21	15	9	Byer	22	
24	15	9	Stable	28	
24	15	13	Barn	33	
24	13	9	Helm	20	
A Necessary and Shed				10	£186

Estimate for Number 3

22	15	7	House & Dairey Etc.	£73	
21	15	9	Byer	22	
24	15	9	Stable	28	
24	15	13	Barn	33	
36	13	16	Helm and Granery [sic]	55	
A Necessary and Shed				10	£203

The whole of the Buildings are to be Built with Stone and Covered with Slate

15 Apr 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

London 15th April 1778

Sir

Before I left the Country, I gave directions to make Tryal for Coal near Deanraw, and am informed that the Coal has been met with at the Depth of Nine Fathoms and

Four Feet, and that the Seam or Stratum is 20 Inches thick or thereabouts of good Coal above which there is a Stratum of soft Slatey matter of 13 Inches in thickness making in the whole about 33 Inches. The last circumstance is very fortunate as it will enable us to work the Seam of Coal without Waste and indeed I have great hopes this Coal will prove a very Valuable acquisition to Langley Lead Mill it being no more than a Mile distant from it. The expence of the Tryal was expected to have cost only Eight or Nine Pounds but as a Considerable quantity of Water was met with in Sinking the Pit to the Coal the whole Expenditure will amount to £16 – or £17 -. To make the Winning of the Colliery compleat will I should apprehend not Cost above £150. I must however beg leave to postpone giving any further Sentiments on that 'till the matter has undergone a full Consideration, and would advise that Boreholes be made without loss of Time to ascertain the proper place for beginning a Level. If the Coal should answer on making the Boreholes, it is probably the expence of New Winning Stublick Colliery will be saved, the Board will therefore be pleased to give directions for proceeding immediately with the work. I am

Sir Yours etc NW Junior

PS The new Winning Stublick Colliery was Estimated to cost about £700 –

The Busyness respecting the Several Bills upon which I came to Town to attend Parliament being now finished you will be so obliging as acquaint the Board of Directors therewith and that the time taken up in attending to the Corbridge Division Bill two Years ago & the four Bills this Session will amount to 65 days besides which considerably more than equal to that time has been Spent in bringing the several projects to bear and the Board will be pleased to make such allowance as they shall judge proper on the above account.

1 May 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 1st May 1778

Sir

The Act of Parliament for empowering the Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital to exchange certain Estates belonging to them in the Parishes of Alnwick, Embleton and Warkworth in the County of Northumberland, for Lands belonging to his Grace the Duke of Northumberland at Corbridge having had the Royal Assent, I would recommend that Articles of Agreement be immediately entered into between the Hospital and his Grace for carrying the proposed exchange into Execution & the Board will be pleased to give directions herein as soon as Convenience will admit of it. The Gentlemen agreed upon as Commissioners to settle this Exchange are of the best Character and well qualified being the same who are appointed to divide Corbridge Commons etc. and Fourstones Common.

I am Sir Yours etc.

N.W. Junior

P.S. I have seen the Reverend Mr Ellison who will soon write you on the Subject of his Letter lately read at the Board.

8 May 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 8th May 1778

Sir

You receive herewith an Invoice Charter Party & Bill of Lading for 154 Chalders of Coals for the Use of Greenwich Hospital, Shipped On Board of the Nightingale Hilton Tinker Master. I am Sir Yours etc.

N.W. Junior

Newcastle 8th May 1778

Invoice of 154 Chalders of Main Team Coals Shipped on Board of the Nightingale Captain Hilton Tinker Master for the Use of Greenwich Hospital as follows

154 Chalders of Coals at 15/- Per Chalder Charges		£115 10 -
Duke of Richmonds Duty at 12d Per Chalder	£7 14 -	
Tickett	- - 6	
Town Dues at 5d Per Chalder	3 4 2	
Charter Party and Bills of Loading	- 7 1	
20 Keel Dues at 13s/4d	13 6 8	
	£24 12 5	
Insurance on £140 at 2 Guineas Per Cent	2 18 9 1/2	£140 2 5
Policy	- 8 -	£3 6 9 1/2
		£143 9 2 1/2

23 May 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 23d May 1778

Sir

You receive herewith an Invoice, Charter Party, & Bill of Lading for 232 Chalders of Coals for the Use of Greenwich Hospital, Shipped on Board of the Enterprize, John Walker Master. We are Sir Your etc.

N.W. Junior J.C.T

Newcastle May 20th 1778

Invoice of 232 Chalders of Main Team Coals Shipped on Board of the Enterprise
Captain John Walker Master for the Use of Greenwich Hospital as follows

232 Chalders of Coals at 15/- Per Chalder Charges		£174 - -
29 Keel Dues at 13s/4d	19 6 8	
Duke of Richmonds Duty at 12d Per Chalder	11 12 -	
Tickett	- - 6	
Town Dues at 5d Per Chalder	4 16 8	
Charter Party and Bills of Loading	- 7 1	
		£36 2 11
Insurance on £210 at 2 Guineas Per Cent	4 8 2 1/4	£210 2 11
Policy	- 8 -	£4 16 2 1/4
		£214 19 1 1/4

3 Jun 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Ravensworth Castle 3d June 1778

Sir

In the absence of the Receivers for the Derwentwater Rents, I send you inclosed; a Charter party Invoice, & Bill of Loading of 150 Chalders of Main Team Coals Shipped on Board of the Nightingale, for Greenwich Hospital, Hilton Tinker Master; who is I expect at Sea, and will be soon with you. I am very glad you have got so much done, in regard to your Coals, as the Embargo will put a stop I suppose for some time. I hope this will meet with you in perfect health & I am

Sir Yours etc. NW.

Newcastle 2d June 1778

Invoice of 150 Chalders of Main Team Coals Shipped on Board the Nightingale Captain Hilton Tinker Master for the use of Greenwich Hospital as follows

150 Chalders of Coals at 15/- Per Chalder Charges		£112 10 -
Charges		
Duke of Richmonds Duty at 12d Per Chalder	£7 10 -	
Tickett	- - 6	
Town Dues at 5d Per Chalder	3 2 6	
Charter Party and Bills of Loading	- 7 1	
19 Keel Dues at 13s/4d	12 13 4	
		£23 13 5

Insurance	2 17 -	
Pollicy	- 8 -	£3 5 -
		£139 8 5

13 Jun 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 13th June 1778

Sir

You receive herewith our Cash Accounts for the Months of March and April upon the latter of which there is a Balance of £1626:11:3¼ in favour of Greenwich Hospital. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

NW Junior JCT

PS We propose setting out for Scremerston tomorrow being now engaged on the Receipt of the Rents

14 Jun 1778 Nicholas Walton to Robert Nixon

[Note: This letter is crossed out, with a note 'For this Letter see General Letter Book page 65']

To Robert Nixon

Farnacres 14th June 1778

Robert Nixon

I desire the Stable at Meldon Park new Housing may be only 9 feet high including foundation and no joists and that the Shed may be let alone and those things must be deducted from the Contract when we Settle I am Your Honourable Servant

NW Junior

PS The Pigeon House to be Roofed Plain and no Cupolas

14 Jun 1778 Nicholas Walton to Surtees Rewcastle and Snowball

[Note: This letter is crossed out, with a note 'For this Letter see General Letter Book page 65']

Messrs Surtees Rewcastle and Snowball

Farnacres 14th June 1778

I desire the Stackyard Walls and the Swine House may be let alone this Season both at Allerwash and Dilston and the Stables must be only 9 feet high in the side Walls and no joists, and no Shed built at either of the Places and those things will be considered when we settle. I am for Mr Turner & self Your Honourable Servant

NW Junior

PS The Pigeon Houses to be Roofed Plain & not with Cupolas

14 Jun 1778 Nicholas Walton to Nicholas Thornton

[Note: This letter is crossed out, with a note 'For this Letter see General Letter Book page 66']

To Mr Thornton

Farnacres 14th June 1778

Mr Thornton

We have received your Letter and desire you will make an offer of the Mills at Woodhall at Seventy Guineas to Thomas Moore the Person who was with us at Langley Mill and in case he refuses give Notice at Hexham Cross on Tuesday and also at Haydon Bridge desiring Proposals may be delivered you and as soon as you come to the Rent above mentioned or more do you Let according to the best of your judgement subject to our approbation.

We would not have you build the Swine Houses this Season nor the Stackyard Walls and the Stables must be only 9 feet high and the Sheds let alone. Pray get on as fast as possible. We much approve of your address in getting the Assignment from Nicholson & are

Your Honourable Servants

NW Junior J:C:T

19 Jun 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

[Note: This invoice is referred to in Nicholas Walton's letter to John Ibbetson of 19 June 1778]

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres the 19th June 1778

Sir

The Receivers for the Derwentwater Estate, being out on the Receipt of the Rents, and other busyness; the Invoice etc of a further Loading of Coales has come to my hands; which with the Bill of Loading, & Charter parties, you receive herewith. The Ship is at Sea & probably may be with you before this reaches your hands. I wrote you of the 3d June which accompanied the Accounts of a Loading by the Nightingale, which I hope has been safely received. I shall be happy to hear you and Mrs Ibbetson are well. I begg my Compliments to her, & am with great Truth

Sir Your most Obedient & obliged Servant

Nicholas Walton

Newcastle 17th June 1778

Invoice of 168 Chalders of Main Team Coales Shiped on Board of the Grafton Wilkinson Pollard Master for the use of Greenwich Hospital as follows.

168 Chalders of Coals at 15/- Per Chalder Charges		£126 - -
Charges		
Duke of Richmonds Duty at 12d Per Chalder	£8 8 -	
Tickett	- - 6	
Town Dues at 5d Per Chalder	3 10 -	
Charter Party and Bills of Loading	- 7 1	
21 Keel Dues at 13s/4d	14 - -	
		£26 5 7
		152 5 7
Insurance pm 152 at 2 guineas p ct	3 3 5	
Pollicy	- 8 -	£3 11 5
		£155 17 1

23 Jun 1778 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edward Boxley

Farnacres 23d June 1778

Sir

Inclosed you receive Bell and Companys Bill on Castell and Company for Three Thousand Pounds on Account of the Rents and Profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the Receipt of by return of the Post and we are Sir

Yours etc NW Junior JCT

£3000 Newcastle Bank 23d June 1778

Thirty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs Walton & Turner Three Thousand Pounds -----Value Received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint Jonathan

Widdrington

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell London

No. 7950

3 Jul 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 3d July 1778

Sir

You receive herewith Three Proposals for Lead Mines which you are desired to lay before the Board, as also the inclosed Cash Account for the Month of May upon which there is a Balance in favour of Greenwich Hospital of £1059:17:8½ in discharge of which and in part of our Rects since we have transmitted Mr Edwd Boxley the Treasurer's Deputy a Bill for Three Thousand Pounds.

Having Visited the most considerable part of the Derwentwater Estate we have the pleasure to acquaint the Board that on our examination we cannot observe the Woods to have had any damage and that the Bailiffs in their several Districts appear to have exerted themselves.

The Division Fences as recommended by Messrs Walton & Smeaton are most of them finished together with some additional fences which it has been thought expedient to make and tho' somewhat more Money will be necessarily expended than is estimated, yet upon the whole the difference will not be material.

Observing in several Farms that there were old Mounds of Earth, and Earth and Stone, some of which we doubt not have been fences fallen into decay upwards of a Century ago, and being of opinion that the Levelling of such and removing the Stones as also the Clearing Rubbish from and Levelling such other parts of the Farms as were likely not to be improved by the respective Tenants would be an advantage to Greenwich Hospital in the New Letting if done immediately it was thought right to give directions to proceed in the Levelling and improving of such parts as appeared to be most likely to occasion an Increase of Rental at the Letting in August, and we have not the least doubt but the Money expended in this way will give a very ample return.

A Great Progress has been made in fencing the Wood Lands and the Highwood in particular will be completed this Summer.

In the fencing off the wood Ground at Meldon on the South Side of the Wensbeck the Road has been run Straight, with the other part of the Road so as to be paralel [sic] to Meldon Park Wall and on Account of the alteration of the Fences at Hartburn Grainge a considerable part of the Old Road has been added to the adjoining Inclosures whereby it became necessary to make those parts altered, in the Turnpike manner, which is not only an Improvement to the Hospitals Estates but a publick benefit. The Expence of the first mentioned Road will amount to no more than about £35 - - and the latter to about £28:10 – and both are nearly finished.

Finding that the proposed setts of Housing at Newlands Fell Close Farm and Hoods Close East Farm as recommended by Mr Walton when he was in London would cost much more than was expected this led us into a consideration whether they might not be omitted, and on Viewing the Farms upon which it was proposed to make those Erections we have thought it for the Interest of Greenwich Hospital that the two Farms at Newlands as lately set out called Old Field Farm and Fell Close Farm should with the present Housing be Let together as one Farm; that the two Farms at Whittonstall as lately set out called Hoods Close East Farm and Hoods Close West Farm (except two Fields of the latter Farm called the Farr Intake and Low Broom which are added to Lawsons Farm) should also with the present Housing be lett together as one Farm; and that the said Lawsons Farm as lately set out should be Let with the addition of the Farr Intake and Low Broom, which will save the Expence of the two Setts of Housing Nos. 2 And with respect to the other Farms where new sets of Housing were proposed it is only necessary to make the following alterations Vizt Meldon Park North Farm to have 35a:1R:31P added to it from Needleshall South Farm and to have a Set of Housing same No. 1 built for it instead of what was first proposed marked No. 3 which has been accordingly Contracted for and is now in Hands and we inclose you particulars for the several Farms agreeable to the above mentioned alterations and have given directions to the Bailiffs to make the whole public.

As we have reason to think from some intimations that it may be more advantageous to Greenwich Hospital to Lett Meldon Park Middle and South Farms in one Farm rather than two we have directed the Bailiff Mr Edward Bell to let it be known that proposals will be taken for those Farms together as One Farm or for them separately as two distinct Farms. We are

Sir Your etc

NW Junior J.C.T.

Contingent Payments made on Account of the Derwentwater Estate from 21st November 1777 to and with 28th February 1778 as follows

1777

Decr 8 & 9 Pd Expences of N: Walton Junior on Account of a Meeting

at Hexham relative to the proposed Turnpike Road from Hexham to Alston	£1 15 1
9 Pd Christopher Nicholson for Coggs & Rounds for Woodhall Mills	6 8
1778	
Jany 5	
Pd Mr Henry Reed for Ten Cases for Plans of the Manor of Alston Moor	2 17 6
30 Pd Josias Farrer for Postage on Account of Greenwich Hospital last Year	4 4 4
Feby	
4 Pd Mr Josh Hilton for an Iron Grate for Alston Mill	- 9 -
Pd Ditto for repairing Wears at Mark Close,pt of Lowbyer Farm – and making a Road and Wall in the Butholme	9 13 8
13 Pd Expences on Account of Fourstones Division	1 11 9
16 Pd Expences on Account of the Exchange of Lands etc with his Grace the Duke of Northumberland	2 2 4
20 Pd Mr William Charnley for Books Paper etc for the Receivers Office	5 12 10
	£28 13 2

Farnacres 15 August 1778

Errors Excepted

NW Junior

JCT.

10 Jul 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 10th July 1778

Sir

You receive herewith an Account of the Produce from Langley Lead Mill from the 29th March 1777 to and with the 11th April last at the foot of which we have the Pleasure to observe there is a Balance of £1128:14:6 in favour of the Undertaking. You also receive a Paper accompanying the above Account which shews the Quantity of Ore that remained at the Lead Mines for Duty to Michaelmas 1777 after finishing the Carriage of last Year and desire you will lay both before the Board.

On the 13th of November last Messrs Walton & Smeaton acquainted the Board of their having had a Visit from Mr Gilbert the Duke of Bridgwaters Agent who appeared strongly inclined to recommend a Navigable Sough or Level to be carried on by Lord Carlisle and Company much beyond what has yet been done or attempted in Alston moor by any private Company of Adventurers both as to the Mode and Extent, and that they hoped in consequence of what had passed between them and Mr Gilbert and Mr Gilbert [sic] a Proposal would be received.

When we were in Alston Moor, Mr Gilbert gave us a Meeting upon the above Subject at which time the inclosed Proposals were drawn up and Signed by him, and indeed we have much satisfaction in the Pleasing Prospect to the Hospital from the Works proposed to be made by Mr Gilbert as by means of the Level from How Blagill Syke the several Veins from Gally Gill Syke to Greengill Sun Vein will be effectually unwatered and tryed to much advantage, and by the Extending of the Level from Middle a large tract of Country will be laid open in which no Tryals of consequence have ever been made and in a great part scarce any thing attempted.

