

LETTER BOOK by John Buddle, Volume 2
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Newcastle 2^d. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

I received your Letter of the
 31st. July this mornng. and sent to Bella to
 be prepared for you tomorrow, or on Sunday

If I get from Chester on time on Monday
 I will come to Seaham that Evening – if not I
 will be with you at Breakfast on Tuesday Mg.

I will be glad to receive a Line from you
 at Pensher, on Monday Mornng. to say that
 you have arrived all Safe & well & remain

My Dear Sir

your's faithfully

Edw^d. M^c.Donnell Esq^r.
 Seaham Hall

Jn^o. Buddle

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26		“ Lord Londonderry Irel ^d .			
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Newcastle 3^d. Aug^t. Dec: 1839

Dear Sir

I have just time to say that I received your Letter of the 30th. and 31st. Ulto. on returning, here from Pensher yesterday. I have seen M^r. T. Forster, to day – he acknowledges that he has had the Byers-green Colly. Lease for some time – but promises that you shall have it tomorrow or Monday, as it is all right.

I have not my last year's Report of Gateshead Fell Colly. here – it is at Wales-end, where I will refer to it, and ensure your inquiries respecting the Rent &c. and other matters in a day or two

I am Dear Sir

3.

Walls-end 4th. Aug^t. 1839

Dear Sir

On Friday last I paid £112..10..0 into the North of England Joint Stock Bank in Newcastle – to be remitted to their Branch in Durham to be paid as my qualification as a Director in the National Land Fund Safe Assurance Establishment, at Durham. No Knowing to whom the Money was to be paid I directed it to be paid to the Directors And I will feel obliged, if you will have the goodness to inquire at the Bank about the Money, and see that all is Right – and obtain for me an acknowledgement of the receipt from the party duly au-

deemed it necessary to view the Farm again which they were not able to accomplish 'till last Friday. I expect M^r. M^c. Donnell at Seaham to day.

I am my Dear Sir

Your's truly

Jn^o. Gregson Esq^r. }
18 Bedford Row }

Jn^o. Buddle

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Newcastle & Carlisle Railway) intention to pay off at the end of 6 Mo^s. the £5000 which I lent, on the personal Security of certain Parties And offering me the option of receiving the Money, or Substituting the Debentures of the Company . as I don't at present understand the precise nature of those Debentures, I cannot decide whether it will Suit me to accept the Notice, and, will receive the Money at the time named. I am D^r. Sir

your's truly

Jn^o. Adamson Esq^r. }
Newcastle & Carlisle }
Rail-way Office }

Jn^o. Buddle

10.

Pensher 7th. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

I am favoured with your's of the 5th. I shall be at Newcastle next Friday but have a Coal-trade Meetg. to attend at 11 o' Clock – and at Two have an appointment with some Gentⁿ. which will keep me occupied 'till Four. I could see you any time between that and Seven when I have another appoint^t.

I can therefore – see you either between 4 &

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Pensher 8th. Aug^t. 1839

Dear Sir

I have this morn^g. received your Letter of the yesterday, and beg to apologize for not having written from London as promised The reason was that I did not see M^r. Foord 'till the Day I left London – and as I expected to be in your Neighbourhood very Soon after my return, I thought it better to have personal Communication with you than to write.

7 o'Clock, on Friday Afternoon, or any time before Twelve, on Sa. Mornng. as may best suit your Convenience. Please to drop a Line to Walls-end to say if either time will Suit you – if not we can take another appointment, as the business is not very pressing Your's D^r. Sir

Th. Davison Esq^r. } Faithfully
Durham } Jn^o. Buddle

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M^r. Foord feels as I do with Respect to Your Affair with Mess^{rs}. Rennie, and will I am sure, lend you what assistance he can in-effecting a Settlement of your Acco^t. with them – but at the same time would not like to place himself in a situation to be brought into a Court of Justice as a

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Witness. I think your proposal for a Settlement a very fair one, and when you go to London I would advise you to call upon M^r. Foord, who will I am sure afford you his best advice & assistance in getting this disagreeable Affair settled.

I am glad to learn that Stubbs with all his Traps, has arrived safe, at his destination – but think it extraordinary that the Railway should not be in a more forward State. I am my Dear Sir

your's truly

M^r. Tim. Hackworth }
New Shildon }

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Walls-end 11th. Aug^t. 1839

Dear Sir

I only rec^d. your Letters of the 6th. on returnng from Pensher yesterday – to Newcastle & could not answer it 'till I came here, to refer to my Papers You asked me for an Acco^t. of the Coxlodge Outstroke Rent, up to the End of 1839 – do you Mean for the year 1838? up to the beginning of 1839. This Acco^t. was Sent to you in the early part of the year – the Amo^t. was £188..3..1.

In answer to your 1st. Query, as to reserving the privilege of Sinking Pits 8 Mo. before the Expⁿ. of the Term I do not think it necessary, as there are already enow Pits Sunk to work out all the Coal.

With respect to the leaving of the Pits in good repair, your observation thereon is to the Print – and if you add to the Words – “Such Pits, or Shafts and of which

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“Coals shall have been drawn” – or other Uses – I think it will do.

I find that the last Statement of My

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Salary Acco^t. was for 8 Years up to the 9th. Mar
1834 £161. – 2y. £168 as the Ann^l. Sal^y. is £21.
Up to the 9th. Mar: there was 5 years due

I am D^r. Sir
your's truly
Jn^o. Buddle

Jasp. Gibson Esq^r. }
Hexham }

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13.

Walls-end 11th. Aug^t. 1839

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Letter of yesterday.

There was a full meeting of the Northb^d. Magistrates at Newcastle yesterday at which the Viewers from about all the Coll^s. on the two Rivers attended – to Report as to the disposition of their Men, to obey the Call of the Chartists for the gen^l. Strike tomorrow.

The Majority of the Pitmen on both Rivers, are decidedly against Striking Your Lordships', L^d. Durhams, N. Hetton, Great Hetton, S^o. Hetton & Haswell Men will not Strike, unless intimidated by the Thornley Men – who it is distinctly understood will Strike.

On the Tyne it is fully expected that the S^o. Shields Tyne-main, S^t. Lawrence, Heaton, Seghill, Holywell, West Cramlington & Cowpen Men, will Strike, but that all the

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rest will work unless they are prevented by intimidation
Under those circumstances it is a matter of perfect un-

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The printers of the Hand Bill which I sent your Lordship Bell & Devyr – together with 3 of the Speakers

certainty what may take place tomorrow – the general feeling is that very many if not all the Collieries will Stop work. It was resolved that the Viewers sh^d. attend at the Pits, at Calling-course from one 'till 4 o'Clock in the Morn^g. to use their utmost endeavours to get the Pitmen to work, and to promise them protection. The Magistrates meet at Six in the Mg. at the Moat-hall Newcastle – to be ready to receive information of any breach of the peace. And the Military & Police, will be in Readiness to act in case of need At 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon the Magistrates are to receive Reports from the different Coll^s. on the State of Affairs. And will proceed to issue Warrants and apprehend the Ringleaders at such Collieries as may have Struck. Tomorrow will be an important day, as it will determine the question of the Chartists' power to throw the Country into a State of Copn- fusion.

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of the Chartist Meetg. held last Tuedy. I believe at the Music Hall – were apprehended yesterday Morn^g. and got Bail I am informed last Night – late.

Kel (Cail) let the Dam to the lowest proposer M^r. M^cDonnell saw him on Friday – he has nothing to do with the Contract – he is merely to Superintend the Work. The Contractors are to commence in Force tomorrow – if the Men will work.

I will write by tomorrows post & will Keep your Lordship advised of what is going on in those perrilous time. I cannot imagine why the Gov^t. permits the Chartist Convention to Sit under its' very Nose, in London. If this Conention was dissolved it would go a long way to Knock the Rebellion on the head at once. I have the honour to be

Your Lordship's
Most Obed^t. Servant

The Marqs. of } Jn^o. Buddle
Londonderry }
&c. &c.&c. }

14.

