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Pensher 6th. Sep. 1839

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Letters of the 1st. & 3^d. Ins^t. but delayed answering the former until I could State the result of our discussions on the purchase of the Railway &c. J. Gregson came here on Wed. Eveng: and we were occupied yesterday & this Mornng. in discussing the affair & Making the requisite [delections] &c. – the result of which I now enclose M^r. G. has written M^r. M^cDonnell in detail, which Letter M^r. M^cD. will of course forward to your Lordship. The Purchase of the Railway is unquestionally a most desirable object & the mode proposed Sums, as far as we can judge the most facile mode of accomplishing it.

24	“	Jn ^o . Gregson			
25	13	M ^r . M ^c .Donnell			
26	“	Jo ^s . Pease M.P.			
27	“	Jn ^o . C. Douglas			
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29	20	Ditto			
30	“	J.J. Wright			
31	21	M ^r . M ^c .Donnell			

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As to the paying off of Tanner & Co. this cannot be done ‘till certain Deeds & Documents are executed by y^r. Ldp. & my Lady, & which must be done before y^r. Lordship goes abroad – or great delay may take place. It is desirable to have this done without delay – as it will Release the Poli[cy] of Live Insur^{ce}. with the Globe office for £9230..15..5 as well as the Pensher Colliery Leaces, which they hold as collatral Security as well as the Rosebank Deeds.

Your Lordship will recollect that we are under Agree^t. with Tanner & Co. to Send them 20,000 Ch. of W. End in the year – they have only got 8187 Ch. up to the End of Aug^t. instead of 13,333 – their due – leaving them 5146 Ch. Short I cannot therefore See on what

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Pretence I can take all the Coals from them – it is no matter of favour, or feeling on my part, but of legal right on theirs – and I have no doubt they could receive large damages for [net] performance of Contract if the Sh^d. proceed against us, I therefore think it most prudent to let them easily down and get off, if we can without having to send them the 5000 Ch. of Arrears

I trust it is not necessary for me to make professions of exertions, in y^r. Lordships absence as to endeavours to do every thing in my power to promote the welfare of the Concerns. I must leave deeds to Speak for themselves. The capabilities of the Harbour is not matter of Argument but of Fact, and the ensuring Winter will probably decide it. I shall

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have much pleasure in communicating to your Lordship from time to time, how all matters are going on with us, and shall only be too happy to have it in my power to write good Accounts.

I most Sincerely hope the Voyage will be beneficial to my Ladys health, and wishing also that it may be safe, and more Personably Agreeable than your Lordship anticipates I have the Honour to Remain

Your Lordship's
Most Obedient
faithful Servant
Jn^o. Buddle

The Marqs. of
Londonderry
&c. &c.&c.

P.S. If your Lordship Sh^d. have occasion to write me before you leave – please after next Monday to direct to Newnham, Gloucestershire.

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2.

Newcastle 7th. Sep: 1839

My Dear Sopwith

Thanks for your Letter of the 4th. which to save the Carlisle Mail, I have only two Minutes to Answer. I am glad to inform you that Ursula, is considered to be quite out of danger & I hope to bring you improving Acco^{ts}. from M^r. S. I take the Train tomorrow afternoon for Carlisle, and following the Route you mention shall hope to be with you next Tuesday Mg. by Ten.

Present my best Regards to Mess^{rs}. Probyn & Graham & hoping to find you all in high Feather & fit for a good Spell of Work

I remain Y^{rs}. Sincerely
Th. Sopwith Esq^r. Jn^o. Buddle
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2.

P.S. No intelligence from Amory or Col. Heth, this week, altho' positively promised !!! I have got 6 capital Fellows to go out, but will write a tickler to night – to have all

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Newcastle Tyne 7th. Sep 1839

My Dear Sir

Mr. Hall and I are disappointed in not having heard either from you, or

the how & the when of Money Matters cleared up and distantly understood, before they stir a step.

What a shocking affair at the old Ferry !!!

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Col. Heth this Week. I have engaged Six Prime Men to go out on the 21st. but cannot enter into a written Contract with them, until the Requisite Primary arrangements are made with Col. Heth

These conditions of engage^t. are – that they are to be paid £3 P. Week Sterling each from the time they have home 'till they return.

That they are to stay two Months at the Colly. if Req^d. with the option of remaining – Subject to a new Agree^t.

That they are to have £5 P. Man advanced before starting to purchase necessarys & 30/- to defray travelling expences to Liverpool.

That their Passage Money and travelling expences out & home again are to be paid

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That a certain portion (say one half) of their Salaries are to be Paid to their Families during their absence – Monthly. And that the fulfilment of those Conditions shall be guaranteed to them.

No time you will perceive is to be lost in getting those arrangements Satisfactorily concluded, if the Men are to go out in the Liverpool. And as I start for Newnham tomorrow – to join M^r. Sopwith next Tuesday Mg.

4.

Walls-end 8th. Sep 1839

Dear Sir

I am sorry to trouble you again on the repair of Stantons old House but I am really teased to death about it and will therefore, thank you to put it in hand without further delay. I am just on the point of starting for Dean Forest, and will not Return 'till about the 26th. or 28th. – in the mean time I hope this job will

I must leave the final Settlement with the Men
to M^r. Hall – to whom I beg to refer you,
for the arrangement of the essential Matters above
Named; and remain My D^r. Sir

your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

Sam^l. Amory Esq^r.

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be completed & Remain D^r. Sir

your's truly

Jn^o. Buddle

M^r. Heny. Turner

5.

Newnham 13th. Sep.
1839

My Dear Sir

As neither M^r. Sopwith nor myself
have heard from you, or Col. Heth, Since my
Letter to you of the 7th. we can only infer,
that you have written to M^r. Hall, on the
subject of that Letter, or that Col. Heth has
relinquished the notion of taking out the Men
to his Collieries. Be this as it may it is now
too late for M^r. Sopwith to think of going
out in the Liverpool & he therefore gives up
the idea of it. And if M^r. Hall did no
there from you, or Col. Heth, on the Subject
of my Letter of the 7th. last Wed. or yester-
day – to enable him to enable him to agree with the Colliers

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who are engaged Conditionally – they will
not be able to go, as there is not time for
them to prepare for the Voyage

I am my Dear Sir

Your's Sincerely

Jn^o. Buddle

Sam^l. Amory Esq^r.

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Newnham 13th. Sep: 1839

Dear Sir

Neither M^r. Sopwith, nor I have received any communication from M^r. Amory, or Col. Heth – which is rather queer. I have written M^r. Amory by this Post to say that we can only refer that he has either written to you on the Subject of my Letter of the 7th. or that Col. Heth has relinquished the notion of sending the Men out. I have also informed him, that it is now too late for M^r. Sopwith to go out.

You may be possibly have rece^d. a Letter, but unless it is perfectly clear & Satisfactory with respect to the Money Arrangements mentioned in my Letter of the 7th. to Amory. I would not advise you to Stir a Step. I cannot

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yet say when I shall get home – but hardly think it will be before the 26th. or 28th. Ins^t.

I am D^r. Sir

your's truly

Jn^o. Buddle

M^r. Tho^s. Hall

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Newnham 13th. Sep: 1839

Dear Sir

Your Letter of the 9th. Has been forward to me at this place. I Scarcely expect to return to the North, before the 26th. or 28th. but will take the earliest opportunity on my return to apprise you when I can have the pleasure of seeing you in Newcastle & remain Dear Sir

8.

Newnham Gloucestershire

14th. Sep: 1839

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Letter of the 10th. which has been forwarded to me at this place.

I am here at present on the business of the Dean Forest Commission, and shall re-

your's truly
Jn^o. Buddle

Jasp. Gibson Esq^r. }
Hexham }

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main 'till the 24th. or 25th. If therefore your Lordship should find it convenient to allow your Agent to come, here, on Monday the 23^d. Ins^t. with the Journals of the Borings which have been made in your Brine-grounds – together with Such Sections of the Strata & Plans of the Faults &c. as your Lordship may

be possessed of. I think by an inspection and investigation of those Documents, I could decide whether my visiting the Works would be likely to be of any Service, or not.

