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1839 Folio	Date	Bud   60   4 Name and Address	Folio	Date	Name and Address [0a]
1	1840 Jany.8	M <sup>r</sup> . Foord	32	July 28	The Honble James
2	12	S <sup>r</sup> . James Duke			Bruce Bron Ho
3	26	M <sup>r</sup> . Marreeo	33	29	M <sup>r</sup> . M <sup>c</sup> .Donnell
4	Feb. 2	Jasp: Gibson	34	"	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Gregson
5	"	M <sup>r</sup> . M <sup>c</sup> .Donnell	35	"	M <sup>r</sup> . Russell
6	5	Ditto	36	Aug 1	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Gregson
7	6	Geo. Taylor, Ayr	37	2	M <sup>r</sup> . M <sup>c</sup> .Donnell
8	9	M <sup>r</sup> . M <sup>c</sup> .Donnell	38	"	Th. Davison
9	13	Ditto	39	9	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Gregson
10	15	Ditto	40	14	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Atkinson [Colf <sup>d</sup> .]
12	May 17	Tho <sup>s</sup> . Fenwick Dip <sup>s</sup> .	41	15	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Gregson Esq <sup>r</sup> .
13	"	M <sup>r</sup> . M <sup>c</sup> .Donnell	41	16	Ditto
14	"	S <sup>r</sup> . J.J. Guest B <sup>t</sup> . M.P.	43	"	W <sup>m</sup> . Russell Esq <sup>r</sup> .
15	28	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Gregson Lond <sup>n</sup> . <u>P.</u>	42	"	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Gregson
16	June 6	Ja <sup>s</sup> . Archbold Esq <sup>r</sup> .	44	22	M <sup>r</sup> . M <sup>c</sup> Culloch
17	9	H. Ker Seymer Esq <sup>r</sup> .	45	"	Mr. Ja <sup>s</sup> . Melville
18	9	S <sup>r</sup> . Ja <sup>s</sup> . Duke	46	"	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Gregson Esq <sup>r</sup> .
19	July 10	W <sup>m</sup> . Russell Esq <sup>r</sup> .	47	23	M <sup>r</sup> . M <sup>c</sup> .Donnell
20	14	Ditto	48	"	M <sup>r</sup> . Jn <sup>o</sup> . Evans
21	"	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Waldie Esq <sup>r</sup> .	49	26	M <sup>r</sup> . Th. Davison
22	"	E. M <sup>c</sup> .Donnell Esq <sup>r</sup> .	50	"	The S <sup>o</sup> . Hetton Coal Co.
23	19	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Gregson Esq <sup>r</sup> .			

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Pensher 8<sup>th</sup>. Jany. 1840

My Dear Sir

I have your Letter of 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ulto in course, but before answering if I thought it best to get Thorman to make an Estimate of the cost of making the sort of Rims you mentioned from the Cost of those used on our Locomotive here,

It is as follows viz Cw

On wro<sup>t</sup>. Iron Rim forged 3..2..0 @ 20/- £3..10..0

Turning & boring ----- @20/- 3..10..0

Making the Rim ----- @10/- 1..15..0

Laith & Tools ----- 2..10..0

Carriage & Expences to Newcastle --- 1.. 0..0

P. Rim ---- £12.. 5..0

From this it would seem that friend Timothy

is not far out of the Way. He would per-

haps take £12..10..0 or £12..12..0 P. Rim Y<sup>rs</sup>. faithfully

J.B. Foord Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

24	22	W <sup>m</sup> . Russell Esq <sup>r</sup> .			
25	23	Jn <sup>o</sup> . Gregson Esq <sup>r</sup> .			
26		“ E. M <sup>c</sup> .Donnell Esq <sup>r</sup> .			
27	25	Jn <sup>o</sup> . C. Douglas			
28		“ M <sup>r</sup> . M <sup>c</sup> .Donnell			
29		“ M <sup>r</sup> . Jn <sup>o</sup> . Gregson			
30	28	M <sup>r</sup> . M <sup>c</sup> .Donnell			
31		“ M <sup>r</sup> . Jn <sup>o</sup> . Gregson			

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Walls-end 12<sup>th</sup>. Jany. 1840

My Dear Sir James

I am duly favoured with your's  
of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. – previous to the receipt of which I  
had fixed the extent of our proposed Contract for the  
supply of S<sup>o</sup>. Pontop, to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Cory & Prior at 7500 Tons

On reconsideration, however, influenced by your objections  
I am inclined to extend it to 10,000 which will be  
nearly  $\frac{1}{3}$  of our whole vend. I am the more in-  
clined to this, as I expect the Coals will be used  
exclusively for making Coke. I need not impress  
upon you the desirableness of getting off as large a  
quantity of Tanfield as possible – And I am appre-  
hensive that you hold them rather too high in price  
for the attainment of this object. The Tanfield is the  
Coal, on which we make Profit – the S<sup>o</sup>. Pontop  
does little more than pay Expences. And I have

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doubled the policy of holding Tanfield so very high  
And it now becomes more necessary than ever with  
such numerous Competitors opposing us to consider this  
matter well. Our Regulation is in a very Crazy  
State, and if it even hangs together during the present  
year, I think it is all that can possibly be expected  
of it. The immense N<sup>o</sup>. of new Collieries which are  
constantly coming into the Trade – will most assuredly  
over-load & break it's Back at no very distant period  
Bringing all those new Colls. Into the Regulation is by  
diminishing their actual Vends, that they cannot live  
And they are therefore dissatisfied and many of them  
disposed to meeting – altho' they Know that it would be  
jumped out of the Frying Pan into the Fire.

Thanks for your Kind wishes, and begging to  
reciprocate them I Remain D<sup>r</sup>. James  
S<sup>r</sup>. Ja<sup>s</sup>. Duke M.P. Y<sup>rs</sup>. faithfully

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3.

Walls-end 26<sup>th</sup>. Jany. 1840

My Dear Sir

I was disappointed in not seeing you yesterday either on Change, or at the Coal-trade Office.

I wished to have seen you in the first place on the exorbitant demands of the Derwent Hewers, & the next place on the alarming demand made by the Stanhope & Tyne R. Way Co. against Tanfield-moor Colly. for an additional mile, in the [height] of the Lead.

With respect to the demand of the Derwent Pitmen it must be resisted, as it is perfectly unreasonable – beyond the 2 P. xx. Already offended, and as M<sup>r</sup>. Fenwick has consented to allow the width of the Boards to be increased ½ a yard – from 3 – to 3½ yards – I cannot doubt but the Men will soon resume work if they are opposed with firmness

With respect to the other Subject I think when we meet I can draw your recollection to circumstances relative to our negotiation for the Shipment of Tanfield-moor Coals – which will

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satisfy you, that the Stanhope Co. ought not to press the extra demand

I wish you had been at the Coal-trade meetg yesterday – there were some interesting discussions, in which you would have taken a Part.

I beg my best regards to M<sup>rs</sup>. Marreeo & am sorry to say that my Sister is very ill

Your's my Dear Sir

faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

Will you be in N. Castle next Sa.

I should like to see you on Sundry Points

S.A.F. Marreeo Esq<sup>r</sup>.

4.

Walls-end 2<sup>d</sup>. Feby. 1840

Dear Sir

In reply to your Letter of the 28<sup>th</sup>. Ulto: I beg to say that I think we should have to concede the outstroke Rent at Cox-lodge Colly. on the Workings, as under the old Lease it was paid on the Leadings. I made an effort in negotiating the terms of the new Lease to get this altered & put upon the Workings, as it was objected to on the gro<sup>d</sup>. of it's being a deviation from the practice under the old Lease, and the very large proportion of of Coal which w<sup>d</sup>. have to be wrought by Out stroke

I am my D<sup>r</sup>. Sir

Your's truly

Jas<sup>p</sup>. Gibson Esq<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Walls-end 2<sup>d</sup>. Feby. 1840

My Dear Sir

This afternoons' post bro<sup>t</sup>. me your Note of the 31<sup>st</sup>. Ulto. enclosing the Agree<sup>t</sup>. for the Seaham Coal, with Signature attached I Congratulate you on the achievement of the importune Affair, as I shall Lord L. when I next write him as now that it is the most important as being eventually the most beneficial transaction for the interests of the Family which has occurred during Lord L\_'s administration of its' affairs

Your bold Conception, as to grasping the whole Concern, makes me nervous, and is too vast for me to hazard a hasty opinion on. In [principe] be completed & Remain D<sup>r</sup>. Sir

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I could not approve of venturing on such a large undertaking with borrowed Money – it would be playing too high a Game. It is true, if successful it w<sup>d</sup>. be a most Splended Affair for the Family – but we must not forget the Converse of the Picture – for if it Should prove a Failure – the Consequences would be Fatal. It is not the Cost of the

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well enough. We meet at Chester on Tuesday to fix the issue for Feb. I'm afraid it will be small as the Consump<sup>n</sup>. in London is very Small – The Trade still Continues in the most Rickety State imaginable & I don't see what the Result is to be We have a Deputation of Coal Factors coming down for a Conference next Sa. but I question any

Winng. only that we have to look at – but in addition we should have all the load of accumulated dead Rents to take upon our shoulders. These are the First impressions that occur to me – but I will think more about it. & write again when my Nerves become tranquillized after the shake your intrepidity has given them. I will make you a Copy of the Agree<sup>t</sup>. and will Keep the original in hand 'till next Satd<sup>y</sup>. which I can manage

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good will Result from it. I am  
Sorry that you don't give a better  
Acco<sup>t</sup>. of your health – I will not  
bother you with writing more than is  
necessary. Have you been able to do any thing  
about the Harbour Survey yet? Usher is with me  
here to day – on his way to the Newcastle Trinity  
Ho. tomorrow with two of his Pilots – for negli[gence]  
or wilful damage – unless those Rascals can be  
bro<sup>t</sup>. under better Subordination they will Knock the

Harbour in Pieces – it has suffered more injury &  
more damage to Shipping within the last 8 or 10 Mo.  
by tenfold than has been done since it's commence<sup>t</sup>.