Walls-end N.Castle on Tyne
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Dear Sir

M^r. Ogden insists either on

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Pensher 12th. Aug^t. 1839

My Lord

I am glad to inform your
Lordship that the whole of the Collieries on the

having an abstract of the Title, or the Covenants in the D^f. Lease to Hand as they were. He refers to his correspondence with you, by which he says it will be seen that you assented to Covenants of that nature in Consideration of his not Requiring an Abstract. Pray inform me how to act under those circumstances

I am Dear Sir
your's truly
W.M. Coulthurst Esq^r. } Jn^o. Buddle
Strand }

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Wear – with the exception of Thornley went to work this Morn^g. as usual. But on the Tyne 18 were off – but no riot, or breach of the peace has been committed.

At Seghill, that hot-bed of all sorts of mischief, the Men commenced firing Guns at 3 o' Clock this Morn^g. – which was responded to from Cramlington. On inquiry I learnt that a meeting of the Cramlington, Seghill, W. Cramlington, Holywell Hotspur & Cowpen^<Men> was to take place, at 10 o'Clock in the Forenoon – to decide whether they Should Stop the other Collieries which were at Work, or return to work themselves. I sent an express to the Magistrates at the Moat-hall to

apprize them of what was going on, and to suggest the expediency of their proceeding to disperse the Meeting with a Military Force, and to give protection to the Men who were at work at the neighbouring Collieries – particularly at Backworth Colliery, which is in the very Centre of the insurrection. The Meeting was held at a place called Whitridge, near to Seaton Delaval. S^r. M^r. White Ridley & M^r. C. Bigge proceeded with a Troop of Cavalry – followed by

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he pleased. All were willing to converse with the Magistrates except the Seg-hill Men, – they were sulky & would not talk any. The Viewer Summoned them to meet him at 6 o'Clock this Eveng. to ascertain if they mean to go to work tomorrow. If he does not get a Satisfactory answer, he is to come forthwith to the Magistrates who will grant Warrants for 10 or a Doz. of the Ringleaders for absenting themselves from their Work. – they will be apprehended to Night &

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a detachment of Infantry – to the place of Meetg. but the meeting was dissolved just as the Cavalry came in view. The Magistrates however fell in with Several groups of the Men who had attend the Meetg. who all declared that they the Chartists had resolved not to interfere with, or interrupt the Men who were willing to work – and left every one to do as

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Committed for 3 months tomorrow. These proceedings will, if followed up put an end to the Affair – as it is clear that the great Body of Pitmen is averse to a Strike. And no other class of Workmen, have Struck. A sharp look out must however, be Kept on the Seghill Malcontents I have the honour to be
 The Marqs. of } Your Lordship's Most Obed^t. S^t.
 Londonderry } Jn^o. Buddle
 &c. &c.&c. }

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Names of Tyne Collieries which were off Work, to Day

Benwell	Cramlington
Fawden	West Cramlington
Heworth	Holywell
Hotspur	Low-moor
Pelaw-main	Sheriff-hill
Spring well	Stermont
Tanfield-Lee	Garesfield
Usworth	Netherton
Cowpen	West Towneley

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Pensher 12th. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

I am rejoiced to inform you, that the commencement of the Chartists Sacred Month, by a general Strike of the Labouring Classes, this Morng. was no go Thornley, is the only Colliery in the Wear Class which obeyed the Sacred Call this Mg and no other Class of the Workmen has Struck Our Collieries L^d. Durhams, Hetton, Haswell &c. went all to work as usual this Morng. Matters have not gone quite so Smooth on the Tyne – 18 Colls. on that River obeyed the Call A meeting of the Men

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was called – the Magistrates went out with

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the Military to disperse the Meeting, but it dispersed itself before the Troops arrived.

It is post-time & I cannot say more, than that I think the Chartists agitation amongst the Pitmen is about at an end

I am my Dear Sir
your's faithfully
Jn^o. Buddle

Edw^d. M^c. Donnell Esq^r.

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17.

Pensher 13th. Aug^t. 1839

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 10th. Ins^t. Requesting my Sanction, to your working of the Pillars, in a Certain District (the S^o. East Incline Way) in M^r. Fox's Royalty – upper main Coal Seam.

In consequence of this application. I sent M^r. R^t. Atkinson this Morn^g. to view the District of Pillars in question, and having received his Report, I feel no no hesitation on the part of M^r. Fox, in Sanctioning your request to work the District of Pillars alluded to.

I am Dear Sir

your's truly

M^r. John Robson
Hetton Colliery

Jn^o. Buddle

18.

Pensher 13th. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

I have to thank you for your

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than I am, and who may besides be able to devote an ample portion of their time to it I think on due Reflection, that considering how

Letter of the 11th. and beg to assure you that I fully appreciate you Kind and Complementary intentions in proposing me as a proper person, to fill the ar[dous] & honourable office of Chairman to the Tyne Docks Co:

You will however, I am sure agree with me, that to fill so important an Office, and to perform its Duties, as they ought to be performed Requires an Individual (in other respects being Competent) who can give up a Sufficient portion of his time to it.

Now as I am persuaded that there are Several Individuals amongst the Subscribers who are more competent to fill the Office

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fully my time is already occupied with professional Business – you will allow, that I am not the Proper Man, and that you will therefore change your opinion, and abstain from proposing me.

If nothing unexpected occurs, I shall attend the meeting – as I wish as an individual to give the Undertaking all the Support in my power. Thanks for your inquiries respecting my WomenKind of whom I cannot report favourably. Please to remember me Kindly to M^{rs}. M & with best wishes for the whole Concern I Remain My D^r. Sir Yours faithfully
A.J.F. Marreeo Esq^r. Jn^o. Buddle

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Pensher 13th. Aug^t. 1839

My Lord

The Chartists affair has assumed a more unfavourable aspect, in this Neighbourhood, to day, than the appearance of yesterday led me to expect. Both Littleton & Sheburn Coll^s. Stopped this morn^g. and it was with the greatest difficulty that the Pitington and Pensher Men could be induced to go to Work. Hetton, North Hetton & Lumley Colls.

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hold private meetings every night to deliberate on the information the receive from Newcastle, or Sunderland, where there seems to be some council or authority under whose orders they act.

All the well disposed People, here are in a State of alarm, as they are entirely without the means of protection in the event of any of the most infatuated Chartists carrying their threats of plunder and devastation into effect. We have no Magistrate

are at work, but I have no information as to Thornlet or other Colls. S^o. of the Wear, nor have I heard any Report from the Tyne, as to what is going on there. Eleven of the Pitmen at Shiney Row all avowed Chartists refused to go to work this Mornng. And I apprehend the whole, as well as the Pittington Men will Stop tomorrow. It is difficult to find out their intentions as they

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nearer than Durham, Sunderland, or Gateshead As M^r. Thurlow has left Houghton, for the present. And as to Special Constables we could not muster 20 People on the place, or immediate neighbourhood, fit for the Office, so that we are in a most helpless State, in case any out-break, or breach of the peace should take Place I am not aware that the Durham County Magistrates are turning their attention to the agitated State of the Colliery Population

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– if not I think y^r. Lordship would do well to bring it under their notice.

I have already Stated the difficulty of learning the situations of the Pitmen Chartists – but the best Conjecture I can form from the vague hints I have been able to collect, is, that their Stopping, in this Neighbourhood, or Continuing to work, will hinge upon the intelligence the Newspapers bring tomorrow – as to the extent of the Strike in the South. If it appears that the Strike has not taken place to a considerable extent in the Manufacturing Districts – the Pitmen will I think go to work again, on Thursday – on the Contrary it is propable, that the Strike will become more

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Pensher 13th. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Col.

I have been for writing M^r. Russell for several days past, on the Subject of the Chartists Agitation amongst the Pitmen, but have delayed in the expectation of seeing the matter take a more decided turn, in one way or the other. From all I can make out the Pitmen as a body are disinclined to the Chartists doctrines & will not join them but throng intimidation, and I am glad do say that the Northumberland Magistrates have gone the right way to work, to Knock the insurrection on the head, by protecting the well-disposed, and punish-

general.	I have the honour to be
The Marqs. of	My Lord your Lordship's
Londonderry	Most Obed ^t . Faithful Servant
&c. &c. &c.	Jn ^o . Buddle
Wynyard	

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ing the Blackguards – who are making all the mischief.