In case my visiting the Works should be deemed Requisite, I could take them on my way to the North.

I have the honour to be
My Lord
Your Lordship's
Most Obed^t. Hble. Servant
Jn^o. Buddle

The Right Honble. }
The Earl of Talbot }
Stafford }

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9.

Berkley Castle 15th. Sep: 1839

My Dear Sir

M^r. Hall has found M^r.

Sopwith & myself, here, this Afternoon – barely in time to save this Post – with your Letter of yesterday.

I do not entirely Concur in your opinion as to M^r. Hall's [arceteness] in driving, or at least in Securing a Bargain – as the most essential [precit] – viz. That of a guarantee for it's fulfilment is entirely lost Sight of.

As want of time compels me to visit with great brivity. I have only to say that the agree^t. between Col. Heth & M^r. Hall is incomplete without the Guarantee of Some Party in this Country – with reference

to

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to the pm^t. of the entire expences, in the event of no Company being formed.

This is quite indispensable before final ~~can be info~~ arrangements can be made with the Men. M^r. Hall will reach home on Tuesday & will be Regulat[ions] to starting with the Men for Liverpool, by your communications on this point, which he will expect to receive on Wed: Morn^g.

The guarantee of Glynn's or some other well Known responsible party is indissab[le]

Your's my Dear Sir

Truly in haste

Jn^o. Buddle

Sam^l. Amory Esq^r.

I will be glad to hear from you at the Bear Inn Newnham.

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10.

Bear Inn Newnham 17th. Sep: 1839

Dear Sir

I have yours of yesterday from Long's Hotel, informing me of yours having obtained a Guarantee for the pm^t. of your own & the Men's expences – out to Virginia – to the Amo^t. of £700 I presume the passage Money out-is paid over and above this – or it wen't Cover half the expences I have also a Letter from Amory to the same effect. It is to be regretted that the Men cannot go in the same Packet with you as I am apprehensive they will be a Month later than yourself in arriving – which will be a great loss of time. This it seems, however, cannot be remedied, and you can, in gaining all possible information about the Concerns against they

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arrive. The actual & probable expence of raising the Coals is the most important point, and I expect you will find it a very Stone [maked] place, without Ho. or Harbour for the accomodation of the Pitmen You must therefore ascertain the cost of Building, as this will be a heavy additional item of Expence to be added to the

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during your stay M^r. Sopwith joins with me in wishing you a good Voyage, a successfull expedition, and a safe Return, and

I remain your Sincere welwisher

Jn^o. Buddle

Please to give my Compliments to Col.

Heth. You will no doubt before

purchase Money – leave nothing short in all those inquiries I am afraid you will be sadly Switched for time to get the Men over to Liverpool on Friday in time for the Packet & when they find that they are not to go in the same Ship with you, I should not wonder if some of them bolt. Nothing more occurs to me at present, but I shall expect to hear from you by the 1st. Opportunity after your arrival, as from time, to time during

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you leave have made arrangements for the pm^t. of the subsistence Money to the Men's Families.

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Newnham 19th. Sep: 1839

My Dear Sir

M^r. John Gregson's Letter of 6th. Ins^t. from Pensher, would inform you the result of our discussions, on the Seaham Railway affair & the Winning of Seaham &c. – together with the Rate P. Ch. for Shipping the Seaton Coals at Seaham. The latter item, however, will require further consideration, before we come to close negotiation as the Rates to be charged on the Coals wro^t. at the Pits in Seaham Estate, will not be a proper Scale, for the Coals wro^t. out of the Pits to be Sunk in the Seaton Grounds

This branch of the Subject requires further

Bargain with us, and I think I had better break a Lance with them in those days of tilling to see what I can make of them, before you come to close-quarters with them.

My Accounts from home are so favourable that I think of staying, here, a few days longer than I intended, as we are getting warmed in our Work – so as to bring us within sight of Land. By getting thro' the business new before us, I hope other two meetings between this and next July, will complete the affairs of the commission, & relieve me from those long journeys If therefore nothing unexpected occurs I will not be at home 'till the 28th.

Lord L. has taken his departure, and I

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Consideration, and on my return home, I will endeavour to put the matter in what I think the proper point of view. I perceive that Morton & Wood are disposed to drive a

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have promised to write him, occasionally to Say how matters go on in the Coal-trade – my Letters to be addressed to Holderness House.

It has rained every day since I came here and the Corn is Spoiling on the Ground – a most melancholy sight. I dined with Lord Seagrave last Sa. & Sunday, at Berkeley Castle

and am going again on Sunday – to see his Engineering operations on the Severan – to reclaim Land from the River. The Castle is a Curious piece of antiquity – but as a Snuggery not equal to Glenarm. The Society at the Castle, as you are no doubt aware is unique – but nothing can exceed the hospitality of it's Lord, and the splendour with which he entertains his

Guests. The Room in which Edw^d.

the 2^d. was murdered is pre-

served in it's original State

I am my Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

Edw^d. M^cDonnell Esq^r.

Glenarm.

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12.

Coleford 19th. Sep: 1839

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 16th. Ins^t. – as also that of the 12th. which has been forwarded to me.

I expect to finish my business in Dean Forest, this day week, in which case I could meet your Lordships Agent at Stafford on my way to the North, on Friday – and accompany him to the Salt-works. As soon as I can see my way quite clearly in this I will write again – to fix the precise time I shall reach Stafford – as nearly as the mode of travelling, I shall adopt, will permit me to do

As I shall soon have an opportunity of investigating the Locality of the Brine Springs I shall not now enter into any Conjectural

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opinions, as to the cause of their deterioration

I beg to thank your Lordship for your polite invistion, and if necessary will be glad to avail myself of your hospitality.

But I shall be anxious to proceed on my journey & will not therefore Spend more time at the Works than may be requisite to Satisfy my inquiries

I have the honour to be

My Lord

Your Lordship's

Most Obed^t. Servant

Jn^o. Buddle

The Right Honble. }
The Earl of Talbot }
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13.

Newnham Gloucestershire

23^d. Sep: 1839

21 Stanhope Street }
Regent's Park }

Dear Sir

Your Letter of the 17th. has been forwarded to me this place.

I saw the Dean & Chapter's agent before I left home, but he could not give me an answer respecting the Gas, until he laid the application before the Rev^d. Body at a Chapter Meetg. which would not take place 'till the 7th. – the day I left home for this place. I cannot therefore Know their decision 'till I return to the North – about this day Week, and you may depend upon hearing from me as soon as I gain the requisite information & remain D^r. Sir Yr^s. truly
J.C. Douglas Esq^r. Jn^o. Buddle

14.

Newcastle on Tyne
29th. Sep: 1839

Dear Sir

15.

Walls-end 29th. Sep: 1839

On my return from Gloucestershire yesterday I saw M^r. Wood, and fixed with him, provided the appointment suits your Convenience, to start from Newcastle on Wed. Night the 9th. of Oct^r. and to meet you in Edinburgh next Morn^g. the 10th. from whence we can proceed direct to Sauchie. I shall be glad to receive a Line from you at your early convenience to say if this appointment will suit yourself and the other parties.

I presume you have my former Reports, or Copies of them to refer to, if necessary.

	I am Sir
James H. Mitchell Esq ^r .	} Your Obed ^t . Serv ^t . Jn ^o . Buddle
8 Bardolph Cliff	
Edinbrugh	

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My Dear Sir

I only received your Letter of the 17th. Ins^t. on returning, here, from Gloucestershire last night. The existing or last Lease of Walls-end Colliery was never in my possession – nor do I recollect ever to have seen either it, or a Copy. I am therefore unable to answer your inquiry as to it's date, and expiration

The Lease is Brancepeth, and that as little time as may be last I have written Col. Mills to answer your inquiries.