I think of starting for the Forest abo<sup>t</sup>. the 24<sup>th</sup>. I  
go to Myrther Tydfil first to Settle an Affair between

Lord Bute & S<sup>r</sup>. J.J. Guest & then return to the Forest  
about the 29<sup>th</sup>. but you will be advised of my move-  
ments. Hoping to hear a better Acco<sup>t</sup>. of your  
health I remain My D<sup>r</sup>. Sir your's faithfully  
E. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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6.

Newcastle 5<sup>th</sup>. Feb. 1840

My Dear Sir

Our meeting at Chester yester-  
day was by no means a very satisfactory one  
as the Small Issue & bad Purports of the  
Trade – together with Sundry delinquencies cal-  
ling for the [suposition] of fines & forfeitures Ruf-  
fled & spoiled the harmony of the Meetg.

The great question with the Gar[monds] way  
7 Kelloe People still hangs in the Wind, but  
will I think be settled in one way, or other on  
Sa. next. A Deputation of Coal Factors is to  
attend our Meetg. next Sa. on the subject  
of the continuance abolition of their Regu-  
lation in London – after which I will work

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you more fully on Coal-trade Matters – the  
Issue for the first 15 days of Feb. is 15 P. m.

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Morton was in a very Crusty bad humour at the meeting Yesterday – he made no inquiry about the Seaham Coal Agree<sup>t</sup>. when he finds it is Signed I believe he will be more puzzled than ever to know what to do about it.

I have had a Letter from Lord L. in the Seaham Affair to which I have replied & I expect the will shew you my answer. I have told him, that in animadverting upon it, he does not give it fair Play He only Comments on the adverse points, without reference to the favourable ones – which Far over-balance the other & I am under the entire Conviction that you have done the very best thing for the Family Possible under the Circumstances of the Case

Hoping to hear a Favourable Acco<sup>t</sup>. for your health I remain my D<sup>r</sup>. Sir Your's faithfully  
E. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Walls-end 6<sup>th</sup>. Feby. 1840

Dear Sir

I am this mornng. in receipt of your Letter of the 3<sup>d</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. Your Construction of the meaning of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Article of the Agree<sup>t</sup>. is correct, and I cannot acco<sup>t</sup>. for the omission of the Word Previous as I so intended it.

As to the alteration in the 7<sup>th</sup>. Clause it is Right in princile but the time for your having the opinion of making up the deficiency must be limited to 2 or 3 years. I have written M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell to this effect & hope no further delay will take place in completing the Agree<sup>t</sup>.

I am my Dear Sir

Your's truly

Geo. Taylor Esq<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Walls-end 9<sup>th</sup>. Feby. 1840

My Dear Sir

We had a long discussion with the Deputation of Coal Factor's yesterday consisting of Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Clark, Hill & Smith. It was made out very clearly that unless the Rules of our Regulation are more strictly observed, and the Monthly Issue so Regulated, as to prevent the accumulation of Ships in London, at any one time from exceeding 100 to 150 Ships, it would be impossible to maintain the Rotative System and their Regulation would inevitably break down. Resolutions were entered into for drawing the Cords of the Regulation tighter. But it is said that "hungry Bellies will break through "Stone Walls" And I much fear that the

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necessities of many of our Coal-owners will make it exceedingly difficult to keep them within the Cords of the Reg<sup>n</sup>. however tight they may be drawn. We must temporize & do the best we can to Keep it on it's Legs, as I am satisfied that we shall do better under Regult<sup>n</sup>. during the present Year – limited as our Issues may be than we should do by breaking it. Garmondsway, and Kelloe People have not yet sent in their adhesion – but there is little or no doubt of their doing so in a few days.

The Trinity Board has Suspended Ushers two delinquent Pilots – but still there is a most insubordinate Spirit existing amongst the Body and it will Require great firmness energy and perseverance to get it eradicated effectually.

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Merton was at the Meetg. yesterday but did no allude to the Seaham Agree<sup>t</sup>. so I said nothing He was in the same sort of Crusty irritable State as at Chester last Tuesday. Whether this may arise from the State of his Arm, which is going to be a Stiff Elbow – or from the years Acco<sup>t</sup>. not winding up so well at Lambton, I don't Know – but something is a miss with

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Pensher 13<sup>th</sup>. Feby. 1840

My Dear Sir

I am very glad to learn by your Letter of the 11<sup>th</sup>. that you are improving in health & hope you will soon be enabled to report yourself quite well. I am happy to say that we are all going on well here – nothing to complain of but Short Vend. This we are suffering in

him.

I shall be very glad to hear  
a good Acco<sup>t</sup>. of your health in your  
next Letter. I suppose all the Londoners will  
be so full of the Royal Wedding, that little business  
will be done this Week amongst them.

Your's my Dear Sir

faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

Edw<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>.

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Common with all the Trade & must therefore,  
rest in hopes of the times mending.

We have had tempestuous Weather – but a for-  
tunate Lull enabled all the large, loaden  
Ships to get to Sea, from Seaham last Friday  
& cleared the Harbour. I was there Yesterday  
and found it completely replenished with light  
Ships – plenty to take off our Vend, as well

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as that of N. Hetton, and something to Spare  
for Braddyll. So that as far as regards all our  
operative affairs you may Keep yourself quite easy  
and not trouble yourself to write.

Braddylls Shipping Acco<sup>t</sup>. this year is a very  
Shabby one – only 12960 Ch. – the Loan Acco<sup>t</sup>. is  
only reduced £583..19..3 – leaving £12496..11..11  
yet to be worked out. They have commenced  
the present year with more Spirit, and if they  
only go on they have begun, the Acco<sup>t</sup>. will  
cut a much more favourable appearance at the  
close of the present year. Nothing but the  
want of your acco<sup>t</sup>. with Coutts' prevents Hindhaugh  
from balancg. the gen<sup>l</sup>. Acco<sup>t</sup>. for last year. – and  
I perceive from what you say that he will review

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Walls-end 16<sup>th</sup>. Feby. 1840

My Dear Sir

We had a very unsatisfactory  
meetg. of the United Committees yesterday – as the  
Garmondsway, Killoe & Cornforth Co<sup>s</sup>. did not come  
near nor send any apology for not attending – it was  
long debated whether the Reg<sup>n</sup>. should not be con-  
sidered at an end. At length it was resolved to  
make another & a final effort to bring those people  
to reason – the mode of doing which is to be decided  
next Sa. as the debate was carried to too great a  
length to get it decided yesterday. The issue for the  
remainder of the Mo. was 15 making 30 for the Mo.  
the same as last year.

Morton Wood & Donkin, asked about the

it shortly. Usher seems now in a fair way to  
get his turbulent Pilotsbro<sup>t</sup>. under proper discipline  
Hunter has written you on Financial matters

Your's my Dear Sir faithfully

E. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>.          Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Seaham Coal Agree<sup>t</sup>. I told them you had Signed  
it & they Requested that I might lodge it with  
Donkin – there is perhaps no immediate hurry about  
it and I may as well Keep it in hand a while  
longer as after they get it, they will be as much

puzzled as ever what course to take with the con-  
cern.

I really don't Know what to think of  
the Regulation, and of the prospects of the Trade  
generally – I scarcely think it possible to maintain  
the Regul<sup>n</sup>. much longer, and when it breaks  
down, we shall have a Reduction of 4/- P. Ch. at  
least in the price of the best Coals – which will  
cause a depletion of Profit, that no stretch  
of economy, or increase of Vend can compensate

I think of starting this day Week for Dean  
Forest – to allow me time to finish the Commiss<sup>n</sup>.  
business before the Binding time for the Pitmen

I hope you continue to improve  
in health & remain          My Dear Sir  
your's faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

E. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>.

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Walls-end 30<sup>th</sup>. Mar: 1840

My dear Sopwith

I have duly received your  
Letters of the 26<sup>th</sup>. & 27<sup>th</sup>. And Congratulate you on the  
escape you have had from an attack of Pluracy  
which is no joke, and is ap't to leave a tenderness  
behind it which is difficult to get quit of. As to  
you Semi-gautish Attack I don't Know whether I  
ought not to congratulate you upon it, as it is said  
to be a Sign of a Man getting Rich.

I hope M<sup>r</sup>. Ker will find sufficient grounds  
for going to Parliament for an amendment of our  
Act, in which Case you must make a desperate ef-  
fort, to have a clause inserted to enable us to hold  
our Meetings at Gloucester. M<sup>r</sup>. Milne will see  
the propriety of this I make no doubt when you  
explain the Ruffian like attack which we are liable  
to at Coleford, and which the 5 Police-men stationed  
there, would not be able to protect us from.