The Board will be pleased to take Notice that those Proposals differ very considerably from the Common Form, which is necessary by way of giving an Encouragement adequate to the object of the Undertaking, we have therefore taken up the Subject upon such an Idea as to do that amply and at the same time in such manner as to be most likely to be beneficial to the Commissioners & Governors of Greenwich Hospital, and we now take the first opportunity of transmitting the Proposals to the Board since receiving a Plan which we thought it absolutely necessary to order, by way of fully explaining to the Directors the Situation of the Ground wherein the Tryals are proposed to be made; which Plan you will receive in London by the Newcastle Coach on Tuesday Evening and now that this Proposition is got so farr forward we must beg leave to recommend it to the Board that the most early determination may be had upon the Proposals the carrying of which into Execution we cannot but think to be likely to produce a lasting Benefit to Greenwich Hospital and to which we look forward with the greatest pleasure especially as we cannot help flattering ourselves that the above Scheme being brought thus forward has been greatly to our and Mr Smeatons unwearied Attention to the Busyness.

On the 17th January last Mr Robert Percival on Behalf of the Governor and Company for Smelting Down Lead with Pit Coal and Sea Coal made a Proposal to the Moormaster for a North and South running Vein of Lead Ore discovered in a Level carrying on for the use of Scaleburnmoss Vein, to contain in Length One Thousand Two Hundred Yards Northward from the Point where discovered. As the Boundary Extended towards the Ground in which it was expected Dr Hall & Company would [sic] make a very effectual Tryal, it was thought proper to return Mr Percival the Proposal 'til there was time to consider the matter more fully, which having done when last in Alston Moor, we acquainted him that as Dr Hall & Company were carrying on very considerable Works and the Granting his Proposal would be a discouragement to the prosecuting thereof, we could not advise the Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital to make a Grant to the Governor & Company which was in it's effect likely to produce a Discouragement to Dr Hall and Companys proceedings and that therefore the Boundary of the Ground proper for the Dr & Company to have must be reserved entire but that it was very proper for the Governor & Company to have such part of the discovered Vein as lay to the South of that Ground.

In order therefore that the Propositions of Dr Hall & Company might be clearly understood we put that Company upon stating their intended Operations by way of Proposal & in consequence have received the inclosed upon which we have to observe

that by the extending the Level or Drift which was taken from Nells Well, Eastwards to the Boundary of the Manor all the North and South running Veins which lye to the East of it's present Forehead will be discovered, and an opportunity given of Working the same and by the continuing Guddam Gill Burn Cross Vein Low Level Southwards to the Extent of the South Boundary described in Dr Halls Proposals all the East and West running Veins which run a Cross its' Course will be discovered and may be effectually tryed besides which it will enable the Dr & Company to Work such North and South running Veins as lye near its' Course not only effectually but advantageously. And after this Level is extended to the said South Boundary, the Directors will see by looking upon the Plan No. 3 that it will be so near the Governor & Company's Veins of Scaleburn Moss, & Rampgill that it may easily be extended to the same which will most assuredly be a great advantage to that Company and of Course to Greenwich Hospital, and in fact this was the main Object in pushing the Carrying forward of Guddam Gill Burn Cross Vein Low Level, for the Board will be pleased to take Notice that Rampgill Vein has been properly considered as the Sheet Anchor of Alston Moor for many, very many Years and Scaleburn Moss is at this time one of the best Veins for Produce in the Manor of Alston Moor and those Veins will be laid dry by means of extending Guddamgill Burn Cross Vein Low Level at a much lower Level than by the present Level which the Governor and Company have.

By Mr Walton & Mr Smeatons Letter of the 30th of May 1777 it was recommended to the Board of Directors to have the whole Of Lowbyer Housing Rebuilt before the Expiration of the Term of the present Lease and in consequence of the Boards Direction and some time previous to Mr Waltons coming last to London he gave Mr Hilton orders to proceed in that work, and to provide Materials, so as there might be no delay in compleating the Work. Mr Hilton proceeded but not further than to give us an opportunity of altering the Plan.

We now beg leave to go into a full View of the matter. We consider that we are rebuilding a Capital Mansion House where the Manor Courts are to be kept that it may be made the place of Resort for Gentlemen who are Lead Mine Adventurers and others who will be led into this Country in consequence of the Great Works now in Agitation and carrying on and by the opening a Communication by a Turnpike Road; And there being no Houses in the Town of Alston for the Gentlemen Adventurers to go to, when they come to see their Works, and make their Lead Mine Pays but what are extremely inconvenient & unfit for their Reception without giving trouble to private Families; that it would be proper to make such a Building at Lowbyer as will be fit for the accomodation of the Lead Mine Adventurers etc and which Mr Gilbert Dr Hall and others have expressed their wish to have done.

Those Circumstances have induced us to enlarge the Plan & by throwing the Offices partly underground and raising an Attick Story, such a House will be got as to answer the Purposes wanted and which being built by Greenwich Hospital cannot fail having a good effect as shewing an attention to the Convenience of the Several Lead Mine Adventurers in Alston Moor, and as we are so perfectly satisfied that the enlarged Plan of this Building is not more than adequate to what will be necessary & that the

Execution of the Work will be attended with Consequences to Greenwich Hospital far more than equal in value to any Extra Sum which will be expended, we doubt not the Board will approve of our having proceeded with the Work upon that Idea and of our compleating the same this Season

We are Sir Your etc

NW Junior J.C.T.

PS We are glad to acquaint the Board that Nentforce Level is proceeding very well

12 Jul 1778 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edward Boxley

Farnacres 12th July 1778

Sir

Inclosed you receive Bell & Companys Bill on Castell & Co for Two Thousand Pounds on Account of the Rents and Profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the Receipt of by Return of the Post. We are Sir Yours etc

W: & T

£2000 Newcastle Bank 11th July 1778

Forty Day after Date pay to the Order of Messrs Walton & Turner Two Thousand Pounds ____ Value Received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint Jonathan Widdrington To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell London

No. 8120

19 Jul 1778 to John Ibbetson

[Note: appears to have been sent by an office clerk, possibly a ?JN]

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 19th July 1778

Sir

In the Absence of the Receivers for the Derwentwater Estate, I send you inclosed the Invoice, Bill of Lading & Charter Party of 122 Chalders of Team Coals Shipped on Board of the Eagle, Captain Andrew Riddell Master. The Ship sailed on Friday and I hope will come safe. I am Sir Yours etc

<JN>

Newcastle 18th July 1778

Invoice of 122 Chalders of Main Team Coals Shipped on Board of the Eagle Captain Andrew Riddell Master for the Use of Greenwich Hospital

122 Chalders of Coals at 15/- Per Chalder Charges	£ 91 10 -
Charges	
Duke of Richmonds Duty at 12d Per Chalder	£6 2 -
Tickett	- - 6
Town Dues at 5d Per Chalder	2 10 10
Charter Party and Bills of Loading	- 7 1
16 Keel Dues at 13s/4d	10 13 4
	£19 13 9
	111 3 9
Insurance on £110 at 2 guineas p ct	2 6 2
Policy	- 8 -
	£2 14 2
	£113 17 11

14 Aug 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

[Note: copied into letter book between others of 5th September]

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 14th August 1778

Sir

Mr Josh Hilton having been more backward in the delivery of his Reports for this Year than usual, we were very pressing upon him for them, & he still not producing them, it was thought immediately necessary that we should examine into & get them brought forward to Midsummer, and so great a Progress has been made herein, that the whole will be finished in a few Days. Upon this Examination we find to our great Concern, that Mr Hilton is very much embarrassed in his circumstances & that this, notwithstanding his great Abilities which are much beyond any others in the Country or Neighbourhood where he lives, has had such an Effect upon his State of Mind as to have occasioned considerable Neglect & Imprudence in the Discharge of his Duty, but we hope this will not be the cause of any Loss to the Hospital in the Collection of the Duty Ore; tho' there are two Instances where the Lessees have fallen considerably into Arrear, which are as follows.

	Arrear	
	Bings	Cwt
Mr Jonathan Reay & Partners at Thortergill Syke &		
Thortergill Syke North Vein	144	3 1/5
Messrs Hunter Naisbett & Partners At Thorngill West End	44	- 2/5

the former being in Value about £325 & the latter about £105.

It happens that Mr Reay & another of his Partners are now Bankrupt & as there seemed to be no way of securing the Hospital except by reentring, Mr Walton went into the Thortergill Syke Veins & took Possession thereof on Behalf of the Commissioners & Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in the County of Kent & it is not doubted that the Governor & Company will pay the Arrear in case the Hospital will grant them a Lease of those Veins, as the Works thereof are so connected with their Undertakings at Thortergill & Browngill that they would be greatly benefited by such a Grant.

With regard to Thorngill West End, the Mine having been discontinued working for some time & not being reckoned of Value, nothing is to be expected by taking Possession of it, we shall therefore make immediate Application to Messrs Hunter Naisbett & Partners for the Amount of the Arrear & hope they will pay it, or otherwise it would seem proper to call upon them by some Process at Law.

Under the above Circumstances with respect to Mr Hilton we thought it right to put a Stop to the Operations at Nent Force Level, which we have accordingly done, & shall again write to the Board upon this unfortunate Business as soon as Mr Hilton delivers an Account of his Debts which he is now preparing to lay before us. We are Sir Your etc

NW Junior J.C.T.

15 Aug 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 15th August 1778

Sir

You receive herewith our Cash Account for the Month of June which you are desired to lay before the Board together with the Contingent Account that accompanies it for three Months ending the 28th February last, amounting to £28. 13.2. We are Sir Yours etc

N.W. Junior J.C.T.

PS. Mr Pocklington Gentleman of the Neighbourhood of Newark having Purchased an Island in the Derwentwater Lake at Keswick desires leave to Erect a Boat Shed on Old Park Farm near to the Spot where his Grace the Duke of Portland's Shed Stands and we beg leave to recommend it to the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital to acquiesce in his request on his agreeing to make the like Acknowledgement as the Duke of Portland, which is 1s Per Annum

29 Aug 1778 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edward Boxley

Farnacres 29th August 1778

Sir

Inclosed you receive Bell & Cos Bill for Five Hundred Pounds on Account of the Rents & Profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the Receipt of by return of the Post. We are Sir Yours etc

NW Junior J.C.T.

£500 Newcastle Bank 29 August 1778

One Month after date pay to the Order of Messrs Walton & Turner Five Hundred Pounds --- Value Received For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self. J.<Saint>

To Messrs Castell Whateley & Powell London

No. <8608>

5 Sep 1778 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edward Boxley

Farnacres 5th September 1778

Sir

You receive herewith Bell & Companys Bill for One Thousand Pounds on Account of the Rents and Profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the Receipt of by return of the Post and we are Sir Yours etc

W & T

PS Hope you have received our Cash with a Bill for Five Hundred Pounds

£1000 Newcastle Bank 5th September 1778

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs Walton and Turner One Thousand Pounds. Value Received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint Jonathan Widdrington

To Messrs Castell Whateley & Powell London

No. 8558

5 Sep 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 5th September 1778

Sir

Having got from Mr Hilton a State of his Debts, we are astonished to find they (exclusive of £264:6 – due to his Father which he remits) amount to upwards of £1200 – about £150 of which is for Liquor & Victuals given by him to the Hospitals Workmen, at various times without any order from the Receivers or their having the least knowledge or Idea thereof. He has already been in the hands of a Bailiff, and his Creditors are looking upon him, so that there seems no Possibility of his being in a Capacity of acting for the Hospital and we are of opinion if they were even to accept of a small Composition for their Debts it would by no means be proper to make a further tryal as his Neglects have been so great respecting the Ore Accounts as to be very inexcusable, and his imprudence & inattention to the Works at Low byer, such as to occasion a considerable additional Expence, all which we beg leave to assure the Board gives us real & very great Concern, at the same time we must observe to the Directors that it cannot but be owned Mr Hiltons Abilities have been exerted much to the Improvement of the Hospitals Mineral Concerns and we therefore feel with the utmost regret that a Person so extremely well qualified to serve the Hospital & in whom there was so much Confidence placed should abuse that Confidence and so far neglect his Duty & himself as to be under the Circumstances he now is.

The Board will be pleased to give us Directions as early as possible with regard to the above, and in the mean time we shall get Mr Jonathan Hilton late Moormaster, & Father to Mr Josh Hilton to take care of the Business & whose Attention we doubt not.

The whole of the Duty Ore having been sold & all Arrears delivered to Michaelmas 1767 since which the Dues have been smelted at Langley Mill, the several Ore Accounts have been brought forward from that time to Midsummer last taking in a Period of 10³/₄ Years and we now inclose you the Reports for one Year to Midsummer last which is all that are in Arrear & we flatter ourselves there will not be any loss in the Arrears of Duty Ore none of which are of consequence except those mentioned in our Letter of the 14th Ultimo.

The Tenants of Scremerston having been called upon by Process from the Crown to make good their Proportion of a deficiency which happened in the Payment of the Land Tax for the Parish of Ancroft in the Year 1749 they were obliged to pay the same together with the Charges of the Extent amounting to £35:1:8 which we allowed them last Receipt as will be seen in our June Cash Account & we doubt not this will meet with the Boards Approbation, the like Allowances having been made by the other Owners of Estates in the Parish of Ancroft.

Robert Dickinson the Tenant of Keswick Tolls still complaining of Difficulties in the collecting of them, we should be glad to receive the Boards Directions herein.

You receive herewith our Cash Account for the Month of July on which there is a Balance of £1130:19:7¹/₂ in favor of Greenwich Hospital, as also our Contingent Account

for three Months ending the 31st May last amounting to £82.2.2 & two Proposals for Lead Mines all which you will be pleased to lay before the Board & to acquaint the Directors we have remitted the Treasurers Deputy Mr Edward Boxley Bills to the Amount of £1500. We are

Sir Your etc

NW Junior J.C.T.

Contingent Payments made on Account of the Derwentwater Estate from 28th February to and with 31st May 1778 as follows

1778

Mar 13 Paid Mr John Smeaton for Blocks and Sheaves for the Ore Crane at Langley Mill	£- 8 6
Apr 30 Paid Mr Joice for Trees Planted at Newtonhall	8 9
Paid Ditto for Trees Planted at Whittle	9 15 6
Paid Ditto for Trees Planted at Thornbrough	7 12 6
Paid Ditto for Trees planted at Dilston	8 4 3
Paid Wilson & Co Coles and Evans (the 25th Inst) For Parchment for Plans of the several Farms in The Derwentwater Estate to annex to the Leases	10 2 6
Pd Expences of N Walton Jnr going to and in London attending Parliament & Returning from thence	30 3 9 1/2
May 13 Pd John Robson and others for Carriage of Materials For Rebuilding a Byer & Cottage at Harsondale	13 15 9 1/2
Paid Thomas Robson for Carriage of Tiles from Harsondale to Langley Mill	- 8 -
Pd Mr Peter Mulcaster for Stakes &c for marking Out the Track of the Alston Turnpike Road	- 3 1
20 Pd Mr Nicholas Chancer for making an Estimate for a Sett of Housing at Newlands	- 10 6
30 Pd John Bell for a Box for the Plans of the Manor of Alston Moor	- 8 -
Pd Matthew Walton for Glazing the Chancel Windows at Alston	- 1 -
	£ 82 2 2

Farnacres 5th September 1778

Errors Excepted

NW Junior JCT

15 Sep 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 15th September 1778

Sir

You receive herewith Five Proposals for Lead Mines which you are desired to lay before the Board and we are Sir Your etc

W&T

2 Oct 1778 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edward Boxley

Farnacres 2nd October 1778

Sir

Inclosed you receive Bell and Company's Bill on Castell & Company for Four Hundred & fifty Pounds on Account of the Rents and Profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the Receipt of by return of the Post. We are

Sir Yours etc

W&T

£450 Newcastle Bank 2d October 1778

Forty Days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs Walton & Turner Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds Value received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint Jonathan Widdrington To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell London
No. 8738

14 Oct 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esquire

Farnacres 14th October 1778

Sir

On the 25th March last Mr Walton acquainted the Board that the Banks of the River Tyne at Fourstones having suffered by Floods it was necessary they should be defended by Wearing with Stone that a quantity of Quarry Stones had been thrown at the foot of the Slope next the Water to defend the injured parts, that directions had been given to prepare Materials for compleating the Work and that an Estimate should be sent the Board. On Mr Walton's arrival in the Country from London he found Mr Thornton had proceeded with the Work so as nearly to have finished it which made an

Estimate unnecessary and the whole was done for the Sum of £49:19- with which you will be pleased to acquaint the Board.