Yesterday was named as the day for examining the Sacred Month by a general Strike but it was no go. Altho' 18 Coll^s. on the Tyne Strike Work, but S^o. of the Wear Thornley was the only Colly. which was not at Work.

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All the Coll^s. on the banks of the Tyne below Bridge went to work as usual – Walls-end amongst the rest – where the Men have behaved exceedingly well. Most of the Northern Coll^s. however, with the exception of Backworth lay idle. Seghill is the Hot-bed of Rebellion in that Neighbourhood, and the Men belonging that Colly. had called a meetg. of the Men of 5 neighbouring Coll^s. at 10 o'Clock to be held at the Avenue-head, Seaton Delaval.

Information of this was given to the Magistrates, at the Moothall, when S^r. M.W. Ridly and M^r. Bigge, proceeded with a Troop of Cavalry to disperse the meetg. & protect the Backworth Men, who were working in the midst of the Insurrection The meetg. was however nearly about over before the Troops

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of the Meetg. was to decide whether they Sh^d. lay off the other Colls. or Suffer them to work. The Magistrates conversed with several of the dispersed Groups of Men, all of whom told them, that they had resolved to allow every Man to work who chose & that it was not intended to do mischief. The Magistrates told them that if they committed any breach of the peace – the Country should be immediately placed under Marshal Law Littletown & Sherburn Coll^s. Are off work to day & it was with difficulty that Pittington & Pensher were got to work – whether they work tomorrow or not depends upon the orders they receive from the meetg. of the Council of Sunderland this Evg. Which the Colly. Delegates have gone to

arrived & the appearance of the Soldiers
the Mob Separated & dispersed. The object

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attend Wed. 14th. Aug^t.

The Sunderl^d. Council decided last Night, that
as the other Classes of Workmen had not think
to Keep the Sacred Month – the Pitmen could not alone

Support the Cause & effect their object & had better go to
work again for the present – So we may suppose that
the Flare-up is over 'till some fresh Hare is Started.
The Washington Men have been about as bad as any

Col Mills
Brancepeth
Durham

any in the Trade on this occasion & have been off work
these 3 days – it is likely they may Start tomorrow in
Consequence of the resol^s. of the Sunderland Conversation

The Walls-end Men have behaved as well as Possible
I do not think there are ½ a Doz. Chartists amongst them
Col. Mills.

Yours' my D^r. Col. faithfully
Jn^o. Buddle

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Pensher 14th. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

Lord Durham Little and
Shirburn Colls. Strike Work yesterday & Pittington &
Pensher Men boggled – but worked, altho' 11 of the latter
would not Start. A meeting of the Council was held
at Sunderland last Night – which all the Colly. Delegates
in the Neighbourhood attended. After much deliberatⁿ.
this Council decided, that as the other Classes of Workⁿ.
had not Struck, to commence the Sacred Month, the
Pitmen could not alone accomplish the object of
the Chartists, and had therefore better continue to
work for the present – and in consequence, all the
Collieries in this quarter are at Work again to day
and will I have little doubt continues

I have not heard what is the State of affairs
on the Tyne – further than a Report that Seghill and
some of the Coll^s. are Still off work, and that some
of the Seghill Malcontents have been committed

I consider that open Rebellion Rebellion is at an

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but did not come to any close discussion on
The Subject.

The Weather here continues most
unfavourable for our Hay harvest – we have
a Capital Crop, and is most de[scra] that
we should get it [Stockade] in good Condition

I hope you got Safe over the Channel
and that you began the Sacred
Month, on your Moors among
the Black-Game, more auspiciously
than our Chartists made their commencement
Lord L. talks of taking the Carlisle Train
on Sa. or Sunday, on his Way to Mount-
Stewart I am my Dear Sir

your's faithfully
Col. M^cDonnell Esq^r. } Jn^o. Buddle
Glenarm }

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end but I am apprehensive that a System of Secret
Nocturnal annoyance, will succeed it – Such as cutting
the Ropes on the Railway Inclines, breaking, or burng.
Machinery, Hay Stacks &c. in this place we are totaly

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Pensher 15th. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir
As I learn from M^r.
M^cDonnell that you will be in this

unprotected not having any Police at all & no Magistrates nearer than Sunderland, Durham, or Gateshead – M^r. Thurlow having left Houghton !!!

I have represented this to Lord L. who has called the attention of the Durham Magistrates to it, I expect to see his Lordship at Seaham tomorrow on the Subject

My opinion is, and Morton Concurr with me, that we ought to have a Colly. Police Establishment with Auxiliary Force of Special Constables – to be called upon in case of need – and a Night Watch to be Kept to protect our Machinery &c.

I met Morton & Nich. Wood at North Hetton to day – we had some general conversation on the taking of the Seaham Coal

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Country shortly – will you be so good as to inform me, as soon as you can the Precise time, that I may expect to see you here – to enable me to carve out my other Business Engagements accordingly

We have had a good deal of trouble with the Chartists agitation amongst our Pitmen – But the commencement of the Sacred Month, by a general Strike last Md^y. altho' sev^l. Coll^s. did Stop, was no go and

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from the vigilant and active measures which have been adopted by the Magistrates – especially those of Northumberland, I think the Rebellion is nearly about extinguished

– So you may venture to come amongst us, without much Risk of being Piked

Your's D^r. Sir

faithfully

22.

Pensher 15th. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

I am much annoyed to learn by your Letter of the 6th. Ins^t. that the Turn-tables have proved so bad, & cannot account for it. I expect if Tim Hackworth has not already called upon you – he will shortly do so, when you will hear what he has to say on the Subject. I don't

Jn^o. Buddle
 Jn^o. Gregson Esq^r. }
 18 Bedford Row }

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think he has got a Settlement with Mess^{rs}.
 Rennie yet, is going, or has gone to London
 to see them on the business. Geo. Davison has
 written to his Father here from Pictou & in his
 Letter says the Engines all arrived Safe, but
 that the Way was not begun to be laid and
 that there was no chance of their leading any
 Coals this Season !!! – this Seams Strange.

I begin to be very uneasy about getting
 a Vessel to take the Waggen Gear I

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 saw Mess^{rs}. Plummer & Greenwell last Saturday
 at which time had no intellegence of a
 Ship – but did not dispair of getting one -
 – the Season however, is fast spending.

I saw Nesham yesterday, and got the
 Statement of his time & Expences, after re-
 ceiving his Discharge as below

I am My D Sir

J.B. Foord Esq^r. Your's Faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

Detention at Sydney after receivery	Days
His Discharge – waiting for a Vessel	} 11
to take him to Halifax. _____	
Passage from Sydney to Halifax _____	15

	Days	[22b]
Bro ^t . forw ^d . _____	76	
to Newcastle & going home to Chilton-moor from thence _____	<u>11</u>	
	<u>87</u>	

Expences

Expences of landing Luggage & Tool	} £ s. d.
Chest &c. at Customs House _____	
Passage by Steamer to N. Castle _____	1 .. 10 .. 0
Cartage of Luggage from Custom- house to Downs Wharf _____	} 0 .. 4 .. 0
Paid the Houghton Carrier for conveying Luggage from Newcastle to Chilton-moor _____	
	<u>£3 .. 1 .. 0</u>

Waiting at Halifax 'till M^r. Cunard's
 Ship was ready to Sail for England } 21
 Passage to England – London ——— 29
 Wait in London for a Steamer to ———
 N. Castle that in which he had em- 76
 barked being detained to have the Boilers
 repaired. Including time spent on Passage
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23.

To Mr. Brown }
 Schoolmaster }
 Sherburn }

Pensher 15th. Aug^t. 1839

M^r. Buddle begs to inform M^r. Brown
 that on inquiry he Finds that M^r. Hunter has
 mislaid the Paper Respecting the House at Seaham
 Harbour, which M^r. Brown left with him.

M^r. Buddle has however been at Seaham to
 Day & has been to the House, which he finds to
 be open as a Public-House, under an Ale Licence

M^r. B. also observed that the adjoining House
 on the W. Side (Kirtley's) is a Spirit Shop, &
 that the next Ho. But one on the E. Side –
 Slokeld's – is likewise a Spirit Shop. Under
 those circumstances, M^r. Buddle cannot see
 how any valid Statement can be made to the
 Magistrates, to induce them to grant a Spirit

24.