I am obliged for the pains you took with

A. Donkin Esq<sup>r</sup>.

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“the Horse” – in Curry-Combing & brushing him up, & making him fit to appear before the Geo. Society, – it was a pity that the Paper was not more legibly copied

I am afraid that poor Protheroe has got out of his depths, and I feel every disposition to aid him so far as may be consistent with our duty to [Nanty]

I don't think I can go to Scotland 'till the end of April, or beginning of May, as L<sup>d</sup>. Londonderry writes me that he is coming down to Wyn<sup>d</sup>. & Seaham at Easter to Stay ten days, or a Fort<sup>t</sup>. & I cannot go to Scotland 'till he returns to London. I am going to send R<sup>t</sup>.

Atkinson into Fifeshire next Sa. on another business

I w<sup>d</sup>. advise you to use Little Hewie a little as possible, until he gets the Hump off his back. Both Marcus & Joe, are getting better but have suffered much. Nothing new stirring in this quarter – the only Lion at present is a large Iron Ship in Shields I am just going with Donkin to see her. I am sorry to say my Sister is very Poorly. R<sup>t</sup>. Atkinson desires to be remembered to you – Your's Sincerely

A. Donkin Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Walls-end 17<sup>th</sup>. May  
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My Dear Sir

The Quarries which you gave to Ed<sup>d</sup>. Smith relative to Medomsley Colly. have been forwarded to me but I find that I cannot answer them, until the managing Partner M<sup>r</sup>. Marreeo returns from London in about a Fortnight.

May I beg to remind you of the dimensions of the Cog & Ring Gin

I am my Dear Sir

M<sup>r</sup>. T. Fenwick      Your's very truly

Dipton

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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E. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>. }  
London }

Walls-end 17<sup>th</sup>. May 1840

My Dear Sir

The prospects of the Coal-trade are by no means improving – the Comm<sup>ee</sup>. could only issue 25 P. ₤. yesterday, as 191¾ Cargoes remained unsold last Wed. at lower prices had been obtained for the 37 Sold. The time of the Committee was much occupied by the discovery of a new new species of fraud on the Regulation which has been discovered in London. Ships loaden with Gas Coals, are not Required to go thro' the Market under the Rotation System – they therefore get a ready delivery not having to wait their turn, which enables the Gas Cos' – to get them at lower Freights.

This has induced certain Parties Gas Proprietors and others to import Gas Coals, unscreened at the Pits – and to land them as Gas Coals – then to Screen them, & sell the Round as Ho. Keepers Coals, and the Small to the Gas Works & Coke-burners – to the great

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Prejudice of those Collieries who do not deal in Gas Coals. The Comm<sup>ee</sup>. are much Puzzled how to put a Stop to this sort of traffic, which is likely to become a very serious evil. And with other irregularities, renders it almost impossible to carry on the regulation, & my real belief is that we shall not be able to carry it on beyond the end of the [present] year. The Special Committee on my Motion have not yet Reported.

The Meeting of the Hetton Co. on the Seaton Affairs last Wed. was adjourned for a Month, but Morton, Wood and myself, are to have a talk about it at N. Hetton Board next Wed.

There is a Schism in the Hetton Co. certain individuals being determined not to have anything to do with it – while others are determined to go on And the latter are to consider during the Mo. what terms they are to give the Former for the money and interest they have already advanced. This will

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be a Kittle question, and will hardly be settled in a month I guess.

Forster and Johnson have not yet agreed upon their Umpire, but I shall see them next Friday,

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Walls-end 17<sup>th</sup>. May 1840

Sir J.J. Guest B<sup>t</sup>. M.P.

My Dear Sir John

I am this mornng. favoured with

or Saturday, and endeavour to get them to agree upon a proper person, as well as to fix upon the subordinate persons to go into the details of the Railway, machinery & Waggon's &c. as the time is drawing near.

I have fixed with Thorman & Cail to go to Wynyard respecting the Dam tomorrow, or Tuesday, and to have it effectually and finally completed Hunter being now in Town will be able to give you & Lord L\_ all minute details and I will write again after meeting Wood & Morton at Hetton next Wed.

I am my Dear Sir

Ed<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>.      Your faithfully  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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your's of the 15<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. I do not know any thing of the particulars to which you allude but think I know a Channel thro' which I can obtain some information respecting it in a few days – which I will endeavour to do & will let you know the Result. Every body is upon the qui Vive, at present about this Black Band & ~~Present~~ and if an eligible tract of it could be found out, the sooner it is looked after the better As a matter of policy, probably, in reference to the position in which the Dawlais Concern now Stands with the Noble Marq<sup>s</sup>. – the mine

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of your turning your attention towards Scotland might produce an impression favourable to your ulterior communications with his Lordship.

I might possibly make it little play on this point with Grey when we come to talk matters over such a hint could not possibly do any harm And under the present lousing aspect of the Iron Trade – there does not seem to be any occasion to press the Subject of the renewal on the Marquesses attention. It may perhaps be as well to lo[o]k on a

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last Night to say that he had received a Letter calling him to London immediately – which rendered it impossible for him to see me 'till his return He has no doubt gone to see Lord Bute, but no harm can arise from the delay in my seeing him. I shall now finish my Report, and send it to M<sup>r</sup>. John Evans – to submit to your & M<sup>r</sup>. Jones' perusal – after which any alterations can be made that you may suggest

while to see how the Cat may jump, with respect to those Scotch Speculations, as there is no saying what effect they may produce on the Welch Trade. I saw M<sup>r</sup>. Gray yesterday Morn<sup>g</sup>. and appointed to meet him next Tuesday – to shew him my calculations. But I received a note from last Eveng. to say that he had received a

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I remain my D<sup>r</sup>. S<sup>r</sup>. John  
your's faithfully  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

Sir J.J. Guest B<sup>t</sup>. M.P.

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Walls-end 28<sup>th</sup>. May 1840

Confidential

My Dear Sir

Thanks for the trouble you have taken to procure for me M<sup>r</sup>. Seymer's address but the information Contained in the latter part of your Note has quite startled me – not to say very much annoyed & grieved me.

L<sup>d</sup>. L\_'s doing and undoing is nothing new and does not Surprise me – but that M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>o</sup>D\_L should be so weak as to allow himself to be made such a Cats-paw & tool of – vexes me beyond expression. It is another proof that M<sup>r</sup>. M. has not the moral Courage to resist the encroachments and innervations Continually being made on the Trust – and I dread the end of it. May I venture to hope that the breach which has taken place is not irremediable? If it is I dread the Consequences

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for who is the Man that your Shares will fit or can take our Ravelled Hank in hand without running it into SnockSnirls? Let the Man be whom he may it will require a 7 year's apprenticeship to initiate him, at the least. The mantle really seems to me to be so absurd, that I can scarcely bring myself to believe that it is in earnest.

Nothing would Rejoice me more than to hear that the Squall has blown over, as without any Sort of Blarney – but in all Sincerity I do believe, that the loss of your able Services in the Concern would be a real Misfortune to it.

I presume I shall have a communication from Head-quarters, or M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>o</sup>D\_L on this affair shortly But pray don't leave us if you can possibly remain with honour, and without sacrificing too much feeling & believe me, in haste My D<sup>r</sup>. Sir

Your's very Sincerely

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Jn<sup>o</sup>. Gregson Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

16.

Arcade 6<sup>th</sup>. June 1840

Dear Sir

I went on change this Morning in hopes of meeting you, but was too late. My object was to say, that since we met yesterday, it has occurred to me, as you have consulted M<sup>r</sup>. Liddell it will be better that I should appoint a professional Gentleman to meet him, on the part of the Co. which will Keep you and I from any sort of personal collision. I have therefore requested M<sup>r</sup>. Straker to meet M<sup>r</sup>. Liddell on the Subject of our negotiation, and, whatever those Gentlemen decide upon will be satisfactory to

Dear Sir

Your's truly

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

James Archbold Esq<sup>r</sup>.

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17.

Newcastle 9<sup>th</sup>. June 1840

My Dear Sir

After considerable delay, and negotiation I am glad to say that I have succeeded in getting the Basis of Tanfield-moor, Colly. increased from 18000 to 23000 Ch. the effect of which will be to reduce our Standing expences between £200 & £300 beside the advantage to be derived from the increased amo<sup>t</sup>. of Sales – which of course will depend upon the price we may be able to obtain for the Coals.

After considerable negotiation with the Stanhope and Tyne Railway Co. I could not make a satisfactory Agree<sup>t</sup>. with them for Shipping the Coals and have, therefore, made a Agree<sup>t</sup>. with the Brandling Railway Co. to commence at Mart<sup>s</sup>. next. This Contract besides enabling us to Ship

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the Coals from the present working Division of the Colly. at a lower Rate than the S. & Tyne Co. would Contract for provides for the Shipment of the Coals from the dormant part of the Mine – in the event

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to entertain the idea of purchasing the Colliery I should like very much to meet you there to discuss the subject, and Remain My Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

of it's being either let or Sold, on eligible terms.  
It also gives us a Chance of getting part River-Sale  
from gaining access to it above N. Castle, at a distance  
of 7 Miles from the Colly. – the distance to Shields  
being 17 miles. On the whole therefore (present and  
prospective I hope to have bettered the circumstances by  
this new arrangement Considerably.

