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Preface

Creation of catalogue

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Introduction

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Contents

The collection contains material from the 15th to 19th centuries, but is predominantly of the 18th century. It concerns primarily the Claverings of Greencroft but sheds light also on the Axwell and Chopwell branch of the family, with a few items relating to 16th century Northumberland Claverings. Correspondence makes up almost two thirds of the whole. Small groups of election papers and estate papers are also included, together with material on Lanchester church, deeds and documents in legal disputes, and items on Joshua Douglas, the Newcastle attorney (father in law of Sir Thomas Clavering 7th Bart) and his family.

The Clavering families

This handlist has been compiled from descriptions very kindly drafted by James Hargrave of Durham County Record Office, who also compiled the list of the Clayton & Gibson Records in the C.R.O. The account of the Claverings which follows, and the summary of Clavering estates and the family pedigrees in appendices 1 and 2, are adapted from that list.

The Claverings of Axwell and Greencroft were a cadet branch of the old recusant Northumbrian gentry family of Clavering of Callaly. Their fortune came from commerce in Newcastle (a common source in the North East of the wealth behind the establishment of new gentry families).

Axwell was purchased in 1629; Greencroft in 1670. Another branch of the family from the same mercantile root was established at Chopwell. The descent of these properties became increasingly complicated from the early 18th century. The trend is towards accumulation of lands and titles and the increased exploitation of coals. A baronetcy was obtained at the Restoration.

The union of the third baronet with Jane Mallabar (Dame Jane Clavering), a formidable woman of business who was heiress, in every respect, to a Newcastle merchant fortune, marks the zenith of the Axwell Claverings. The early death in 1726 of Sir James Clavering, 4th Baronet meant that the Mallabar inheritance passed on through Alice Clavering (Alice, Viscountess Windsor) to the Windsors and the Seymours, thence to the Crichton Stuarts, marquesses of Bute (see pedigrees).

The core of the Clavering family property reverted, on the death of Sir Francis the 5th Baronet, to the Greencroft branch bringing the baronetcy with it.

Sir James Clavering, 6th Baronet (d1748) was related by marriage with many a prominent family; his second wife was a Vane of Long Newton, his brother-in-law was a Liddell of Ravensworth. Much can be discovered about his affairs from his correspondence (Clavering MSS 1 214 published in *The Correspondence of Sir James Clavering*, Surtees Society volume 178, 1967). The politics of the reign of Queen Anne form a staple topic in the letters

he received from Anne Clavering [Mrs. Henry Liddell] of the Chopwell branch of the family. Her brother-in-law was Lord Chancellor Cowper.

The Axwell and Greencroft estates having come together in 1738, it seemed sensible to Sir James to split them up again and found a new cadet line at Greencroft. His son George received Greencroft, the Manor of Iveston (and a moiety of the coals under them) and lands at Cornsay, Satley, Stowhouse etc upon his marriage to Elizabeth daughter of the Reverend Edward Browell, D.D., Rector of Romaldkirk. This marriage was childless but Browell properties in and around Bowes, Yorkshire, came into the hands of the Claverings.

Under Sir James's will his youngest son John (Lt. Gen. Sir John Clavering, K.B., ancestor of the last baronet Sir Henry Augustus) received estates in Northumberland (Dotland, Riddlehamhope etc).

Sir Thomas Clavering, 7th Baronet, the eldest son of Sir James received the core properties at Axwell, Swalwell, Whickham etc. He also received property in Jarrow which had belonged to the Greencroft branch of the family through descent from a coheiress of the Ellisons of Hebburn. Sir Thomas married Martha, daughter of Joshua Douglas of Newcastle. This match was childless but various Douglas properties at Henshaw, Northumberland, seem to have passed to the Claverings. Sir Thomas died in 1794 leaving everything to his nephew Sir Thomas John Clavering (son of George Clavering of Greencroft).

There was no love lost between George Clavering and his son, Sir Thomas John. George, who died early in 1794, left a will of a generally malicious sort. His philosophy seems to have been 'don't go abroad its a horrid place'. France and Roman Catholicism were anathema to him; Sir Thomas John's wife was a French Catholic. Reference to George's will shows his attempt at domination from the grave, seeking to dictate the domicile of his grandchildren and their religious education.

Sir Thomas John had marital difficulties eventually solved by separation. His other difficulty was to be stranded in France during the Napoleonic wars. Some of his children were with him; William Aloyzious his second surviving son was not. The Greencroft end of the property had been thrown into Chancery in 1800 following the bankruptcy of George Clavering's surviving executor, the refusal of other executors to act and claims and counter claims as to the validity at law of parts of the will.

Sir Thomas John had four children surviving to adulthood. His eldest son James died in 1824, having fathered a son, John Clavering, by Maria Debritto, a Portuguese lady. His second, but only surviving son, was Sir William Aloyzious Clavering, 9th Baronet, who succeeded him and died unmarried in 1872. The bastard John had much more appeal for Sir Thomas John (who also seems to have fathered various children out of wedlock) than son William Aloyzious, a man of narrow and mean spirit. John was living at Greencroft by 1840. He was living there at his death in 1880. Otherwise he resided in Newcastle-upon-Tyne where he carried on an occasional practice as an attorney.

Sir Thomas John's daughters Clara and Agatha had both married French/Franco Belgian noblemen, the Barons de Knyff and de Montfaucon. These gentlemen would not have appealed to George.

Sir Thomas John died in 1853, and his estranged wife in 1854. He attempted to leave Greencroft to William for life, then to John for life, then to the issue of William (who was unmarried) in tail male, then to the issue of John similarly (the latter's only legitimate son died in infancy), thence to the testator's daughter in moieties. Sir Thomas John had previously charged Greencroft with his daughters' marriage portions and for his wife's

separation. The nature of his interest in the estate under George Clavering's will, the effects of the 1800 action *Clavering v. Clavering* in Chancery, and the ability of the estate to bear the charges thrust upon it quite escaped him. The Chancery action blossomed forth as *Clavering v Ellison* in Chancery with *Clavering v Clavering* revived. The antagonists were the ever lovable Sir William Aloyzious versus his late father's executors (Ellison and John Clavering). Sir William wanted to prove the disqualification of his sisters from any benefit under the will of George (money had been accumulating in Chancery for 50 years), they being degenerate, foreign papists. To all intents and purposes he lost. He appealed and lost the appeal. He appealed to the House of Lords, lost this appeal, and gained considerable legal bills for his pains.

The outcome was to declare Sir William, the Knyffs and the Montfaucons entitled each to one third of the Greencroft estate and that they plus Ellison and John Clavering as legal representatives of James Clavering deceased were entitled to quarter shares of the accumulated funds derived from George Clavering's personal estate. Perhaps shrewdly, the bastard John Clavering had been trained in the law.

In the Axwell settled estates Sir William was succeeded by his distant cousin Sir Henry Augustus, descendant of Sir John Clavering, K.B. (from whom Sir Henry inherited various Northumberland properties). Originally included were quantities of ancient freeholds, copyholds and allotments at Whickham. Some time after the death of Sir William it was discovered that the settlement had, as to various of these properties, been faulty. They passed to Sir Henry Augustus, not for a life interest as heir under the entail but absolutely as customary heir (the nearest heir male) leaving him free to dispose of them as he wished. It was necessary to arrange in due course an arbitration to work out which properties were covered by the settlement and which not. Sir Henry died without surviving male issue in 1893. The baronetcy expired.