Mr Walton informed the Board the 15 April last that before he left the Country having given directions to try for Coal at Deanraw he was informed the Coal had been met with at the Depth of Nine Fathoms and four feet that the Seam or Stratum was Twenty Inches thick or thereabouts of good Coal and that he had great hopes it would prove a very Valuable acquisition to Langley Lead Mill. Almost immediately on Mr Waltons getting from London he went to Langley Lead Mill and finding the Stratum of Coal after cutting into it to be much altered and very Inferior in quality to what there was reason to expect he ordered Drifts to be extended in the Coal in two different directions to try whether an alteration for the better would not take place but to his great Mortification in proceeding, the Coal was found to be worse and worse and, therefore Orders were given to postpone the Work. The Expence of the Drifting, has not amounted to much as the Coal tho in general very bad was some of it used at Langley Mill so that the whole of the Tryal including the Sinking of the Pit cost no more than £21:9:1.

Messrs Walton and Smeaton in their Letter of the 25th October last stated fully to the Board of Directors their proceedings with regard to part of the Boundary of the Manor of Alston Moor adjoining the Regality of Hexham that they had been so fortunate as to get the same set out and ascertained to the satisfaction of all parties present by a Ditch which by way of distinction had been named the Long Ditch and that directions had been given for a Survey and Plan to be made thereof which should be sent to you as soon as finished. We have accordingly delivered the Plan to the Newcastle Carrier directed to you and have the Pleasure to acquaint the Board that since the settling of this Boundary we have found it of great use in describing several Boundaries of Veins to referr to the Long Ditch and have not the least doubt but the Proprietors of the Manor of Alston Moor and of the Regality of Hexham will experience the best effects from this Bounder Line having been fixed as by that Means they will be enabled without difficulty to determine the Boundaries of the Workings of all such Veins as shall intersect it.

The 5th of September 1777 the Board of Directors were acquainted with the Evidence and several particulars relative to the enjoyment on Lees Fell and from Circumstances set forth in a Letter of the above date Mr Walton mentioned his expectation that the Claims for the Hospitals Farms of Harsondale Sillywray Lough Middle Deanraw and East Deanraw would be objected to and expressed his doubts that they could not be established. As was apprehended objections were made to all those Claims and when Mr Walton was in London Mr Everest and he having gone thro' the Evidence and carefully considered the same it appeared proper to give up the Claim for East Deanraw and to referr the others which was accordingly done and the Claims for Harsondale The Lough and Sillywray were disallowed and that for Middle Deanraw established.

The Refferees assessed Costs to be paid by the Hospital for the Two Farms of Harsondale and the Lough each party to pay their own Costs for Sillywray, and Costs to be paid the Hospital for Middle Deanraw.

The Expençe of this Reference has been considerable as you will see by Mr Peters Bill sent herewith it amounts to to £151:1:9 after deducting the Costs allowed for Middle Deanraw but as other Proprietors of Estates similarly circumstanced made and supported Claims for those Estates and as there seemed sufficient Ground from the Evidence collected by Mr Peters to found the Claims upon the proceeding to a Reference was unavoidable and we may reckon ourselves fortunate to have established the Claim for Middle Deanraw every one of the rest of the objected Claims including those of Mr Bacon for West Deanraw Mr Barrow for Sillywray and Edward Scott for Harlow Field having been disallowed.

Mr Peters desires you will lay the inclosed Bill before the Board.

We inclose our Cash Accounts for the Months of August and September on the latter of which there remains a Balance of £351:18:11¾ in favour of Greenwich Hospital our Contingent Account for Three Months ending 31st August last amounting to £306:12:1½ and two Proposals for Lead Mines all which you will be pleased to lay before the Board & we are

Sir Yours etc

NW Junr, J.C.T.

PS You receive inclosed a Draft of a Land Lease as revised and since settled by Mr Fawcett

Contingent Payments made on Account of the Derwentwater Estate from 31st May 1778 to and with 31st August 1778 as follows

1778

Jun 1 Pd John Wren weeding &c Wood at Keswick	£11 3 6
Pd Do for fixing Gates & Gate Posts at Do & for	
Iron work for the same	3 13 10
Pd do for half a year's postage due 12th ult	- 7 6
Pd do for repairing Keswick Shambles	- - 9
6 Pd John Nixon for Building a Limekiln for the use	
Of Lowbyer & Mark Close pasture	5 19 -
13 Pd Mr John Surtees for making a fence in the Haugh	
Farm at Newlands where some wood was cut by order	
Of the surveyor of the High Road	- 5 10
Pd Do for cutting and Weeding wood at Newlands	
This season	27 1 6 1/2
Pd Do for Quicks plated at Newlands & Whittonstall	4 15 -
Pd Do for Searching for Spring Wells & trying for	

Quarries at Newlands	- 14 -
15 Pd Mr Thos Alder One Moiety of the charges of Casting a Boulder Ditch in the Salt Marsh between Outchester & Ross	- 14 -
Pd Mr Thos Bell for Casting a Drain in the High Close at Glolorum joining Bradford	- 14 10 1/2
Pd Mr Thos Alder for Dressing Trees at Spindleston & Outchester	3 10 6
22 Pd expenses on account of riding the boundary of Fourstones Common	3 12 4
27 Pd Fran. Ridley for carriage of a box to John Ibbetson Esq containing the final Acct Rental and vouchers of Messrs Walton & Smeaton	- 10 6
Jul 8 pd Mr Edwd Bell for 14500 quicks planted at Hartburngrainge	7 14 -
pd do for 4700 do planted at Needlesshall	2 11 3
pd do for 3000 do planted at Meldon Park	1 5 6
pd do for quicks planted at Meldon outgrounds	1 14 -
pd do for making tryals for water at Hartburngrainge	2 18 6
pd do for making do for do at meldon Park	3 3 6
pd do for quarry tools for his district	6 12 1
pd do for repairing plantation hedge at Needlesshall	- 2 6
pd do for cutting & dressing trees at Meldon	- 2 11
pd do for 2 doors for stable & byer at Needlesshall	- 18 -
pd do for repairing Hartburngrainge Chancel	- 9 6
pd do one moiety of the expence of repairing Midford do	2 4 5
10 pd Robt Wardhaugh for carriage of a box to John Ibbetson Esq containing plans of the ground described in Mr Glbert's proposals for lead &c mines in the manor of Alston Moor	- 5 2
11 pd Mr Geo Sample for weeding &c Wood at Highwood & Bagraw	20 19 2
pd Do for weeding & wood in Hexhamshire	12 - 9 1/2
pd do for carriage of & fixing 28 gates and gateposts Coastley Highwood Bagraw & Langhope	14 13 7
pd do for winning leading & setting gate posts in Hexhamshire	3 19 4
pd do for 37,300 quicks planted in Coastley, Langhope, Baggraw, Westwood & Hexhamshire	17 10 6
pd do what he pd Thoams Askew for shewing the boundary of Turfhouse Farm	- 1 -
pd do for repairing the Whitley Mill Wears	- 7 -
14 pd Mr Nich.s Thornton for repairing Haydon bridge Wears	1 10 6

pd do for repairing the Mill Hills Do	3 7 10
pd do for expenses on acct of seizing a Horse (which was supposed to belong to Chris. Nicholson Tenant of Woodhall Mills) by way of securing the Arrear due from him but on enquiry the Horse was proved the property of Joseph Lee	2 2 3
15 pd Mr John Jobling for repairing Dilston Mill dam	1 10 6
pd do for carriage & planting trees at Dilston	2 2 -
pd Do for weeding & housing Bark at Do	10 18 10
pd do for expenses valuing & Selling oak wood at Throckley	- 12 -
pd do for stubbing cutting & expenses valuing & selling ash wood at Do.	8 7 10
pd do for carriage & planting wood at Whittle	4 1 2
pd do for carriage & planting wood at Thornbrough	2 - -
pd do for making a Road for the use of the New Building & South Farm at Dilston Park	3 12 1
pd do for work done at Whittle New Road not included in contract	- 12 -
pd do for repairing walls at Dilston	- 15 8
pd do dragging stone posts out of the quarry at Do	- 12 -
pd do for making gates for the Derwentwater Estate	4 12 -
pd do for quicks planted in his district	10 14 -
Jul 17 pd John Turnbull & John Bell for working up Wood at Dilston for Nentforce Level	18 14 6
pd Mr Peter Mulcaster for carriage of Do	15 16 6
Aug 7 pd Jno Price for setting gate posts at Lowbyer	- 1 6
pd Wm Thirlwall for attendance with a standard weight to examine & correct the weights by which the lessees of the lead mines in the Manor of Alston Moor weighed the Duty Ore	- 2 6
pd mr John Bell for Viewing & Valuing wood at Dilston as also advising about converting the same to proper use	1 15 -
11 pd Messrs Walton & Turner's expenses in attending the Arbitration shewing the Lands &c to be exchanged with His Grace the Duke of Northumber -land at Alnwick Broxfield Denwick & Warkworth	6 7 10
13 pd Mr Nich.s Thornton for hoeing, cutting & dressing wood at sevl places in Langley Barony	- 8 6
pd do for making Watergates & Flakes for small farms in Langley Barony	1 - 8
pd do for hanging a gate at Fourstones	- 1 6

pd do for winning leading stones for & building	
2 rood of stone wall at the east end of	
Harsondale new cottage	- 12 6
pd do for quicks planted in his district	9 1 -
pd do for filling up a quarry in Harsondale	- 8 8
pd do for hoeing 52 old oak roots at Harsondale	1 14 8
pd do for grass seeds sown at Lowbyer	- 11 6
pd do for taking roof of an old house at Altonside	- 1 8
pd do for repairing a byer at Fourstones	- 7 -
22 pd Mr Jos. Hilton for making a road through the	
fold and the Heugh at Lowbyer & fixing Stone	
Stairs &c in the Heugh	16 16 1
pd do for Hay seeds sown at Lowbyer	1 10 -
pd do for valuing Wood at Land Ends Woodhall &	
Altonside in 1776	- 14 -
	306 12 1 1/2

Farnacres 14th Octr 1778

Errors Excepted

NW Jnr JCT

15 Oct 1778 Joseph Hilton

[Note: submitted by Walton to the Board with his letter to Ibbetson dated 26 Dec 1778]

Nenthead 15th Oct'r 1778

Memorandum We the undersigned having been requested to make Diallings and Measures for enabling us to fix the Boundary of Rampgill and Coal Cleugh Vein in the Great Limestone immediately underneath where it crosses the Middle of the Long Ditch, which said Ditch is cast and agreed upon to be the Boundary between the Manor of Alston Moor and the Regality or Manor of Hexham, and having carefully and at different times each of us made Diallings and Measures, and this day having jointly examined the same do agree that the whole is accurately done; in consequence of which we have this day fixed a Stake at the distance of Forty Eight Feet or thereabouts Westward (in the direction of the said Vein) from the Middle of the said Ditch, which Stake is agreed upon by us to be directly perpendicular above an Iron Wedge which we also this day fixed in the Eastmost Sump Sunk by the Governor & Company for Smelting down Lead Ure into the Great Limestone in Rampgill Vein, and which said Iron Wedge is driven into the Rider on the North side of the said Sump Five feet below the bottom of the Great Limestone Tumblers, and it appears to us by this days examination that the said Governor & Company have in some parts of their Great

Limestone Forehead worked into Sir Thomas Blacketts Liberty and in other places not quite to it, and that the Workings must be frequently examined as they are Worked deeper, which will be very easily done as the Stake and Iron Wedge are admitted to be right fixed.

Jos'h Hilton Moor Master

Jos Dickinson Principal Lead Mines Agent to Sir Thomas Blackett Bart

29 Oct 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 29th October 1778

Sir

Messrs Walton & Smeaton in their letter of the 28 May 1772 stated several matters relative to the Riding of the Boundary of Langley South Common in consequence of which the Board desired to be informed if it was essential to the Interest of the Hospital to have the disputed parts of that Boundary settled and if so the proper mode of proceeding. - In answer to this Messrs Walton & Smeaton wrote the Board the 26th July 1772 that tho' it was certain nothing could be more agreeable than to have those kind of disputes settled it did not appear there was an opening for the doing of it by the riding of the Boundary and that all circumstances then considered it did not seem to them that the Hospital would gain any thing by entering into a dispute or Treaty or that any thing would be lost by letting matters stand as they did 'til something gave rise to one or the other.

Sir Thomas Blackett Baronet now Owner of the Regality of Hexham & Mr. Wm. Cuthbert owner of an Estate called Knubbuck on which Langley South Common adjoins have proposed to us that they are willing either that the Lines of Boundary shd be settled by Referees or determined by Suit as shall be most agreeable to the Commissioners & Governors of Greenwich Hospital and they have desired us to give intimation of this to the Hospital which we now do and shall be glad to receive the Boards directions herein. We are

Sir Yours &c

N W Junr. J.C.T.

11 Nov 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To Jno Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 11 Novr 1778

Sir

You receive herewith Two Lead Mine Proposals which you are desired to lay before the Board and we are

Sir Yours &c N W Junr J.C.T.

PS On the 7th inst we sent Mr Everest a draft of a Lead Mine Lease as approved by Mr. Fawcett with which you'll be pleased to acquaint the Board

21 Nov 1778 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edwd Boxley

Farnacres 21st Novemr 1778

Sir

Inclosed you receive Bell and Companys Bill for Three Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds on account of the Rents & Profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the Rect of by return of the Post. We are

Sir Yours &c
W & T.

£3500

Newcastle Bank 21st Novr 1778

Forty days after date pay to the Order of Messrs Walton and Turner Three Thousand Five Hundred Pounds . Value received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell Jno Widdrington
London No. 9129

26 Nov 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 26th Novemr 1778

Sir

You receive herewith our Cash Account for the Month of October upon which there is a Balance of £3003:6:7 in favor of Greenwich Hospital and you'll be pleased to acquaint the Board that we have remitted the Treasurers Deputy £3500 in discharge of the said Balance and in part of our Receivings since October We are Sir

Your most Obedt Servts
N W Junr. J.C.T.

PS. Martinmas day being now past it is certain that unless the Proposers for the several Farms &c in the Derwentwater Estate very soon know the Fate of their Biddings they will provide themselves with Farms elsewhere, we therefore beg to have directions without a Moment loss of time respecting this Business

11 Dec 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To Jno Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 11 Decem 1778

Sir

Mr Joseph Hilton finding an utter impossibility of attending the Office of Moor-master has acquainted us with the contents of a Letter which he has wrote to you desiring his immediate Resignation may be accepted and he has since left the Country, being recommended as Steward to a victualling Ship in his Majestys Service now setting out for America; the Hospital will therefore be in want of Agents and we beg leave to recommend instead of the Office of Moor-master & Clerk of the Deliverys being in one that there be two Agents appointed, the one as Moor-master to take care of the Mines and keep an Acco't of the Quantities of Ore raised and the other as Agent also to keep an Acco't of the Quantities of Ore raised, and see that it is properly dressed and delivered, and that the two sh'd be aiding & assisting in all cases where they can be of use to each other.

The Mines in Alston Moor bringing in so fine a Revenue to Greenwich Hospital it is of great Consequence to have a proper person as Moor-master and he sh'd be a man well acquainted with the Moor and Mines there as upon that a great deal will depend, and the Agent who is to see that the Ore is properly dressed and deliv'd must be a person conversant in the dressing of Ore. We have in our View several who we think may suit one or other of those appointments but have not made such Enquiries as to enable us to recommend any to the Board.

During this Interval we have desired Mr Hilton Father of Mr Jos.h Hilton formerly Moor-master to take care of the Business of the Moor which he has undertaken to do as far as he can, and as we have the best Opinion of his Integrity we are concerned his age and Infirmities will not permit us to say we think him a proper person to continue either in the one or the other of the above Offices.

When we consider the abilities possessed by Mr Joseph Hilton, we cannot entertain any hopes of getting a Man equally well qualified to serve as Moor-master, but the Board may be assured we shall use our best Endeavours to find out persons acquainted with the Duties of the Offices above ment'd and that we shall recommend such only as appear to us the most likely to perform those Duties.

The Office of Moor-master and Clerk of the deliverys being in one before and now proposed to be divided, as above recommended, the Moor-master sh'd undoubtedly be considered as the principal, and we beg leave to recommend that he be allowed a Salary of Eighty Pounds p annum, and the other Agent Sixty Pounds p annum which considering the Importance of these Offices to the Hospital, we cannot but think is as low as they can properly be fixed.