I shall be in London about this day Week  
and shall remain there 'till 21<sup>st</sup>. or 22<sup>d</sup>. – I shall be  
at the Tavestock Covent Garden, and if you should  
be in Town, at the time it would give me great  
pleasure to see you. I shall make a point of  
seeing M<sup>r</sup>. John Parkinson, and if you continue

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Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

H. Ker Seymer Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Harford Blandford  
Dorset

18.

Newcastle 9<sup>th</sup>. June 1840

My Dear Sir James

Pray accept my apology for  
leaving so long delayed, noticing the receipt of y<sup>r</sup>.  
Private Letter of the 18<sup>th</sup>. of April The delay has been  
chiefly occasioned by the almost daily expectation of  
being called to London. I have however, at  
length received "Marching Orders", and expect to  
be up about this day Week.

I shall take an early opportunity of  
paying my respects to you after my arrival as  
there are sundry Matters which I wish to have

19.

Walls-end 10<sup>th</sup>. July 1840

My Dear Sir

The affairs of the Coal-trade have  
now reached a crises, and the Regulation, must either  
be broken up, or it must be more strictly acted upon  
and it Rules made more Stringent The deviations  
from the Rules of the present System, have become so  
numerous – that they have nearly become a dead Letter  
and the honourable part of the Trade, are the dupes of  
the clandestine. A general Meeting is therefore con-  
vened on the 16<sup>th</sup>. when the Black Sheep, must either be  
bro<sup>t</sup>. within the Fould, or the Regulation, must be at

Personal Communication with you upon. In the mean time accept my thanks for your exertions in the Sale of the Tanfield-moor Coals & remain

My Dear Sir James

S<sup>r</sup>. James Duke M.P.      Y<sup>rs</sup>. faithfully  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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an end – as the honourable part of the Trade, will no longer submit to be duped by the clandestine.

I am glad to say that our Vend has been brisk here of late – considering the general State of the Trade and all matters have been going on well with us, ‘till to day when we were likely to have had a very un-towards accident.

A Blower of inflammable Air came off in one of Walls-end Pit, Boards, which fired at the Hewers Shot, and altho’ the Overmen & Hewers

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Stood to do it bravely to knock it out with the Dusters kept for the purpose, they could not succeed and it set the Coal, on Fire. It was at a Mile from the bottom of the Pit, and no Water, was to be had in time to render the extinguishing Engine Available.

We then had to [revise] to our Cannon – to put the gas Flame out by the explosion. This succeeded in Shaking out the Gas Fire – but it presently fired again at the burning Coal, and 7 of our People were burnt Slightly by the Explosion – R<sup>r</sup>. Morriss was in the N<sup>o</sup>. and I am glad to make honourable mention of him – this is the first time he has been under Fire, and he behaved well.

Notwithstanding this Flare up & Scramble – our [Velerous] Persevered gallantly, and finally succeeded, in getting a close Stopping built across the Board End, with a 3 In

20.

Walls-end Colly. 17<sup>th</sup>. July 1840

My Dear Sir

I had the pleasure to receive your Letter of 14<sup>th</sup>. on returning here, from our great meeting last Night. It was my intuition to have written you, but waited the result of this important meeting – which went off better than was expected – but first as to the situation of Affairs here. I am glad to inform you that, as I expected the Fire was completely Smothered out – the Wounded are all recovering & R<sup>r</sup>. Morris – to whom I will convey the expression of your approbation of his conduct, will be at his duty again, in a few days. We are Vending all

Pipe thro' it to discharge the Smoke & Gas The Fire  
is I fully expect Smothered out – as the discharge of Smoke  
is rapidly diminishing & the Gas is discharging freely.  
The old Furnace Man was nearly Suffocated – but I expect  
the will recover I am My Dear Sir Y<sup>rs</sup>. faithfully

W<sup>m</sup>. Russell Esq<sup>r</sup>.                      Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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the Coals we are allowed by Regulation, freely  
at the full price, which is doing as well as the  
Circumstances of the Trade will permit & is as much  
as we can expect. I had a meeting

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with the Washington Lessers Viewers yesterday – to  
talk over the affair of the Renewal of the Lease  
I told them we could not, nor w<sup>d</sup>. not give any  
advance of tentale nor Certain Rent, whatever, and  
what I looked to was (as there is only about 14 years  
Coal remaining in the old Colly. to have as much  
additional territory added as w<sup>d</sup>, afford a 21 year's  
working for which Term the new Lease should be  
taken. Stobart & Arkless, acquiesced for Lawson and  
Shaftoe, but Croudace demurred on the Part of  
Musgrave, as he could not agree without further  
Communication with that Gen<sup>t</sup>. who expects a great  
increase of tentale. I think however that he will  
agree after the situation of the Colly. is more  
fully & clearly explained to him. I should not  
advise you to Renew the Lease even the old  
conditions, except, with the view of making the  
Concern a more Marketable article, either to

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Sell or Sub-let.

The Gen<sup>l</sup>. Meeting of yesterday. This was  
the fullest meeting I ever saw & every one present  
seemed deeply impressed with the importance of the  
Subject to be discussed. A Report which had been  
prepared by the Comm<sup>ee</sup>. Recommended the mea-  
sures necessary to be adopted if the Regulation  
was to be continued – was Read, and passed  
unanimously. For when fairly put to t  
he Leap – those who had been violatg.  
the Rules of the Reg<sup>n</sup>. and did not  
think it beneficial, as to the breaking  
of it up – durst not take it They agreed to  
have the Rules made more Stringent, and to  
abide by them better in future. The Regulat<sup>n</sup>.  
seems, therefore safe for the remainder of this  
Year at least & altho' the Vends will be short  
yet I hope we shall make some profit

I remain my D<sup>r</sup>. Sir y<sup>rs</sup>. Faithfully

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W. Russell Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

21.

Newcastle 17<sup>th</sup>. July 1840

My Dear Sir

I had the pleasure to receive your Letter of the 14<sup>th</sup>. and write to inform you that I have not yet been able to make my Statement of the Value of Percy-main Colly. – from not having been able to get the Acco<sup>t</sup>. of the Debts owing by, and to the Concern from M<sup>r</sup>. Veatch, ‘till this day. I have now got this Document, and in the course of the ensuing Week, I hope to give you my ideas on the Subject – which I own puzzles me not a little

Immediately after our former communications relative to the Northumberland Glass-house Affair I invested my Money in Railway Debentures at 5 P. Cent. – so that I am not at present in Cash for any sort of purchase, were I even inclined

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but for the reasons I formerly explained I have made up my Mind not to enter into any Kind of Merchantile or Manufacturing Concerns. Former expence has taught me that it is best for the Shoe-maker to Stick to his Last”

If I possessed any envious feelings in my Nature I think I should envy you the musical-treats you are now enjoying

~~With~~ I had almost forgot to mention our great Coal-trade meeting, yesterday – the greatest I ever saw. The important question of continuing or breaking the Regulation was the question to be decided. It was decided in Favour of Regulation – which in future is to be carried on under more Stringent Rules than hitherto. The evil-day is therefore deferred I am

My D<sup>r</sup>. Sir y<sup>rs</sup>. Faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Waldie Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

Newcastle 17<sup>th</sup>. July 1840

My Dear Sir

I went to the Bank this mornng. on the receipt of your Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup>. And saw Burdis who has received your Letter on the Affair of the £5000. he seems well inclined and daresays they will comply with your request – but must first Consult their Law-men and probably have to obtain the Sanction of the Board of Directors. Personally I perceive that Burdis has no objection to the proposed arrange<sup>t</sup>. but I scarcely think you can have his answer ‘till about this day Week, as the Board don’t meet ‘till Tuesday He has no recollection whatever about any Agree<sup>t</sup>. with you for the Bank giving up it’s Security on H Ho. before the whole of it’s Debt is paid off – altho’ he cannot say but it may be So.

The Valuation of the A Way is going on

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and will, I expect be sufficiently advanced to enable us to take possession, on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>.

As to the question, I expect, that both the Law and practice of the Country is in our favour & that the Umpire will so decide

My Bulletin of last Night will inform you of the satisfactory result of our great Meeting of yesterday. The fear of the Wolfe – the breakg of the Regulation – getting amongst us, brought all the Stray Black Sheep into the Flock.

The question was put – either to break up, or bend all parties to better behaviour – the bindg up was carried mem: Con: and it was Referred to the remited Comm<sup>ees</sup>. to amend the Rules, and to make them more Stringent – and all parties Signed resolutions to this effect. The only Coll<sup>s</sup>. not represented, were Thornley & ten. The former owing to Tom Woods absence in London the latter owing to its’ just being Sold, and

in the act of changing owners. The Regulation is therefore safe for the present, and we must be content to take Such a Vend as it will afford us we shall Secure the main Chance our Price.

and it seems probable that you will be down about the same time, which will answer very well as the R.W. Valuation will then just be finishing and we shall all be on the spot in case of any difficulty arising

It is surprising that we sh<sup>d</sup>. have so good a Vend, when we find that the N<sup>o</sup>. of Collieries from [8]4 in 1834 to 101 in 1840 – on the three Rivers. We should have been Ruined if the Foreign export Trade, had not in the same period increased from 413,896 to 1,040,379

Tons in the or 626,489 Tons in the year

I had a Letter from L<sup>d</sup>. L. yesterday enclosing one from Master Jenky<sup>ns</sup> giving a most Satisfactory Acco<sup>t</sup>. of L<sup>d</sup>. Seaham having passed his Examination at Oxford. I was delighted & could not help writing L<sup>d</sup>. L. a congratulatory Letter on the occasion. L<sup>d</sup>. S. is now at a critical period of Life – if he is only Kept in the right way he will be a brilliant Fellow – Nature has bestowed upon him all the requisite faculties. Lord L. intends being down about the end of the Month

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I am my D<sup>r</sup>. Sir y<sup>rs</sup>. Faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

E. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>.