On thinking over, our discussions as to the Railway & Harbour dues to be charged on the Seaton Coal, I perceive

that the Scale we stated will only do on Coals wro^t. out of the Pits Sunk in Seaham A different Scale will have to be adopted for Pits Sunk in the Seaton Grounds, as they will be about two Miles nearer to Sunderland. I have not yet gone into figures on this point but will do so before we go into negotiation with our Co-Partners.

As Morton was driving to Newcastle in

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16.

Walls-end 30th. Sep: 1839

My Dear Friend

I have your Letter of yesterday this Morn^g. with y^r. Cheque for £180 – the Cheque is written on part of the Letter – I will not therefore present it – but will get a fresh one when we meet, which will most likely be at Chester next Thursday.

I don't know what to say about

his Gig yesterday – the Horse fell, by which Morton was thrown out and broke his right Arm – So much for travelling in Gigs.

Lord L. Should not have left 'till he had executed all the necessary Documents for settling Tanner & Seurfields Affair, as the delay is throwing us into Difficulties with them Respecting the quantity of Coals to be sent to them

I am my Dear Sir y^{rs}. truly
Jn^o. Gregson Esq^r. Jn^o. Buddle

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the Loan you mention – I have only about £6000 in the Bank, so that I could not accomplish the £10000 without calling upon Friend Jonathan for assistance out of the £7000 advanced on their Mortgage on the premises of the J.S. Bank.

Again – you are aware that I am under promise to Jn^o. Walder to look at his Glass-House Concern & if I like it & we can agree, I am to lay it, at a ready Money Price. I am therefore bound to keep my Money in a disposable State until I get this affair set at rest in one way or another. I meant to have called upon

you on Saturday, but could find an opportunity before the 4 o'Clock Train went off & by which I had arranged to go home.

I am my Dear Friend
your's faithfully
Jn^o. Buddle
A. Donkin Esq^r.

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17.

Walls-end 1st. Oct^r. 1839

My Dear Sir

Your Letter of the 23^d. Ulto:
has only come to hand this mornng. having followed me from Newnham, in Gloucestershire to which place it had been sent from Newcastle, and missed me on the Road. To save this post I must be brief. I note the contents of your Letter – will put my best Leg foremost to carry your Fathers' wishes into effect, and will write again, as Soon as I have qualified myself to do so. And that with as little delay ad may be.

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I have passed twice thro' London this year but had not an opportunity of paying my respects to you. I am glad to learn so good an Acco^t. of Miss Mascall – I wish I could give you as good an Acco^t. of my Sisters health but I fear She is a Confirmed invalid – She

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is staying at Tynemouth at present – but M^{rs}. Burnet, who is Cobby is staying with me and joins me in very best regards, and Kindest remeberances to M^{rs}. M. Missey & your Father, when you see him. I am afraid this will not catch you at Margate.

I will direct my next to
Red Lion Square, unless I hear
from you to the contrary

I am in great haste

My Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

F. Mascall Jun^r. Esq^r. }
Ramesgate }

18.

Pensher 3^d. Oct^r. 1839

My Dear Sir

I am glad to inform you that all our affairs in this quarter are going on satisfactorily – with plenty of Ships at Seaham to take away the Issues – and a brisk Steam Boat demand – there is every appearance of the whole Stock of Steam Boat W.E. being run off from the Pits in the course of the Month. The change in the proportions of the Vends of London & Coast Coal has however occasioned some inconvenience, as we cannot work the Issues of Walls-end without working too great a proportion of Eden-main & laying them in Heaps at the Pits, which won't do in the face of the Winter. I have therefore urged Lee, to push off the Eden-main to London, if possible to make up the deficiency of Walls-end – the Vend of which was 700 Ch. Short last Month – this is very annoying when there were plenty of Ships to

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take away the Coals. Tanner and Scurfield have only had about 200 Ch. in all Sep: – they have not grumbled, but it must have been a great loss

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to them. I wish this affair was settled. I hope it will not now be much longer delayed I. Gregson writes me on the 1st. That the Coutts' will advance the £6000 after you have Signed the Deeds without waiting for Lord L_'s Signature – but he has not yet got the Dft^s !!!

I have just returned from the Chester meeting – the Issue for the 1st. Fort^t. of [Oct^r.] is the same as it was last Mo: – 40 to London & 32 to the Coast The energetic conduct of the Comm^{er}. in leveying Fines has produced a good effect £948..5..0 for Fine shave been actually paid, which is causing the rules of the Regulation to be better respected, and I really think the desire for continuing the Regulation is gaining Strength. No one has given notice of quitting the Association & the young Colts are taking to draw more quietly in Harness – At present there is every appearance of its hanging together for other 6 or 12 Mo? Lord Durham arrived at Lambton last Night and dines at the anniversary meeting of the N. Castle Nat. His: Society to day – I have not seen him but hear that he is very well Morton's Right Arm was

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broken by his fall last Sa. so he is hors de Combat for the present. Wood is pressing about the Seaham affair, but I am staving him off as well as I can Lord D_m will most likely be pushing us home upon it. The Daldon Sinking is Stopped by Water 'till the large Engine is built – they are drawing 2000 Gall. of Water P. min. without effect – this is not encouraging for Seaham. I have a Bulletin from L^d. L. this mornng. dated Lisbon 22^d. Sep. – they have had an awful passage & nearly lost off Cape Finistarre by the Steamer Striking a Wreck or some floating timber – he says “Lady L. is half dead & the poor children wretched”. This is a terrible acco^t. & I will write a Letter of congratulation on the escape – but what could be expected in a voyage across the Bay of Bisca during the Equinox?

At the Harbour all matters are going on as usual – 4 Courses of Blocks are built at Pier-head and more might have been done if masons could have been had but there is no getting them.

The Weather has been pretty good of late, and

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the Harvest is nearly secured in this quarter Newley

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has a Splended Crop at Seaham, which is nearly all
Stacked. Lord L. wrote Hickely to have the dam
raised 1 ft higher than was contracted for to make
the water cover a Sand Bank. It will add £7 to
the expence but I tho^t. it right to comply with his
Ldps. wish. I am my D^r. Sir Y^{rs}. faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

Edw^d. M^cDonnell Esq^r.

Glenarm

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19.

Newcastle on Tyne 4th. Oct^r.

1839

Gentlemen

I have to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter of the 2^d. Ins^t. and
regret that my present engagements will
not allow me to undertake the affair of
Reference to which you allude. I regret
this more as from old acquaintance
– Sake, I should have felt great pleasure
in serving Cap^t. Wernyss on this occasion

I am Gen^t.

Your Most Obed^t. S^t.

Jn^o. Buddle

Messrs. Walker & Melville. }

Geo: Street Edinbrough }

20.

Newcastle on Tyne 4th. Oct^r.

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Dear Sir

I have this day learnt
that the Dean & Chapter will accept £50 P.
Ann. as a Rent for the Gas at the Walls-

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Walls-end Colly. 6th. Oct^r.

1839

My Dear Sir

I regret exceedingly that I Sh^d.
have been from home, when you were at

end Pit. And on the part of the Lessees
I am authorized to say that you may take
it from the top of the Pit, for the Ann^l.