Some doubts having arose as to the Duke of Northumberlands powers respecting the Exchange of the Hospitals Lands &c in Alnwick Embleton and Warkworth for Lands at Corbridge, we have wrote fully to Mr Everest on the Subject. We are

Sir Your &c

N W Junr. J.C.T.

PS It makes us very happy to hear we are soon to have directions respecting the General Letting.

26 Dec 1778 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

[Note: the boundary-fixing memo referred to from Joseph Hilton & John Dickinson is given elsewhere under the date 15 Oct 1778]

To John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 26th Decemr 1778

Sir

It is with great concern when we have occasion to trouble the Board on account of our having lately had a very extraordinary Demand made upon Greenwich Hospital from Alston Moor by one William Thirlwall whose Debt contracted by Mr Joseph Hilton according to Mr Hiltons own Account amounts to £103- - & there is a debt similarly contracted & due to John Bell of Alston Amounting to £102- - which Debts we have understood from Mr Hilton himself, if not wholly, principally arose by his giving Meat and Drink to the Hospitals Workmen at Nentforce Level and Low byers.

On our application to Mr Hilton he said the Meat and Drink were really expended by his order and as he had taken the whole upon himself having acted in it entirely without our direction, knowledge or Consent he looked upon himself only to be liable and that he had out of his own Pocket actually discharged a debt of the like kind contracted some time before the commencement of the present Bill for Meat and Drink given to the Nentforce Level Workmen.

The best account that he can give of the Motives for this very strange Transaction is that the Meat & Drink were given to the Men as an Encouragement to them in their Work & that after he found the great amount of the Charge and seeing this busyness in its proper light he dared not to mention it to us and that in order to prevent his coming under Censure he had taken care that the Debts shd be considered as his own & declared he meant to have discharged the whole in case he could have continued his appointment.

Thus this awkward and very disagreeable busyness has come before us and we are not only most truly concerned for the whole of the sad misconduct of Mr Hilton but that we know not how to advise upon those demands being made upon the Hospital in consequence of it. It is an undoubted Fact that those Debts are objects of the greatest concern to Thirlwall & Bell who are not Men of ability as to their circumstances and on that account they seem to deserve pity and as we apprehend they may attempt to recover those Debts of the Hospital at Law, tho' they have not hinted any such intention, nor has Bell yet made a demand, we would beg to be favoured with the Boards directions upon this occasion which we shall immediately pursue.

It is no little satisfaction to us under the disagreeable circumstances of Mr Hiltons misconduct that we have been enabled to get him to fix the Boundary between Rampgill Vein and Coal Cleugh Vein before his leaving the Hospitals Service which we cannot help thinking is a matter of very great consequence to the Hospital as well as Sir Thomas Blackett and we inclose you one of the original Memorandums made on the Occasion to be lodged in the Record Room at Greenwich the other being in the Hands of Sir Thomas Blacketts Agent.

On the 26th November 1776 and 28 Novemr 1777 the Receivers by their Letters &c of that date represented several matters to the Board respecting the Woods in the Derwentw[ater] Estate and recommended the cutting of such Wood as had come to its full Growth but as no directions have been rec'd from the Board we think it our duty to referr to the above representations and most earnestly recommend that a regular course of cutting may be adopted in the Woods belonging to Greenwich Hospital to the amount of from £800- to £1200 p ann[um] as the Markett happens to suit. By this Plan the Revenue of Greenwich Hospital will be very considerably increased by disposing of that Wood which will otherwise be rendered useless by Age and Decay and as we shall feel ourselves happy in being in a way of repaying the Hospital the Great Sum of Money already expended and which it will be further necessary to expend in pursuance of the Boards Directions of the 12th April 1775 in fencing the Wood Lands we hope to have the earliest directions so as to be enabled to make a beginning by proceeding in the Sale this Spring. There is not a doubt that we shall be able not only to support but increase the Quantity of Timber upon the Derwentwater Estate by Fencing and Planting and have the pleasure to acquaint the Board we have made so great a progress in the fencing that we flatter ourselves to be enabled to get almost the whole finished in about Two Years from this time and not interfere with the fencing necessary upon the Inclosures of Corbridge, Lees and Fourstones Commons &c and that we have this Season Planted upwards of Forty Bushels of Acorns & several Bushels of Sycamore Seed

We cannot help again repeating our uneasiness at not having rec'd the biddings for the Derwentwater Estate as we have every day more reason to apprehend that this delay will be attended with very great disadvantage not only to the Hospital but a real distress to many of the present Tenants and Proposers.

Mr Robert Aslett Secretary to the Governor & Company for Smelting down Lead with Pit Coal & Sea Coal has wrote us expressing the wish of that Company to know the answer of the Commissioners & Governors of Greenwich Hospital to their Proposals of the 8th Novem'r 1777 sent the Board the 12 Decem'r 1777 and of their Proposal of the 11th June last sent the Board the 3d July following and Mr Aslett desires us to apply to the Hospital to expedite this busyness, which we now do, and at the same time we must beg leave to recommend the most early directions respecting Mr Gilberts Proposals, as we fear a delay may prevent his carrying the Great undertakings he proposed into execution.

You receive herewith our Cash Account from the 31st Octo'r to 21st Ulto. on which there is a balance of £2478:1:9 1/2 since which we have made the Lead Mill and Ore Carriers Pay with which you'll be pleased to acquaint the Board & we are

Sir Yours &c

N W Junr. J.C.T.

2 Feb 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To Jno Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 2nd Feb'ry 1779

Sir

It is now nearly Six Months since the Biddings for the Derwentwater Estate were closed and the distress of numbers of the Bidders by not being acquainted with the fate of their Proposals is very great and will be more so every day. On this Account it is necessary there sh'd not be a moments delay in issuing full orders relative to the General Letting but it is materially requisite to be as expeditious as possible on Account of Greenwich Hospital as there has already been a Defection of several responsible bidders who have taken Farms elsewhere and others are daily doing the like and more undoubtedly will do the same by which the Hospital will be prevented having an opportunity of fixing upon the most eligible ones which may occasion considerable loss to the Revenue. For those Reasons it is most earnestly desired that the Boards immediate Commands respecting this Business may be sent into the Country.

You receive herein a Proposal from Bacon Wm. Wastell Esqr. for the colliery in Highwood Coastley and Heckford Farms which you are desired to lay before the Board. The Directors will remember that the Receivers reported upon a Proposal of Mr.Wastells the 14 May 1775 and the Board rejected the Offer then made but as a Rent of Twenty Pounds p annum is now offered & all Damages to be made good, it is recommended that Mr.Wastells Proposal be accepted.

Inclosed you receive our Cash Accounts from the 21 Nov. to and with 31st Ulto. which you are desired to lay before the Board. We are

Sir Yours &c

N W. Junr. J. C. T.

9 Feb 1779 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edwd Boxley

Farnacres 9th Feb'y 1779

Sir

You receive herewith conformable to the request contained in yours of the 6th instant our Certificate of the Sums remitted you on acco[un]t of the Derwentwater

Estate between the 31st December 1777 and 1st January 1779 which doubt not youll find right & are

Sir yours &c

N W Junr

Remittances made on Account of the Rents & Profits of the Derwentwater Estate from the 31st Decm'r 1777 exclusive to the 31st December 1778 Inclusive as follows

1778

Jany 14 Sent his Deputy Mr Edward Boxley, the

Treasurers Deputy a Bill for	£550
June 23d Sent Do a Bill for	3000
July 12 Sent Do a Bill for	2000
Aug 29 Sent Do a Bill for	500
Sep'r 5 Sent Do a Bill for	1000
Oct'r 2d Sent Do a Bill for	450
Nov'r 21 Sent Do a Bill for	3500
	£11000

We Nicholas Walton the Younger and John Chrichloe Turner Receivers of the Rents and Profits of the Derwentwater Estate Do hereby Certify that the several Sums above mentioned amounting to Eleven Thousand Pounds were remitted to Mr Edward Boxley Deputy Treasurer of Greenwich Hospital at the Days and times above expressed being all the Money Remitted on the above Account from the 31st December 1777 Exclusive to the 31st December 1778 Inclusive. Witness our hands the 9th February 1779.

N W Junr.J.C.T.

7 Mar 1779 William Thirlwall to Nicholas Walton

[Note: see letter of 12 March from Walton to Ibbetson]

Copy of Letter from Messrs Walton Thirlwall & Bell to Mr Walton Junr

Alston 7 March 1779

Sir

Having now no prospect of any Redress by your means, in the recovering the Money due to us from the Greenwich Hospital, on whose Acct. we granted Credit at the order of Mr Jos'h Hilton their Ag't in this place. We have now come to a Resolution of petitioning the Comm'rs [Commissioners] for the payment of our Bills, and in case of their refusal to try to recover them by such methods as the Law shall direct. If upon a mature consideration, you will procure us the payment of our Money, which certainly

lies in your Power, in a short space, and give us Notice of such intention in a Week or or ten days time we will desist from any further application; but if you refuse, your compliance must do it instantaneously. Trusting to the Justness of our Cause, we do expect that if the Hospital refuses that we shall be able to force it to a payment by Law.

We thought it but right to acquaint you with our resolved intentions, which considering the distress which Non payment will bring upon us, who are none of us in the most affluent Circumstances, cannot fail to be justified by the Reflections of your own Consciences.

We are Your very humble Servants

Nich[ola]s Walton William Thirlwall John Bell

12 Mar 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

[Note: see letter from Thirlwall et al to Walton dated 7th March]

To Jno Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 12th March 1779

Sir

In our Letter of 26th Decem'r last, to which I beg leave to refer, Mr Turner and I acquainted you with a demand having been made by one Wm Thirlwall for the amount of his Bill, for Liquor and Victuals, given to the workmen at Nentforce and Lowbyer, by order of Mr Joseph Hilton, and that there was a debt Similarly contracted, due to John Bell; and we then stated that Thirlwalls charge amounted to £103, and Bells to £102, according to Mr Hilton's own Acco[un]t of the Matter; & that we had apprehensions that they might attempt the recovery of the Money at Law: which now appears to be intended as you'll observe from the inclosed Letter received from Nicholas Walton of Alston William Thirlwall of Lowbyer and John Bell of Alston relative to their Charges for Liquor &c delivered by order of Mr Joseph Hilton the late Moor Master which Letter you are desired to lay before the Board. As to Bell and Walton they never made a demand upon us except what is contained in the inclosed Letter but tho' we omitted mentioning Walton the 26th Decem'r last Mr Hilton always admitted the having given orders not only to him but to the other two and instead of the Charges given in by Mr Hilton as set forth in our Letter above referred to the whole will be as follows

Nicholas Walton	£21 18 5 1/2
Wm Thirlwall	107 13 -
John Bell	50 9 6 1/2
Total	£180 1 -

By the Floods which happened before Christmas last the Banks of the Tyne at Fourstones were broken and as there was hazard of a Considerable Breach it was

thought necessary to defend the foot of the Bank next the Water by tumbling in Quarry Stones to prevent further damage during the Winter which was accordingly done as soon as possible but the Charge of making the defence compleat could not be estimated til the Water in the River lowered considerably. The Season having been for some time remarkably dry, an Estimate has been made from which it appears that the making of a Wear will cost about £70 - - and as there is now a proper opportunity of getting the Work done I have given directions to Mr Thornton to proceed with all dispatch in securing the Bank where the derangement has happened.

The Roof of the Chancel at Hartburn being greatly in want of Repair the Arch Deacon has required that it shall be put into good condition I have therefore had it Viewed and an Estimate made of the Expençe of putting it into Repair which amounts for Plumber & Carpenter Work and all Materials to the Sum of £25.-.- but as the Church Roof is also to be repaired I hope both Works going on at the same time will enable us to get the Chancel done for somewhat less than the above Sum.

The Water and Cog Wheels at Whitley Mill having so far failed that it will be necessary to have new ones this Summer I have had our Mill Wright to make an Estimate of the Expençe which amounts to £22 - - .

I cannot doubt the enormous load of busyness relative to the Affairs of Greenwich Hospital may have been the occasion of our not receiving directions for the General Letting of the Derwentwater Estate and that the same cause may still further delay this very essential busyness and seeing matters so circumstanced should have been happy not to have occasion to press for directions at such a time but in reality the probable prospect of great injury to the revenue of Greenwich Hospital and the distress occasioned by the Letting not taking place urge me so strongly that I cannot omit requesting in the most serious manner that orders may be immediately given to have everything finished respecting this busyness in the most expeditious manner and I must beg leave to add that I hope the resolutions of a General Court will accompany the Orders so as that such Persons as appear to be eligible may be assured of being put into possession in due time without which the greatest part of the Derwentwater Estate may be without Tenants at May day next. I am for Mr Turner & self

Sir Yours &c N W Junr.

19 Mar 1779 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edward Boxley

Farnacres 19th March 1779

Sir

You receive herewith Bell and Companys Bill on Castell and Company for Fifteen Hundred Pounds on account of the Rents & Profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the Rece't. of by return of the Post and we are

Sir Yours &c W & T

£1500

Newcastle Bank 19th March 1779

Forty days after date pay to the Order of Messrs Walton and Turner One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds . Value received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint. Jno Widdrington

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell London
No. 10066

29 Mar 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To Jno Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 29th March 1779

Sir

The Commissioners under the Corbridge Division Act, being advised that they are not empowered by the Act, to give Greenwich Hospital an Allotment for the Parcels of Ground of His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, which have been Awarded under the Bonds of Submission, as Equivalent to the Lands &c of the Hospital at Alnwick &c, it has been suggested that the Submission and Award should be suppressed and the Exchange directed by the award not proceeded in; that the Corbridge Commissioners should nevertheless in their General Award for the Corbridge Divis'n allot to his Grace a specific Parcel of Ground, in one Plot, equivalent to the Parcels above mentioned, which were awarded, and proposed to have been conveyed by His Grace to the Hospital, and after the Execution of the said General Award, that his Grace should Convey the said Plot of Ground, to the Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital in Exchange for the Lands &c at Alnwick &c and by doing this every difficulty will be put an end to. The Commissioners for the Corbridge Division have accordingly staked out this Specific Parcel of Ground, and the Agents on both sides being satisfied that the Lands Awarded under the Submission, were in the judgement of the Arbitrators an Equivalent for the Property of Greenwich Hospital at Alnwick &c, and that the Parcel of Ground so Staked out, is of equal value. I have joined with the Agents of the Duke of Northumberland in a Memorandum, a Copy of which is inclosed, by which it is proposed, that the Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital shall enter upon, and hold, the said Parcel of Ground from the 25th March inst; and that his Grace the Duke of Northumberland shall in like manner enter upon and hold the the Lands &c at Alnwick &c, provided that the Parties themselves shall ratify and confirm the Exchange, in manner as above explained.

The Tenants and Proposers for Farms in the Derwentwater Estate are now become so extremely dissatisfied, on Account of the Letting of the Farms being so greatly prolonged, that I am exceedingly apprehensive of the Interest of the Hospital suffering very considerably and therefore beg leave again to urge the necessity of directions

being immediately sent to this place, that the busyness may be proceeded in and compleated, without a Moments loss of time.

You receive herewith Christopher Hutchinsons Proposal for the Collieries in Hartburngrainge which together with the Inclosed Cash Account on which there is a Balance of £462:4:1 1/2 in favour of Greenwich Hospital you are desired to lay before the Board. I am

Sir Yours &c

N W Junr

PS You'll be pleased to acquaint the Board that a Remittance of £1500 has been made to the Treasurer's Deputy in discharge of the aboveBalance and in part of our rece'ts since the 28th Feby

Be it remembered that it is this day recommended by the Agents of his Grace the Duke of Northumberland and of the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in the County of Kent and agreed upon by them as far as they can or lawfully may, that the Lands and Tenements, Tithes and Hereditaments situate and being as well in the Parish of Corbridge as in the Parishes of Alnwick Embleton and Warkworth in the County of Northumberland intended to be given and taken in Exchange by His Grace and the said Commissioners and Governors of the said Hospital respectively (altho' the said Exchange and the Deeds and Writings relative thereto are not as yet completed or regularly entered into) shall be entered upon and held by the said parties or their Tenants respectively from this day forward and that the Estates and properties so to be entered upon as aforesaid shall be deemed and taken for ever hereafter to be the Estate and property of the parties respectively to whom the same shall be so given in Exchange, provided the Parties themselves shall ratify and confirm the Exchange in manner as above mentioned; testifying the same under our hands this 25th day of March in the Year of our Lord 1779

Witnesses

Chas Tesseyman

John Rennison

Wm Charleton

Hen[ry] Coll[ingwood] Selby

Nich's Walton Jun'r

3 Apr 1779 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edwd Boxley

Farnacres 3rd April 1779

Sir

You receive herewith Bell and Companys Bill on Castell & Company for Seven Hundred Pounds on Acco't of the Rents & Profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the Rece't. of by return of the Post.