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Walls-end 17<sup>th</sup>. Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1840

My Dear Sir

I have your Note of the 17<sup>th</sup>. this Mg. by which I am glad to learn that you have extended the time for Signing the Seaham R.W. Award to the 20<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. for altho' the Valuers are progressing with their Work – the time for squabbling does not arrive

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occasion and expedite the finishing of the Affair

In Settling the Leadg. Acco<sup>t</sup>. for thhe present Month, I presume we shall merely have to pay the Wages of the people employed on the Line and pay such compensation for the Wear & [tear] of the way, Waggons, Engines, Ropes &c. as we can agree upon

'till the period of finish draws near & then such time may be squandered, in argument.

Might it not be advisable, think you, to take the opinion of some eminent Counsel, as to the question of the Cuttings & Embankments &c. to put into Forsters Hands before the matter goes before the Umpire? Such a Document might be a powerful Weapon in his hand on this

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I saw M<sup>r</sup>. Ryle yesterday – it is some time since M<sup>r</sup>. Simpson went over the Seaham Estate with him, but he has not since heard him. Have you? – if not you had better Stimulate him – as we shall not be able to get on with any Buildings, 'till you can give Titles to the Sites. Friend Donkin is laidup with a dislocated Ankle – but is doing well

We had a great Meetg. of the Coal-trade on the 16<sup>th</sup>. to decide whether the Regulation was to be continued or not – if to be continued

its' Rules to be made more Stringent, and better enforced. It was unanimously Resolved to go on, under ammended Rules – and all presumed good behaviour for the Future. We shall therefore go on smoothly for the remainder of this year at least.

I am Dear Sir

your's faithfully

Jno. Gregson Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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24.

Walls-end 22<sup>d</sup>. July 1840

My Dear Sir

I rec<sup>d</sup>. your Letter of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

yesterday & have the pleasure to inform you that we are all going on as well, here, as the State of the Trade will permit. That is to say, we are in as good a State Underground as we could wish and are vending all the Coals, the Regulated State of the Trade, will allow, freely at their full price. The Regulation is now I think safe for the present year at least, but my apprehension is, that from the great increase of new Collieries the Vends will inevitably be so Reduced, that

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even under the best management of the Regulation  
many Collieries will not be able to work to  
any profit & will therefore of necessity be

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obliged to give it up. The Number of  
Collieries has increased since the commencement of  
the present Regulation, in 1834 from 64 to  
101 – many of them large & powerful Concerns  
while the increase of Vend Coastwise is only  
about 15 P. Cent I believe.

The Issue of Vend this Month is only 45 P.  
Thousand on the Basis which will not give us  
quite 1300 Ch. Vend, which will only allow the  
Pitmen 3 days Works in the Week. This is very  
hard upon them as well as upon you, but we  
must hope to do better by-and-by.

I am very sorry to hear of M<sup>r</sup>. Russell's acci-  
dent Sprains are very often very painful, and  
Require a length of time to cure them. I hope  
on your arrival at Barwarton you will find  
M<sup>r</sup>. Russell in the way of recovery and M<sup>r</sup>.  
Hamilton quite well again and Strong

Barwarton

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will be looking well at this Season. I beg to  
present my most respectful complements to M<sup>r</sup>.  
Russell & M<sup>r</sup>. Hamleton, and also M<sup>rs</sup>. Hamleton  
whose Kind attentions when at Barwarton I bear  
in recollection. Hope that you continue in  
good health, I remain My Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

P.S. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Morriss is at his duty again  
his Face is not at all disfigured by the burning  
I have conveyed to him the expression of your  
approval of his Conduct for which he is gratified

William Russell Esq<sup>r</sup>.

**25.**

Pensher 23<sup>d</sup>. July 1840

My Dear Sir

I am this morn<sup>g</sup> favoured with yours of the 21<sup>st</sup>. It is not our fault, here, that you have not rec<sup>d</sup>. the Plan of Seaham Town, as M<sup>r</sup>. Simpson has not yet vouchsafed to make his intentions Known to Ryle, as to the quantity of ground he means to allot to the Town. He promised to come over again to stake it out but has not yet done so. We don't therefore Know what to put upon the plan. From what he said to Ryle, however, I apprehend that he is going to limit the building Ground too much He talked of going up the N.Side of the Dean, and along the W. Side of the Town & then close by the Pottery down to the Sea, on the S<sup>o</sup>. Side. This

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won't give us sufficient Elbow-room, to the S<sup>o</sup>. where we expect to have Glass-houses built. the West Bound<sup>y</sup>. Line ought to be carried Southward to Daldon Field-house – this we must endeavour to induce M<sup>r</sup>. Simpson to permit us to do.

Our Values are getting on, but I very much doubt their being able to complete the Business even within the extended time. The Waggon<sup>s</sup> will occupy a great deal of time, as every one of them will have to be examined separately, on account of the bad State of the Iron-work – and many of their beds being almost warn out – they have been cob-  
bled-up to make them last their time out with new Wood to old Iron Work and vice-versa; So that the exam<sup>n</sup>. of them is a very tedious job and requires great attention, as error of £1000 might easily be made. I should think, as soon as the Valuers get all the articles scheduled in their Books, we might take possession, as I foresee

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that the pricing of the Articles & costing-up the Amo<sup>t</sup>. will be lengthened, and tedious business, as innumerable disputes & references to the Umpire arise on this branch of the Business. I should think that we can as well take possession of the

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Pensher 23<sup>d</sup>. July 1840

My Dear Sir

I have a Letter from M<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Gregson this Mg. on Sundry matters relating to the Railway Valuation – to which I have replied

whole Concern, as soon as the Valuers have completed their Schedule, as when they have finished their Calculations ready for making their award. As after the Schedule is finished, all the rest is In-doors Work.

I am just going off to attend a meetg. of the C.T. Committee at N. Castle, and tickle them up effectually I expect about y<sup>r</sup>. Acco<sup>t</sup>. which I fully expected had been paid. I am not on the Tyne Comm<sup>ee</sup>. this year & don't therefore Know their Private doings You may as well have 250 Copies of the Site-titles Printed

Your's faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Gregson Esq<sup>r</sup>.      Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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He also presses to have the Plan of the Gro<sup>d</sup>. at Seaham, to be released by Co<sup>l</sup>. Hildyard, but this we cannot accomplish, as Simpson has not yet come over, as he promised, to Stake out the Boundy.

I have desired Ryle to write him, to meet me on the Gro<sup>d</sup>. as soon as he can, to set out the Bound<sup>y</sup>. Line. I am the more anxious for this as I am apprehensive that he is going to limit us too much He talked, I understand of taking his Line up the N. Side of the Dean, from the Bath, to the W. Side of the Town – then along by the East Side of the Church, as far South

written M<sup>r</sup>. Gregson on all this

I am just going off to Newcastle to attend a meeting of the Comm<sup>ee</sup>. – to organize the amended Rules of the Regulation and devise means for carrying them into operation. We are all well here – only grumbling and pinched, by the Short issue of Vend. Our only consolation is that the Fasting is for the good of the health of the Body, and that we shall enjoy the benefit of it afterwards

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27.

Newcastle 25<sup>th</sup>. July 1840

Private

My Dear Sir

We had a general Meeting of Coal-owners (the largest I ever saw) on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. – to decide the great question of Continuing, or breaking up our Regulation. If to be continued, the Rules to be made more Stringent and to be more Strictly enforced – for which purpose, the Committees to be armed with additional

We have terrible Wet Weather – bad for the  
Hay – the Tyne Collieries are buying at £4 P. Ton

I am my Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

E. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>.

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Powers. Resolutions to be above affect were  
Passed unanimously, and the Comm<sup>ee</sup>. met on the  
23<sup>d</sup>. to frame the additional Rules &c.

They were, however, almost Stopped, in limini  
by the consideration of the Rotation System, which  
it was unanimously agreed could not longer

be carried on under the Present System, and that  
some change, or amendment is indispensable to  
it's further Continuance. The N<sup>o</sup>. of deviations  
have now become so numerous, that to devise any  
means of putting a Stop to them seems almost hope  
less. At least we do not see how it can be done  
except by allowing more free Sale of the best  
Coals & other Classes when in demand.

We certainly can now Restrict the Issues, so as to  
reduce the N<sup>o</sup>. of Ships at Market – but if this is  
accompanied by an advance of price, the object will  
be defeated, as it will Raise the Freights on the  
Tyne, inferior Coals, and probably place them in a  
worse Situation than the Present. The whole quest<sup>n</sup>.  
was found to be So embarrassing & difficult, that  
it was resolved to invite the attendance of a  
Deputation of Factors, to assist in our discussions

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and aid us in our difficulties, and I hope one  
of your Firm, will be of the Number. I expect  
M<sup>r</sup>. Clark w<sup>d</sup>. be written officially on this Sub-  
ject, on the 23<sup>d</sup>.