Walls-end 18th. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

I received your's of the 31st. Ult^o.
 in Course, and on the 3^d. Ins^t. remitted the
 Bal^{ce}. of the Profit of Tanfield-moor Colliery
 £209..14..11 – to your Credit, at Mess^{rs}. Coutts'
 for the year 1838.

In consequence of the late M^r. Pitts' affairs
 being, or having been in Chancery M^r. Wheatley
 the Agent of Miss Simpson & Receiver of the
 Wintaton Lordship – declines, to pay M^r. Pitts'
 Share of the Rents for last year, by M^r. Jn^o.
 Clayton's advice – until he Knows who is en-
 titled to receive it. M^r. Jn^o. Clayton is, I believe
 now in London & may be heard of at Mess^{rs}.
 Scott & Claytons' Lincoln's Inn It would
 therefore be well if you could see him &

Licence to M^r. Brown's House also – as the
Public wants cannot be conscientiously said to
Require it
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get this matter put Right. Lord Ravensworth

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and S^r. Jn^o. Paul would I believe purchase this
Share of Winlaton Lordship for Miss Simpson
at its fair value, should you be disposed to
Sell. Below is the Acco^t. of the Rent Received for
this Share for the last 7 years up to the end
of 1837.

I am my Dear Sir
Jn^o. Parkinson Esq^r. } Your's faithfully
Lincolns Inn } Jn^o. Buddle
Fields. }

1831 ——— £46..10..9

1832 ——— £38.. 8..2

1833 ——— £50.. 0..8

1834 ——— £34.. 5..11

1835 ——— £41.. 3..0

1836 ——— £46..16..8

1837 ——— £63..16..8

7 / 321.. 1..10

£45..17..3 Average

The fluctuation in the yearly Tentel, arises from
the uncertainty of the Coal Workings.

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25.

Walls-end 18th. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

Since I wrote you on the 14th.
we have no interruption from the Chartists –
– on the 15th. there was a Meetg. on Pittington Hill, at
which Binns & Williams were present – and it would
seem, their object was to get a Subscription set on
foot to raise Money to defray the expence of their
Trial. This meeting about 200 in Number, was
chiefly composed of the Thornley Men – but they did
not succeed in getting the N. Pittington, Little-
town, or Sherburn Men to join them.

On returning to N. Castle on Friday: I learnt that
the whole of the Tyne Collieries had been got to
work again by the vigilance & activity of the Magis-
trates – who had attacked the Head-quarters of the
Chartist Rebbels at Seg-hill, and captured & Com-
mitted several of the Ring leaders, at that place and
the neighbouring Coll^s. I therefore think from
all I can learn that the agettation so far as regards

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Public Meetings, and open Violence, is put down. But the evil Spirit is deep Rooted, and the embers will still continue to burn – Ready to blaze out, whenever the opportunity occurs. The most vigilance on the part of the Magistracy is therefore requisite – and no relaxation whatever, in all precautionary measures must be permitted until this many headed Monster is completely Subdued. Lord Londonderry has written an excellent Letter to the Durham Magistrates on this Subject – to which they seem disposed to pay due attention. I did not meet his Lordship at the Harbour, as I expected, as he did not go there 'till Friday. The Affairs of the Coal-trade, which are getting every day more critical required my attendance at Newcastle on Friday & yesterday, which prevented my seeing Lord L. at Seaham, and I prepared to meet him at Newcastle this day, as he wrote that he intended to Start from thence by the Train. But by a Letter Rec^d. from him yesterday, I learn that he Starts at Six this Morn^g. & he says it is of no use his going to Newcastle & I am to write him to Mount-Sterwart – where I presume you will see him.

His Lordship approves of the purchase of the Seaham

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Railway & contingent arrangements – but trusts there is no more at present of the Partnership Winng. Concern

His Ldp. is anxious to have all the Coals Shipped at Seaham, and cautions me against being humbled or palavered by Tanner & Co. but to look solely to our Interest – his Ldp. surely considers me to be a regular Gawk & Soft-head, to require such cautioning against being Humbled. By-the-bie, I have not

heard anything more from Wood & Morton on the Seaham & Seaton Affair

The Issue of Vend for the remainder of the month was given out yesterday at 30 P.m. several Fines were levied for OverVend Many parties are like to Meeting, in consequence of various causes of dissatisfaction & requires the utmost exertion on the part of the Committee to maintain the Regulation

A special Meetg. of the Vend Comm^{ee}. is convened for Tuesday next to endeavour to around the Roules of the Regulation & to endeavour to devise means for enforcing their better observance If this cannot be done the Regⁿ. will break down before the end of the Year. I am my Dear Sir Your's faithfully

E. M^cDonnell Esq^r.

Jn^o. Buddle

26.

Walls-end 18th. Aug^t. 1839

My Lord

I had the Honour to receive your Lordships Letter of yesterday – but it arrived to late to allow me to deliver the Letter directed to the T[rinity] Master I therefore put it into the Post Office & will see the Master or Secty. tomorrow on the appointment of the additional Pilots. During the past Week the Northumberland Magistrates have been very prompt & energetic, in apprehendg. and Committing the Ringleaders at all the Collieries which were offwork & where the Chartist Spirit shewed itself the Strongest – particularly at Seghill & it's immediate neighbourhood. This has had the effect of Setting all the Collieries to work again, and will I have little doubt put a Stop to the Public Meetings, and acts of open Violence and Intimidation – but the Sacred Spirit is deeply Rooted & must be carefully watched & Kept down, or it will shew itself openly again. And I consider it indispensable to the Safety of the Country that your Lordship Suggestions to the

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to the Durham Magistrates should be acted upon. They seem disposed to afford us every assistance, and I will take care to Keep them advised of the State of affairs as occasion may Require.

The Dukes' plan is admirable – and at several of the late Meetings a good Horse Whip would have been the best & most appropriate Weapon that could have been used. But here lies the difficulty of Carrying such a prompt & summary course of proceeding into effect. Would it be Legal, either with or without first having the Riot act read – as the Law now Stands? In all the Strikes & Rows of the Pitmen & Keelmen we have had – it is not the attacking & Routing of the Mob, which are made for our protection – but which in such cases are no protection at all but rather the Contrary: As in the event of a Special Constable Killing any of the Mob – he would be indicted for Manslaughter & probably severely punished as was the Case with the Special Constable at Percy-main, in 1832 who Shot of the Pitmen, by

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accident while the Fellow was wrestling with & endeavrg. to take the Pistol from him. A whole host of the Rufians under the orders of Ton[ing] Hopburn Attended the

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and their own to come to the Harbour

I am busy preparing the requisite Estimates relative to the Seaham Railway for Jn^o. Gregson

Coroners Inquest – intimidated the Coroner & the Jury – came forw^d. as Witnesses & Swore that the Man was Shot in Cold-blood, without giving any provocation The Constable was Committed for Manslaughter – tried Convicted on the Same evidence, and Sentenced to Six Months Imprisonment. The danger therefore of attacking a Mob – unless caught in the very Act of Setting Fire to your premises, or something of that sort is very hazardous.

I expect Jn^o. Gregson down shortly, when I expect he will be prepared to set us agoing with Buildg. Leases – we can then let off (Sell) a Site to Braddy' for his Fitting Office & build our own. I had a talk with Rawsthorn yesterday about Shipping more of their Coals at the Harbour He says they are most anxious to Ship as many Coals as possible there as it would be a very great Saving to them but they cannot get any Ships except Davison's

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against he comes down. The purchase of this Concern – with the Contingent arrangements attended to by your Lordship – is an object of great Family importance.

I regret to say that I cannot by any Means Report favourably of the State of the Coal-Trade – the Regulation is now only held together by the Constant attention and utmost exertions of the Comm^{ee}. And unless the System can be new Modelled & put upon a better Footing, my decided opinion is that it cannot be carried on beyond the end of the present year – at the longest – 30 P^m. was issued yesterday for the Remainder of the Mo. making 60 P^m. For the whole Month.