Rent of £100. I am Dear Sir

your's truly

Jn^o. Buddle

John C. Douglas Esq^r. }
21 Stanhope Street }
Regents Park }
London }

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Newcastle, which prevent me from having the
pleasure of seeing you: I have delayed writing
'till this time to enable me the better to give you
an acco^t. of the general prospects of the Coal-
trade for which purpose I waited the result of
the monthly Meetg. at Chester last Thursday and
the Comm^{ee}. Meetg. at Newcastle yesterday

The energetic conduct of the Comm^{ee}. lately ad-
opted to enforce the Rules of the Regulation
has been attended with very Salutary effects –
Fines to the Acco^t. of nearly £1000 have been
levied on Individuals & Paid for violating the
Rules of the Regulation This has inspired the
Trade with Confidence & made the young

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Colts draw more Kindly in Harness so that at the Coal under
present there seems to be a fair prospect of
the Regulation continuing another year. The
only quarter from whence danger is apprehended
is Thornley, where Gully & Co: are rather contu-
macious, and difficult to manage. Still I
do not think they will drive matters to ex-
tremities We are here, going on very con-
fortably – vending all the Coals we are allowed
without having occasion to freight, or resort to
any irregular nodes of getting off the Coals –
And recently our Coals have been introduced

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the River, will now accomplish
that object in 3 Weeks which will be a great
relief to us – as it will both give us to work
Chapter.

I hope you are benefitting
from the Leimington Waters & remain

My Dear Sir

Your's very truly

Jn^o. Buddle

William Russell Esq^r. }
Leimington }

at Jersey & Guernsay & seem to be liked – if this continues it will be of great benefit to us as all the Coals vended to those Islands do not come into the Regulated quantity which makes this a very desirable branch of Trade & we must endeavour to make a pit of it

The Stone Drift in the G Pit – to cut

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22

Pensher 8th. Oct^r. 1839

My Dear Col.

I called to see poor Morriss on my way here yesterday afternoon, and was glad to find him considerably better – but Still weak and languid – altho' he had been able to drive out a little in his Gig.

He says his complaint was inflammatⁿ. in the Chest – I wish that may be all, but I strongly suspect some sort of organic disease, about his Heart, as I don't at all like his Symptoms, or appearance I hope I may be mistaken, as his death would be a great loss to us, and an irreparable one to his Family. I am glad to say that we are all well at Walls-end & remain

My D^r. Col.

Col. Mills.

Yours' Sincerely

23.

Newcastle 13th. Oct^r. 1839

Sir

I am duly favoured with your's of the 7th. Ins^t. M^r. Wood is at present from home, but I think I could venture to say that Monday the 4th. of November would suit him as well as myself to come to Edinburgh on the Sauchie Affair. If therefore, you can manage to make the appointment with the other parties at, or about that time, no further delay need I expect take place – but the sooner we Know this the better. Waiting your early reply

I remain Sir

Your Most Obed^t. S^t.

Jn^o. Buddle

James Mitchell Esq^f.
Edinbrough }

Jn^o. Buddle

I wrote M^r. Russell last
yesterday }

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24.

Newcastle 12th. Oct^r. 1839

My Dear Sir

I am glad to learn by your Letter of the 10th. Ins^t. that you are so nearly prepared to give the finishing Stroke to Scurfield & Tanner's Affair The easiest way perhaps of getting the £6000 paid to them, will be for you to pay it in the first instance into Berclay, Bevan & C^{os}. to my Credit with the Northumberland & Durham District Banking Co. and then I can pay Scurfield & Tanner by my Cheque on the latter Co. If you can venture to trust me – I think this will be the easiest way of doing the Job – or I will do it in any other way you like. I will deliver your message to Hunter

I am sure you will be sorry to learn that poor Morriss has had a very severe attack of what he calls inflammation in the Chest – he is better but I am very apprehensive it is some sort of organic Complaint about the Heart I am My D^r. Sir

Y^{rs}. faithfully

Jn^o. Gregson Esq

Jn^o. Buddle

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25

Walls-end 13th. Oct^r. 1839

My Dear Sir

I had the pleasure to received your Letter of the 8th. on the 11th. Ins^t. and am glad to inform you that all matters are going on Smoothly with us. We had a little Slack in Ships at Seaham the beginning of last Week – which caused rather a slow beginng. with the Months Vend but as it happened at the Houghton Feast – time when the Pitmen are fonder of eating, drinking & dancing than of working, it was of the less consequence. We now got a fresh Supply of Ships, and I hope we shall get full Vend during the Mo.

I received a Letter from Jn^o. Gregson yesterday to inform me that he had sent off the documentation the 9th. for y^r. Sig. for settlement of the Scurfield and Tanner's BI^{ce}. and that he expected to be in a Condition to send me the £6000 tomorrow, or Tuesday – and he asks me how can it best be remitted? I have replied that if he can

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trust me – the best plan will be to pay it to my Credit at Berclay's, with my Bankers in N. Castle and then I can pay Scurfield & Tanner by my Cheque this will save any expence of Commission and allow any little time that may be req^d. for retiring all the securities which Scusfield & Co. hold. The Seaham & Seaton Affair remains in Statu quo. And you may rest assured that I will Keep it in a state of Abeyance as long as I can I have had a talk with N. Wood about it, but he has gone to Harrogate for a Fortnight, and nothing more will, I think, be said about it 'till he returns. I have not Seen anything of L^d. Durham yet – nor Morton this Week.

I was at the Harbour on Tuesday last, and decided to lay off the Lime-Works for the Season to save expence. The only work we shall Keep on will be carrying the rubble Blocks from Red-Acre to throw over the Pier. It is questionable whether we shall get anything more done at the Pier-

head

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[25b]

This Season. We must get some Stones round from Pensher, whenever the Weather will permit, and Usher & Lee are to set about arranging the best mode of accomplishing this

The New Steam Boat is now in operation & Usher expresses the highest satisfaction at her performance. Lee thinks he will be able to make up our Vend by sending E.main to London.

I could not see Cail yesterday, but Webb tells me that the repair of the dam, has been retarded by the Floods breaking down some temporary Dam (not the Contractors Work) which washed Away a great deal of the new Work. Webb says the new Dam, so far, is an excellent piece of Work – he is very anxious to have his Salary fixed. I have no further intelligence from L^d. L. but he is Keeping Hunter employed running after renewal of Bills – post-dated Cheques & such like dirty Work. I am glad you are enjoying your home in Comfort & hope nothing will occur in this quarter to disturb it & bring you from

[25c omitted]

[25d]

Glenarm, before the time for closing the Acco^{ts}.
I hope to be able to induce the Office of Woods to

26.

Walls-end 13th. Oct^r. 1839

Dear Sir

allow the next Meetg. of the Dean Forest Comm^r.
to be holden in Newcastle, which will save me
the Journey into Gloucestershire I am my dear Sir

Y^{rs}. Faithfully Jn^o. Buddle

Edw^d. M^cDonnell Esq^r. }
Glenarm }

[Bud-60-3]

I received your Letter of the 8th.
and 10th. Ins^t. in course. I saw Forster
yesterday who undertook to send, either Coulthard
or Thorman to value the ~~Deanery~~^<Adelaides> & Cockfield Colly.
stock as soon as possible, and we will proceed
to finish the Valuation with as little delay as
may be. I'm afraid it will be difficult to
find a Market for your spare Corves & Bows, as
several Colls. Are in the same State, in consequence
of the introduction of Tubs – but I will see what
can be done, in my beat. Adey's being in a hobble
does not surprise, nor make me Cry. – “like Masters
like Man” – sure such a Pair !!! I am D^r. Sir
Ja^s. Pearse Esq^r. M.P. Your's faithfully
Jn^o. Buddle

27.

I have to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter of the 8th. Ins^t.
When you come to the North, the affair
of the Leases of the Gas can easily be
arranged – and will be better done by
Personal Communication than by Letter

I am Dear Sir

your's truly

Jn^o. Buddle

M^r. J.C. Douglas Esq^r.