I hope the Ship-owners will not urge the  
Factors to exact higher prices for the best Coal as  
the N<sup>o</sup>. of Ships at Market become reduced by the  
Short Issues, otherwise our object will be  
defeated.

I hope you will be able to  
obtain such Proof of the Pelton  
Fraud, on Tanfield-moor, as will  
enable me to prosecute & Convict the  
Delinquent

I am My Dear Sirs

Your's faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Duke & Hill

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**28.**

Newcastle 25<sup>th</sup>. July 1840

My Dear Sir

I rec<sup>d</sup>. your's of the 23<sup>d</sup>.  
this mg. & have seen Berde's – he says the  
Bank is willing to comply with your wishes  
as to the £5000, and their Solicitor, and my  
Lords' are in correspondence on the business. and  
if any Hitch, takes place, it will be with them.

I had expected M<sup>r</sup>. Simpson at Seaham  
next Monday, but he is called away to York and  
will not be there 'till Tuesday.

The Comm<sup>ee</sup>. are working hard, but their road  
is Rough & difficult & they can only make slow work  
I have not time for more at present, but hoping  
to see you down about the time you mentioned

I remain my D<sup>r</sup>. Sir

Your's faithfully

E. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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**29.**

Newcastle 25<sup>th</sup>. July 1840

My Dear Sir

I rec<sup>d</sup>. your's of the 21<sup>st</sup>. with  
the Plan of Newton Hall Estate enclosed. I  
expect to see M<sup>r</sup>. Morton, during next Week, and  
will endeavour to drive that Nail.

Our Valuers & the Umpire are to meet next  
Monday Week – to fix their prices & principles, and  
it is desirable that you sh<sup>d</sup>. by that time arm Forster  
with the Barristers' opinion as to the Cuttings &c.

Gills is ordered to go about next Week to collect  
Money to pay y<sup>r</sup>. Bal<sup>ce</sup>. None refuse to pay  
their Contributions but they shuffle off paying as  
long as they possibly can. I expect to meet M<sup>r</sup>.  
Simpson at Seaham next Tuesdy. & will get  
him to be as liberal as I can, in point of extent  
Easterly Y<sup>rs</sup>. my dear Sir faithfully  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Gregson Esq<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Pensher 28<sup>th</sup>. July 1840

My dear Sir

I had left Walls-end for this  
yesterday Mornng. Before your Letter of the 25<sup>th</sup>. Arrived  
and again had left, here, for Seaham, before it ar-  
rived here, so that I have only Rec<sup>d</sup>. it on my return

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to York, and cannot be at Seaham 'till the first  
Week in August. This is very tiresome, but  
there is no help for it.

I have however in persuance of M<sup>r</sup>. Gregson's  
directions Stake out the quantity of Gro<sup>d</sup>. I think  
we ought to have, and when Simpson comes, shall

too late, to go to N. Castle, this Eveng. From what Burdes told me last Sa. I hope by this you will have heard from Cowburn, what is doing, with respect to the £5000 – but lest there should be any mistake between Carr & him I will go to N. Castle tomorrow & ascertain how the matter stands & will give you a Line by to-morrows' Post-taking the chance of it's findg. you in London.

I went to Seaham early this Mornng. in expectation of meeting M<sup>r</sup>. Simpson – to set out the Building Ground – but it seems he has gone

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say to him – “this is what we want”, and will not ask him, how much he will give. I will have a Survey of it put upon the proper Skin of Parch<sup>t</sup>. for M<sup>r</sup>. Gregson & let him fight it out with Hildyards Solicitor. Our R.W. Valuers are before the 20<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. Whether Perkins & Co. will give us Possession next Saturday, I don't Know – I rather doubt. The 11<sup>th</sup>. Course of Blocks is now finished on the Pier-head – 3 more will complete it. All matters going on well here.

Your's my D<sup>r</sup>. Sir faithfully

E. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

31.

Pensher 28<sup>th</sup>. July 1840

My Dear Sir

Absence from home has prevented me from sooner answering your Letter of the 13<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. I exceedingly regret to learn that your late Negotiation for letting the Elgin W.E. Colliery should have failed, as I am still of opinion that considering the over-done and Precarious State of the Coal-trade generally The earl's letting of this Colliery is the most judicious Course to pursue.

Notwithstanding the unpropitious aspect of the Trade, New Collieries, opened by fresh ad-

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seems to be the place where all the spare Capital of the Country is concentrated, and where also the greatest Spirit of enterprise prevails.

I should, therefore, think the most likely mode of drawing the attention of mining Adventurers to the Elgin W.E, Colliery, would be to advertise, in the Mining Journal, and other London Papers.

Our Trade is very bad. – we Keep up our prices Pretty well, but the out-put of all the old Collieries is greatly diminished by the enormous increase of new ones. If Lady Elgin is now at Broom-Hall, I beg you to present my most respectful Complements to her I had the pleasure to meet with her

ventures are opening, in this Country daily – but by far the greater N<sup>o</sup>. of those Adventurers are Strangers – mostly London Capitalists. London

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Ladyship at Southampton, on her return from Paris. My Nephew begs me to thank you for your Kind remembrance of him. We are both hard worked and don't see much of each other I am my D<sup>r</sup>. Sir The Honble Ja<sup>s</sup>. Bruce y<sup>rs</sup>. Faithfully Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Newcastle 29<sup>th</sup>. July 1840

My dear Sir

I rec<sup>d</sup>. your's of the 27<sup>th</sup>. this mornng. I have seen Carr the Bank Sol<sup>r</sup>. who assures me that the approved Df<sup>t</sup>. of the Deed for the £5000 affair shall be sent off by this Eveng<sup>s</sup>. Mail to Cowburn, which is a day Former than he required – as he S<sup>d</sup>. Saturday w<sup>d</sup>. do & it will be with him on Friday.

Phillipson will not advise Perkins & Co. to give no possession of the R.W. until the Award the Mornng – but from the apprehension that one of the Arbitrators may die before the award is made, or that the Umpire may decline to or be afraid to Sign it. I have written M<sup>r</sup>. G. in on this & remain My D<sup>r</sup>. Sir y<sup>rs</sup>. Faithfully E. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Newcastle 29<sup>th</sup>. July 1840

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My dear Sir

I called upon M<sup>r</sup>. Phillipson this Mornng. to ask him if it was intended by Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Perkins & Co. to give us possession of the Seaham R.W. on the 31<sup>st</sup>. He says he cannot advise them to do so – not that he has any apprehension abo<sup>t</sup>. the purchase Money being paid – but from the apprehension that one of the Arbitrators may die before the Award is made – or that the Umpire may be afraid to decide & decline to Sign the Award I asked him in the event of any serious accident happening to the Machine in the mean-time, so as to Stop, or impede the leading of the Coals, who w<sup>d</sup>. have to be accountable for the Loss. He replied that they would and that He would rather Risk this Contingency than the other. He added that he would urge M<sup>r</sup>. Johnson, to get the Award made with the least possible delay Thus the matter stands and

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it is for consideration what line is the most prudent for us to pursue. It is no doubt disagreeable to be kept out of possession after all the Materials are schedules. Yet if we could be certain of the Award being made by the 20<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. It is perhaps hardly worth while taking any Strong measures to obtain Possession.

I scarcely expect to be able to send off the Survey of the Seaham buildings Gro<sup>d</sup>. before next Saturday.

I have been with M<sup>r</sup>. Morton this Mg. on the Newton Coal Affair – but want some additional points of information Respecting it which I cannot obtain for 2 or 3 days

I am my Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

John Gregson Esq<sup>r</sup>.                      Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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35 35.

Walls-end Colliery 29<sup>th</sup>. July 1840

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24<sup>th</sup>. which I regret to observe that you seem to take a more serious view of the State of the Coal-trade, more especially as relates to Walls-end Colliery, than the State of the Case Calls for.

You will please to recollect that the present Short Issue, for July, is general to the whole Trade, and not perculiar to Walls-end, and as long as we get “Neighbours Fare” – we have no just cause of complaint.

The Short Vend of the present Month is made with the View of getting the N<sup>o</sup>. of Ships at Market reduced, with a view to improve the Trade for the remainder of the year and I am satisfied, if this will not produce the desired effect, nothing will, and the regulation must be given up. But to break through it, before this grand effort is made, to improve the condition of the Trade (‘for it is Kill, or ensu)

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would be injudicious – not to say dishonourable. We are really honourably bound to the Trade to abide by the Regulation, and cannot quit it, under 6 Mo<sup>s</sup>.

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Newcastle 1<sup>st</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>.1840

My Dear Sir

I rec<sup>d</sup>. your Letter of the 28<sup>th</sup>.

notice, to be given, on the 30<sup>th</sup>. of June & the 31<sup>st</sup>. Dec. in each year. If therefore, you should be positively determined to with-draw from it – you must give Notice next Dec<sup>r</sup>. but at the same time I offer it as my decided opinion with all deference – that Walls-end sh<sup>d</sup>. be kept in the Regulation as long as ever it can be Kept together, as I am convinced She will make more Profit under Regulation, than in a free-trade.

The fact is the Colliery Stands upon a larger Basis than any other of similar Calibre, and we are enabled to Sell the Coals without Freighting, altho' they do not, except a Small quantity, for Gas, go to the London- Market at all. I am rejoiced to hear that M<sup>rs</sup>. Russell is better again & desires to present my respectful Complements to her, & to M<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>rs</sup>.