I have the Honour to be
The Marqs. of } Your Lordship's
Londonderry } Most Obed. Faithful S^t.
&c. &c.&c. } Jn^o. Buddle
Mount Stewart }

27.

Walls-end 19th. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

By your Letter of the 17th. I

I perceive that I may just about be able to make my Engagements Chime in with your's. I have to at-

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did you purtain the Leading Agree^t. with Perkins & Co: from my Bundle? I thought I put it into the Bundle with my other Papers, when I got them of M^r. M^cDonnell – you took it & sent it to me at the Tavestock – but on coming home I did not find

tend a meeting of the Dean Forest Commissioners at Newnham, Gloucestershire, on the 10th. of Sep. which will Require me to Start on the 8th. and as you say you will be down before the end of the 1st. Week I hope you may be able to be with us 2 or 3 days, before I go

This will afford us Sufficient time for the Seaham Railway Business – as I will have every thing quite ready for you, M^r. M^cDonnell have informed me of the sort of Estimates & Statements you Require.

If the Earth-Work-Cutts & Embankments with Bridges of the Value of the Railway, it will greatly Swell the Amo^t. will you be so good as look to the agree^t. and give your opinion on this Point?

By-the-bie

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it in the Bundle. I thought M^r. M^cDonnell might have Kept it – but on examining him, he denied the Charge. Suspicion has therefore fallen upon you

The Chartists Row amongst our Pitmen, is at an end I think – Some Score, or two of the most refractory have been sent to spend the Sacred Month on the Tread-Mill – which has settled the matter

I am my Dear Sir

Jn^o. Gregson Esq^r. } Yours truly
18 Bedford Row } Jn^o. Buddle

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M^r. Davison put into my hands, and according to which I made out the tentale Acco^t. – Annexed I sent you a Copy of the two Clauses which Con- the Stipulations for the Paym^t. of the Rent, by which you will see, that no allusion is made to the quantity of Coals Sold I do not Know how this discrepancy between the Agree^t. and the Lease has arisen – I have not seen the latter.

I expect shortly to meet M^r. Davison in Durh^m. when I think it w^d. be well if you could be

Walls-end 20th. Aug^t. 1838

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
your Letter of the 6th. Ins^t. from which it ap-
pears that the Wood-house Colliery Lease differs
from the Copy of the Agree^t. for the Lease which

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there to get this matter cleared up. As soon
as I can fix the day for seeing M^r. Davison at
Durham, I will let you Know.

Annexed I send you a Statement of the
Outstroke Rent, on M^r. Johnson's Coal & remⁿ.

Dear Sir

John Flintoff Esq^r. } Yours truly
Redcar } Jn^o. Buddle

29.

Newcastle on Tyne 20th. Aug^t.

My Dear Sir

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I am afraid you will have
reason to think that I have forgot my Promise
about making you Models of our Colly. Machinery
and Sections of the Seams of Coal, in this
Districts. This however is not the case as some
of the Machine-Models are already made but
with respect to the Sectional Models of the
Seams of Coal, I have not been able to suc-
ceed to my satisfaction.

The Coal of all our Seams as well as
the Bands of indurated Clay with which they are
interstratified are of so brittle & friable a
texture, that I have not been able to Saw them
so as to construct models of 2ln. (or even much

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Section, and place a Box, in juxta-Position with
it, having compartments to contain the corresponding
Specimens, without Connecting them together – but
Keeping them separate by partitions of Tin. The
whole to be included in a Case, with a Glass Front
Something like this

[Diagram]

I send herewith a
Section of a Seam drawn
at a Scale of
and if you approve of
the plan I will thank you
to say if you think the
Scale large enough, and will be
so good as to offer, on the Subject & I will com-
plete a Suite of Sections with all convenient dis-
patch – accordingly.

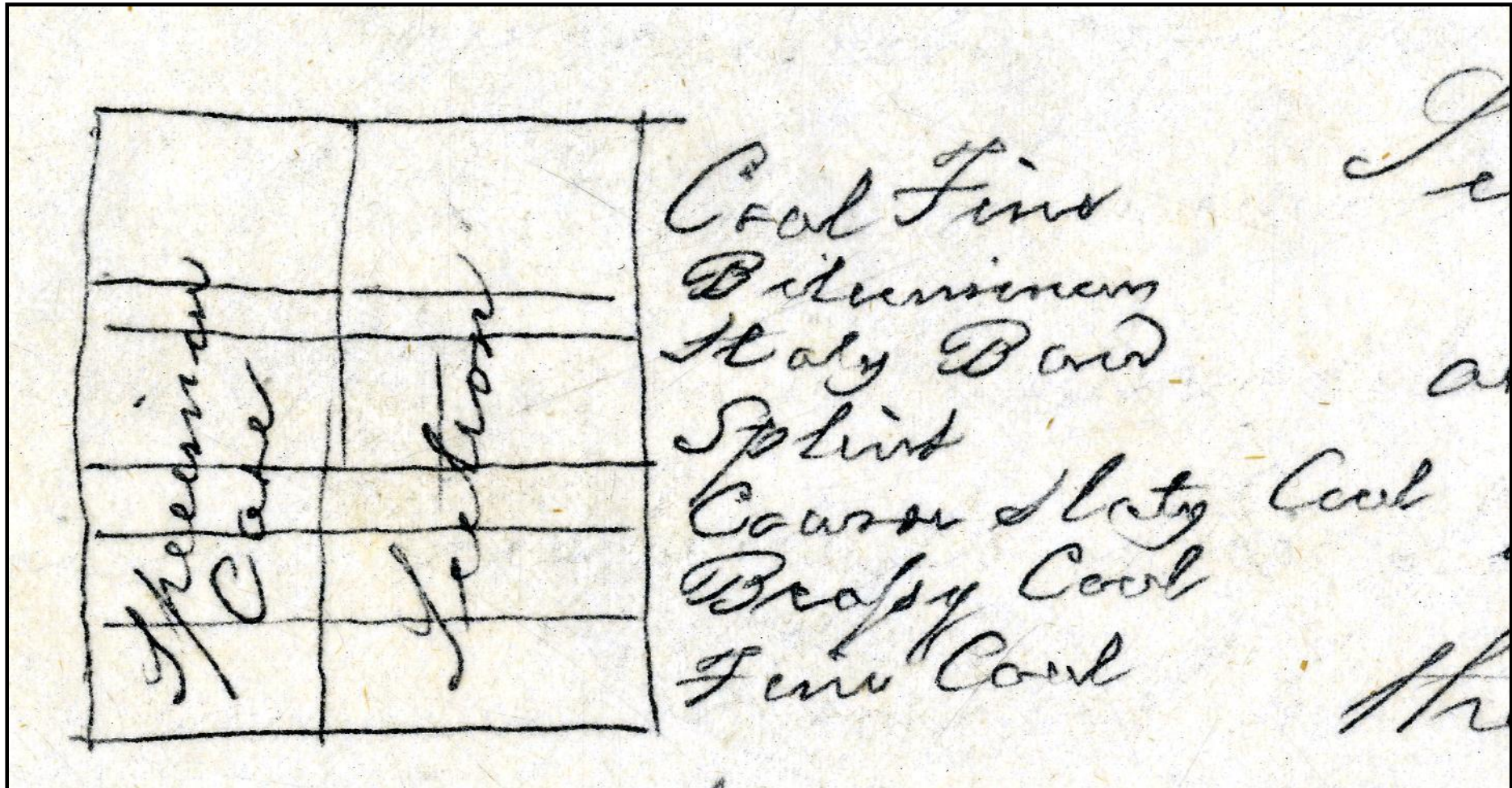
larger to the Foot – to make a decent Job of it
and I have been obliged to give it up.

Another mode of proceeding has however
occurred to me – it is to make a drawn

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I Should have written you some time
ago on this Subject, but reckoned on the pleasure
of seeing you at the Birmingham Meeting –
Circumstances have, however, occurred, which will

[Coal Seam Diagram, p29a]



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prevent my attending the Meeting – I therefore
trouble you with this Communication & remain

My Dear Sir
Your's faithfully
Jn^o. Buddle

H.T. De la Beehe Esq^r.
F.R.S. V.P.G.S.
&c. &c. &c. }

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30.