We are &c

W & T

£700 Newcastle Bank 3rd April 1779. Thirty days after Date pay to the Order of
Messrs Walton & Turner Seven Hundred Pounds. Value received For Bell Cookson
Carr Self & Saint Jno Widdrington
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell London
No. 10192

13 Apr 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To Jno Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 13th April 1779

Sir

It is now only 28 days to the time of the commencement of the Leases upon the biddings made last year and I beg leave again to repeat my earnest desires to have directions concerning the Letting. If directions shd be so late as that the Tenants cannot be put into possession the 12th of May the Board will be pleased to give Orders what we are to do respecting the Tenants now in Possession as I have reason to think several of them mean to continue to hold for another year & will probably do so, if possession is not, in such case taken for the Hospital. The distress of the Tenants on the determination of the Hospital being so late is I assure you such as not to be described and indeed they are many of them become so ungovernable that they will not pay the least regard to any thing that is said to them you will therefore most readily conceive the disagreeable and uneasy situation I am in which it is hoped I shall be relieved from in some degree by receiving the Boards immediate commands.

On the 12th Ulto. I acquainted you that the Water & Cog Wheels at Whitley Mill had so failed that it would be necessary to have new ones this Summer and that the amount of the Money to be expended in the doing thereof was estimated at £22 - -. Since writing to you I have been at the Mill and find both Wheels very bad the Water Wheel particularly in so much that it is with difficulty the Mill can be kept going. When on the spot and the Mill Wright with me I took into consideration the making an Improvement in the Mill by adding an upright Axis and Spurr Wheel which with the other consequent alterations will only cause an addition of about £13 - - and as the Mill will be much improved by the doing of this I cannot doubt its being for the Interest of Greenwich Hospital to be at the Additional Expence.

On the 29th Ulto. I inclosed you a Memorandum which had been entered into by his Grace the Duke of Northumberlands Agents and myself relative to the Exchange between the Hospital and his Grace and that no loss might happen on account of the Parcel of Ground proposed to be Conveyed to Greenwich Hospital being unoccupied I inserted an Advertisement in the Newcastle Papers in the name of Mr Turner and myself for its being Let and Entered upon immediately and not having an offer of more

than £25 - - for one year I could not take that knowing the Value of the Ground to be considerably more for a Farm and as I thought it likely a proper Rent might be had by letting it for the same Term as the Hospitals Corbridge and Thornbrough Farms I gave directions to Mr Jobling to enter into a treaty with one William Hepple a man reckoned Substantial and who I knew wanted a Farm and Mr Jobling has let it at Forty Pounds p annum for Six Years which I am of opinion is as much as it is worth and doubt not the Boards approbation in what has been done on the occasion.

You receive herewith our Cash Account for the Month of March on which there is a Balance of £1228:8:5 3/4 since which there has been a Bill sent to the Treasurer's Deputy Mr Edwd Boxley for £700 and you also have herewith our Contingent Account from 31 Augt to and with 28th February last amounting to £637:16:6 3/4 which with the Cash Account you'll be pleased to lay before the Board. I am for Mr Turner & Self

Sir Yours &c

N W Junr.

Contingent Payments made on account of the Derwentwater Estate from the 31st August to and with the 28 Feby 1779 as follows:

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Sep 7	pd Messrs Penman & Robson for making estimates for Housing at Newlands and Woods Close	£	-	15	-
19	Jno Riddle & others for water pipes &c for Scremerston Mill and fixing the same	9	12	8	1/2
Oct 11	pd Mrs Ann Wilson for carriage of the plan of the Long Ditch from Newcastle to London		4	8	
29	pd Wm brown Jnr for damage of ground at Throckley by the Fall of wood & for damage to Hedges by the same	9	16	2	
	pd Robt Shepherd Two Years allowance due 12 May last on account of ground taken from his farm at Whittle for growing wood upon	9	6	-	
	pd Do for Plowing Gills Haugh part of the said Ground	-	10	6	
	pd for damage of ground by carriage of stones for fencing the said wood ground	1	-	-	
	pd George Wrightson for attending to the Driving of a drift in Wallbottle Moor Colliery by way of ascertaining the barrier left by his Grace the Duke of Northumberland for the security of Throckley Colliery	10	10	-	
	pd Mr Jno Surtees for dressing quicks at Newland & Whittonstall	2	4	6	1/4
	pd Do the expense of fencing quicks at Newlands	1	4		
	pd Do for making and fixing two stiles at do		2	6	
	pd Do for collecting & carriage of stakes & putting them into a house at Do	1	11	9	
	pd Do for making and fixing a gate & gate posts at Highfield	-	7	3	
	pd Do winning, leading, dressing & cutting Oak bark at Newlands	7	19	5	1/2
	pd Do for expenses selling wood	-	18	-	
	pd Do for removing wood & roots at Newlands	-	7	8	
31	pd Mr Edwd Sibbit for opening out & weeding quicks at Scremerston	-	9	-	
	pd Do for planting quicks and trees in a nursery at Do	-	2	-	

	pd Do filling up the vacancies with quicks round the Night Close at Do	-	3	-
	pd for scouring the hedge between Mr Romers Stack Yd & the Turnpike road to Scremerston	-	15	11
	pd Do 7 thousand quicks planted at Do	2	9	-
	pd for opening and Unwatering a Freestone quarry at Scremerston	5	15	1
Nov 2	pd Mr John Wren for weeding & peeling wood at Keswick	4	11	6
	pd Do for selling Fire Wood and Bark from the woods at Keswick & Thornthwaite	-	2	-
	pd Do for repairing deer close fence	-	6	6
	pd Do for carriage of an oak tree from Thornthwaite to Keswick Mill	-	12	6
	pd Mr Wm Dodd for stubbing wood at Buteland	1	12	5
	pd Do for expenses on acct of wood at Do	-	6	-
	pd Wm Todd one years allowance due 12 May last on acct of the Dove Coat Close at Dilston being fenced off for growing wood upon	4	4	-
	pd Mr John Wren half a years postage due Mich last	-	7	6
	pd Mr Jona Hilton for assistants in Dialing measuring and levelling the Underground works at Rampgill and Coal Cleugh by way of fixing the Boundary of Rampgill Vein in the Great Limestone	-	12	-
	pd Do for assistants Dialing in Windy Brow Lead Mine	-	3	-
	pd Mr John Wren for repairing Keswick Mill Dam	-	7	6
	pd Do for repairing Keswick Shambles	1	9	10
	pd Do for repairing Do Moot Hall windows	-	5	10
3	pd John Martinson 2 years allowance on acct of ground fenced off at Highwood for growing wood upon due 12th May last	4	5	-
12	pd Ra. Westgarth for making lime to repair at Harsondale	-	4	-
14	pd Mr John Fryer for copying a plan of Spindleston and Outchester	2	2	-
	pd Do for 2 plans of that part of the Manor of Alston Moor wherein Mr Gill has proposed to make Tryals for Lead Mines	10	10	-
	pd Mr Edwd Bell for a Barn Floor for Meldon Park Fam	1	5	-
	pd Do one moiety of expence for repair of Meldon Chancel	1	7	4 1/2
	pd Do for carriage of materials for new buildings at Meldon Park	45	8	4
	pd Robt Nixon for do	52	2	9
16	pd Mr Edwd Bell for a Water Cart and screen	4	1	-
	pd Do for making tryals for Water on Hartburn Graine South Farm	5	1	-
	pd do for books and paper	-	8	6
	pd Mr Edwd Bell for a Gate and Gateposts for Meldon Park North Farm & for repairing the Park Wall & fixing the Gate and Posts	1	13	-
	pd do for casting drains in Hartburngrainge Moor Farm	2	2	4
	pd do for making conduits in Do Middle Farm	8	2	2
	pd do at Needlesshall	7	7	8
	pd do for cleaning out a ditch at Hartburngrainge	-	2	4
	pd do for facing Quicks with stones at Do	-	2	4
	pd do for dressing Quicks at Do	-	10	6
	pd do for Do at Needlesshall	-	3	6
	pd do for Do at Meldon & Meldon Park	-	14	6
20	pd Mr Farrer expences on acct of attending a meeting of the Commissioners appt to divide Corbridge Common	-	19	1
21	pd Mr Geo Sample for 500 quicks planted in Hexhamshire	-	5	3
	pd Do for making a small wear at Peacock House	-	13	-
	pd Do for chopping oak bark at Highwood Baggraw			

Mirehouse & Salmon Field	4	4	-
pd Do for hoeing & burning brushwood at Longhope	-	13	9
pd Do for do at Aydon Shields	-	15	-
pd Mr Nick Thornton for repairing a Road on the Chapel Hills at Haydon Bridge	1	7	8
pd Do for cleaning old guns and bayonets	-	7	6
pd Do for pulling down an old house at Altonside	-	3	6
pd Do for pulling down old houses at East Deanraw	3	14	8
pd Mr John Jobling for altering a road at Dilston	-	5	10
pd Do for expences attending a meeting of the proprietors of Corbridge relative to the division	-	3	6
pd Do for making 4 conduits on the side of the turnpike road at Whittle	-	10	-
pd Do for a messenger with a letter from the Receivers to Mr Sample one of the Hospitals Bailiffs	-	2	-
pd Do what he gave Geo Tweddell for shewing the boundary claimed by the Callerton freeholders on Throckley Fell	-	6	-
pd Do for making a Wear at Whittle Burn	2	11	-
pd Do for repairing a breach made by the water joining the Hanging Baulks at Dilston	-	13	4
pd Do for repairing Widehaugh Wears	-	12	8
pd Mr Nick Thornton for repairing the thatch of houses on George Gibson's farm at Fourstones	-	4	8
pd Mr Jn Richardson for making a conduit at Alston Mill	6	19	6
pd Do for enlarging the Water House at Alston Mill & new roofing for the same also for fixing a Window & trough	13	-	-
pd Mr John Jobling for repairing Whittle Mill dam	1	-	10
pd Do for repairing Dilston Mill race	3	7	8
pd Mr Nick Thornton for carriage of materials for the new buildings at Land Ends West Farm	81	5	4
pd Do for Do at Mill Hills East farm	89	14	1
pd Do for Do at Allerwash	43	18	10
pd Mr John Jobling for 8 gate posts for Coastley Farm	-	12	-
pd Do for 18 Do for Highwood	1	7	0
pd Do for 6 Do for Whittle Farms & fixing the same	-	12	-
pd Do for hanging gates at Do	-	9	6
pd Do for building 1 rood of wall at Whittle & for 2 gate posts and fixing the same	-	9	4
pd Do for walling Gate Cheeks at Thornbrough	-	1	8
pd Do for cleaning quicks at Do	1	12	8
pd Do for dressing quicks at Whittle	2	10	2
pd Do for clipping do at do - 2 4	-	14	-
pd Do for cleaning quicks at Dilston	-	3	-
pd Do for 2 gate posts for Dilston New Town farm	-	3	-
pd Do for 2 do for Dilston Park South farm	-	3	-
pd Do for carriage of & lodging Hedge stakes in the Barn at Dilston	2	5	9
pd Do for materials for & making 79 gates for the Derwentwater Estate	28	15	6
pd Do for 2 pieces of Lead for fixing gate crooks in Do	2	-	-
pd Do for 173 gate posts got at Dilston for the use of the Derwentwater Estate	9	15	-
pd Mr Nick Thornton for cleaning Quicks in the Barony of Langley	1	10	11
pd Do for carriage of 13 gates from Dilston for farms in the Barony of Langley	-	4	4
pd Do for cutting & peeling wood in the Langley Barony	17	19	8
pd Do for carriage of & stacking oak bark in Do	1	11	2
pd Do for carriage of wood from several woods in Do to Howdenside for sale	1	10	8

pd Mr Jos. Farrer what he pd for gathering sycamore seed to plant in the Derwentwater Estate	-	3	-
pd Mr John Jobling for carriage of acorns & sycamore seed from Gateshead to whittle, Thornbrough	-	16	-
pd Do for gathering nuts to plant at Dilston	-	4	-
pd Do for gathering sycamore seed	-	5	3
pd Do for plowing ground for and planting acorns and sycamore seed at Dilston	3	7	-
pd Do for planting acorns, sycamore & horse chestnut seed at Thornbrough	1	6	-
pd Do for planting acorns & sycamore seed at Whittle	2	13	2
pd Do for weeding beech & dressing young trees at Do	-	3	6
pd Do for stubbing wood in Spences Bank at Dilston	-	17	6
pd Do for Do wood & quicks in Yew Tree Haugh at Do	-	8	6
pd Do for dragging Oak weedings out of the wood at Do	-	3	6
pd Do for chopping Oak bark at Do	2	5	-
pd Do for his trouble & expences valuing wood in Hexhamshire, Highwood, Newlands, Coastley and Langley Barony	2	2	-
pd Do for blasting & removing tree roots at Throckley	4	16	10
24 pd Mr Jos.h Riddell for acorns planted in the Derwentwater Estate	2	12	-
28 pd Messrs Donkin for blocks for several mills in the Derwentwater Estate	5	14	6
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Jany 4 pd Mr Josias Farrer for postage of letters last year on Account of Greenwich Hospital	4	6	7
13 pd Mr Wm Charnley stationer in full of his bill	12	3	2
22 pd Messrs Surtees Newcastle & Snowball for building House yard, & fold walls at Allerwash and for fixing a door case therein	13	17	8
pd Do for fire grates & fixing at Dilston Park	2	1	11
25 pd expences on acct of Reading over the drafts of Awards for the divisions of Lees & Fourstones Commons at a meeting in Hexham pursuant to advertisement of the Commissioners appointed to divide the said commons	-	18	5
Feb 11 pd Mr Wm Pattison for making packing boxes	-	4	2
	£637	16	6 3/4

Farnacres 13th April 1779

Errors excepted W & T

27 Apr 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 27th April 1779

Sir

On the 15th inst I wrote you respecting directions about the General letting of the Derwentwater Estate and I also wrote you the 23rd inst on the same Subject. I cannot omit again repeating the Wishes I have so often expressed on the occasion and to communicate to you my Sentiments concerning this Business which is so very essential to Greenwich Hospital. The receiving Directions here before the 12th of May is so exceedingly material that unless we do so Greenwich Hospital must be very greatly hurt; for if the Tenants now in possession are permitted to continue on the Farms after

the 12th of May they will of course hold for another year at the Old Rent, I mean the present Rent, and in such case all the Sums bid extra will be lost, and the biddings now made in consequence of the Advertisement totally lost; and if we should give notice to all the Tenants now in possession that they are to Quit the 12th of May and they should do so the whole of the Estates will then be unoccupied and in the Hospitals own Hands. For those reasons I most earnestly beg that you will send us directions by Express together with all the biddings as we cannot take a step without your Directions and the loss of every moment is now of the highest concern. I am for Mr Turner & Self

Sir Yours &c

N W Junr.

PS I send this by Express & request of you to be as expeditious as possible in letting me have a return in the same manner as it will be impossible for us to do the busyness in any way unless we hear from you immediately.

28 Apr 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 28th April 1779

My Dear Sir

I wrote you yesterday desiring full directions respecting the General Letting and beg leave to refer thereto but least any accident may have befallen the Letter of Yesterday which I sent by Express I now inclose you a duplicate. This afternoon I recd. yours by Express at Three o Clock and observe a report upon the biddings is expected and I presume it is proposed that those persons who appear on the report to be eligible shall be recommended to and their Proposals confirmed by a General Court. If that is to be insisted on I am clearly of Opinion that a great many of the biddings will assuredly be lost and indeed if we are not impowered to put those persons into possession on the 12th of May who appear to us to be elligible and where it appears necessary put those Tenants out who are now in possession there is no saying what may be the consequence. You have my real Sentiments when I say the above and you may depend on it I shall exert every Nerve in expediting the necessary enquiries but without we are impowered by immediate Express in return to this to do our best in putting those into possession who appears to be the most eligible the loss must beyond a doubt be very great to the Hospital. It is the more necessary that we should be Armed with discretionary powers immediately to prevent advantage being taken by the Tenants now in possession, who will of course hold their Farms another Year at the present Rent if not dispossessed or their Farms relett to them on the 12th May at advance Rents. I am

Dr Sr Yours &c

N W Junr.