The Axwell core estates along with various interests in the Greencroft/Lanchester area and lands in Northumberland passed to the Napier family [see pedigree]. The entire legitimate family of Clavering was extinct.

Provision existed, under Sir William's resettlement of the estates, for the inheritance of the property by the Claverings of Callaly, the Northumbrian gentry family from which our Claverings had sprung in the 16th century. Alas this line also died out, in 1877. Thus the Napiers became Napier Claverings. Their connexions with the area were slim. In 1919 Axwell house and park, and many of the contents, were sold. Much of the Northumberland estate was sold soon after. The rest passed to an estate company (a tax avoidance device popular in the 1930s) which sold off more real estate and invested the proceeds in securities. The nationalisation of coal royalties and wartime changes in taxation law produced the liquidation of the estate company. The family continue to own certain properties in the county. Also attached to this branch were the twenty seven ninety sixth parts of the Lordship of Winlaton which Sir William bought from Lord Ravensworth in the 1860s and 1870s.

The Whickham copyholds which vested in Sir Henry passed to his executors (included in whom were some of the Napier Claverings) in trust for his three daughters. Mrs. Campbell alone of these left issue. The trust property was finally sold off in the 1950s.

The Greencroft estate was left in the 1850s with three tenants in common. Certain shares of the French barons in the property were bought out by Sir William Aloyzious. By the 1930s the Greencroft Estates Company acted as a front for the absentee owners the du Quesnoy family (descended from the Montfaucons and devisees of the Knyffs).

From the above, the difficulties in organising the Clavering papers can clearly be seen. Less apparent is the fact that certain properties which were attached at one time to the Axwell branch, at another were attached to the Greencroft and could also be independent. The pattern is of divisions, amalgamations, sub-divisions and recombinations in giddy confusion.

Summary of the Clavering Estates as divided c.1850-1890

Axwell etc. (Sir W.A. Clavering, Sir H.A. Clavering, Napier Clavering)

Axwell 2682 a

Tanfield 865.5 a

Lanchester 1328.5 a

Auckland 145a

Middleton St. George 383.5 a

Bowes, Yorkshire 196a

Haltwhistle, Northumberland 534.5 a

Hexham, Northumberland 2701.5 a

Bywell, Northumberland 769a

Winlaton Lordship 27/96ths

Manor of Iveston with half of sub-soil rights

[Sir H.A. Clavering also inherited property in Northumberland from his father etc.]

Whickham

Copyholds, freeholds and allotments passing from Sir W.A. Clavering to Sir H.A. Clavering, thence to Sir W.A. Clavering's trustees, thence to the Napier Claverings 613a

Copyholds and allotments passing from Sir W.A. Clavering to Sir H.A. Clavering, thence to the latter's will trust trustees 688a

Greencroft etc. [George Clavering's will trust, Clavering v Ellison in Chancery]

Greencroft Estate 1974a

Andrew's House and Stow House minerals

A moiety of Iveston and Jarrow Grange minerals

Accession details

CLV 1-490 were purchased by Durham University Library in 1946 from an undergraduate of the university, who, it is believed, acquired them at a sale in the neighbourhood.

CLV 491 was purchased from Roy Davids Ltd, The Old Forge, Rectory Road, Great Haseley, Oxford, OX44 7JG (his catalogue IV, item 71) on the 18 June 1998 (Acc No 1997/98:17). This was made possible through two grants from the Friends of the National Libraries and a further grant from the Purchase Grant Fund.

Previous custodial history

Internal evidence suggests that at some previous time the collection had passed through the hands of a local collector with antiquarian interests, a clue to whose identity can be

found in the association of George Neasham, the 19th century Durham historian and biographer, with nos. 331A and 407. In a chapter on the 1715 rebellion in his work *The history and biography of West Durham* (Durham, 1882), p.46-65, Neasham prints extracts from a quantity of letters to 'Captain Clavering' (James Clavering, later 6th Bt) (CLV 491), which, he tells us, he was given by John Clavering of Greencroft. The Neasham provenance may also account for the presence in the collection of some items which have little or no connection with the Claverings, including correspondence etc. of the archdeacon of Northumberland, bishop of Durham, and bishop's agent (nos 458-479) which may have strayed from the Auckland Palace archives.

Arrangement

A: Correspondence, 1705-1857 (nos 1-314).

B: Election papers, 1681-1880 (nos 315-330).

C: Lanchester Church, 13th-19th centuries (nos 331-345).

D: Estate papers, 17th-18th centuries (nos 346-371).

E: Greencroft evidences, 13th-18th centuries (nos 372-397). (Transcripts, deeds, documents in legal disputes, wills etc. concerning Greencroft and the Lanchester area. MSS 372-373 include some material on other Clavering properties.)

F: Deeds, documents in legal disputes, family settlements; concerning properties outside the Lanchester area, 17th-18th centuries (nos 398-420). (Includes several documents about properties not obviously associated with the Claverings.)

G: Accounts, bills, receipts, market notes, 1627-1813 (nos 421-434).

H: Douglas family of Newcastle 1710-1784 (nos 435-455). (Sir Thomas Clavering 7th Bart married Martha, daughter of Joshua Douglas, a Newcastle attorney, whom the mss chiefly concern).

I: Shipping, 18th century (nos 456-457).

J: Correspondence etc. of the archdeacon of Northumberland, the bishop of Durham, and the bishop's agent, 1721-1809 (nos 458-479).

K: Miscellanea, 17th-19th centuries (nos 480-490).

L: Clavering Guardbook 1715-1717 (no.491).

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None expected

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Bibliography

1 to 214 (omitting 186A) have been edited by H.T. Dickinson in *The Correspondence of Sir James Clavering* (Surtees Society 178, 1967)

George Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881) pt1, p.47-63 prints much of the material in 491, for the context of which see also Leo Gooch, *The Desperate Faction: The Jacobites of North-East England* (1995)

Related material - here

Some related Clavering material is in the records of Messr Clayton & Gibson, Newcastle solicitors; this largely concerns the estates of the marquesses of Bute and includes a few deeds and other legal documents concerning the Claverings.

Related material - elsewhere

A large collection of Clavering deeds, documents in law suits, wills and family settlements, estate papers and court records is found among the records of Messrs Clayton & Gibson, Newcastle solicitors, now in Durham County Record Office (reference D/CG7).

A letter book of Sir James Clavering 6th Bt is in Newcastle University Library (Misc Ms 30).

A: Correspondence

CLV.1-314 1705 - 1857

1: Letters to Sir James Clavering, 6th Bart.

CLV.1-211 1705 - 1737

Letters to Sir James Clavering (1680-1748, succeeded as 6th Bt in 1738) of Greencroft and Lamesley. They range through politics, the coal trade, matters of general social and economic interest, and family and domestic affairs.