Walls-end 20th. Aug^t. 1839

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt
of your Letter of yesterday; and lose no time in
answering your inquiry respecting the Df^t. of your
Colliery Lease.

The usual Custom is for the Sol^r.
of the Lessor to make the Df^t. of the Lease, and
[then] to hand it to the Solicitor of the Lessee for
perusal. The Lessee pays the Expen^ce of the Lease
and the Lessor that of the Counterpart. There are
I believe five exceptions from this gen^l. Rule except
in the Case of the Church Leases, the whole expenses
of which ~~expenses of which~~ are paid by the Lessees

I Should advise you to Set your Solicitor to
work with the Df^t. Without delay & remain

My Dear Sir
Your's faithfully
Jn^o. Buddle
F.D. Johnson Esq^r.
Aykley-heads }

31.

Walls-end 22^d. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

I am this Day favoured with

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Walls-end Colly. 22^d. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

As I am informed that you are
at Brancepeth at present, I wrote to inform

your's of the 20th. and am glad to inform you that the Lowther with the Waggon-Gear cleared yesterday, and will I expect go to Seea to Day. Thorman has inspected the Goods, and I hope no cause of complaint will be found against them on arrival.

Nesham may wait a while very well he is reinstated in his former Situation – receiving his Wages every Fortnight, and cannot therefore be in want of Money. I should be very glad to learn that Goe: Davison's acco^t. of the backwardness of the Railway is exaggerated. & remain

My D^r. Sir

J.B. Foord Esq^r.

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

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you, that the Chartist Agitation amongst the Pitmen, in this Neighbourhood – and I believe generally is completely Knocked on the Heads

It has been put down by the energetic conduct of the Northumberland Magistrates chiefly, and Much praise is due to Sr. M.W. Ridley and Mr. Charles Bigge for the activity & Zeal they they displayed in the pursuance & punishing the Ringleaders. Some 20 or 30 of those Worthies are now spending the Sacred Month on the Tread-Mill – instead of enjoying themselves & fattening upon their more wealthy Neighbour's Roast-Beef & Plumb Pudding – Oh! Sad reverse – but it is not the first time, that “hope told a flattering tale” The thing is now however completely at an end, and we may expect to have

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an interval of tranquillity until some Fresh Hare is Started. It is not likely that this will be long, as we have some restless Stirring constantly amongst us.

The Coal-trade goes on Stumbling & grumbling and all the inferior Collieries almost are making heavy Complaints – as from being obliged to Freight the Coals, they are making little, or no Profit & the Regulation therefore

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Walls-end 22^d. Aug^t. 1839

Dear Sir

Will any Day next Week suit you to see me in Durham, or Newcastle – after Tuesday? Friday the 6th. Sep. would suit me best at either place.

M^r. Gresley wishes very much I believe to meet us – and I will thank you when you fix

is only working beneficially for the best Class Collieries
This State of things cannot continue, as the Regulation
must work for the general benefit of all, or it won't
do. A Special Committee has been appointed, and is now
at work, endeavouring to effect a Reform. But the
Pressure from without by the new Collieries is So great
that I almost despair of their being able to accomplish
their object. I am, however, glad to say that Walls-end
is not in the Category of Complainants – as we have a
Free Vend for all we are allowed, which is more I believe
than any other Colly. on the Tyne can do. And our
underground affairs I am glad to say are in a very
comfortable State

I am my Dear Sir y^{rs}. faithfully
W^m. Russell Esq^r. Jn^o. Buddle

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your time & place to apprise him of it, and let
me Know at the same time

I also wish that you & I could see M^r. Jn^o.
Flintoff at the Same time together. As according
to his account – the mode of Settling the Wasthouse
Colly. Tentale, stated in the Lease differs widely from
that stated in the Copy of the Agree^t. you gave me
How this discrepancy arises, I cannot say, but
it is necessary that we should have a meeting with
Flintoff about it

I am D^r. Sir
Th. Davison Esq^r. } Yours truly
Durham } Jn^o. Buddle

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Newcastle 23^d. Aug^t. 1839

My Lord

I have the Honour to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your Lordships Letter of
the 17th. from Seaham. All that I can say
on the Subject of Shipping our Coals there is
that your Lordship wishes shall be attended
to as closely as possible. With respect to
Tanner & Co. they have only got about $\frac{2}{3}$ ^{ds}.
the quantity of Coals, so far this year which

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lay 2 and 3 Mo. loaden in the Harbour without
being able to get to Sea & last Winter some lay
6 Weeks & 2 Mo. This arose from the Spring tides
being always accompanied by Gales of Wind & there
was not Water for the large Class of Ships at
Neap Tides. When the Pier-head is finished this
defect will I hope in some degree be remedied
I should therefore not think it prudent, entirely to
Shut out Sunderland 'till we see what effect the
Pier-head may have – for notwithstanding Lee's

we are bound by Agree^t. to Send them – and they did not get a Single Chaldron during the First Fort^t. of the present Mo: No favour has therefore been shown them – but the Contrary

There is no difficulty whatever in getting Ships to the Harbour at this Season – the difficulty won't be felt 'till Jan^y. Feb. & March.

In the Winter of 1837-1838 several large Vessels

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Confidence as to being able to Ship all our Coals at the Harbour, I have some Misgivings about it in the Winter Season.

Up to the 30th. June last, the Bal^{ce}. Due to Braddyll was £12874..7..4 – the reduction of his Debt goes on very Slowly owing to the small quantity the Ship. This to me is very misterious as Rawsthorn assures me, if they Shipped the whole of their Coals at the Harbour it would save them Many Thousands a Year I have

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a Letter from Jn^o. Gregson this Morng. to say that he will be at Pensher on the 5th. Sep. on the Seam Railway purchase Affair &c. and I expect he will at the same time be able to Settle the affair of the building Leases & set the Buildings agoing again Braddyll will then commence the Buildg. of his Fitting Office, and we may probably do the same. I am glad to say that the Chartist Agitation seems completely put down – at least so far as Public Meetings go – Still they must be watched. The Pitmen seem to have had quite enough of it, and begin to think that the Leaders have grossly deceived them
I have the honour to be

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Walls-end 22^d. Aug^t. 1839

Dear Sir

The Stanhope & Tyne Railway
Co: wish wish to have permission to work a small Tract of Coal, by Outstroke from Medomsley Colliery, which lies under a Freehold Close belonging to Gen^l. Hunter. Will you, therefore, please to give the Subject your early consideration, and inform me the Rate P. Ten which you will expect to be paid for the Privilege required

I am Dear Sir

F.B. Taylor Esq^r. }
Alden Grange } Your's truly
Jn^o. Buddle

My Lord

Your Most Obed. Servant

The Marqs. of Londonderry } Jn^o. Buddle
&c. &c. &c. }

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37.

Newcastle 24th. Aug^t.

1839

My Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform that every thing has gone on so Smoothly [wis] us since I last wrote – that I have not had occasion to trouble you with any further communication this Week. The Chartists excitement if not completely extinguished amongst the Pitmen, is at least Smotherd for the present – After a Storm comes a calm and we are now enjoying the Calm.

I have made an arrangement with a Deputation of the Trinity -ho Brethren, to meet them at Seaham next Tuesday – to investigate the State of the Pilots &c. They cannot very well acco^t. for having appointed Lee, instead of Usher to Pilot Master They Knew Lee, & considered him a proper Man & they had no recommendation of Usher – otherwise they would have appointed him. I should really think Usher should have had the appointment but it might now perhaps be difficult to change

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without Luffing Lee. If however it can be done without producing this effect, it ought to be done

I have not heard anything more from N. Wood and Morton yet on the Seaham & Seaton Affair & Morton has gone to the Moors, so it is not likely I shall hear anything more of the matter till here turns – say in a Week, or so.

Jn^o. Gregson has appointed the 5th. & 6th. of Sep: to be with me at Pensher, on the Seaham Railway Affair, against which time, I shall have all the Calculations &c. required of me ready cut and dry for him. But I think he has some misgivings about being able to raise the Money for the Purchase. It will be an important affair for us if he cannot succeed in this. As the possession of this establishment will certainly be worth a Jew's Eye to us.