Hamilton, I remain My Dear Sir

Your's faithfully

Will<sup>m</sup>. Russell Esq<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Ulto. with S<sup>r</sup>. W. Folletts & M<sup>r</sup>. Wigram's opinion, in Course – than which nothing can be more satisfactory as the Case, though most ably stated – gives no co-leasing or bias whatever in favour of our position I shall give the Case & opinion to Forster to day.

I have this morn<sup>g</sup>. Rec<sup>d</sup>. your Letter of the 30<sup>th</sup>. Uto. enclosing the Plan of the Seaham Estate, which I herewith Return with the Plot of build<sup>g</sup>. Ground which we must ask to have Released, drawn upon it. I also send an Actual Survey of the same laid down on a Scale of 4 Chains to an Inch – which you can have Copied upon the Skins if you find it necessary. I have taken in a piece of Gro<sup>d</sup>. between the N. Dean & the Glebe, and also a Small tract on the S<sup>o</sup>. Side of the Dean-houses Dean – as they

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admirably suited for building Lodging – Houses for Bathers, upon. I don't Know that we are quite accurate as to the line of the Harbour Reservation, as we have not any plan of it – but I expect it is sufficiently accurate for the present purpose. If you should have great difficulty in obtaining the full quantity claimed I have drawn on a triangular

37.

Walls-end 2<sup>d</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

My Dear Sir

I have have abstained from writing you for the last 2 or 3 days, 'till I heard from you, as to your movements. And as your Letter of the 31<sup>st</sup>. Ulto. gives me reason to think that you will not leave London 'till Tuesday, I write this, to take the Chance

piece, containing 4½ Acre – with pencil, which you may give-up, without detriment.

The news of L<sup>d</sup>. Durham's death, yesterday, carried such excitement and such a gloom here, as has not been experienced since the death of the Princess Charlotte. Men of all politics joined in the unqualified expression of Regret in the loss of such, [enhanced] & talented Statesman. Nothing is yet Known here as to the State and management of his Affairs

Y<sup>rs</sup>. my Dear Sir truly

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Gregson Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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of it's catching you before you leave.

I feel equal regret with you for the loss of Lord Durham. Nothing is yet Known, here as to how he has left his affairs, or under whose, or what System of management they will be placed. His extensive and Complicated Colly. Affairs will as you are very well able to judge be difficult matter to be managed by Trustees. And it is by no means unlikely that this melancholy event – may place the Seaham and Seaton Affair in an entirely different position.

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shall therefore be very anxious to Know how this branch of his Affairs will have to be managed.

I happened to be in N. Castle when the intelligence of L<sup>d</sup>. D<sup>m</sup>'s death arrived there. Since the death of the Princess Charlotte I have not seen such a general gloom and expression of Sorrow manifested by people of all Parties & all Politics All agree that he was in his Public, as well as his Private Characture an Honest-Man – a Title which very few of his order, are considered as worthy to merit.

I am Subpoenaed on a Trial at Newcastle tomorrow & may be detained even over Tuesday, but I will continue to see Burde's & Carr & push them to get a meetg. of the requisite N<sup>o</sup>. of Directors to exe-

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Walls-end 2<sup>d</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

My Dear Sir

I rec<sup>d</sup>. have your's of Yesterday, and lose no time sending you the enclosed, which is, I expect, the Article you want & remain My D<sup>r</sup>. Sir

Your's faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

Th. Davison Esq<sup>r</sup>. }  
Durham }

cute the Deed. If L<sup>d</sup>. L. comes to Wyn<sup>d</sup>. I hope he will also come to Seaham, I think he will be pleased with what is doing there. – hoping to hear better acco<sup>ts</sup>. of L<sup>d</sup>. Mark & to see you Shortly I remain my D<sup>r</sup>. Sir Y<sup>rs</sup>. faithfully  
E. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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**39.**

Walls-end 9<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

My Dear Sir

I have rec<sup>d</sup>. your Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. in course – the former containing a Copy of the Abstract of the Seaham Buildg. Sites Title – the latter enclosing Copy of y<sup>r</sup>. Corrispond<sup>ce</sup>. with M<sup>r</sup>. Morton on the Newton-hall Coal Affair. I don't feel that I have anything to observe on the Abstract, but am glad you expect to get the affair of the Release accomplished shortly. With respect to the Newton-hall Coal affair, I believe I shall have to examine the posi-  
tion in which it lies on the Gro<sup>d</sup>. before I can Satisfy my Mind about it, and this I shall expect to do in the course of the Week.

Our Railway Valuers are hard of Work, and will I hope complete the business & make their award within the prescribed point. I have been twice

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twice before them this Week. Ben. Thompson has stated to them, that in a Conversation which he had with me in Ap: 1829 I told him in answer to a question put to him, that the Cuttings & Embankments were to be valued. This I positively deny – and even if such Conversation had passed, it Could not affect the Agree<sup>t</sup>. – on the meaning of which alone the Umpire must decide. I am afraid the Umpire is rather waffling, but Forster has got an excellent Statement drawn up – grounded on Follett & Wigrams' opinion, and as far a I can Judge Jobling will not be able to go against it. Lord Londonderry is to be at Wynyard to day – whether he means to go further North, I am not informed. Neither do I Know when M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell will be at Pensher.

I am going to Lord Durham's Funeral to-morrow – there will be an immense assemblage of people as they are going from all parts of the Country

Your's my Dear Sir Faithfully

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Jn<sup>o</sup>. Gregson Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Pensher 14<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

Dear Sir

I rec<sup>d</sup>. your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>.  
last Night.

I am not surprised that you  
found the parish Survey erroneous – as I never  
found any Plan of the kind made any an  
ordinary Land Survey or sufficiently correct  
for mining purposes.

I should have preferred your Survey  
projected on a Scale of 4 to an Inch – provided  
it would have come within Reasonable boundy  
as you have however, progressed in laying it  
down at Six – I would have you to finish  
it. It may probably answer my purpose which  
is to ascertain as nearly as may be the quan-  
tity

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of whole Coal which remains in the two pro-  
perties, and where & how it lies, with the Fo[uty]  
&c. Let me know when you have finished  
your Plan, & then I will decide whether to  
have it sent to me – or to let Remain ‘till  
our next meeting – the time of which I will  
fix as soon as I am able. I have to go to  
Ireland shortly I believe, but cannot yet tell  
when, nor can I decide whether to have the  
Forest Meetg. before I go, or after I return  
from the Emerald Island” I am  
aware how difficult it is to translate M<sup>r</sup>.  
James’ Lings into English – but you must  
Cross – examine him carefully, and never depend  
upon his first answers to your questions – have  
always, a Second Edition. Y<sup>rs</sup>. Dear Sir truly

Mr. John Atkinson }  
Coleford }

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Newcastle 15<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

My Dear Sir

I have have only have time to say

42.

Walls-end 16<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

My Dear Sir

I have this mornng. received your

that I have seen our Railway Valuers this afternoon  
They cannot possibly finish against the 20<sup>th</sup>. [andmen<sup>t</sup>]  
have a Months Extension of time. I have seen M<sup>r</sup>.  
Phillipson also – he has written to M<sup>r</sup>. Pringle to  
call upon you to conclude the Requisite Agree<sup>t</sup>. for  
this extension and I undertook to apprise you of  
it. You may therefore expect to see M<sup>r</sup>. Pringle  
on Mondy. Morng. I am much annoyed at this  
delay, but there is no help for it & remain

Y<sup>rs</sup>. faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Gregson Esq<sup>r</sup>.    Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Letter of the 14<sup>th</sup>. with Copy of your Correspondence with  
M<sup>r</sup>. Wright. The entanglement of L<sup>d</sup>. L\_'s affairs is  
such, that there is no getting straight forward with  
any one transaction, however plain it may appear on  
the Surface You have done quite right in so  
promptly offering M<sup>r</sup>. Wright the investigation he  
desires. I don't expect to hear any difficulty in  
Satisfying either N. Wood, or Forster of the  
utter unlikelihood, under any contingency conse-  
quent on the death of L<sup>d</sup>. L. of the Collieries  
continuing to Ship their Coals at the Harbour  
long and long, after the repayment of the  
£30,000 loan on the Railway.

I wrote you last night in great haste from

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the Coal-trade Office, to apprise you of the necessity  
of extending the time for the Railway Valuation  
for which purpose Phillipson wrote Pringle to call  
upon you to-morrow This is very annoying as it  
Keeps us out of possession, & may increase the dif-  
ficulties of a final Settlement. M<sup>r</sup>. Hunt the  
manager, has declined to make any charge, or to  
receive any Money on Acco<sup>t</sup>. for the Leadings since  
the 1<sup>st</sup>. July – altho' I have Requested him to do so  
And what seems absurd enough to contend that if  
any serious accident happens to the Machinery &c.

**43.**

Walls-end Colly. 16<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

My Dear Sir

I had the pleasure to receive your  
Letter of the 31<sup>st</sup>. Ult<sup>o</sup>: in course, but not having any-  
thing out of the ordinary course of business to communicate  
I deferred writing 'till this time. I observe the following  
sentence, in your Letter. "Every one else seems to say that  
"Walls-end would do much better without the Regulation of  
"Vend" I should be exceedingly glad to have the reason  
for this opinion pointed out, because if it is a just and  
valid one, I am acting under some Strange misappre-

we are to be liable to the damage!!!