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Newcastle 17th. Oct^r. 1839

My Dear Sir

I received your Letter of the 13th. Ins^t.
Yesterday & Hunyer put them into the Bank this Morn^g.
Under circumstances this Is all right, as it will relieve the
Bank, while at the same time, it does not increase your
liabilities. The only difference it can make is between the
discounting of the Bills, and the Interest on the Bal^{ce}.
as it renders the Amo^t. workable to the Bank, instead of

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Regents Park
London

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lying dormant, as a [dull] Security I have made inquiry relative to the State of the Money-Market, here, as well as generally, and find it to be but too true that Money is exceedingly Scarce – the cause of which is more remote than is generally supposed. It originated in the bad Harvest of last Year which occasioned 6 Million [Spuie] to be sent out of the Country, as the Continental people did not take our Manufactures in return. The pressure has now come home to us as the bank of Eng^d. has found it raising it's Discountg. generally But now it refuses to discount the Bills of every Joint Stock or Private Bank whatever which issues

its' own Notes. Thus it refuses to discount for Lambtons and our Bank, as well as all others who issue their own Notes. This is cramping all those Banks Sadly, & compels them to be stingy with their Customers, which makes the pressure general. Nothing like Panic however, has yet taken place. but a Run upon any of those issuing Banks would be a very serious affair. In the midst of all this however, it is consolatory to find our Trade going on will and I hope we shall get our full vend up this Mo.

I hope & trust no difficulty will occur with our Bank-affairs to require your leaving home, on that Acco^t.

I have not received any further intelligence from Jn^o. Gregson, on the Rosebank Affair but shall be ready to obey his directions with respect to the Settlement with

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preceding but I was not aware that you were not appraised of his movements – this was wrong.

I have not anything more about the Seaton Affair & N. Wood is still at Harrogate – Morton has said nothing further on the subject yet – perhaps Lord Durham is as much puzzled about it as we are, and may not perhaps, on reflection be more inclined to push it

I am my Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

Edw^d. M^cDonnell Esq^r.

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Scurfield & Tanner when I do & will make the best Settlement of the Bal^{ce}. with them I can – of course they must give all the Securities they hold.

Their taking Eden-main Coals will not be of any advantage to us – as it is the same thing as paying Ready Money Hunter has not been from home since the 7th. – he was in the North the Week

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29.

Walls-end 20th. Oct^r. 1839

My Dear Sir

I regret to learn by your Letter of the 17th. that you have not rec^d. any Letters from me, lately & cannot acco^t. for their delay – I have not found it necessary to write you frequently of late, as all our Affairs have been going on as comfortably as we can expect under Circumstances – but I wrote you, on the 3^d., 13th. and 17th. and hope you will have rec^d. the two former, at least, by this time. Hunter told me that he had Sent off his Monthly Statem^t. at the usual time, & I cannot imagine how it has been delayed.

I have this Morn^g. rec^d. a Letter from Jn^o. Gregson to say that he has paid the £6000 to my Credit at Berclay's – and he at the same time informs me what Documents I am to receive

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from Jn^o. J. Wright Scurfield & Tanner's Sol^r. when I pay them the Money. This I shall do tomorrow, if Wright has all in readiness – and that there may be no mistake, I have written him & Scurfield by a Messenger to apprize them that I will pay them tomorrow – and to desire them to have all in readiness to enable me to do so. You may, therefore, expect to hear from me by tomorrow Post, that the job is done.

I am very Sorry that Lord L. finds the Voyage so irksome – more especially on Acco^t. of Lady L. & the young Ladies – it must really be very distressing to them to be tossing about at Sea, at this Season; and I wish they were once fairly located at Naples, or some other place

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of repose. I'm afraid the transaction you allude to, is not the only thing of the Kind that has happened – there are various reports of shuffling, duty [tricks] having been played in this

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Neighbourhood – and there is a disregard to common honesty & propriety of conduct, and a recklessness of Character, which it seems impossible to account for in any way but one. – it is really terrific

I am my D^r. Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

Edw^d. M^cDonnell Esq^r.

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30.

Walls-end 20th. Oct^r. 1839

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that I will call at your Office, at 12 o'Clock tomorrow (Monday) to payn – to Mess^{rs}. Seurfield, Tanner & Co. the Bal^{ce}. due to them from the Marq^s. of Londonderry. I have written to apprise those Gen^t. of my intention, and hope you will be prepared to give me the re-assignment of the Rose-bank Seeds, and also to write Mess^{rs}. Swain & Co. to deliver to M^r. Jn^o. Gregson the Sev^l. Deeds & Documents which are with them – so as to enable us to wind up this affair

I remain Dear Sir

Your's truly

Jn^o. Jo^s. Wright Esq^r.
Sunderland

Jn^o. Buddle

31.

Pensher 21st. Oct^r. 1839

My Dear Sir

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amongst them – an abundance to carry off the Months Vend – the difficulty will be to get the

I have the pleasure to inform you, that Scurfield & Tanner' Bal^{ce}. is paid. I met Hunter at Sunderland this Mornng. – got the Bal^{ce}. settled as below, and paid them the £6000 with my Cheque & Hunter paid the difference £889..1..8 by his Cheque on the Joint S.B. the Acco^t. was settled up to the end of July – Since which they have paid in full for all the Coals they have had – without [dedurty] the 1/ 3 P. Ch. & as they have behaved very well in not pressing for their full quantity of Coals, I did not think it right to push them to take Bills for the £889..1..8 I congratulate you on your successful exertions in getting this affair accomplished as it places us in a more independent, as well as in a more respectable position for vending our Coals

I have just come from Seaham, where the Harbour is cram full of large Ships – several
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Coals led, as I see it will require upwards of 500 Waggons a day to accomplish it – every possible exertion will however be made The issue for the latter half of the Mo. is the same as for the 1st. half – 40 to London & 32 to the Coast

The re-assign^t. of the Rose-bank is sent off p. mail to J. Gregson & J.J. Wright has written to his Agents – Swain & Co. to give him up all the other securities I am my D^r. Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

Oct^r. 21st. 1839 Settlement with Scurfield, and Tanner

Bal ^{ce} . Includg. Int ^t . Due Scurfield –	£3540..14..4
Ditto – – – – Tanner & Co. – – – –	<u>3348.. 7..4</u>
	<u>£ 6889.. 1..8</u>

Edw^d. M^cDonnell Esq^r.

32.

Pensher 25th. Oct^r. 1839

My Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your's of the 22^d. this mornng. and have no doubt, but 'eer this you have rec^d. mine of the 21st. Advising you of the settlement of Scurfield & Tanner' Acco^t.

Yesterday & the day before were terrible wet days which prevented us from filling any of the Resting Coals

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ever, on the Seaton Affair & as far as I can make out from him, Lord D^m does not feel any appetite for Commencing.

I have not seen his Ldp. Yet but have received a Card of invitation to dine at the Castle next Mondy. to meet the Duke of Sussex, who arrived the day

– Still the Vend is going on flourishingly & I fully expect the whole Mo^s. Vend & former Shorts will be accomplished.

I hope Money Matters are about to revive, and it is [reccuecised] that the issuing Banks will shew fight & not submit to be bullied & Kicked by the Bank of England, whose Aim seems to be a general Mono-poly of the whole Bankg. business of the Country. This w^d. be very bad – Still I think a check to [imedenate] Speculation was Requisite. I have seen Morton to day who seems as much [abroad] as

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before yesterday & is to remain 3 Weeks it is [level] Morton says his Ldp. Is remarkably well in health. The Thornley Basis has at length been awarded – it is 70~~m~~. The Trade seem tolerably satisfied with it – whether the Co. will be so or not remains to be seen

The Weather now seems completely broken, and there is still a great deal of both Wheat & Oats out on the high Lands, which cannot fail to be Spoiled or greatly injured. One of the large – a very large Hay Stack was burnt down, by spontaneous ignitⁿ. Yesterday. And one of our Brakemen at the Beuridge Railway Incline Machine was Killed last night getting entangled in the Brake Wheel. It is reported that old Arthur Mowbray is dead.

Hunter has had a [blaneying] Letter from L^d. _ to forward a certain object of the old Class. I am my D^r. Sir

Your's faithfully

E. M^cDonnell Esq^r.

Jn^o. Buddle

33.