30 Apr 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres the 30th April 1779

Dear Sir

Ever since I received yours w'th the Biddings, I have exerted myself to the utmost in getting an Account of the Proposers for the Farms, and am continuing to do so, and I have great Satisfaction in communicating to you, that I find things upon the whole to look much better than any of us had reason to expect, which it is not doubted will give you great pleasure. I am still however confident that it is necessary we sh'd. have powers given us to put the eligible Bidders into possession upon the 12th of May as without that there will be nothing but confusion & loss to Greenwich Hospital. You may depend upon receiving the Report upon the Biddings you have sent with all Expedition, but that will not be possible to be done so as to have a Return from you with the General Court Minutes before the 18th of May which shows the necessity of your sending us discretionary Powers as mentioned in my last. I am

Dr Sr Yours &c

N.W.Junr.

2 May 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres the 2d May 1779

Sir

Having exerted myself to the utmost of my power; I now take the very first opportunity of sending you a Report on the biddings for the Derwentwater Farms &c, to which I beg leave to refer, and you'll observe several of the Proposers have given up their Proposals, and I most earnestly request that you will, if you have not done so before this reaches your hands, arm us w'th powers to putt the eligible persons into possession upon the 12th of May Instant, for is that is not done there will most assuredly be a Loss of many more of the Proposers. I hope you have already sent us discretionary powers agreeable to what I wrote you, which will relieve me from a difficulty which Indeed I feel beyond expression, which is the Idea of being under a necessity of acting in this busyness without directions, which we certainly must if we do not receive them in time, or otherwise the Hospital will beyond doubt suffer very considerably. The report for Alston moor and Keswick shall be sent as Soon as possible. We shall be glad to hear from you & I am

Sir Yours &c N Walton Junr.

4 May 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To Jno. Ibbetson Esqr

Hexham 4th May 1779

Sir

Inclosed you receive a Report upon the biddings for Alston Moor and Keswick and as you will see that the far greatest part of the proposers in parcels at Alston are Men of bad Circumstances and Character and some have given up, we recommend the Board agreeing to the Proposal made by Cuthbert Fairlamb.

We are now upon the Receipt at Hexham and find as we expected many difficulties are daily arising respecting the new letting and which must be adjusted by the 12th of this Month and it will be impossible from the shortness of the time to state the particular matters to the Board and wait for their directions under these Circumstances therefore we beg they wo'd send us general powers enabling us to put such persons into possession as shall appear to us to be most eligible and to act in every other respect as we shall judge most conducive to the Hospitals Interest, but in case any accident should prevent our receiving directions by the 12th of this Month we shall find it absolutely necessary to act in the same manner as if we had received full powers and of which we beg you will inform the Board.

You will observe that Nicholas Temperley stands recommended for both Vauce and Loaningfoot Farm & Page Croft Farm but we advise that he sh'd only have Vauce and Loaningfoot Farm and that Matt'w Pigg the present Tenant of Page Croft should have Page Croft for which we understand he offered £48 - - p ann'm and is now willing to stand to that offer.

There is a School at Haydon Bridge to which a very fine Endowment belongs and the Trustees having no ground near it are desirous to take the Esphill Farm which lyes almost contiguous to the School and the Revd Mr Laidman one of the Trustees having this day delivered a Proposal for the Farm at £70 - - p annum we beg leave to recommend its being agreed to as a thing likely to produce a general good not only to the whole Barony of Langley but to the neighbourhood.

We are Sir Yours &c

N W Junr J.C.T

7 May 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 7th May 1779

Sir

We yesterday received the agreeable favour of your Letter of the 4th by Express and shall certainly be proceeding in doing every thing in the best way the time will admit of, but as the first and 2nd Proposers for Whittle East Farm, Lands Ends East Farm - Meldon Park North Farm and Meldon East Farm have given up their Proposals we

must beg you will send us without losing a moment the next best Proposers and Proposals for these Four Farms as we think with you when the first Proposers give up the next in succession to whom there does not appear any objection as to Character and Circumstances should be accepted. We must also beg to receive along with the above the Proposals which you have received for the Whorters part of Allerwash which it is intended shall be let for Three Years and after that to go along with the Lands at Fourstones to which they adjoin. The fatigue of this busyness is so very great that it is scarcely to be born we shall notwithstanding do everything in our power to get thro' it and we are with great regard

Sir Your faithfull & most obed't Serv'ts
N W Jun'r J.C.T.

16 May 1779 Peter Mulcaster to Nicholas Walton

[Note: sent on to Greenwich by Walton with his letter of 22nd May]

(Copy of Mr Mulcaster's Letter to Messrs Walton & Turner)

Langley Mill 16th May 1779

Gentlemen

I am exceedingly Sorry to have you to acquaint that an accident has happened here this Morning which might have been a very sad one, and as it is, bad enough. The Cynders in the Room where they are kept had took fire in the Night, and when Forsters People arose this Morning they found them all in a Blaze. Mr Walton will remember the Cynder Room was an upper one, a Coal Room under it, and before it was discovered the Floor was fallen in and Cynders and Coals all laid together, we however by taking a great run of Water out of the Dam and forcing it into the Coal House, and also heaving it in at every Door soon got the Fire out with no other Damage than the loss of the Floor of the Cynder Room, but that is entirely consumed Joists and all, but I think myself happy it is no worse, for both the office and Forsters House were in the greatest Jeopardy, the Joist upon which the Principles stand had took fire in two places but are no Worse the Gavel between it and Forsters was so hot through as to set the Deal Ends a Frying but were not actually on Fire, all the Damage we have done in getting the Fire Extinguished is Two or Three Slates taken off to pour water in at, and which I now see might as well have been let alone, the Coals and Cynders to be sure are somewhat damaged by having the water running through them, and by their being partly mixt, but I hope tomorrow to get them put into tolerable order again.

The occasion of the Fire to be sure has been this, Browns People were leading Cynders yesterday they brought us in three Fodders, I stood by them and saw two of the Fodders put in myself and did not observe the least sign of Fire in them, the other Fodder I did not see put unto the House. Browns Son and Thomas Temperley say they were as Cold that they Loaded them with their bare Hands yet notwithstanding all this,

there has undoubtedly been some hidden Spark of Fire amongst them, and they may have been on Fire before I left the Mill last night, or before Forster and Wife went to bed but Cynders make no Smoak and therefore not easily discovered. I shall do nothing about repairing the House (only getting an Inner Lintle to one of the Doors put in which is burnt out) and indeed it will be my advice never to put a Floor there again, for now I see it is exceedingly unsafe to put Cynders into a House that has a Boarded Floor; they are better being kept in a House, tho' at most other Mills they lye at the Door and I believe we must keep ours there too, for I never dare Venture again having any in a House adjoining to any other Building, I tremble yet to think what danger there was of both the Office and Forsters House being burnt, and if them perhaps the whole of the Mill, indeed I believe half an Hours later discovery would have made us had great difficulty in saving them I can blame myself for nothing about it, but that I lay in bed an Hour later than I commonly do on a Sunday Morning. I have seldom since the Bellows were cut missed being at the Mill as soon as it is light on a Sunday Morning and to day I was out of Bed about half past Four, but finding myself somewhat out of order unluckily laid down again, and was not up at Six when Forster came running naked and almost distracted to alarm us. I am your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Peter Mulcaster

18 May 1779 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edwd Boxley

Farnacres 18th May 1779

Sir

You receive herein Bell and Companys Bill on Castell & Company for Two Thousand Pounds on Account of the Rents & Profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the Rece't. of by return of the Post and we are

Sir Yours &c W & T

£2000 Newcastle Bank 18th May 1779

Forty days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs Walton & Turner Two Thousand Pounds Value received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint Jno Widdrington

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell London

No. 10550

22 May 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esqr .

Farnacres 22d May 1779

Sir

We inclose you herewith an Account shewing the Names of the several Farms &c in the Derwentwater Estate lately Advertised together with the Names of the Persons who it will be proper to confirm Tenants and for what Term and the Rent p Annum at which each Tenant will stand upon the new Letting: and we have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Tenants are all in Quiet Possession except Mr Bullock the Tenant of Midford Tythes and Glebe who tho' in possession of the Hospitals part of the Glebe (which was many years ago divided one Moiety Quantity and Quality being held in Severalty by the Derwentwater Family or their Tenants and the other Moiety Quantity and Quality considered being held in Severalty by Sir Benjamin Rawling or his Tenants) he is disturbed by the Tenant of the Moiety of thos Tythes and Glebe which belong to Sir Benjamin Rawlings Repres's who denies any such Division having taken place and puts his Cattle upon the Hospitals part of the Glebe declaring that the whole Glebe shall be enjoyed in Common. We are endeavouring to make ourselves Master of the Evidence relative to this Division which as soon as it can be collected we will send to the Board and in the mean time, as the maintaining the possession on the part of the Hospital will be material we have given directions to have the Cattle Impounded in Case the Tenant of Sir Benjamin Represent's should again put his Cattle upon the Hospitals part of the Glebe. It is certain that it would be an advantage to Greenwich Hospital to establish the Division as the Hospitals part is of considerable more value than the other part owing to a Flood having changed the Course of the River and not only damaged a considerable Quantity of Ground but detached apart about 5 1/2 Acres which have been taken possession of by Mr. Midford Owner of the adjoining Estate so that the Tenant of Sir Benjamins Representatives wants to have Greenwich Hospital to join in the Expence of compelling Mr Midford to give up possession of the detached parcel of Ground and on this Account principaly is desirous to set aside the Divisions.

Some difficulties having arose in the Letting of the Keswick and Wanthwate Mills and Scremerston Mill we cannot at present make any report respecting them but shall we hope be enabled to do that in a few days.

We have the utmost pleasure in acquainting the Board that the Revenue of Greenwich Hospital will be increased upwards of £4000 p Annum by the new Letting and that the Arrangement which has necessarily taken place upon it has been attended with much less inconvenience than we could possibly have imagined for we had the greatest reason to expect that several of the Tenants would have held over and not parted with the Possession of their Farms without putting the Hospital to the expence of Ejectments the Issue of which might have been doubtfull and therefore we have most anxiously attended to this and flatter our selves the New Letting will not occasion the least alteration except what is above mentioned respecting Midford Glebe.

In going thro' the whole of this busyness we have great satisfaction in saying that we have been assisted by the several Bailiffs upon the Estate in the most active and spirited manner and indeed all of them have by their Conduct deserved the Hospitals utmost encouragement but especialy Mr Thornton Mr Jobling and Mr Bell.

It will be necessary to make additional Conveniences and Repairs upon several of the Farms as now laid out for which we shall send Estimates with the Utmost dispatch and as some of the Buildings will be immediately wanted we shall be proceeding with such without loss of time which we doubt not will meet with the Boards approbation. We are

Sir Yrs &c

N W J'r J.C.T.

P.S. We have an Account from Mr Mulcaster that a Fire Broke out at Langley Mill on Sunday Morning last and as we cannot give a more distinct detail than Mr Mulcaster himself has done we take the liberty of inclosing you his Letter We are very happy the Loss has proved so trifling for we cannot Estimate it at more than about Six Pounds. We have on this occasion found the having of a Cottage at the Mill of great use as in all probability the whole might have been burnt down if Forster who lives in the Cottage had not discovered the Fire when he did.

10 Jun 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esqr .

Farnacres 10th June 1779

Sir

You receive herein our Cash Account for the month of April upon which there is a Balance of £904:14:5 ½ in favor of Greenwich Hospital and we have since remitted £2000 in discharge thereof and in part of our Rece'ts in the Month of May with which be pleased to acquaint the Board.

The new Tenants have several of them been very pressing upon us for Repairs and additional Conveniencies and it is so absolutely necessary to proceed upon several, indeed a considerable part, this Season that not having it in our power to get the Boards directions in time without losing the opportunity of doing the Work in proper time we must beg to be indulged by setting forward those Buildings and repairs which cannot be deferred without distressing or causing real inconvenience to the Tenants and we shall as soon as we possibly can send Estimates and an Account of our Transactions herein.

As most of the Tenants will have occasion to take up fresh Ground and as in some cases that have already arose and in several others which we see will arise the giving leave this Season cannot be avoided without injuring the Hospital as well as the Tenants we shall be indispensably obliged to grant Licences; and the Board may be assured of our utmost care on every application. We have given full directions to the

Bailiffs to be attentive to the Hospitals Interest on this occasion and have every reason to think that the several Estates will not in the least suffer but be improved by granting licences to take up such parcels of Ground as have either been too long in Grass or which may want improvement which cannot be made without their being Plowed. We are

Sir Yours &c
NW Junr J.C.T.

PS. You'll be pleased to acquaint the Board that we have Let the following Mills for One Year to commence from the 12th Ulto

Keswick to Jos. Crosthwaite at £29 - -
Wanthwaite to Do. at 11 - -
Scremerston to George Smith at 25 - -

1 Jul 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esqr .

Farnacres 1st July 1779

Sir

You will by this Weeks Carrier receive our General Account Rentals and Vouchers for one year ending the 21 of Nov'r last which you will be so good as to lay before the Board and we inclose our Cash Account for the Month of May upon which there is a balance of £1264:4:9 in favour of Greenwich Hospital.

The Commissioners of the Turnpike Road intended to be made on the South Side of the River Tyne and to which the Hospital sometime since subscribed £100.- have several times applied to us for an Augmentation of their Subscription as the Money originally subscribed has been laid out and the Road is far from being compleated. The rest of the Subscribers have been applied to for the same purpose and some of them have agreed to advance a further Sum, but others have not as yet consented to do so. The sum of Money necessary to compleat this Road has not been ascertained and therefore we cannot acquaint the Board with the additional Sum that will be expected from the Hospital in proportion to their Original Subscription but should be glad to receive the Boards directions to Subscribe such further Sum as we shall see necessary not exceeding one half of the Original Subscription as the Reasons which induced the recomm[en]ding the Original Subscription hold good with respect to any additional one.

We are Sir Your most obed't Serv'ts
NW Jun'r J.C.T.

2 Jul 1779 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edwd Boxley

Farnacres 2nd July 1779

Sir

You receive herewith Bell and Companys Bill for Five Hundred Pounds on Account of the Rents & Profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the Receipt of by return of the Post. We are

Sir Yours &c W & T

£500 Newcastle Bank 2nd July 1779 Forty days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs Walton & Turner Five Hundred Pounds. Value received For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self Jos: Saint
To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell London
No. 10929

10 Jul 1779 Robert Lisle to Nicholas Walton

[Note: these papers are referred to in the letter from Walton to Ibbetson of 25th July]

Copy of Mr Lisle's Letter to Messrs Walton & Turner

Gentlemen

I shall be much obliged to you if you will be pleased to take the first opportunity of communicating the Contents of the inclosed to the Honourable the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital in such manner as you may see proper, and as soon as you know their pleasure, to signify the same to me that I may acquaint the Trustees of Elsdon Turnpike Road therewith at their next Meeting or as soon afterwards as you can conveniently enable me to do it. I am

Sir Your most H'ble Serv't

Robert Lisle Junr

Morpeth 10th July 1779

The Trustees of the Turnpike Road leading from a Well Inhabited part of this County towards the West and opening a Communication with North Britain from that part of it called Elsdon high Cross to this Town and on that Account it is called the Elsdon Road which was formed and repaired about 26 years ago in pursuance of an Act of Parliament made for that purpose having fully enquired into the use that Road was of and the state of it in all respects and finding that it was of great public utility and of particular benefit to this Town resolved to apply for a Renewal of the first Act made for the repairing of it before the end of the time allowed for that purpose altho' it

appeared that the Road was not only greatly in Debt but very little Interest paid for the Sums which had been borrowed upon the Credit of the Tolls and that a great Expence would attend such Renewal which was about a year ago applied for and obtained and the Charge attending the same may be gotten by the Tolls of the Road, but to have a safe and convenient Road it will be necessary to divert and change that part of the Line and direction of it from this Town to Mitford Bridge not only on account of the present Roads crossing the River Wansbeck two times in that part of the Road which renders the Passage at all times very disagreeable and dangerous and frequently impassible, but by the washing away the Bank between the River and Road by frequent floods a part of the Road there is now at all times very dangerous and will soon become impassible, and that a Fund to discharge the necessary Expence thereof cannot be raised upon or by the Tolls of the Road or otherwise than by Subscription. Therefore the Trustees came to a Resolution to represent these Particulars to these who appeared to be the most interested and benefited by having a commodious safe and fit Road for Travellers and set on foot and promote a Subscription for the raising a sufficient Fund to answer the Expence that will attend the same and their Clerk was by them directed in the first place to write to Lord Carlisle and attend the Bailiffs of Morpeth to acquaint them with these particulars and also the Estimate of the Charge that will attend the necessary Alteration and Change of the Direction of the Road which by skilfull Judges amounted in the whole to £310.10s.0d and his Lordship has in consequence thereof by his Agent or Steward residing near Morpeth, who after enquiring into the truth of all Particulars subscribed £50 and the Bailiffs £20 upon which the Trustees at their last meeting directed their said Clerk to attend or represent these particulars to all persons who have Estates & Property bounding upon or lying near this Road so as to receive a Benefit from it and to request that they will be so good as to take the same into consideration and be pleased to subscribe or order a Subscription to be made on their Account as they may respectively think proper, to answer and promote so good a purpose and amongst the rest to the Honourable the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital and as that is the reason of transmitting this to Messrs Walton & Turner their Agents &c it is hoped they will not only take the trouble of it but signify it or cause it to be signified to the said Clerk the pleasure of their Honours respecting this public good Work. The next Meeting is appointed to be held at Morpeth on the 12th of August next and it is hoped before then that a handsome Subscription will appear.