These letters, except no 186A, have been printed, together with CLV 212-214 (see below), in *The Correspondence of Sir James Clavering* ed. H.T. Dickinson (Surtees Society 178, 1967). Dickinson also included several letters found elsewhere in the University Library's collections.

Related material in other DUL collections: For copies of some of Sir James's out correspondence see his letter book in Newcastle University Library.

Letters from Ann Clavering

CLV.1-85 1708-1726

Letters to Sir James Clavering from Ann Clavering (Mrs Henry Liddell), of the Chopwell branch of the family, who married Henry Liddell, "the Governor", a leading figure in the coal trade, in 1712. James Clavering was one of the trustees of her young half brother John ("Jacky") Clavering (born 1698, MP 1727-1734), heir to valuable land and coal mines. Her letters, mostly written from London, concern the management of his interests, the coal trade, politics, events in London, notably the Sacheverell trial in 1710, and national affairs.

CLV.1 15 May 1708

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.2 29 May 1708

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.3 10 June 1708

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.4 26 June 1708

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.5 27 July [1708]

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.6 2 September 1708

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.7 23 September 1708

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.8 16 October 1708

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.9 19 October 1708

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.10 20 October 1708

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.11 9 December 1708

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.12 18 December 1708

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.13 25 December 1708

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.14 19 February 1709

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.15 29 March 1709

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.16 14 April 1709

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.17 2 June 1709

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

[CLV.18]

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CLV.19 28 July 1709

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.20 15 August [1709]

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.21 25 August 1709

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

- CLV.22 3 September 1709
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.23 15 September 1709
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.24 24 September 1709
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.25 11 October 1709
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.26 29 October 1709
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 2f
- CLV.27 8 November 1709
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.28 12 November 1709
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.29 26 November 1709
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.30 3 December 1709
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.31 15 December 1709
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.32 20 December 1709
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.33 19 January 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.34 21 January 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.35 31 January 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

- CLV.36 22 February 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.37 18 March 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 2f
- CLV.38 23 March 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.39 1 April 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.40 20 April 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.41 27 April 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.42 29 April 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.43 13 May 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.44 27 May 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.45 13 June 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.46 17 June 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.47 27 June 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.48 1 July 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.49 11 July 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

- CLV.50 8 August 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
With note signed Gov[erno]r, from Henry Liddell appended
Paper 1f
- CLV.51 22 August 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.52 2 September 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.53 5 September 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.54 12 September 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.55 19 September 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.56 28 September 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.57 3 October 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.58 16 October 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.59 31 October 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.60 7 December 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.61 12 December 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f, backed on to 1f
- CLV.62 21 December 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.63 30 December 1710
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

- CLV.64 16 January 1711
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.65 13 February 1711
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.66 20 February 1711
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.67 24 February 1711
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.68 3 March 1711
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.69 29 March 1711
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.70 3 April 1711
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.71 10 April 1711
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.72 26 April 1711
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.73 28 April 1711
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.74 11 May 1711
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.75 25 November [1712]
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.76 16 December 1712
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.77 [24 June] 1714
Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.78 20 July 1714

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.79 14 August 1714

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.80 31 August 1714

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.81 22 August 1722

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.82 24 September 1726

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.83 1 October 1726

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.84 13 October 1726

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.85 29 [November] 1726

Letter from Ann Clavering to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

Letters from Thomas Yorke

CLV.86-103 1717-1724

Letters to Sir James Clavering 5th Bt from his brother in law Thomas Yorke. The letters are written from London and Richmond, Yorks., and concern business, family and political affairs

CLV.86 11 April 1717

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 2f

CLV.87 4 May 1717

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 2f

CLV.88 28 May 1717

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Incomplete.
Paper 1f

CLV.89 20 May 1717

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.90 4 June 1717

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.91 9 July 1717

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.92 6 August 1717

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.93 5 August 1718

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.94 23 [September] 1718

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.95 1 June 1722

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.96 28 June 1722

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.97 4 July 1723

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.98 20 July 1723

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.99 1 August 1723

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.100 29 August 1723

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.101 28 [September] 1723

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.102 11 January 1724

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.103 8 March 1724

Letter from Thomas Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

Letters from John Yorke

CLV.104-154 1724-1737

Letters to Sir James Clavering from his brother in law John Yorke (M.P. for Richmond, Yorks., 1710-1757). The letters are written from London and Richmond, Yorks., and concern business and family matters, politics, and national affairs, including Walpole's excise scheme, 1733.

CLV.104 20 February 1724

Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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CLV.105 24 March 1724

Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.106 16 January 1726

Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.107 24 February 1726

Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.108 3 March 1726

Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.109 15 March 1726

Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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CLV.110 22 March 1726

Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.111 29 March 1726

Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.112 2 April 1726

Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.113 7 April 1726

Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.114 12 April 1726

Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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CLV.115 15 April 1726

Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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- CLV.116 19 April 1726
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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- CLV.117 3 May 1726
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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- CLV.118 7 May 1726
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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- CLV.119 12 May 1726
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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- CLV.120 20 May 1726
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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- CLV.121 27 May 1726
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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- CLV.122 27 December 1728
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.123 23 August 1730
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.124 10 November 1730
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.125 18 December 1730
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.126 27 February 1731
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.127 20 April 1731
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.128 16 May 1731
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.129 4 June 1731
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

- CLV.130 18 June 1731
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.131 5 September 1731
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.132 22 October 1731
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.133 9 November 1731
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.134 7 December 1731
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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- CLV.135 21 December 1731
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.136 15 February 1732
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.137 23 March 1732
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.138 11 May 1732
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.139 12 November 1732
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.140 17 February 1733
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f
- CLV.141 6 March 1733
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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- CLV.142 20 March 1733
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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- CLV.143 7 April 1733
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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CLV.144 6 June 1733
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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CLV.145 6 November 1733
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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CLV.146 18 November 1733
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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CLV.147 21 December 1733
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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CLV.148 29 January 1734
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.149 21 June 1734
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.150 6 April 1736
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.151 6 August 1736
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
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CLV.152 5 December 1736
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.153 27 February 1737
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

CLV.154 17 May 1737
Letter from John Yorke to Sir James Clavering
Paper 1f

Letters from others to Sir James Clavering

CLV.155 19 April 1712
Business letter to Sir James Clavering from George Richardson.
Paper 1f

CLV.156 27 November 1713
Business letter to Sir James Clavering from his coal agent, Edward Weatherley.
Paper 1f

CLV.157 26 October 1714
Business letter to Sir James Clavering from his coal agent, Edward Weatherley.
Paper 1f

CLV.158 16 January 1718

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from his coal agent, Edward Weatherley.
Paper 1f

Letters from Sir John Eden (2nd Bt, MP for Durham County 1713-1727)

CLV.159 27 January 1719

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Sir John Eden.
Paper 1f

CLV.160 11 November 1718

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Sir John Eden.
Paper 1f

CLV.161 22 November 1718

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Sir John Eden.
Paper 1f

CLV.162 [13 December 1718]

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Sir John Eden.
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CLV.163 20 December 1718

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Sir John Eden.
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CLV.164 25 December 1718

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Sir John Eden.
Paper 1f

[CLV.165]

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CLV.166 28 September 1719

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Sir John Eden.
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[CLV.167]