Newcastle 2^d. Nov. 1839

My Dear Sir

I rec^d. your Letter of the 22^d. Oct^r. in course, but have deferred writing 'till after the close of the Month, in hopes of being able to inform you that we had got the Oct^r. Issue, as well as the former

off by hook, or by Crook as it will cramp our Finances Sadly if we do not.

We had a large party at Lambton last Mondy and the Earl is Keeping it up every day – in entertaining his Royal Visitor – who by the-bie, is very infirm & much aged Since I last saw him.

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Shorts Vended up. In this I regret to say I am disappointed, as we have had Easterly Gales, & high Sea, during the last ten days, which has prevented any light Ships from taking the Harbour, and the consequence is that our Vend has fallen 562 Ch. Short of the Oct^r. Issue – which together with the former Shorts of 765 – makes 1327 Ch. Short in all up to this time. This has cut our Receipt of Bills Short at a very bad time, and I am really apprehensive, that we shall have difficulty during the Winter Months in getting Ships to carry off the Vend Regularly & that we may be obliged to resort to Sunderland to make up the deficiency – we shall however, be better able to judge of this during the present Mo. The Vend we must have

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Lord D. Seems in excellent health & Spirits and is rendering himself very popular in the Neighbourhood. Nothing more about the Seaton Affair – which will I expect slumber for a while.

I am going to Dalkeith tomorrow
Evg. P. mail – with N. Wood – being appointed Umpire to decide a Case of trespass between the Duke of B[reec]leugh & Lord Lothian – but I will be at home again, on Wed. The Wind still continues Easterly

I am my Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

E. M^cDonnell Esq^r.

Jn^o. Buddle

34

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

My dear Sir

I am glad to inform you that we have got into the Coal, by the Stone Drift from the G Pit – under the River as formerly explained to you and find the Seam quite as good as was anticipated. We shall get the workings progressively opened out in this District, so as at no distant period to enable us to lay of the double Shift work at the C pit, which will better our situation in many re-

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in the height of her Glory never had more than 70,000 Bases !!! We continue to get all our Regulated quantity Vended without freighting, which is more than any Colly. on the Tyne – save one, can say I believe, Very little profit will be made on the Tyne, this year, I believe – as it has been all thrown away by freighting.

I am grieved to say that the poor Morriss continues very ill – he has been stopping a few days with a friend, near Newcastle, but went home

spects. The Thornley Co's Basis has been awarded 70,000 Ch. which is though very liberal by the Trade – but not so by the Co. & they threaten to give notice to quit the Regulation on the 30th. of June next. – they may perhaps, change their mind before then however, & think better of it. Gally it said is very Savage about it & vows he will sell his Share of the Colliery rather than take such a Basis. How much times are changed

Walls-end

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yesterday much worse, and in very bad Spirits his Appetite had entirely left him – the pain a this heart is very bad & I fear he is gradually sinking – indeed the nature of his Complaint is such, that there can be no certainty of his life for an hour. This Is a lamentable affair considering the State of his Family. And gives me great Concern – he is a decent worthy creature as ever lived

I am my Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

W^m. Russell Esq^r.

Jn^o. Buddle

35.

Walls-end 3^d. Nov. 1839

My dear Sir

I have your Letter of the 30th. Oct^r. this mornng. and hope nothing will occur in our Affairs to bring you from home before your usual time. And I will avoid troubling you with unnecessary writing during your extra occupation, as I feel that you have quite a sufficient load of business upon your shoulders at Present.

I do not think Hunter will avail himself of your good credit in any way to aid him in the dirty work which is forced upon him & he cannot get on with it long – it must & will draw fast to an end.

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the Vend, there, we must endeavour to make up the deficiency at Sunderland, as the general State of affairs Banking in particular requires that we sh^d. get all the Ship Bills Scraped up, we possibly can, against the close of the year.

I have a Letter from Gregson this Mornng. to say that Purvis has divided the question of the Biddick Interest against us – this is very annoying after all the delay & trouble about it

I am my Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

E. M^cDonnell Esq^r.

The weather has become moderate today after a Stormy Night & I hope we shall soon get a supply of light Ships to Seaham but if any doubt should remain as to getting up

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36.

Walls-end Colly. 10th. Nov. 1839

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 3^d. & 6th. Ins^t. and am Rejoiced to learn by the former, so good an Acco^t. of your health. The latter alludes very feelingly to a very melancholy subject – poor Morriss hopeless illness. I saw him yesterday – Col. Mills having been there the preceding day. He had passed, a somewhat better Night & felt rather easier but was still suffering dreadfully & it is but too clear that he cannot Survive much longer. I found him quite composed & resigned – his only anxiety being about his Family – on which point I gave him all the Consolation I could. He expressed a wish that some arrangement might be made to keep his Family – the 5 Girls together, with the youngest Son Rob^t. who is serving his time

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here – to you, as a Viewer – and I am glad to say that he is a remarkably fine, steady & promising Young Man, and has become very useful. By and by, when the proper time arrives for discussing this matter, I think some Satisfactory arrangement may be made to meet poor Morriss' last anxiety & wishes. In the mean time I will give an Eye to the Colly. Affair.

The melancholy affair, damps the Spirits, and spoils ones gaiety – Still I feel that I shall be able to enjoy your Christmas Fare, at the Castle – especially if we make anything of a decent years Work – for after all it is “Money which makes the Mare to go” We are now considerably advanced into the Coal under the River – which is quite as good as expected & what is singular, we have not yet met with a particle of Gas in it. We have certainly met with

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an Egg – I wish I could call it a Golden one
but altho' we cannot pick up whole Eggs of
Gold in this Nest – I do hope it will afford
as some Grains of that precious Metal.

My Visit to poor Morriss yesterday pre-
vented me from seeing Jn^o. Taylor – but I have
communicated your Wishes to him by a Note

I am my Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

W^m. Russell Esq^r. Jn^o. Buddle

By-the-by – if I mistake not yesterday was
your Birthday. I congratulate you upon the
occasion – and many coming ones may you
See & enjoy. The perfect recollection which I
have of your birth – reminds me that I am an
old Fellow – but at the same time I am thankful
that I have neither Ache nor pain or infirmity of any Kind
to warn me of the fait

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37.

Pensher 11th. Nov. 1839

Dear Dear Sir

I only received your Letters of the
7th. & 10th. on returning from Scotland, yesterday
after a Week absence, which is the reason of
my not writing in answer, Sooner.

The Bal ^{ce} . Due Tanner & Beckwith was	£3348..	7..4
Paid by my Cheque for – –	£3000..	0..0
Geo: Hunter's <u>Ditto</u> – – – – –	<u>348..</u>	7..4 3348.. 7..4
Scurfield's Ballence was – – – – –		3540..14..4
Paid by my Cheque for – –	£3000..	0..0
Geo – Hunter ditto – – – – –	<u>540..</u>	14..4
		£3540..14..4

With respect to the Valuation of the Seaham Rail-
way – it is usual in such Cases to appoint a Viewer
[unconnected] with the Parties interested in the result
but I will be governed by your opinion whether
I should be named, or not. If you think we
should have an indifferent person I will en-
deavour to find one out. I am sure you

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will be grieved to learn that poor Morriss is on
his death-bed & cannot possibly survive more them
a day or two, according to all appearance. I was
with him on Sa. He is quite tranquil & resigned.

38.

Pensher 12th. Nov. 1839

My Dear Sir

An obstinate N. Easter which
has blown for upwards of Fort^t. – with a

His only concern is about his Family – 5 Girls un-
provided for and his eldest Daughter & 3 Children
to Keep – the Vagabond of a Husband having
deserted her. I administered all the consolation
in my power to hiny poor fellow, but it is a
deplorable case. I expect M^r. Russell at
Brancepeth in a few days.