We have had L<sup>d</sup>. L. at Pensher & Seaham he returns to London, to day & then starts for Constantinople – God Speed him well. M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell came to Seaham last Thursday – I have to meet him at Pensher in the Mornng. – he goes immediately to

Glenarm                      Your's my Dear Sir faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Gregson Esq<sup>r</sup>.                      Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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hension of the nature, and Relative Situation of the Colliery. And should most anxiously desire to be put right upon it. My present conviction is that Walls-end stands relatively better on the general Basis, than She is entitled to do, considering the quantity of the Coal which cannot be Sold in the London Market – it is entirely with the exception of a few Gas Coals for which we only receive 17/ 6 a Ch. a Coasting Coal, and is not

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fit either for Steam Boat, nor foreign exportation. We have a steady Coastwise at our full Price for a certain quantity to the Coast – Market – but not so much as the Regulation gives us 00 we are therefore, obliged to take a Gas Contract, at a Price which leaves no Profit to enable us to get quit of the Regulated quantity. How then is the Colly. to do better without the Regulation?

From the present appearances I much fear that the Reg<sup>n</sup>. will not go on beyond the end of the year, in which case we may give up all hopes of making profit, and the wisest thing to do is to make the best of it we can in the mean-time. The Issue this Month is 60 P. m. which will do something better for us yet it is Small, but we look forward for a more liberal Vends during the 3 following Months.

Croudace writes me that he has at length heard from S<sup>r</sup>. Ja<sup>s</sup>. Musgrave relative to the renewal of the Washington

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Newcastle on Tyne 22<sup>d</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. and can feel no obligation to accept the Office of Umpire in the affair of the Mitchell-Colliery Reference – provided I can be allowed 'till the 31<sup>st</sup>. of October for making my award

I am so circumstanced that I must either do this Busniess before the 12<sup>th</sup>. of September, or not 'till after the 20<sup>th</sup>. of October – but cannot determine for a few days. According to the best opinion, however, which I can at present form, I think the latter the most likely time

If this arrangement will suit the purposes I shall be glad to receive the Papers for perusal, in the mean time & remain      Sir

Your most Obed S<sup>t</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

Lease & I have appointed to meet him next Sa. when we shall see what is to be done, and I will write you the Result, and remain in the mean-time My D<sup>r</sup>. Sir

Your's faithfully

William Russell Esq<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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Walter M<sup>c</sup>Culloch Esq<sup>r</sup>. W.S.

45.

Newcastle 22<sup>d</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. – inviting me to act as umpire in the case of the Mitchell Colliery Reference & I have also received a Letter from M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Culloch to the same effect.

I cannot have any objection to undertake this office, provided I can allow 'till the 31<sup>st</sup>. of Oct<sup>r</sup>. to make my Award It is possible that I might be able to accomplish this business in a Fort<sup>t</sup>. but of this I cannot be certain, until I receive an answer to a Letter, I have written to London. The Fort<sup>t</sup>. is I expect to go to Ireland about the 12<sup>th</sup>. of Sep: or 20<sup>th</sup>. of October – depending on arrangements now in progress. I have also to attend a Meetg. of the Dean – Forest Comm<sup>rs</sup>. At Coleford during that interval, and am therefore constrained to take this umpirage affair either before the 12<sup>th</sup>. Sep: or after the 20<sup>th</sup>. of Oct<sup>r</sup>. – most likely, the latter. Pray let me Know if

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Newcastle 22<sup>d</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

My Dear Sir

I am glad to learn by your Letter of the 19<sup>th</sup>. that you have got the time for the Seaham Railway Val<sup>n</sup>. Extended to the 20<sup>th</sup>. Sep: I have seen all the parties to day & urged them to push on with all expectation, which they have promised me to do. I do not think any time has been unnecessarily lost – the Number of Articles to be weighed meas<sup>d</sup>. & computed is quite enormous & Requires a great deal of time & immense labour – 1600 Waggon's have been to turn-up & have their Beds &c. ex<sup>d</sup>. which has occupied much time independently of the Engines &c.

Nich Wood has Rec<sup>d</sup>. a Letter from M<sup>r</sup>. Wright and has appointed next Friday to go over the Line with me being the 1<sup>st</sup>. Day he can Spare. I have little doubt of being able to Settle the matter with him amicably. Simpson next Ryle at the Harbour last Wed. to view the Gro<sup>d</sup>. I had marked out, and grumbled at the largness of the quantity – nevertheless Ryle

this will suit & by the time I hear from you, I think I shall be enabled to fix my time & remain  
Ja<sup>s</sup>. M. Melville Esq<sup>r</sup>. W.S.      D<sup>r</sup>. Sir Y<sup>rs</sup>. truly  
I have written M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Culloch to the Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle  
above effect.

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does not think he will stand out against it – but he must Communicate with Col. Hildyard, who is now at Stanhope before he Reports. The chance of having the mortgage changed of which Ryle gave him a hint will no doubt produce it's proper effect.

We have Sacked the £5000 under pretence of paying off all Debts, and promise, never to get Goods on tick, again. Not half of this Sum, will be applied to it's legitimate object, and the rest will be Squandered as usual. I believe the pretence of obtaining the Money to pay Debt was a more Ruse to get the Money for the Journey. Cowburn has however acted prudently in stepping his Costs off the Sum borrowed.

Your's my Dear Sir faithfully

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

Has the Framwell-gate Coal Co. agreed with M<sup>r</sup>. Russell for Way-leave, thro' Newton-Hall Estate?  
Jn<sup>o</sup>. Gregson Esq<sup>r</sup>.

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Walls-end 23<sup>d</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

My Dear Sir

I hope this will find you safe at home in your own comfortable Chatteau – to enjoy relaxation, and amusement, after your long, & hard campaign, in London. And that your Complaint has intirely left you. The Seaham Railway Valuers ~~came~~ not being able to complete their work by the 20<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. an extension to the 20<sup>th</sup>. Sep: has been arranged in London between J. Gregson & Perkins & C<sup>os</sup>. Solicitor. I saw the Valuers and umpire yesterday & urged them to get the business done as soon as possible, which they have promised me they will do

Ryle met Simpson at Seaham, and pointed out the extent of the building Ground to him, which I had Previously staked out. He grumbled at it's great extent on the S<sup>o</sup>. Side of the Town towards the Dean Dean Houses, and is to revise his Calculations and

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to see M<sup>r</sup>. Hildyard who is now at Stanhope before he can Report. Ryle hinted to him the probability of the Mortgage being paid off, in case of his non-compliance with our wishes, which seemed to produce a Strong impression.

Nich. Wood has rec<sup>d</sup>. a Letter from M<sup>r</sup>. Wright – M<sup>r</sup>. Pennants Solicitor – requesting him to see me, and to report on the probability of L<sup>d</sup>. Londonderrys Coll<sup>s</sup>. continuing to Ship their Coals at the Harbour in the event of L<sup>d</sup>. L<sup>d</sup>'s death. He has appointed next Friday to go over the Line with me for this purpose. & I don't expect to have much difficulty in Satisfying him on all points.

Nothing new in the Coal-trade Since you left I find Hunter has rec<sup>d</sup>. orders to pay £170 – out of about £1000 of debt in this Country expected to have been paid – but this entre nous!!! Would it be most Convenient to you to see me at Glenarm about the 12<sup>th</sup>. Sep. or 20<sup>th</sup>. of Oct<sup>t</sup>.? I am my D<sup>r</sup>. Sir

Your's Faithfully

Ed. M<sup>c</sup>Donnell Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

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48.

Walls-end 23<sup>d</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

Dear Sir

I wrote your Brother, on the 2<sup>d</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. enclosing M<sup>r</sup>. Gray's remarks on my Report and as I have not Rec<sup>d</sup>. any note of acknowledgement from him I am apprehensive that my packet may not have reached him. Will you be so good as to inquire into this and let me hear from you without delay and

Oblige Dear Sir

Your's truly

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

M<sup>r</sup>. John Evans

49.

Pensher 26<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

My Dear Sir

I enclose you a Tracing of apart

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Pensher 26<sup>th</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1840

Gentlemen

In consequence of the conversation

of the Stalla Grand Lease Colliery, and will feel obliged if you can inform me if the Lessees under the Bishop can Sink Pits, & lay Waggon-Ways &c. in that part of it called the Ryton – Willows? This Tract was formerly a sort of Waste, or Town-field, and was divided under an Act of Parliament about 50 years ago – and I should expect that the easements for working the Coal, would be reserved by the Bishop.

If you don't know this, or have not the Act to refer to you may probably be able to obtain the information from M<sup>r</sup>. Griffith, and oblige, My Dear Sir Your's very truly  
Th. Davison Esq<sup>r</sup>. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

[Bud-60-4]

I had with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Rawthorn & Burrell in Newcastle, last Sa. Week. I now beg leave to offer my 3 Ships, to carry your S<sup>o</sup>. Hetton Coals from Seaham Harbour to London, for twelve months from the period of their respective arrivals at Seaham Harbour, for 9/ 6 P. Ton. The Vessells are now on a Coal Voyages to London, and should you accept this offer I will order them to Seaham, to load, as they arrive And the Charter Parties may be signed at Convenience Your early answer will oblige Gen<sup>t</sup>.

Your most Obed Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Buddle

The S<sup>o</sup>. Hetton }  
Coal Co. }