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Letters from Ralph Gowland Jr. (Durham attorney and steward to Lord Scarborough)

CLV.168 4 March 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Ralph Gowland Jr.
Paper 1f

CLV.169 13 & 14 March 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Ralph Gowland Jr.
Paper 1f + 1f appended

CLV.170 25 April 1721

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Ralph Gowland Jr.
Paper 1f

[CLV.171]

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Letters from Robert Spearman

CLV.172 January 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

CLV.173 26 January 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

CLV.174 30 January 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

CLV.175 1 February 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

CLV.176 7 February 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

CLV.177 25 February 1725

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

CLV.178 30 April 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

CLV.179 14 May 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

CLV.180 4 June 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

CLV.181 3 August 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

CLV.182 24 December 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

CLV.183 26 December 1720

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

CLV.184 28 March 1721

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman
Paper 1f

[CLV.185]

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CLV.186 9 September 1721

Business letter to Sir James Clavering from Robert Spearman

Paper 1f

Letter from Joseph Martin

CLV.186A 3 June 1731

Letter from Joseph Martin at Durham to James Clavering at Greencroft. Advises against Thomas Turner's claim to the remainder of certain copyholds (under a deed of which a copy was originally enclosed). Suggests taking the opinions of Talbot and Lutwiche in addition to that of Mr Hall, already received. Reference to the use of Scarborough Spa water for relieving an injury.

Paper 1f

Letters from Catherine Clavering (née Yorke) to her husband (later Sir James Clavering, 6th Bt.)

CLV.187 3 December 1705

Letter to Sir James Clavering [in London] from his wife Catherine, at Lamesley. Her pleasure at receiving his letters. Events at home, news of the upcoming election. Glad he has many supporters, even among the bishops, and hopes he will be successful and return home soon. Whether she should thank Lady Wood for her present. Concern about Sir James [Clavering, 2nd Bt.?]. The diversions of London. Rejoicing at his news of the Queen and her Parliament. Shopping requests from London, he might buy some pickles if he can find them cheaply. The wine at Hebron is being bottled. Cousin Ellison is very ill.

Paper, partial wax seal. 1f

CLV.188 6 December 1705

Letter to Sir James Clavering [in London] from his wife Catherine, at Lamesley. Her health is recovering thanks to Mr. Heslop's prescriptions and bloodletting. It was a waste of money to consult a London doctor on her account. Glad he is healthy, longs for some news from him and to see him soon. Difficulties with money. Request to buy her a pair of worsted stockings and some French cotton. How she ought to thank Mrs. Hebburns. His mare has recovered, all his horses and dogs are well.

Paper, partial wax seal. 1f

CLV.189 8 December 1705

Letter to Sir James Clavering [in London] from his wife Catherine, at Lamesley. She would rather have had a longer letter from him than the doctor's prescriptions, which she can't read ("tis french to [us]"). He complains that he had no letter from her, but if he had answered one of hers then she would have written. Sir William Blackett has died. Visits at home. She longs for news of his business and sends good wishes for his welfare.

Paper, wax seal. 1f

CLV.190 10 December 1705

Letter to Sir James Clavering [in London] from his wife Catherine, at Lamesley. Her grief at his anger against her. "Im sertan death it self would have been much more acceptable then that unwellcome letter..." Why should she bother preserving her life or health when she is so wretched. She is sorry that she asked to hear from him and won't mention it again, and has not (as he said) neglected writing to her mother. Visits at home. Mr Shaftey will not stand at Newcastle. If she cannot have his esteem she would rather die, and has nearly died once while he has been away. Her father and Uncle Harrey are going to meet Sir Harrey Liddle in Newcastle.

Paper, wax seal. 1f

CLV.191 17 December 1705

Letter to Sir James Clavering [in London] from his wife Catherine, at Lamesley. She would not have troubled him with a letter as his sister Alice is writing anyway, but wanted to acquit herself. She is not reprimanding him, and henceforth will never mention him writing "since it is such a Crime". She begs not to have any more angry words. His last letter accused her of immodesty, but it made her blush to read it. Visits at home. She wishes him "a good Xmas and a happy new yeare".

Paper, wax seal. 1f

CLV.192 20 December 1705

Letter to Sir James Clavering [in London] from his wife Catherine, at Lamesley. She is melancholy in the long nights and ill weather, with no company except "master" [their son?]. They will go to Greencroft. Master needs new clothes, but it is needless to buy him anything from London as he is growing and he wears clothes out. Master is well but his reading is much worse. Request to buy her some needles and thread. Money difficulties. Wishes him success in his business, and a "merrey Xmais". Their clerk's wife has died.

Paper, wax seal. 1f

CLV.193 22 December 1705

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, at Lamesley. Dated 22 May, but endorsed on the back as 22 December which, from the contents, seems to be the correct date.

Her joy at receiving his "Charmeing & affectionat" letter. She has been neglectful in taking Dr. Colbatch's prescriptions, but will pursue them now. She had not realised her illness could be so fatal to children. His son is very well. Various deliveries and letters. Cousin Ellison pays for his wine at Christmas, but she fears running short of money if she sends the payment to Hebron now. Uncle Harrey has arrived. She has a cold.

Paper, wax seal. 1f

CLV.194 29 December 1705

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, at Greencroft.

She is sorry to have annoyed him again by going to Greencroft before her sister came home - protests that her chief concern is to make him as happy as she can. Money difficulties - she has paid Cousin Ellison. Deliveries. Sir William Blackett has been buried. Borrowing a milk cow until Mayday. Cousin Mitford has an ague. Well-wishes for his cold and the New Year. She needs a new buckle, and is sending her watch to be cleaned. His son[?] is well.

Paper, wax seal. 1f

CLV.195 3 January [1706]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, at Greencroft.

Her health, whether bloodletting is doing her harm. The money for Cousin Ellison. She doesn't want the cow any more. She is glad that he had a good time over the holidays. Enclosing a letter from "Master" [their son?] whose reading is improving. The children entertained them by cross-dressing. Business. Alice will give an account of Sir Harrey Liddle's election.

Paper, wax seal. 1f

CLV.196 10 January [1706]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, at Greencroft.

Paper, wax seal. 1f

CLV.197 11 [January 1706]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

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CLV.198 15 [January 1706]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.199 25 M[arch 1708]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.200 29 [March 1708]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.201 2 Ap[ril 1708]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.202 6 April [1708]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.203 8 [April 1708]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.204 11 April [1708]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.205 16 [April 1708]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.206 15 January [1711]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.207 6 July [1711]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.208 30 July [1711]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.209 3 August [1711]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.210 11 [August 1711]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

CLV.211 [22 October 1718]

Letter to Sir James Clavering from his wife Catherine, on family and domestic matters.

Paper 1f

2. Letters to George Clavering of Greencroft

Letters from Sir James Clavering, 6th Bt (his father)

CLV.212 5 April 1740

To George Clavering at C[orpus] C[hristi] College Oxford (wrongly identified in the printed edition as Christ Church) from his father Sir James Clavering.

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CLV.213 24 June 1740

Letter to George Clavering from his father Sir James Clavering, on family matters, business affairs, the coal trade.