As all matters at home have such a tranquil aspect I purpose going to the Dean Forest, this day Fort^t. to hold the last Commission for this year. This will bring

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me home again about the 20th. which will I

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presume be sooner than you will be in this neighbour-
hood again. And if all should be ready for paying off
Tanner & Scurfield during my absences Hunter – under
your instructions will manage it. By this I expect L^d.
I. is safe at Mount Stewart to which place I have written
him.

You will see by the N. Castle Journal, that
Ch. Bigge has got into a Squabble with the Durham
Magistrates. I very much regret this, as
very great Credit is due to him, for
his energy & activity in putting down the
Chartists Insurrection in Northumberland. If S^r. M.W.
Ridley & Bigge had not acted with more alacrity, and
Vigour than the Durham Magistrates, I question that the
Commotion would have been anything like so soon, or so
effectually put down. I consider that the Country is
very much indebted to those two Gentlemen indeed
for what they have done in this affair We have
had a Week of very fine Weather – I hope you have had
the same & are enjoying your Shooting I am my D^r. Sir

Yours Sincerely

E. M^cDonnell Esq^r Jn^o. Buddle

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38.

Newcastle upon Tyne

23^d. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

Accept my best thanks for your
Kind recollection of me, as expressed in your Letter of
the 6th. Ins^t. and for your polite invitation to spend
a few days with you at Hopton Court – prior to the
Birmingham Meeting. I am however, obliged reluct-
antly to give up the idea of attending the Birmingham
Meeting, and cannot therefore, have the pleasure of
availing myself of your hospitality

I remain

My D^r. Sir

Tho^s. Batfield Esq^r.

Hopton Court

near Bedsdley

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

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Pensher 27th. Aug^t.
1839

My Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your two Letters, on Col. Heth's Mining Affair. And intended to have answered them by my Friend M^r. Sopwith who leaves Newcastle for London – tomorrow and who will call upon you, on his arrival You will therefore, please to consider this as my introduction of him to your acquaintance, and I need Scarcely add that he is a Gentleman in whom you may repose the utmost Confidence.

I yesterday had a meeting with Col. Heth, & Mess^{rs}. Sopwith & Hall – at Newcastle and after an examination of the Plans &

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reports of hid Mines, which he had bro^t. with him, we came to the determination of sending out 6 experienced Colliers to restore his Colly. to a working State & I expect that M^r. Hall will go out with them – to examine, and report on the Capabilities & prospects of the concern, These men we expect may be got ready to go out with the Liverpool about the 20th. of next Month. This is all we have done of a real Business-like nature & for the rest I must refer you to Col. Heth, who set out on his return to London to day.

I shall not now enter further into this Affair, nor offer any opinion upon it, as it would be premature to do so – until I receive much more information, respecting the local

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which M^r. Hall's Report will furnish.

Unless the result of Hall's investigation goes Far to Substantiate the prospects held out in the Prospectus I shall decline embarking in it as nothing but the prospect of making profit very Far indeed beyond what I can make by employing my Money in this

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Pensher 27th. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sir

I rec^d. your Letter of the 23^d. with the Attorneys Letter yesterday & your Private of the 24th. this morn^g. I put the Lawyer's Letter with Br[a]zius Bill into Hunters

County could induce me to
do so. I will however
be glad to aid Col. Heth, in
rendering this property productive, as
his Gentleman-like – manners & candour in
furnishing information has inspired me
with very friendly feelings towards him

I am my Dear Sir
Your's faithfully
Jn^o. Buddle

Sam^l. Amory Esq^r.

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hands & inquired of Lee about the matter
not Knowing whether it is right, or wrong
& w^d. not therefore, pay the money. Spence
has certified it a being right & Hunter has
p^d. the money to avoid further trouble.

Lee informs me that he has sundry other
Bills of this description, in the Office, out-
Standing against your Ships to the Amo^t. of
£30 or £40. I have desired him to make out
a List of them, that they may be inquired
into. All this is really very loose & bad on
the part of Spence But his time was frittered

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away, so, in running after trifles that he could
no attend to matters in importance.

I have had a very Satisfactory meeting with
the Trinity-House Gentⁿ. This day at the Harb^r.
Five of them attended & investigated the com-
plaints against the Pilots – they Lectured them
well and told them they w^d. appoint 5 addi-
tional ones. And further declared that if any
more complaints were made against them
for neglect of duty, impertinence, or C[onstina-
tion] – they would punish them by Suspension,
or dismissal, and by appointing more new

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got this matter pretty well settled.

I will see Morton tomorrow relative
to the N. Hetton Ball^{ce}. but I apprehend
it is in Bills which would have to be
dis[coun]ted to make them available.

Lord L._ never under any Circumstances
loses sight of the main Chance I congratulate
you on your Firmness which has become
indispensable – as I Know how
difficult it is under such circum-
stances to procure the monosyllable
[No] I have great pleasure

men. The Pilots denied most of the Charges and promised to behave better for the future

I got Lee to resign the appointment of Pilot-master & Usher is to be appointed, so that I think for the present we have

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in hearing that you are enjoying the fresh air & exercise of your Moors – and laying in a fresh Stock of health If the Carlisle Railway could be extended to Port Patrick I should gladly avail myself of your Kind invitation to hunt your Racks from Glen-arm – be Fairhead to the Caseway – but I apprehend the affairs of the Coal-trade will occupy me too much after next Mo. to allow me to avail myself of your Kind invitation – but we

shall see. I think of writing L^d. L. on the [r]ent of the Trinity Gentⁿ. to the Harbour, as he has catechised me on the Subject. They gave Lee, Usher, & myself a handsome dinner at Patten's.

I am my Dear Sir

E. M^cDonnell Esq^r. Yours faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

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41.

Pensher 28th. Aug^t. 1839

My Lord

We had a Deputation of the Master of the Trinity House & Four of the Brethren, at Seaham yesterday to examine into the Conduct of the Pilots, agreeable to your Lordships wishes. They examined into the charges against them of neglect of duty in not going to Sea, to look-out for Ships – Constination & Insolence. They denied all the Charges stoutly but the Trinity Gentlemen were so far satisfied that there were grounds for those complaints – to a certain extent at least, that they

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decided to appoint 5 additional ones – making 25 in all – and they gave the body a severe Lecture for their Insolence. They told them if

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any further well grounded Complaints were Preferred against them – the individuals offending should be dismissed & they would appoint an additional Number.

Lee is to Resign the office of Pilot Master and Usher is to be appointed – So that it is to be expected that matters will be put upon a more Satisfactory footing for the Future. The Chartist affair is now put quite out of Sight – but private meetings are Still held, and must be watched.

If Public Meetings are prevented I think the thing will soon die a natural death.

I have the Honour to be

The Marqs. of	}	My Lord
Londonderry		Your Lordship's
&c. &c.&c.		Most Obed. Faithful S ^t .
		Jn ^o . Buddle

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42.

Pensher 28th. Aug^t. 1839

My Dear Sopwith

I think there is a prospect of out getting the Six Men ready to go out with the Liverpool, for £3. P. Week, and expences – to remain a limited period a 6 Weeks or 2 Mo. but they put home questions as to having those Conditions Secured to them and some if not all of them will leave a part of their Salaries to be paid to their Families. As we shall arrive at the prime of close Negotiation on this branch of the Subject, in a few days, it is requisite that you should come to a distinct arrangement with Col. Heth & M^r. Amory

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about it before you leave London for the Forest.

I omitted to inquire your address & therefore direct this to Mess^{rs}. Amory & Coles'

I hope you have arrived safe in London and expecting to hear from you shortly

I remain your's

Sincerely

Jn^o. Buddle

Th. Sopwith Esq^r.
Mess^{rs}. Amory & Coles'
Throgmorton S^t. }
}

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43.