Morpeth 12th July 1779.

24 Jul 1779 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edwd Boxley

Farnacres 24th July 1779

Sir

You receive herewith Bell & Companys Bill on Castell and Company for One Thousand Pounds on Account of the Rents & Profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the Rece't of by return of the Post and we are

Yours &c W & T

£1000 Newcastle Bank 24 July 1779 Forty days after Date pay to the Order of Messrs Walton & Turner One Thousand Pounds Value received For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint Jno Widdrington

To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell London

No. 11101

25 Jul 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

[Note: the letter and enclosure referred to are from Lisle to Walton on 10th July]

To John Ibbetson Esqr .

Farnacres 25th July 1779

Sir

You receive herein Invoices, Bills of Lading, and Charter Parties for Two Loadings of Coals and Lead sent for the use of Greenwich Hospital as below.

We have lately been applied to for a Subscription from Greenwich Hospital towards working a New Road leading from the Town of Morpeth to Midford Bridge as will appear by the inclosed Papers received from Mr Lisle Clerk to the Elsdon Turnpike of which the proposed Road will become a part; and as on Enquiry we find the facts are truly Stated and that the proposed Alteration will be a real benefit & Convenience to the Hospitals Tenants at Midford Meldon Needless Hall, Hartburn Grainge and Whitlees and Leehouses we beg leave to recommend that the Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital Subscribe Fifty Pounds towards the carrying this project into execution and are Sir

Your most Obed't Serv'ts

W & T

Coals and Lead sent on Board the following Ships

The Ravensworth 92 Chalders of Coals Newcastle Measure 230 ps lead

The Unicorn	103 Do	300 do
	195	530

Weight of Lead 40tons 3qtr 21pounds

Newcastle 24 July 1779

Invoice of 92 Chalders of Main Team Coals Shipped on Board of the Ravensworth William Richardson Master for the use of Greenwich Hospital.

92 Chalders of Coals at 15s	£69 - -
Charges	

Duke of Richmonds Duty at 12d p Chalder	£4 12 -	
Tickett	- - 6	
Towns dues at 5d p Chalder	1 18 4	
Charter Party & Bills of Lading	- 4 2	
12 Keel dues at 13s/4d	8 - -	14 15 -
	£83 15 -	

Insurance on £83.10 at 2 1/2 Guineas pc	£2 3 9 1/2	
Policy	- 4 -	£2 7 9 1/2
		£86 2 9 1/2

Newcastle 24 July 1779

Invoice of 230 Pieces of Refined Lead Weight 347cwt – 3st – 21lb Shipped on Board the Ravensworth William Richardson Master for the use of Greenwich Hospital.

230 Pieces of Refined Lead L Weight	£207 2 1 1/4
16 fdr 11 cwt 3st 21lb at £12 – 10	
Charges	
Keel Dues	£- 15 8
Sufference & Cockett	- 4 -
Towns dues	- 7 -
Piling	- - 7
Charter Party & Bills of Lading	- 4 2
	£1 11 5
Insurance on £208.10 at 2 1/2 Guineas pc	£5 9 5 1/2
Policy	- 4 -
	£5 13 5 1/2
	£214 6 11 3/4

Newcastle 24 July 1779

Invoice of 103 Chalders of Main Team Coals Shipped on Board of the Unicorn Francis Hurry Master for the use of Greenwich Hospital.

103 Chalders of Coals at 15s	£77 5 -
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Charges	
Duke of Richmonds Duty at 12d p Chalder	£5 3 -

Tickett	- - 6	
Towns dues at 5d p Chalder	2 2 11	
Charter Party & Bills of Lading	- 4 2	
12 Keel dues at 13s/4d	8 13 4	16 3 11
		£93 8 11
Insurance on £93 at 2 1/2 Guineas pc	£2 9 10	
Policy	- 4 -	£2 13 10
		£96 2 9

Newcastle 24 July 1779

Invoice of 300 Pieces of Refined Lead Weight 453 cwt Shipped on Board the Unicorn Francis Hurry Master for the use of Greenwich Hospital.

300 Pieces of Refined Lead L Weight		
21 fdr 12 cwt at £12 – 10		£269 12 10 1/4
Charges		
Keel Dues	£- 15 8	
Sufference & Cockett	- 4 -	
Towns dues	- 9 -	
Piling	- - 9	
Charter Party & Bills of Lading	- 4 2	£1 13 7
Insurance on £271 at 2 1/2 Guineas pc	£7 1 3	
Policy	- 4 -	£7 5 3
		£278 11 8 1/4

6 Aug 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 6th August 1779

Sir

You receive herein a Charter Party Bill of Lading and Invoice for 144 Chalders of Coals sent on Board of the Nightingale Hilton Tinker Master, for Greenwich Hospital. We shall be glad to hear the two Loadings sent on Board of the Ravensworth and Unicorn are safe arrived and are Sir

Your &c W.& T.

PS. You receive inclosed Three Proposals for Lead Mines

Newcastle Aug'st 5th 1779

Invoice of 144 Chalders of Main Team Coals Shipped on Board of the Nightingale
Hilton Tinker Master for the use of Greenwich Hospital

144 Chalders of Coals at 15s		£108 - -
Charges		
Duke of Richmonds Duty at 12d p Chalder	£7 4 -	
Tickett	- - 6	
Towns dues at 5d p Chalder	3 - -	
Charter Party & Bills of Lading	- 8 4	
12 Keel dues at 13s/4d	12 - -	22 12 10
		£130 12 10
Insurance on £130 at 2 1/2 Guineas pc	£3 8 3	
Policy	- 8 -	£3 16 10
		£134 9 1

13 Aug 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To Jno Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 13th Aug'st 1779

Sir

On the 22nd of May we acquainted the Board that that it would be necessary to make additional conveniences and repairs upon several of the Farms as now laid out in the Derwentwater Estate for which we would send Estimates with the utmost dispatch and as some of the Buildings would be immediately wanted we should be proceeding with such without loss of time. We now inclose you Estimates for such Buildings, Repairs &c as it will be necessary to get done this Season amounting in the whole to £2305:13:8 which you are desired to lay before the Board and you will be pleased to acquaint the Directors that the Season being so far advanced before the Letting of the Farms and fixing the Tenants we have found ourselves under an unavoidable necessity to proceed with the Principal parts of those Works and that we shall hope to receive the Boards direction to compleat the whole with all Expedition being satisfied that the several conveniences &c as set forth in the Estimates are proper and that the Tenants are well entitled thereto from their biddings.

Matthew Pigg the Hospitals Tenant of Page Croft Farm having purchased an Estate called Hugh House alias High House Freehold together with two undivided third parts of the Stone House at the East End of the Mansion of Hugh House with a Garth called the Foregarth lying on the South Side of the said Hugh House, we made immediate application to him to let Greenwich Hospital have the Purchased premises to which he has been so obliging as agree and only expects the same Money they cost him, but hopes the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital will give him something for the

trouble he has had in making the Purchase which we think should not be less than Ten Guineas. The Estate is reckoned worth about £23 p annum and the Purchase Money is £661:1 By looking into the Plan of High Lipwood, Rattenraw &c you'll see the Parcels are most of them situated in the very heart of the Hospitals Estate at Rattenraw and of course the Purchase is a valuable acquisition to Greenwich Hospital and the more so as the Term for which the High House Freehold is let is the same as Rattenraw both expiring the 12 May 1782 which will give an opportunity of laying out the Lands in the most convenient manner on a letting to take place at that time and it is certain there is no part of the Derwentwater Estate more requires new laying out and fencing than Rattenraw by far the greatest part (though the whole is the property of Greenwich Hospital) being now occupied in the same manner as if it belonged to Twenty different Proprietors. We are

Sir Yours &c

N.W.Junr J.C.T

PS. Mr Fawcett has been consulted upon the Title to the High House Estate and approves thereof

Farnaces May June & July 1779

Computations of the Expences of Several Buildings Alterations and Repairs of Housing &c in the Derwentwater Estate on Account of the new Letting of the Several Farms herein mentioned as follows

At Dilston Park North Farm Mich'l Brown tenant

Unroofing and Raising the Walls of the two

Cottages to the Height of 17 feet and

Building a Toofall the whole length for a dairy and Back Kitchen; the Building which

is 36 feet long to be Slated £76 12 1

Bldg a Cottage 18 by 15 inside & 9 ft high 22 - 4

Bldg a Stable 24 by 15 inside & 13 ft high 28 16 7

Bldg a Byer 21 by 15 inside & 9 ft high 21 - 9

All to be covered with Slate £148 8 9

At Dilston Park South Farm Thos Brown Ten't

Bldg a Cottage 18 by 15 inside & 9 ft high with slate over 23 7 5

At Dilston Hogarths Farm Wm Knoll Ten't

Rebuilding the Smith Shop and Back Kitchen the

Same being Quite ruinous, the size of the Shop

to be 27 by 15 inside and 9 ft high and the Back

Kitchen Walls to be raised to the same height the

Whole to be covered with Tyles 36 11 11

At Thornbrough North Farm Mich'l Davison Ten't

Building a Dairy 18 by 9 inside & 9 ft high

With Slate Cover, there being no Dairy to

the pres't House 19 12 6

Putting up a Chimney and Ceiling and Repairing

the House 7 7 - 26 19 6

At Thornborough East Farm Paul Hall Tenant
Un-roofing the present dwelling house and
Raising The Walls to the height of 17 feet
& Building a Toofall the whole length for
a Dairy and Back Kitchen and also Building
a Porch in the front Of The House and the
whole to be new Roofed, covered with Slate £66 6 11
Bldg a Byer 21 by 15, 9 ft high, slate cover 22 4 6
A New Door and Case to and altering and
Repairing a Stable 5 9 1 94 - 6

At Thornbrough High Barns Farm Jno Davison Ten't
Un-roofing the Present Dwelling House & Raising the
Walls to the Height of 17 feet, building a Toofall
the whole length for a Dairy and Back Kitchen,
and new Roofing and Covering with Slate £101 15 5
Building a Stable 24 by 15 inside and 10
feet high with a Slate Cover. 27 18 8
Building a Byer 21 by 15 & 10 ft high with Do 22 2 6
Building a Cottage 13 by 15 inside and 11
feet high wth Do 22 16 6 £174 13 1

At Whittle Mill John Turnbull Tenant
Building a Stable and Byer with two Rooms above
And a Toofall for a Dairy and Back Kitchen the
whole length of the Building which is to
be 31 by 20 outside and 17 feet high with
a Slate Cover £75 9 -
One Grey Millstone including Carriage 7 17 6
A Pair of Blue Millstones 20 - -
Repairing the Mill Dam 6 3 - £109 9 6

At Whittle East Farm Wm Forster Tenant
Unroofing the Present Dairy and New Roofing
Slating Ceiling and Repairing the same. 9 11 6

At Wooley Farm William Cook Tenant
Unroofing the Stable and putting on a New Roof with
Slate and Tyle as also some Small repairs of other Housing 16 3 11

At Newlands North Farm Jno Wilkinson & Hen. Oxley Ten'ts
Building a Barn 24 by 15 inside & 13 feet
high with Slate Cover £28 5 -
Building a Byer 21 by 15, 9 ft high with D'o 23 16 5 £52 1 5

At Newlands Mill Stephen Thompson Tenant
One Grey Millstone including Carriage £6 - -
One Pair of Blue Millstones 20 - - £26 - -

At Rawgreen West Farm Thomas Askew Ten't
Building a Stable 24 by 15 inside & 13 feet
High with a Slate Cover £29 15 -
Repairs of Housing 2 3 6 £31 18 6

At Westwood Farm George Gibson Tenant
Unroofing new Slating and Repairing two Byers and a
Cottage the whole 70 feet Long and raising the Byer
Walls One Foot 33 14 -

At Longhope Farm Anthony Smith Tenant

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Building a House 36 by 15 inside and 17 feet high with a Toofall the whole length for a dairy and Back Kitchen and also Building a Fold Wall. The House and Toofall to be Covered with Slate & including an Oven.	£122	10	2		
Altering the Old House into a Stable and Fixing Stalls Racks and Mangers	9	5	2		
Altering the Old Stable into a Byer	6	11	4		
Laying Barn Floor with Flags and a pair of Barn Boards as also for repairing a Cottage	3	6	4		
Thatching Old Housing	15	3	-	£156	16 -
At Highwood Highside Farm Wm Pattinson Tenant Building a House 36 by 15 inside and 17 feet high with a Toofall the whole length for a dairy and Back Kitchen with a Slate cover and including an Oven.	£115	13	10		
Unroofing and New Roofing the present Byer and Stable and making good and raising the Walls to 9 feet high as also for Building a new Gabel and for fixing Stalls Racks and Mangers in the Stable and Ravel Trees Stakes &c in the Byer the Whole to be Covered with Slate.	35	9	8	£151	3 6
At Whitley Mill John Burnhope Tenant A Pair of Blue Millstones				20	- -
At Alston Mill Cuth Fairlamb Tenant A Pair of Grey Millstones including Carriage	£15	-	-		
A Pair of Blue Millstones	20	-	-	£35	- -
At Fourstones Gibsons Farm Jno Hutchinson & Richd Hepple Ten'ts Building a House (in lieu of Two Old Ones Become quite ruinous) 36 by 15 inside and 17 ft high with a Toofall the whole length for a dairy and Back Kitchen with Slate Cover and including an Oven	£115	7	3		
Building a Barn 24 by 15 inside and 13 feet high with a Slate Cover.	29	11	1	£144	18 4
At Allerwash Redhouse Farm Gab'l Wren Tenant Building a Barn 24 by 15 inside and 13 feet high with a Slate Cover.	£29	11	1		
Unroofing and New Roofing with Slate, and Ceiling the Dairy and Flagging the Kitchen	6	-	6	£35	11 7
At Altonside Farm Geo. Glenwright Ten't Building a Stable 26 by 15 inside & 10 feet High with Slate Cover	£31	9	10		
Unroofing the Present House and Byer & New Slating the same and Adding the Byer to the House	21	19	9 1/2		
Altering the present Cottage into a Byer	4	-	6	£57	10 1 1/2
At Page Croft Farm Matt'w Pigg Tenant Building a Byer 21 by 15 and 9 ft high				23	12 1
At Tofts Farm Thomas Fall Tenant Building a House 36 by 15 inside and 17 feet High with a Toofall the whole length for a					

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dairy and Back Kitchen with Slate Cover & includ'g an Oven	£115	7	3		
Altering the present Stable and adding it to the Barn	5	17	8		
Altering the Old House into a Stable	5	15	4		
Taking out Joists of and Altering & Repairing the Byer	-	19	6		
Building a Helm 36 by 13 inside & 9 feet high with Slate Cover	28	15	11	£156	15 8

At Esphill Farm The Revd Mr Wm Laidman Ten't					
Building a Byer 21 by 15 inside and 9 ft high with a Slate Cover	£23	12	1		
Building a Stable 24 by 15 inside & 13 feet high with a Slate Cover	31	9	10	£55	1 11

At Whitlees & Leehouses Farm Geo. Kilpatrick Ten't					
Building a Dairy 11 by 8 inside and 7 feet high with a Slate Cover	£14	8	6		

NOTE Messrs Walton and Smeaton sent an Estimate for a Dairy for this Farm in July 1776, along with other Estimates for Repairs and the Board by Minute of 24th July 1776 ordered the Dairy to be built but Messrs Walton and Smeaton having been disappointed in getting the Building made in 1776 thought it would be proper to deferr it til the General Letting which was done accordingly.