Paper 1f

[CLV.214]

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Letters from Ann Clavering of Newcastle, his aunt

CLV.215-226 1739-1750

Letters to George Clavering from his aunt, Ann Clavering (of Newcastle upon Tyne), concerning births, marriages, deaths, illness, travel, the weather, the lesser doings of Newcastle Society, and family matters.

CLV.215 20 May 1739

Letter to George Clavering, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, from his aunt, Ann Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.215A 10 November 1739

Letter to George Clavering, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, from his aunt, Ann Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.216 25 March 1740

Letter to George Clavering, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, from his aunt, Ann Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.217 18 September 1740

Letter to George Clavering from his aunt, Ann Clavering. Newcastle is now quiet after the recent disorder, but the soldiers must stay, otherwise the town might well be burnt.

Paper 1f

CLV.218 11 November 1748

Letter to George Clavering, Greencroft, from his aunt, Ann Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.219 11 January 1749

Letter to George Clavering, Greencroft, from his aunt, Ann Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.220 8 November 1749

Letter to George Clavering, Greencroft, from his aunt, Ann Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.221 8 December 1749

Letter to George Clavering, Greencroft, from his aunt, Ann Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.222 9 May 1750

Letter to George Clavering, Greencroft, from his aunt, Ann Clavering The keelmen went to work yesterday. "I hope that Desturbance is over. I believe it hath been with a desire for a rebellion ... wee may thank the solgers that no mischeffe hath been don. Wee have no water" so fire would be particularly disastrous.

Paper 1f

CLV.223 18 May 1750

Letter to George Clavering, Greencroft, from his aunt, Ann Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.224 5 June 1750

Letter to George Clavering, Greencroft, from his aunt, Ann Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.225 26 September [?]

Letter to George Clavering, Greencroft, from his aunt, Ann Clavering

Paper 1f

CLV.226 25 October [?]

Letter to George Clavering, Greencroft, from his aunt, Ann Clavering. Mr Lamb's children who were inoculated are doing well.

Paper 1f

Letters from Sir Thomas Clavering, 7th Bt

CLV.227-260 1739-1760

Letters to George Clavering from his brother Sir Thomas Clavering (1719-1794, 4th but 1st surviving son of Sir James Clavering, 6th Bt., succeeded his father as 7th Bt in 1748, and inherited the family's Axwell estate.) On family, business and social affairs, sporting activities, the weather, visits to London, Scarborough etc. The more significant include Sir Thomas's description of a journey from Halifax to Manchester (no.234), comments on the 1745 rebellion (nos. 240-242), and on the 1760 Durham election (no.260).

CLV.227 10 July 1739

Letter to George Clavering, Corpus Christi College, Oxford from Sir Thomas Clavering, Greencroft. Franked and postmarked.

Chronicles his visit to "that delightful sporting country Milfield Plane [Milfield, Northumberland] ... everything in that country ... was very agreeable, excepting filthiness amongst the ordinary people in dressing their victuals". Visits to the Newcastle and Durham races.

Paper 1f

CLV.228 4 September 1739

Letter to George Clavering, Corpus Christi College, Oxford from Sir Thomas Clavering, Greencroft. Franked and postmarked.

Visits to the races, shooting expeditions.

Paper 1f

CLV.229 6 December 1739

Letter to George Clavering from Sir Thomas Clavering, Greencroft. Travel plans. The weather. Plans for a new house. Landscaping projects for making vistas. Their parents' illness.

Paper 1f

CLV.230 1 February 1740

Letter to George Clavering, Corpus Christi College, Oxford from Sir Thomas Clavering, Greencroft. Franked and postmarked. Snow is keeping everyone at home. The bailiffs are waiting for William Atkinson. Impending marriages.

Paper 1f

CLV.231 29 February 1740

Letter to George Clavering, Corpus Christi College, Oxford from Sir Thomas Clavering, Greencroft. Franked and postmarked. Discusses George Clavering's news of Mr. H. "how those gentlemen can dispense with the oath they take, at entering the College, without perjuring themselves is what I cannot find out. This will make a fine succession for the young fellows".

Paper 1f

CLV.232 30 March 1740

Letter to George Clavering, Corpus Christi College, Oxford from Sir Thomas Clavering, Greencroft. Franked and postmarked. Advises George Clavering to take plenty of exercise. Deaths and funerals. Travel plans to Richmond and Helperby. Gale damage at Whitehouse. Plan for the new house has been drawn.

Paper 1f

CLV.233 5 May 1740

Letter to George Clavering, Corpus Christi College, Oxford from Sir Thomas Clavering, Nottingham. Disappointed by his visit to Southwell Minster "an old plain building, deserted by all it's Prebendaries, except the Residentiary for the time being, which they take by turns every Quarter of a year".

Paper 1f

CLV.234 20 May 1740

Letter to George Clavering, Corpus Christi College, Oxford from Sir Thomas Clavering, Manchester. Describes his journey to Manchester from Halifax via "that dismal country Blackston Edge, tho' it was not so bad to me that had seen Cheviot Hills, and especially as the road was all Turnpike ... we have gone thro' one of the greatest trading parts of England, and consequently one of the most rich and populous; we scarce road a mile without coming to a Village or two, where the Manufacture of the country is wrought, which are Cloths &c; We staid to see the market at Leeds, where we see the greatest quant[it]ies of Cloths Kerses and Shalloons, bought and sold in about two hours time, that's almost incredible to relate. We were much surprised at the sight of this town, a place which neither sends Members to Parliament, nor is a Corporation town, larger than most of the Cities in England. It's quite like the new part of London, with large streets and squares, and all new built houses or rather Palaces, done all at the Expençe of people, that have raised their fortune by trade, and some of 'em forty years ago was not worth three hundred pounds".

Paper 1f

CLV.235 13 [April] 1740

Letter to George Clavering, Corpus Christi College, Oxford from Sir Thomas Clavering, Richmond, Yorks. Franked and postmarked.

Travel plans. Here there are "great complaints for want of rain; scarce ever so bad a spring was known".

Paper 1f

CLV.236 20 February 1743

Letter to George Clavering from Sir Thomas Clavering, Grantham. Visits and meetings with common acquaintances. Imagines the severe frost has stopped hunting.

Paper 1f

CLV.237 8 March 1743

Letter to George Clavering from Sir Thomas Clavering, New Bond St, [London] "the season is far spent, The Town grows every day thiner ... most of our northern Gentlemen talk of setting out every day". Lady Windsor is so ill that the knocker is tied down, and most people suspect a miscarriage. Mr. Bowes' wedding is much talked of.

Paper 1f

CLV.238 20 April 1743

Letter to George Clavering from Sir Thomas Clavering, New Bond St., [London]. Anxiety about his father's health. The distemper in town begins to abate. It is said the king will not go abroad until next week.

Paper 1f

CLV.239 19 May 1743

Letter to George Clavering from Sir Thomas Clavering, New Bond St., [London]. Has discussed his father's order for a chaise with the maker; questions about the design, fitting out and price. "I shall order the seat to be made pretty high and the wheels low, so that it may be less liable to over turn in our bad roads". "Met John Crowley and told him the original agreement would not be departed from". (Crowleys, the ironmasters were tenants of the Claverings at Swalwell Mill; a Chancery suit was in prospect between them). News that a Highland regiment has refused to go abroad and many soldiers have deserted.