Newcastle 31st. Aug^t. 1839

My Sir

I herewith send you my report on the Crow-trees Wayleave M^r. Quelch is the acting Partner & Agent, who lives at the Colliery – to whom you can communicate the Terms I have named, if you approve them. I have no doubt the Lessees will grumble at the amo^t. of the tentale, on acco^t. of the Coals to be led being from a Colliery of the Bishop's. I think, however that I can defend the principle which I have deputed against their Remonstrances

I have seen M^r. N. Wood to day who is anxious to take a Lease of the Coal, under the bishop's Park – to work by outstroke from Cownden Colly. I will see you on this affair, when I come to Auckland on M^r. Wilkinson's Business and remain

D^r. Sir y^{rs}. truly

R.A. Douglas Gresley Esq^r. Jn^o. Buddle

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Newcastle 31st. Aug^t. 1839

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 26th. from

Your's D^r. Sir

faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

Jn^o. Gregson Esq^r. }
18 Bedford Row }

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Mount Stewart. By this time I expect your Lordship has received Hunter's Statement of Bank Acou^t. The Slow reduction of the Bank Bal^{ce}. is a source of great anxiety & discomfort to every body – especially as it depends on Circumstances which cannot be controlled, by management or foresight. It is true that the working expences of the Colls. have been increased from the advance of Pitmens Wages, and the increased price of Forage &c. but this is by no means the worst of it. The Real Cause, is the Short Vend and Consequent diminution of Receipts – this is a daily increasing evil – common to the whole trade, and utterly beyond to power of Management to remedy. And what is to be the end of it, God-Knows – at

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present the prospect is most gloomy. I most Sincerely wish I could hold out more cheery hopes to alleviate your Lordships feelings, as no one would rejoice more heartily than myself than in seeing your Lordship placed in the complete & entire administration of your own affairs. I can assure your Lordship that I have the most Congent Reasons for this wish, and would realize it tomorrow if I could. And I scarcely need add, that my utmost efforts are directed to the attainment of that object. I have now about completed my calculations

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Stewart's hence the abundance of Ships for Stewart's while Braddyll can get none.

If your Lordship will please to inform me how to address you after leaving Eglington I will be glad from time to time to inform your Lordship of every thing – material which is going on in our Concern & the Neighbourhood

I have the Honour to be

My Lord

Your Lordship's

about the Seam Railway for Jn^o. Gregson – the result is that the Value of the Way as current going Stock exclusive of Cuts & embankments (which I expect will not have to be p^d. for) is £20,000 – it is worth £12000 to be broken up & Sold as old materials – and the Accu^l. Saving by purchase will be £7000.

The reason of Braddyll not getting Ships at Seaham is – that Stewart's Walls-end always sell for 3^d, 6, 9^d. P. Ton more in London than his Coals. Not a Ship will therefore take them, so long as they can get

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Most Obed. Faithful S^t.

Jn^o. Buddle

The Marqs. of Londonderry }
&c. &c.&c. }
Eglington Castle }

45.

Walls-end 31st. Aug^t. 1839

Sir

When I had the pleasure to addressing you on the 5th. Ins^t. I expected that M^r. Wood & I should have been able to have gone to Edinburgh on the Sauchie Affair about this time. Unavoidable Circumstances have however prevented us from fulfilling this intention and as I have to attend a Meeting of the Dean Forest Commissioners on the 9th. of Sep: I shall not be able to attend to the Sauchie business 'till after my Return from Gloucestershire.

I have seen M^r. Wood to day, on this affair and we do not think we can make our arrange-

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parties to meet in Edinbro' about Monday the 7th. Oct^r. I hope nothing will occur to prevent M^r. Wood & myself from attending and that no further delay will take place

I am Sir

Most Obed. Faithful S^t.

Jn^o. Buddle

James A. Mitchell Esq^r. }
8 Bardolph Cliff }
Edinburgh }

ments so as to admit of our coming North, before
the beginning of the Second Week in October

If therefore you can arrange with the other

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46.

Walls-end 1st. Sep. 1839

Dear Sir

As I had not the pleasure of
seeing you in Newcastle yesterday I write
to say that it is most desirable that the
repairs of Sauton's old House, should be
completed with as little delay as possible –

Will you therefore be so good as to set H.
Fothergill to work with it

Your's D^r. Sir

faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

M^r. H. Turner

Forest Hall

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47.

Walls-end 1st. Sep. 1839

Dear Geo:

In answer to your inquiry about
the arrangement proposed by Lord Londonderry
for the Pm^t. of the 5 Bills, alluded to, I can only
Say that I have no discretion in the matter, as
I have the most distinct and peremptory Orders from
M^r. M^cDonnell not to allow the Money trans-
actions of the Collieries to be in any way whatever
mixed up with Lord Londonderry's Private Money
transactions. I cannot therefore give you any
advice on the present occasion – further than
referring you to M^r. M^cDonnell

Your's &c.

M^r. Geo. Hunter

Jn^o. Buddle

48.

Walls-end 1st. Sep. 1839

Dear Sir

When I was at Durham last

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Walls-end Colly. 2^d. Sep. 1839

My Dear Col.

As I understand M^r. Russell

Wed. I omitted to inform you that I had an application from a London Schemer – for the Gas – at the Walls-end Pit – with which he proposes to light the N. Shields Railway.

I wish to Know if the Dean & Chapter would authorize me to let it to him – he talks of giving £40 or £50 a year for it. I shall be glad to receive your answer to Pensher about next Thursday, or Friday, as I Start for the Dean Forest on Saturday Afternoon

I am D^r. Sir

Your's truly

Jn^o. Buddle

Th. Davison Esq^r. }
Durham }

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has left Brancepeth, I write you to say, that a London Schemer his applied to me to Know what Rent we would charge him for the Gas at the Walls-end Pit – to light the N. Shields Railway with. I told him it w^d. not be less than £100 a year, and that the Dean & Chap^t. would also be entitled to something. I Scarcely think it will come to anything, but at the same time if Russell approves of it we may as well take our Chance of getting something as not. He won't interfere with us in the least as he will take it from our discharging Pipe

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I will thank you to take M^r. Russell diret^s. on this point, and let me Know as soon as convenient, as I start for the Dean Forest next Sunday & will be absent a Fortnight.

We are all peaceable & quiet here at present – the Chartist excitement seems entirely at an end.

A Brickmaker at Walker, has been Killed by the Lighting this Afternoon, at

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Pensher 5th. Sep. 1839

Dear Sir

On looking at the tracing of the Plan of the Sea Shore, in your property the Time in which the Waste of Land has been effected by the Sea, is not mentioned

I should be glad if you can furnish me with this information, as I wish to pos-

about half a mile from us.

I am Dear Col.

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

Col. Mills }
Brancepeth }

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sess it, more perhaps as a matter of curiosity than use

I am Dear Sir

Your's truly

Tho^s. Barnes Esq^r. }
Whitburn }

Jn^o. Buddle

51.

Pensher 6th. Sep. 1839

My Dear Sir

I have rec^d. your Letter of the 3^d. this morn^g. Since which M^r. J. Gregson, and I have finished our discussions on the Railway Purchase Affair – for the result of which I refer you to his Letter of this date.

We have also talked over the affair of Morton & Woods proposal for the Seaham Coal &c. on which M^r. G. writes you. This matter requires very Serious Consideration, and I should like to take a little time to think of it. It had better, therefore remain in abeyance 'till I return from the Forest and you may as well drop Morton a Line

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to tell him so, which will Keep him quiet in the mean time. M^r. Gregson has informed you of what is necessary to be done – to get the Affair with Tanner & Co. accomplished. I really apprehend that this Mo. will be spent before it can be done. In the mean time we must let them have a few Coals as up to the end of Aug^t. we are upwards of 5000 Ch. in arrear of our Agree^t. with them –which is not quite the thing. I have a Letter from L^d. L. this Mg. written in better taste than the last – from which it w^d. seem that he is going to London forthwith as he directs me to address him at Holderness House.

I leave N. Castle by the Train, on Sunday Eveng. for Dean Forest, and shall

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be glad to hear from you at the Bear Inn
Newnham, Gloucester. All matters here
going on well, and plenty of Ships at
Seaham.

The Stanhope & Tyne Co., are
Loading a 20 Keel Ship with our Meadows
Steam Boat Coals to day, in
S^r. Hed. Williamson's Dock
The Birtley Co. have nothing
to do with the levelling of the Cuts &
Embankments – that we shall have to do
in conformity with the Way-leave Agreet^s.

I am Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

E. M^cDonnell Esq^r.

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