Building a Stable 15 by 15 inside & 9 feet high wth a Slate Cover	16	7	2	£30	15 8
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At Hartburn Grainge Moor Farm Mattw Spearman Ten't					
Building a Back Kitchen 12 by 6 inside & 7 1/2 ft high with a Slate Cover	£11	14	-		
Repairing Housing & a pair of New Barn Boards	9	11	10	£21	5 10

At Needleshall South Farm Geo. Robinson Ten't					
Unroofing & Raising the Walls of the Old Dwelling House to the height of 17 feet and New Roofing Slating and altering the same	£85	3	4		
Building a Toofall for a Dairy 27 by 8 inside & 6 feet high with a Slate Cover	26	6	-		
Altering a Stable into a Back Kitchen 22 1/2 By 16 inside with a Floor above and Stripping and New Tyling the Roof	18	17	5		
Altering a Byer into two Cottages and One Single Byer	8	17	9		
Building a New Byer 21 by 15 inside and 9 feet high and Covering the same with Slate	22	2	8		
Building a Barn 30 by 15 inside and 13 feet high and Covering the same with Slate	35	1	1		
Building a Helm 60 by 13 inside and 9 feet high and Covering the same with Slate	51	9	8	£247	17 11

At Meldon West Farm John Douglass Tenant					
Building Two Cottages each 18 by 15 inside & 9 feet high with Slate Cover				37	9 -

At Scremerston Southside Farm Robt Romer Esqr Tenant					
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Unroofing and raising the Walls of the Kitchen
Wing and making Chambers over the same as also
for taking down the Old Staircase and putting
up a New One and New Tyling and laying Old
Tyles upon the Roof and Toofall £81 16 10
Laying a Deal Floor in the Parlour 6 11 -
Stoothing and Plastering the North Wall of the
four Front Rooms 4 10 - £92 17 10

At Scremerston Inland Pasture Rob't Ancrum Ten't
Building a House 36 by 15 inside and 17 feet high
with a Toofall the whole length for a Dairy and
Back Kitchen with a Tyle Roof £131 14 7 1/2
NOTE The present house is to be altered into
three Cottages, which are wanted and Mr Ancrum
is to do this at his Own Expençe
Building a Barn 31 1/2 by 15 inside and 11 feet
high with Tyle Cover 22 11 7 1/2
Building a Helm 33 1/2 by 12 inside and 9 feet
high with Tyle Cover 14 9 6 £168 15 9

At Scremerston Borewell Farm Thos Scott Ten't
Building a Stable 30 by 16 inside and 9 feet
high with Tyle Cover £28 8 - 1/2
Building a Helm 26 by 12 inside and 9 feet
high with Tyle Cover 12 15 10 £41 3 10 1/2

At the Fisheries on the Sea Coast Geo. Friskin Ten't
Building Two Fishers Huts or Shields at Cockley Burn
and Pan Cheek Fisheries each 22 feet long by 15
wide inside and 9 feet high with Tile Cover 45 18 7
Total £2305 13 8

Farnacres 13th August 1779

N W Junr J.C.T

14 Aug 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

[Note: Mine accounts not copied into the volume]

To Jno Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 14th August 1779

Sir

Inclosed you receive the Accounts of Mines working and unworked in the Manor of Alston Moor for Nine Months ending at Lady Day last; and also our Cash Account for the Month of June on which there is a Balance of £1158:17:8 ½ in favor of Greenwich Hospital. We are

Sir Yours &c

W & T

27 Aug 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To Jno Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 27th August 1779

Sir

Our Engagements on Account of the General Letting, Divisions of Commons &c have prevented our sooner sending you the inclosed Advertisement for Letting several Farms &c in the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to get inserted in the Gazette the very first opportunity for as the year is so much advanced no time is to be lost. You'll observe that Newlands Park Farm, which is Lett to Thomas and George Rennison, under the Advertisement for the General Letting for the Term of Nine Years, is one of the Farms included in the Advertisement now sent, they having refused to execute the Heads for a Lease of that Farm declaring they are not able to pay the Rent. Indeed it is believed the Rent is too high; and as on a more particular Enquiry than there was time to make before putting them into possession the 12th of May last, there is reason to think them not sufficient as to ability the sooner the Hospital is clear of them the better

John Green the Person to whom, along with John Summerbell, Fairle Farm is Granted for Nine Years, having desired to give up his Moiety of the Farm to John Summerbell upon the 12th of May next, you will be pleased to acquaint the Board that there does not appear any objection to John Summerbell having the whole Farm.

The Lessees of Scremerston Limestone Quarries and Kilns having agreed to assign their Interest in the Limestone Quarries and Kilns at Salt Pan How at Scremerston together with their Appurtenances to Messrs Robert Ancrum and George Smith who are good Men as to Character and Circumstances it is recommended that the Commissioners and Governors of Greenwich Hospital agree thereto

Messrs Walton and Smeaton in their Letter of 20th November 1777, to which we beg leave to refer, fully Stated an application which they had made to them by Messrs Boreham and Douglas respecting a Parcel of Land called Link Close which it was recommended might be granted to them at the Expiration of Mr Romers Lease 12th May 1779 as being a necessary convenience to the carrying on the Salt Pan How Quarry, the Rent to be fixed by two indifferent Persons and the Term to be the same as they had in the Limestone Quarries and Kilns and this parcel of Ground together with a Cottage and two Garths at Scremerston has accordingly been applied to that purpose and the Valuation put thereon is £25.- p annum including the Cottage and Garths. Mr Smith who has been in possession of Scremerston Mill and Ground for a few years past and is non Tenant thereof for One Year at the Rent of £25.- is desirous to continue the Mill and Ground the Situation being very convenient for his attendance upon the Limestone Quarries and Kilns at Salt Pan How. He therefore has made application to take a Lease of the Mill and Ground for the same Term he and Mr Ancrum are to have in those Quarries and Kilns being 8 1/2 Years from the 12th of May next, and he offers the annual Rent of £30. Having the pleasure to see the Salt Pan How Lime Trade increasing by the Great care and assiduity of the Tenants, it certainly will be proper for

the Hospital to give Encouragement to the establishing of it by Granting Mr Smith a Lease on the Terms above mentioned for tho' he does not offer so much as was bid for Scremerston Mill and Ground by Mr House and John Foreman yet £30.- p annum is a fair Rent, and it is to be observed that Mr House whose bidding was £40 p annum gave up his Proposal and John Foreman who bid £36.- p annum was not in circumstances and only offered a Common Labourer as Surety which was the occasion of our Letting the Mill to Mr Smith for a single Year at £25.-.-

The Corbridge Division it is expected will be finally compleated on the 13th of next Month but as it will not be proper for the Hospital to Advertise the Letting of the Allotment of Common 'til the necessary Buildings and Fencing are in some forwardness, the Advertising must of course be deferred 'til that time. A considerable progress has been made with the external Fencing and no time shall be lost in proceeding with the internal so as to have the whole prepared for Letting against another year and in the mean time we will get Estimates made for the necessary Buildings for those Allotments. As soon after the Award is executed for Corbridge Division as possible we will send you a Copy thereof as also of the Plans of the Division.

We inclose you Six Lead Mining Proposals which you are desired to lay before the Board and are

Sir Yours &c
W & T

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich
11 September 1779

The Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich in the County of Kent hereby give Notice That at Salters Hall in London on Wednesday the 15th Day of March next, or as soon after as may be, the following Estates will be let on Lease to commence upon the 12th Day of May One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty - That is to East Deanraw Farm containing by Estimation 92 Acres 2 Roods and 13 Perches Wood Land exclusive; Middle Deanraw Farm, with Lees Fell Allotment adjoining thereto containing by Estimation in the whole 125 Acres 3 Roods and 39 Perches; Tedcastle Farm with Lees Fell Allotment adjoining thereto containing by Estimation in the whole 33 Acres 2 Roods and 35 Perches Woodland exclusive; Plankey Pasture Farm with Lees Fell Allotments on the North and South Sides of Plankey Road containing by Estimation in the whole 40 Acres and 2 Roods Woodland exclusive; and Newlands Park Farm containing by Estimation 158 Acres 1 Rood and 20 Perches Wood Land Exclusive; all which Farms are in the County of Northumberland: And Two Farms at Tynehead containing by Estimation 270 Acres and 35 Perches including the Hospitals Share of Windy brow Pasture; A Water Corn Mill at Keswick with a small Close or Parcel of Ground containing by Estimation 1 Acre 3 Roods and 20 Perches; and a Water Corn Mill at Wanthwaite; all in the County of Cumberland.

All Persons willing to take the said Estates are desired to give in their Proposals in Writing to Mr Ibbetson at the Admiralty Office in London; and for Particulars of all or any of the said Estates to be Let as aforesaid apply to Messrs Walton and Turner Receivers to the said Hospital or to the Bailiffs in their respective Districts.

NOTE Plankey Pasture and Tedcastle Farms will be Let for Five Years; Newland Park Farm for Eight Years; and the other Farms and the Mills for Twenty One Years or under, and all Wood Grounds as now Inclosed or marked off for the Growing of Wood or Underwood are excepted and reserved and no Allowance will be made on account of Damage by the Smoke of Langley Lead Mill.

4 Sep 1779 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edw'd Boxley

Farnacres 4th September 1779

Sir

You receive herein Bell and Companys Bill on Castell & Co for One Thousand Pounds on Account of the Rents and Profits of the Derwentwater Estate, which you are desired to acknowledge the Rect of by return of the Post and we are

Sir Yours &c

W & T

Newcastle Bank 4th Sept'r 1779 £1000 Thirty days after date pay to the order of Messrs Walton and Turner One Thousand Pounds Value Received To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell For Bell Cookson Carr Self & Saint
London Jno Widdrington
No 11400

22 Sep 1779 Nicholas Walton to Edward Boxley

To Mr Edw'd Boxley

Farnacres 22nd Sep'r 1779

Sir

You receive herein Bell and Companys Bill on Castell & Co. for Five Hundred Pounds on Acco't of the Rents and Profits of the Derwentwater Estate which you are desired to acknowledge the rece't of by return of the Post and we are Sir Yours &c

W & T

Newcastle Bank 22d Sep'r 1779 £500 Thirty days after date pay to the order of Messrs Walton and Turner Five Hundred Pounds Value Received To Messrs Castell Whately & Powell For Bell Cookson Carr Widdrington & Self. Jos Saint

London No 11531

30 Sep 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 30 Sep'r 1779

Sir

On the 26 Decem'r last we acquainted the Board that Mr Joseph Hilton had fixed the Boundary between Rampgill Vein belonging to the Hospital and Coal Cleugh Vein belonging to Sir Thomas Blackett Bart. and we then inclosed you one of the Original Memorandums made on the occasion to be lodged with the Hospitals Title Deeds. Some time after this Mr Robert Percival the Governor and Companys Principal Lead Mining Agent in Alston Moor (the Company being the Hospitals Lessees of Rampgill Vein) objected to the fixing of the Stake mentioned in the said Original Memorandums whereupon it became necessary to have some person of Judgement to ascertain the Fact, and as no time was to be lost on Account of the Works of the Hospitals Lessees and Sir Thomas Blackett being so very near each other that it was thought prudent to stop both, we took upon us immediately to name Mr Smeaton to Sir Thomas Blacketts Agent Mr Blackett, as a proper person. He immediately acquiesced and joined in a Letter requesting Mr Smeaton to take the Business upon him, which he was so obliging as do and we have the Satisfaction to inclose the Decision of Mr Smeaton approved by Mr Percival and Mr Dickinson and at the same time to acquaint the Board that the Settlement of this Business by Mr Smeaton is nearly a Medium between Mr Hiltons and Mr Percivals Operations and the difference as to the Decision now and before, tho not material, is in favour of Greenwich Hospital, and all Parties perfectly satisfied. Mr Smeatons charge upon the occasion amounted to £35:13:6 one Moiety of which has been paid by Sir Thomas Blackett and the other Moiety by us for the Hospital and we doubt not our proceedings in this Business will meet with the Approbation of the Board.

You receive herewith an Account of the Produce from Langley Lead Mill for last year and Notwithstanding Lead and Silver having fallen very considerably in Price we have the satisfaction to find that this Undertaking has produced the Hospital a Profit of £446:1: 3/4. For the Boards further information in this Business we have inclosed a General Account of the Produce from the outset to the 1st May last when the last years Acco't ended, and also an Acco't shewing the Quantity of Ore raised in the Manor of Alston Moor for Duty &c in Eleven years ending at Mich's 1778; the Quantity of Ore carried to Langley Lead Mill in Eleven years ending 31st December 1778; and the Stock of Ore in Arrear at the Lead Mines in the said Manor after the Ending of the Carriage in 1778, all which you will be please to lay before the Board.

By the Waggon which sets out from Newcastle for London tomorrow and will arrive in London on Saturday the 16 Inst we send you Original Awards & Plans for Fourstones and Lees Common Divisions, and Plans and a Book containing the Act and

Copy of the Award for the Corbridge Division all which you are desired to set before the Board.

Inclosed you receive a Proposal from Mr. Robert Mallabarr for the Slate Quarries in Thorngrafton Common in the Barony of Wark. Those Quarries have been Leased by Mr Mallabar for 9 Yrs at the Rent of 6d a Fodder and have only in that time produced to the Hospital the Sum of 10s/- and as the Hospital will have occasion for Slates in that part of the Country and we apprehend the Quantity to be got will be very small we cannot advise Mr Mallabarrs Proposal being agreed to.

Inclosed you have our Cash Accot's for the Months of July and August upon the latter of which there is a Balance of £2379.-.8 in favour of Greenwich Hospital since which we have remitted Mr Edwd Boxley the Treasurers Deputy Bills to the Amount of £1500 with which you'll be pleased to acquaint the Board.

We are Sir Yours &c

N W Junr J.C.T

PS. An Error having happened in the Printing the Award of the Division of Corbridge Common we are obliged to defer sending it but you will receive the Plans for that Division and the Awards for Lees and Fourstones Divisions as we have mentioned above and in addition to the Several Inclosures referred to in this Letter we send you a Lead Mine Proposal for the Boards Approbation.

6 Oct 1779 Nicholas Walton to John Ibbetson

To John Ibbetson Esqr

Farnacres 6 October 1779

Sir

The Receivers for the Derwentwater Estate, being now receiving the Rents, they desired me to forward you, the Invoyses of Lead & Coales Shipped on Board of the Tyne, Cornelius Connelly Master, as you have Inclosed amounting to £379 - 6 - 8 1/4; together with the Bills of Lading & Charter parties. I hope the whole will come Safe & with my best respects to your Self & Family I am Dr Sr Your most Obed't H'ble Serv't
Nicholas Walton

Newcastle the 6 Octo'r 1779

Invoice of 77 Chalders of Main Team Coales Shipped on Board of the Ship Tyne Corn's Connelly Ma'r for the use of Greenwich Hospital

77 Chalders of Coals at 15s/

£57 15 -

Charges

Duke of Richmonds Duty at 12d p Cha'r

£3 17 -

Tickett	- - 6	
Towns Dues at 5d p Chalder	1 12 1	
Charter Partie & Bills of Lading	- 4 2	
13 Keel Dues at 13s 4d	6 13 4	£12 7 1
		£70 2 1
Insurance on £70 at 2 1/2 Guineas p.c	£1 16 9	
Policy	- 4 -	£2 - 9
		£72 2 10

Newcastle the 5 Octo'r 1779

Invoice of 330 Pieces of Refined Lead weight 498 cwt 3st 7lb Shiped on Board of the Ship Tyne Corn's Connelly Ma'r for the use of Greenwich Hospitall

330 Pieces of Lead G H L weight 23 Fo 15 Cw 3 st 7 lb
at £12 10 £296 18 2 3/4

Charges		
Keel Dues	£- 15 8	
Sufference & Cockett	- 4 -	
4 Lying Tydes at 2/6d	- 10 -	
Towns dues	- 10 -	
Piling	- - 10	
Charter partie & Bills of Lading	- 4 2	£2 4 8
		£299 2 10 3/4
Insurance on £299/2/10 3/4 at 2 1/2 G pc	£7 16 11 1/2	
Policy	- 4 -	£8 - 11 1/2
		£307 3 10 1/4