Paper 1f

CLV.240 1745

Letter to George Clavering from Sir Thomas Clavering. News of troop movements. The forres which came over in one of the transports marched into town, last Monday. Lord Albemarle their brother's [i.e. John Clavering's] colonel arrived yesterday. Is about to go to Shields, where more transports are said to be moored offshore.

Paper 1f

CLV.241 [1745]

Letter to George Clavering from Sir Thomas Clavering. There is no news from the north.

Paper 1f

CLV.242 Sunday morning [September 1745]

Letter to George Clavering from Sir Thomas Clavering. News of the battle of Prestonpans. Expresses from the mayor of Berwick and others say Sir John Cope engaged the rebels yesterday at Prestonpans, and that his forces were cut to pieces, and almost all killed or taken prisoner. The dragoons ran away and refused to fight. Sir John is thought to have escaped by sea.

Paper 1f

CLV.243 Saturday [1745]

Letter to George Clavering from Sir Thomas Clavering. Proposes to visit Lord Cowper (William, Earl Cowper married Mary Clavering, sister of Sir James, 6th Bt), who is in the neighbourhood, and to take the family to Newcastle.

Paper 1f

CLV.244 17 July 1748

Letter to George Clavering, Greencroft, from Sir Thomas Clavering, Newcastle. Shooting, Durham races, pressure of colliery and other business. Advises consulting Rudd and Gowland in Durham before replying to the bishop's letter.

Paper 1f

CLV.245 29 July 1748

Letter to George Clavering from Sir Thomas Clavering, Scarborough. Has arrived in Scarborough after a two day journey, partly over very indifferent roads; "the Town never was known so full nor better company, and Diversions going forward as usual". Sir Robert and Lady Eden have been able to find lodgings only in the low town. Refers to settlement of accounts with Teasdale (agent) and John Raw's promise to pay what he owes at Martinmas.

Paper 1f

CLV.246 9 August 1748

Letter to George Clavering from Sir Thomas Clavering, Scarborough. Glad the executorship business (re their father's affairs) is settled with Teasdale, and hopes it is to George Clavering's satisfaction "as I wish nothing more in life than to make you sensible I prefer living on Brotherly terms, to any trifling interest of my own". As to John Raw, advises getting a mortgage, even if only at 4%. Hasn't yet signed the bond to abide by the arbitration on Ridley's affair. Wants whatever news George Clavering has on boundaries. Going to York on Saturday for the races, and eventually home via Richmond, Raby and Mr. Tempest's.

Paper 1f

CLV.247 6 June 1749

Letter to George Clavering from Sir Thomas Clavering. Hopes George Clavering and his wife have returned safely, and proposes to visit them.

Paper 1f

CLV.248 6 August 1749

From Whitehouse; addressed to George Clavering, Greencroft.

Condolences on the loss of "y[ou]r Uncle Hutchinson ... I hope in the disposal of his Riches you meet with something agreeable". Shooting party to Haltwhistle with Lords Ravensworth and Coke. Reminds him to send Mills for the money for Angus Canting's notes. The Captain [John Clavering] has got leave to go abroad.

Paper 1f

CLV.249 12 September 1749

From Whitehouse

Beagling and fowling. Other domestic and social details.

Paper 1f

CLV.250 18 September 1749

From Whitehouse.

Fowling and beagling; projected visit to Northumberland; the Derwent is very high; the haughs have been flooded and much damage caused.

Paper 1f

CLV.251 2 January 1750

From Whitehouse.

Teasdale is coming over to settle the executorship accounts with Mr. Mills [re their father's affairs]. Shooting expeditions.

Paper 1f

CLV.252 11 February 1750

Cannot see in the executorship accounts [re their father's affairs] the injustice George Clavering complains of, and asks him to go through the papers with Teasdale and explain it.

Paper 1f

CLV.253 14 March 1750

Their Chippenham beer has reached Newcastle.

Paper 1f

CLV.254 Saturday 1750

His wife has been ill; the doctor advises exercise on horseback.

Paper 1f

CLV.255 19 October 1750

From Eslington, Northumberland.

Sends anniversary (? birthday) greetings. Saw no advertisement concerning Clavering interests in Thompson's last paper [i.e. concerning projected legal action against them], so hopes "our adversarys threats will end in nothing".

Paper 1f

CLV.256 12 February 1751

From Bruton St, [London].

Hopes to meet the bishop of Durham at dinner at Mr. Vane's next week. Will raise legal business with him at the earliest opportunity. Other family and social news. "The Publick has been much engaged of late, with the Transactions in the House of Commons. Mr. Crowl ... was brought upon His Knees to the Bar of the House for disrespectfull words", and for refusing the same punishment Mr. Murray has been thrown into Newgate. (The Hon. Alexander Murray, son of Lord Elibank, incited a disturbance at the 1750 Westminster election, at which he supported the anti-ministerial candidate Sir George Vandeput. Richard Crowle was involved in the same incident.)

Paper 1f

CLV.257 7 March 1751

From Bruton Street.

Sorry to hear distemper raging in cattle around Sunderland Bridge, and of the deaths of Mr. Salvin and Mr. Goodchild. Dined with the bishop, and discussed the Clavering's legal business. The bishop will continue George Clavering as his game keeper. Has ordered George Clavering's new wig. "Tonight the two young Mr. Dalavals of Seaton Dalaval act the Play of Othello for the entertainment of themselves and Friends, and have given out an immense number of Ticketts, They act at Drury Lane House and all the Royal Family are to be there, except the King". The bill for the road from Newcastle to Carlisle has been presented in the Commons, with arguments about the need for it in case of another rebellion. Entertains hopes of entering parliament himself; "I'm awaiting for a Dead Mans Shoos".

Paper 1f

CLV.258 Thursday morning [Undated. 1750 or 1751?]

From Whitehouse.

About renewal of a lease, involving the bishop. "Mr. Man writes me word all the acting Justices are desired to attend the Sessions next Thursday, to consider on their prohibiting Fairs and Marketts". This parish has signed the agreement for putting into execution the laws relating to distempered cattle, which will benefit us all.

Paper 1f

CLV.259 Monday night [?August] 1759

From Axwell park.

A trial has gone against the Claverings.

Endorsed "after Trial Aug: 1759".

Paper 1f

CLV.260 5 October 1760

From Durham.

About the 1760 election for Durham County. "The great interests are yet kept up but I suppose the secret will be out on Wednesday and if they declare against me and encourage Mr. Shafto to go on, I doubt I shall be under the necessity of desiring you to come down ... if I can depend on promises I hope not one vote in Lanchester will go against me".

Paper 1f

Letters from Captain John Clavering (later Sir John Clavering, KB), his brother

CLV.261-266 1745 - 1773

Letters to George Clavering from his brother Captain John Clavering (1722-1777, later Major General Sir John Clavering, K.B., commander of the Bengal army, opponent of Warren Hastings see DNB) on military and family matters.

CLV.261 3 August 1745

From the camp at Vilvorden; addressed to George Clavering, Whitehouse, near Newcastle upon Tyne.