I am my Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

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

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high Sea & which prevented us from vending a
single Ch. of Coals, the first 9 days of the
Mo. blew me so much out of humour, that
I have abstained from writing until a change
took place – as my groaning to you could
not have been of the least use. For the last
3 days we have been going on full swing
and up to last night have vended 1703 Ch.
and if the weather only Keeps tolerably good
I have no doubt of accomplishing the month's
Vend – former Shorts, and all The Issue for
the first 15 days is 38 to London & 30 to the
Coast. In all other respects every thing is

going on in the ordinary way but we had an
awkward affair last Week by the undergro^d. Stables
in the L.derry Pit. Being set on Fire by some
accident, which set fire to the Coal – but it
was extinguished without any serious injury
being done. Hunter has been confined to
Bed for 2 or 3 days, in consequence of catching
Cold by his Gig Journey to Stockton last Sa.
week which bro^t. on his head Complaint, but
the usual remedies have set him on his legs
again to day. If Lord L. will not give
up harrassing his mind & body in running

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quite enough for him, without such an inflection
L^d. L. gave him post-dated Cheques to the amo^t.
of £120 to make certain pm^{ts}. – he got the
Money for the Cheques at the Bank & p^d. the
Bills – but when the Cheques fell due Coutts'
dishonored them for want of effects – So Hunter
is done out of the Money !!! Nothing need be
worse than this. I have agreed with Webb.

Subject to y^r. Approval for a Sat^y. of
£30 P. Ann. & Small Coals for firing

He wishes to know if you will

lead the Stones up from the Store to

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after his Bill-trade & abstain from bothering him with Letters. I am sure that he must give up his situation, or submit to be Killed for really can not bear up against the worry over & above his legitimate business which is

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finish the Church 900 to 1000 Cart-loads
The Admiralty new Chart of the Coast is about to be published, but Seaham will not appear upon it, as from some Caprice, or other L^d. L^w. Not allow Cap: Slater to Survey the Harbour – So that while Hartlepool is shewn on the Chart in Flying Colours – Seaham will not

appear at all further than the Name which will convey to the Public the idea that it is an insignificant place not worth notice. This is really absurd. Cap Slater is now in

Edw^d.. M^cDonnell Esq^r.

Sunderland. I know him & could possibly yet get him to Survey the Harbour & put it on the Plate. Will it be treason to do so? I have a Letter of the 24th. Ult^o. from Gibraltar. L^d. & Lady L. have been in Africa I have not room for more but remain My D^r. Sir Y^{rs}. faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

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39.

Newcastle 16th. Nov. 1839

My Dear Sir

I have rec^d. a joint Letter from Mess^{rs}. Hall & Forster of the 16th. Ult^o. from Blackheath. They had arrived at New York after a Stormy passage of 19 days & after remaining there two days had proceeded to the Colliery. They got down the Pit, in which the explosion happened, on the 14th. Oct^r. but as might be expected they could not proceed far, for falls of the Roof & want of Ventilation. They were, however, going to set about the requisite measures for enabling them to restore the Colly to a working State, in which they did not anticipate much difficulty. The quantity and quality of the Coal so far as they had been able to observe was equal to their expectation The Colliers who went in the Sailing Packet had not arrived, but were expected in a few days – one of their Wives however, has rec^d.

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a Letter announcing their arrival at New York
so that I have little doubt of their having

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arrived at the Colliery about the 20th. of Oct^r.
I am paying the Families of those Men £10..10..0
P. Week which has nearly exhausted the £100 which
you paid into Hoare's to my Credit. May I there-
fore request you to be so good as to place the like
Sum in their hands – to enable me to pay those
people & I will render an Acco^t. of the pm^{ts}. I have
made when the present engagement of the Men
is fulfilled. Hall promises to write me
by the next Steamer – when I shall no doubt
receive a Full Acco^t. of the State & prospects of
the Colliery.

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

Sam^l. Amory Esq^r.

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Walls-end 17th. Nov. 1839

My dear Sir

Your Letter of the 12th. Came
to hand yesterday – you observe truly that the short
vend of this year may be made up in the next
which is all very well so far – but I own, that
I prefer “a Bird in the hand” The half Mo:
ended on the 15th. our Vend, with every exertion
since the begining. of the Mo. up to the Evg. of
the 15th. was Walls-end – – 2031

Eden – – – – 1550 } To Seaham

Walls-end – – 204

3785

Issue – – – – 4692

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Short – exclusive of

Former Shorts. This is entirely attributable to
the Weather & no fault of the Harbour on this
occasion. The Comm^{ee}. Issued 40 to London &
32 to the Coast yesterday for the remainder of the

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Month – which I think too much as Ships will
not be got to Carry off the Coals.

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£200 a Year seems a respectable certain Ann^l. Rent
but then I ought to be for a definite quantity

Mess^{rs}. Morton, Wood & Phillipson set at me yesterday about getting the Seaham Coal Agree^t. settled in some way, or other, before L^d. Durham leaves the Country – but Said nothing about the Winng. of the Seaton Coal. Wood goes to London P. Mail, to night & won't return for a Week when we are to meet for a talk about it. In the mean-time I will write you from Penser in 2 or 3 days my notions about it – but I Scarcely think we shall be able to stave them off much longer as to the Seaham Coal and and Harbour Arrangements.

I am glad to hear so favourable an Acco^t. of y^r. Limestone Quarries, & wish I could be of any Service in the letting of them

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of Shell Lime – either so many Tons, or Chals^s. or whatever your Standard Measure may be, & the Tenant should pay for Overworkings. By-the-bie, I have omitted to inquire about y^r. Salt Rock

I think we may at Slack times allow the Harbour Horses to leadg Stones up from the Shore to the Church at Seaham – without prejudice to the Trust but I could not countenance the proposition without your sanction. We have been unfortunate in the Accidents at Rainton lately – Rutherfords Son – Hunter's Nephew a very fine Lad of 17 – who was serving his time as an En. Wright with Thorman as Killed yesterday, by falling down the Meadows Engine Pit. I entend to write L^d. in a day or two – generally, on what is stirring in the Trade

and Neighbourhood. Hunter is well again & will Continue so, until he receives a [Warrior fum] about which operates on his nurvous System like parlytic

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Walls-end 17th. Nov. 1839

My Dear Sir

[—] Shame to myself for not having sooner replied to your Letter of the 15th. Ultó – but the fact is since that time I have been incessantly on the Wing – Flying from one place to another & last in Scotland. I hope you have quite recovered your health & are able to keep at your post.

Stroke & Knocks him down at once

I am my Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

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

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I have not yet p^d. Nesham – indeed he has not looked near me to ask for his money but I will pay him in a few days.

I have not seen Timothy Haskworth for an age and have not heard anything abo^t. His dispute with the Mess^{rs}. Rennie – from which I conclude that he has got a settlement with them.

I am very glad indeed to learn that M^r. Brown gives so much better an acco^t. of M^r. Carrs health than old Nesham & I hope it is the most correct. It is very gratifying to me to learn that Carr finds the Tub-System so much to his taste

Hoping that this will find you in good health, I remain

My Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

J.B. Foord Esq^r.

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Pensher 20th. Nov. 1839

My dear Sir

I have rec^d. your Letter of the 16th. this Morn^g. – the money on L^d. L_'s post dated Cheques, alluded to was advanced to Hunter on his own Private Acco^t. & L^d. L. is his debtor for it – Still it is wrong that the Bank should know anything about such transactions.

I cannot give you advice as to a Proper Royalty for your Limestone, as that must depend on so many Conditions with which I am not acquainted – as the Cost of working the Stone, the Cost of Coals, the expence of Shipping &c. and other local Circumstances – but $\frac{1}{10}$ th. The value of the Shell Lime the price ~~dd~~. At the Kiln, under ordinary circumstances w^d. I should say be fair Rent.