The sacrifice of Flanders brings no relief from "the usual fatigues of an inferiour beaten Army ... The taking of Ghent, Oudenarde, Bruges, with our retreat here, will undeceive many persons in England with regard to the strength of the two armies". English coinage will not compensate for being outnumbered three to one, "even giving us our superiority over them in generalship". We have lost two entire brigades and a regiment of dragons.

Paper 1f

CLV.262 19 July 1748

From London.

As requested, he has been discreet about the family's business affairs while visiting their uncle in Richmond. Town is very thin. Visited Ranelagh gardens before they closed. Forwards shoes and two brass measures for shot, also a print of the Princess of Wales for Dr Browel.

Paper 1f

CLV.263 18 August 1748

From London.

Sorry the shoes he sent didn't fit, and he is concerned to hear of George Clavering's accident in his chaise, and that his right to common is likely to be disputed. Gives an account of his visit to Tunbridge. Has found by experience that "to enjoy any place thoroughly some soft attachment is necessary". He left his Tunbridge beloved with deep reluctance but hopes his feelings may be portable "I intend to fall in love here soon to banish the other & make the solitude of London a little more smiling". Hopes George Clavering has made progress in registering [their father's] will, and asks for a copy.

Paper 1f

CLV.264 9 September 1748

From Albemarle St., [London].

Has had two visits from Mr Beaumont to discuss George Clavering's Iveston colliery. "I cannot have any opinion of a man, who coolly talks of inventing a Machine that will cary coals to the river with as great facility as they are carried down the wagon ways". Expresses his high opinion of their uncle Yorke with whom he has dined at Kensington.

Paper 1f

CLV.265 3 December 1748

From London.

Assures George Clavering of his perfect confidence in him and apologizes for his own indolence; has often found "the excessive pain of thinking made me tamper with everything else, [to] find causes for ... delays". Soothes George Clavering's suspicions about the origins of a mock advertisement which had appeared in a newspaper [a joke about the gateway George Clavering was building at Greencroft as a memorial to his father Sir James; cf. no.273] "I cannot help believing you wrong in your conjecture that it was wrote at W[hite]house [adjoining Axwell, property of their brother Thomas Clavering] for such miserable incoherent nonsense, bad spelling, bad English is not possible could be sent into the world by persons of sense and liberal education".

Paper 1f

CLV.266 2 February 1773

From Grove Place.

Hopes George Clavering will meet no opposition to his enclosure proposals. Impending death of Mrs. Clavering.

Paper 1f

Letters from Mrs Anne Yorke, his aunt

CLV.267-284 1747 - 1755

Letters to George Clavering (and one to his wife) from Aunt Yorke (Anne Yorke, née Darcy, wife of John Yorke, MP for Ripon, 1710-1757) containing news of London society and fashions, elections, family and domestic matters, mutual acquaintances, gardening and landscaping, the weather.

CLV.267 20 December 1747

From Richmond.

"S[i]r James [Clavering, George Clavering's father] will leave a desirable Monument in the Gateway by the Plan you sent me ... a less Gate, & making the Roads better I should rather have chose" [cf. nos.205, 273]. Lord Ancraim's visit on election business. Tar water as a remedy for gout. Plans for a stay in London. "Lord Bath ... may be esteemed a fallen angel to all society & parties".

Paper 1f

CLV.268 18 February 1748

From Stretton St., [London].

News of London society and fashions. Whist, walks in St. James's park, coffee pot design "tis the fashion for ladys to boyle their own Coffee the new Pots generally are w[i]th lamps". Peace is much talked of; "all People seem to be satisfy'd they've had Warr long enough and cry any peace w[oul]d be bett[e]r then none ... wars keeps everything excessive dear". Yet, notwithstanding high taxes, there is as much opulence as ever.

Paper 1f

CLV.269 15 March 1748

From Stretton St., London; addressed to Mrs [G.] C., Greencroft.

Advice on fashionable dress. Weather. Talk that Parliament "will be up at Easter". Card parties The social round. "Your bustling Election is soon to appear before the Senators at Stephens" (a reference to the disputed 1748 election for Northumberland. Launcelot Allgood won a majority of the votes, but the sheriff disallowed some of his votes and awarded the seat to Charles Bennet, Lord Ossulton, later 3rd earl of Tankerville. On petition Allgood obtained the seat. Cf. no.273)

Paper 1f

CLV.270 28 September 1748

From Richmond.

George Clavering 's improvements to his house and grounds. Hospitality and alcoholic overindulgence. Mrs Clayton's gout.

Paper 1f

CLV.271 8 November 1748

From Richmond; addressed to George Clavering , Greencroft.

Her husband has been making some improvements to his property "I love to see people busy & think 'tis the best money the rich spend is to employ the poor Laborours Especially at this season w[he]n work is scarce for them".

Paper 1f

CLV.272 20 December 1748

Addressed to George Clavering , Greencroft.

Wrapper only, with postscript note on verso "we was all alarmed out of church today in the middle of sermon time by Fire" but it was only a chimney on fire at Captain Robinson's; a panic stricken maid had had the fire bell rung.

Paper 1f

CLV.273 6 January 1749

From Richmond; addressed to George Clavering Greencroft.

Praise for George Clavering's forbearance towards the ladies responsible for a mock advertisement which has appeared in a newspaper, a joke about the gateway George Clavering is building at Greencroft in honour of his late father, Sir James; [cf. nos.265, 267]. Detailed description of the design for the grand firework display which is to take place in London in April "the Model of them are as follows, the Frame 140 feet high, by 144, the Whole ornamented w[i]th Ballustrades & Pillasters before which is a Gallery in w[h]ich is to be a Band of a 100 Musicians ... in the front is a Picture of all the Powers of Europe United, w[h]ich is to appear transparent, & Cascades of fire running on Each side". Underneath are to be crowned figures of Mars and Neptune, with the King's arms above, and a large sun on top of all "sure Money is plentyfull w[he]n People are to pay so dear for so short lived Pleasure". Accommodation in London is scarcely to be had; one acquaintance has let her house for 100 guineas; the usual rent for the whole year is only £30. Progress of the Yorkes' landscaping improvements. People seem glad Lord Ossulton [Charles Bennet, later 3rd Earl of Tankerville] has given up his seat in Parliament so quietly; "I hope now Mr. Algood [Allgood of Nunwick, Northumberland] will be made easie in th[a]t Post of honor without further Bustle" [a reference to the disputed 1748 Northumberland election. Cf. no.269]

Paper 1f

CLV.274 16 July 1749

From Richmond.

Poor season for game birds. Hopes Mrs Clavering's health will benefit from her bathing at Hartlepool. Hopes the pregnancies of Mrs Bowes and Mrs Liddell will bring each "a son to Heir such fine Fortunes". [Mrs Liddell, wife of Thomas Liddell, brother of Lord Ravensworth, gave birth to the future Sir Henry George Liddell in November, 1749]. Good weather for hay making and a fine crop. Glad to hear George Clavering has ridden his boundaries without trouble, and hopes he will suffer no further molestation. Social news about neighbours at Halnaby [the Milbankes], Lady Elizabeth Smithson [wife of Sir Hugh Smithson, late duke of Northumberland] and others.