I shall see Cap: Slater, next Week, but in

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in the mean time send you a copy of a Letter received from Usher this Mg. – who shews the awkward position, in which L^d. L_'s strange conduct has placed the Affair. And as I am writing Lord L. I will send him the original – to shew him what an erroneous view he has taken of the matter. I see no way to remedy this blunder but by your petitioning the Admiralty to allow Cap^t. S. to Survey the Harbour – as it will never do – to have it omitted in the Chart. I will take Cap^t. S_'s opinion as to the best mode of proceeding & will write you accordingly – it is clear that the Ld^s. of the Admiralty are huffed at L^d. L_'s communication to Cap^t. Slater.

The Seaham Coal

I think I gave you a Copy of the Mouton & wood's offer for the Coal, of the 20th. Aug^t. Last

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with my remarks thereon. The Certain Rent for the first 2 years £1000 to Commence May 1840, and then £1500 a year for the remainder of the term with tentale the same as for Seaton Coal. This is under Circumstances fair enough I think, and I have no doubt of being able, by negotiation to get the Way-leave, Harbour-Dues, Outstroke &c. satisfactorily adjusted. It only therefore, remains for you to make up your mind as to letting the Coal, and when you have done this, it will be for me to arrange the Conditions of the Agreement, with the other Parties. I am aware that Lord L. may object, to the letting of the Coal – but I can only Repeat what I have before stated on the Subject viz. seeing that Rainton Colly. is sliding away from under our feet, from not being [renewed] and that Pittington is also wearing out & will die it's natural death. I see no Plan whatever

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for propitiating the intrests of the town & Harbour to a redeeming period, except this & if it could be accomplished, I should consider it a God-Send to the Family N. Wood will be home from London

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Pensher 20th. Nov. 1839

Most Confidential

My Dear Sir

Notwithstanding Morton and the Hetton Representatives, are pressing at

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Glenarm }

about the end of the Week, and in the Course
of the ensuing Week, I shall expect to be pushd
to a point on this Affair & must therefore crave
Your instructions.

I am my Dear Sir
Y^{rs}. faithfully
Jn^o. Buddle

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present for an Agreement for the Seaham Coal
I conceive the measure will have to be coupled wth.
a Partnership Arrangement for the Winning and
working of it con-jointly with the Seaton Coal.

Now on this branch of the Subject I apprehend considerable difficulty if not an insurmountable impediment may arise. I have Reason to Know, that Lord Durham has an absolute horror of, setter aversion to connecting himself, in business in any way whatever with L^d. L. And I also Know that the Hetton Co. – collectively and individually

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feel equally averse to bring connected with him
My opinion therefore is, that unless you can be
placed in the Gate between him & them that
the thing after all will not go on.

Altho' those sentiments have been exposed
to me Privately – yet as the thing will have
to be bro^t. to a point in one way or other
shortly. I do not think I am much out
of order, in apprizing you of the feelings
of the Parties & Remain My D^r. Sir

Your's faithfully
Jn^o. Buddle

Ed^d. M^cDonnell Esq^r.

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Walls-end 8th. Dec. 1839

My Dear Sir

I have your Fourpenny Letter
of the 6th. this mornng. I have named M^r. Thos.
Forster Viewer of the Haswell Colly. to value the
Seaham R. Way, on our part – you may therefore
serve the Notice whenever you Please. I should
have written to apprize you of this a Fortn^t.
ago, but waited in daily expectation of seeing M^r.
Russell, on the Washington Colly. Affairs, on which
we might possibly require y^r. Latin, but he did
not give me the meetg. 'till yesterday.

This is a miserable bad Concern, & will be on

Our Vend is going on full bang – Ships on for 2400 Ch. & more arriving – it will require 550 Ch. a day to be Shipped to get up the Vend which is more than can be done I doubt

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the wrong side of the Post this year – What is to be done with it is the question? It would undoubtedly it is the best thing for M^r. Russell to get quit of it if he can, and he is anxious to let it. As however, he is merely a tenant at will – not having Leases from the several

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Lessors of the Coal, he is not in a Condition to Sub-let. To enable him to do this we must endeavour to obtain Leases for 21 years, at least for which purpose I will [lose] no time in applying to the Sev^l. Lessors – if we fail in this Notice to quite must be given. The Lessors will then most likely let the Colly. to some Gulls, in which case M^r. R. will get the full value of the Materials, as current going Stock which would probably be the best thing that could happen. I am glad to say that poor Morriss has left his Family in better circumstances than was expected. £1000 lent on Bond £1000 Stock, and £3000 Stock on Farms with Rents paid up. The two Eldest Sons are in situations to fend for themselves, and the youngest is an Apprentice Viewer, here, at £40 P. Ann.

Until we see what is to be done about the letting of the Colliery – a temporary Arrang^t.

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is made My Assistant, Oliver, is to officiate as resident Viewer pro. tem. I have not the purport of the Certificate to which you allude on my mind, but may probably find a Copy at Pensher next Wed. We are hard of work tuckering up the Regulation, which is in a very rickety State, but whether we may be able to make it, hold water, much longer, is very Questionable.

I am my D^r. Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

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

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Walls-end Colly. 22^d. Dec. 1839

My Dear Sir

I lost no time after our meetg. at Newcastle on the 7th. Ins^t. in acting on the plan then adopted for carrying on the temporary management of Washington Colly.

Oliver took his post as Resident Viewer, and I took the earliest opportunity of seeing the Lessors' Viewers, about granting a new leases for 21 years. M^r. Hen^y. Stobart for S^r. W. Lawson, at once said he w^d. recommend S^r. W. to accede to the proposition. I next saw M^r. Croudace who acts for S^r. James Musgrave He hummed & hawed & looked Knowing, and though the matter Req^d. great Consideration, as the tentale rent of 12/ 6 which they were reviving was a mere Acknowledgement. He promised to submit the matter to Sir J^s. Musgrave and to write me the result – I have

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however waited 'till this day, without hearing from him. I have also seen Arkless who is Shaftoes' Viewer – Shaftoes' Interest is so small, that he will Sail in the Wake of the other parties – whatever they do – he will do

So this matter stands at present, but I find that we have 2 years of the present 7 years Agree^t. yet to go.

I have Oliver employed in collecting the necessary information to enable me to dissect the Charges of working so as to ascertain the Cost of working the different Pits & Seams – to see which works to profit & which to loss. When this is done we may possibly be able to devise some Plan, or other for the general improvement of the Concern – or at least to enable you to decide on the expediency of carrying

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on or quitting the Concern. You shall have my report on all this as soon as I can get the necessary information Collected We the Comm^{ee}. have very great dif-

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Walls-end 29th. Dec. 1839

My Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 18th. & 20th. Ins^t. and am

ficulty at present in carrying on the Regulation. Very few Collieries – especially on the Tyne, have made any Profit this Year – Consequently there is great disappointment, and dissatisfaction – and some blame the Regulation for producing this State of things This however is Nonsense, as if the Regulation has not made them Money – it has at least saved them from making greater loss. The Real State of the Case is that there are more “Pigs than Teats” – in the Trade, and some must want Milk I am my D^r. Sir

Your's faithfully

W^m. Russell Esq^r. Jn^o. Buddle

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glad to find that you are able to make a more favourable Report of your health.

It is probably that I may see Timothy Harkworth in the course of next Month when I will see what I can make of him about the abat^t. on the turn-tables to which you allude. I enclose Nesham's Receipt & Thormans Acco^t. together with an Acco^t. of some little Acco^t. p^d. by myself – but I have nothing Booked against the Assⁿ. but will Charge £5..5..0 for Correspondence & Postages as I have not done any Business for which I can make any Professional Charge. I saw Stubbs

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on his return. He gave me a very favourable Acco^t. of the Locomotives – but says there was not a Rail of the Way laid 'till the 1st. of July. They got 2 Miles laid to the First Spouts & opened the Line that far on the 29th. Sep: and he thinks the other 4 Miles to the Low Spouts may be finished next May.

I am glad to learn that the

Fire in the Albion Mines was not more serious, as the News Paper Accounts were very alarming. Wishing you the Comp^{ts}.

of the Season, I remain My D^r. Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn^o. Buddle

J.B. Foord Esq^r.

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