Paper 1f

CLV.275 14 November 1749

From Richmond.

Mr Yorke has been to Wakefield to support, successfully, Mr Hitch's being chosen registrar [of deeds]. Seeks news of the celebrations to mark the king's birthday; has had an account of those at the Durham deanery from Parson Davison, but has heard no more about Raby than has appeared in the newspaper. Her brother [in law] Yorke has gone to Worcester on the death of his father [in law] Andrews.

Paper 1f

CLV.276 23 December 1750

From Richmond.

"I think your Aunt Clavering has made no good exitt by perpetuating Family Quarrells in leaving them upon Record in her Will tho you seem much better of by it than Sir Thomas Clavering". Progress of Mr Yorke's and George Clavering 's improvements to the grounds of their properties. Rumours of bigamy. York will be full for the Lent Assizes "as 'tis become quite a fashion to go thither at th[a]t time". Sorry George Clavering is to be involved in a law suit about common rights [at Greencroft].

Paper 1f

CLV.277 31 March 1751

From Richmond.

General shock at the death of the Prince of Wales, and sorrow for his widow "they were so happy a couple ... we ought more then ever to pray for the life of our old King, as a Minor one has ever been fatal to England". Disease said to be rife among horned cattle in Co Durham. Her Hutton nieces are to be inoculated; admires their resolution.

Paper 1f

CLV.278 26 May 1751

From Richmond; addressed to George Clavering , Greencroft.

Richmond Corporation is to attend Mr Yorke to thank him for his pains in securing the passage of an act for a turnpike to Lancaster. Both her Hutton nieces are well after being inoculated.

Paper 1f

CLV.279 12 June 1753

From Richmond; addressed to George Clavering , Greencroft.

Garden improvements. Is willing to take on a chambermaid at George Clavering 's who desires a place as a cook if George Clavering considers her honest.

Paper 1f

CLV.280 26 June 1753

From Richmond.

George Clavering 's chambermaid is to come to her at Lammas as a cook, under her housekeeper; her wages will be £3 for the first year, to be increased to £4 "as she improves, & behaves in my service". "The gen[era]l Meeting of the gentlemen is appoint[e]d for the 16th of next month at York in order I hope, to fix our old Members there for the next Parliament."

Paper 1f

CLV.281 8 July 1753

From Richmond; addressed to George Clavering , Greencroft.

Sir Thomas and Lady Clavering have called off their visit to the Yorkes for the races but hopes the George Clavering 's will still come. Mrs. Clayton has died.

Paper 1f

CLV.282 [?summer 1754]

[From Richmond]; addressed to George Clavering , Greencroft.

Wanley Bowes took his "bargain for life" [i.e. his wife] away from Marske, last Monday, en route to London. There will be much bad hay "this weeping season". All the neighbours "of a better sort" have gone to York races.

Paper 1f

CLV.283 8 October 1754

From Richmond; addressed to George Clavering , Greencroft.

Gardening news. Mr. Yorke will need a few days abstinence from cider and claret to recover from the effects of George Clavering 's hospitality. Lord Ravensworth's civility. "London will renew my talking faculty again I make no doubt".

Paper 1f

CLV.284 5 August 1755

From Richmond.

Visits to family and friends. Wet weather "to me th[a]t sits so much alone tis indeed very Vaporish" will spoil the Durham races as well as the crops.

Paper 1f

Business letters

CLV.285-293 1739 - 1787

Miscellaneous letters to George Clavering largely on business affairs.

CLV.285 4 September 1739

From [Miles] Patrick [curate of Lanchester], Lanchester.

News of visitors to Greencroft. Approves the advice of George Clavering 's tutor at Oxford that he should read History "& especially the History of our own Nation, w[hi]ch if well observed & retained, must qualify a man as effectually as any thing for a Gentlemanlike conversation, & to do service to his Country, by leading him into a thorough knowledge of our Constitution, the Origin & Progress of our several Laws & Customs & the like".

Paper 1f

CLV.286 28 September 1748

From Henry Tubb, York; addressed to George Clavering , Greencroft.

Illness of Tubb's mother, death of his brother from "a Galloping Consumpt[ion]", his own domestic circumstances "I am not an Ace the Nearer having a Night companion", social small talk.

Paper 1f

CLV.287 9 August 1751

From Thomas Liddell, Scarborough.

Has procured very good lodgings for George Clavering and his party "the highest house but one on the right hand side, in the beast market".

Paper 1f

CLV.288 14 July 1753

From Thomas Shirley, Healy Field. Addressed to George Clavering , Greencroft. Reports on his meeting, on George Clavering 's behalf, with Mr Salvin, about a house Salvin will not reduce his price of £900.

Paper 1f

CLV.289 1 May 1759

From Ma[tthew] Rudd, Durham.

Legal opinion on the descent of property which it had been hoped would pass from George Ellison through his sister Mrs Rogers to Sir Thomas Clavering. Mr and Mrs Rogers have barred Clavering's remainder by fine, and the property will vest in the Rogers family and not the kin of Mrs Rogers.

Paper 1f

CLV.290 14 July 1771

From Henry Ornsby, Darlington; addressed to George Clavering at Soho Square, London, readdressed in another hand to Hillington [Hillingdon] near Uxbridge, Middx.

Concerning the enclosure of Lanchester common. A meeting of freeholders has been advertised in the Newcastle papers. Ornsby expects to be appointed solicitor for many of them, and seeks George Clavering's instructions. Mr Lambton and the General favour the proposal for division.

Paper 1f

CLV.291 16 January 1779

From John Philipson, Broadwood; addressed to Mr Teasdale [George Clavering's agent], Axwell near Swalwell.

Concerning rent arrears due to Sir Thomas Clavering and George Clavering from Widow Brown of Middle Black Dean. The widow claims she has enough money due to her from the Quakers company [the London Lead Company?] to cover the arrears, but J.P. believes her debts to the Claverings and others exceed her assets. The widow wants to hold the farm for another year. Reed of Medomsley also wants it. Asks for T's instructions.

Paper 1f

CLV.292 2 June 1786

From John Philipson, Broadwood.

Work is proceeding well on the boundary wall of George Clavering's allotment near Satley "this being deemed the best season of the year, before harvest, to get labouring men". £20 is needed to pay labourers for quarrying the stones. Difficulties over arranging terms for quarrying rights. The only convenient quarry is in George Pearson's manor. Pearson is willing to make terms, but Garth, the owner of the ground, is reluctant. Pearson sees no need to consult Garth "as the Bishop's Lessees, have an unquestionable right to work their Royalties as they please without asking leave of the owners of the Herbage". Philipson is reluctant to disoblige Garth, but has no other convenient source of stones.

Paper 1f

CLV.293 15 March 1787

From John Philipson, Broadwood. To George Clavering, Bath.

Report on progress with the boundary wall at Satley, plans for erecting new buildings there, agreement with Andrew Jopling and friends for the renewal of their tenancy of their farm for another year. Proposals for the enclosure of Cornsey [Cornsay] common met little support from Cuthbert Hunter, solicitor for Messrs Hall and Ferguson; the minority of Lord Strathmore's heirs is another obstacle.

Paper 1f

3. Letters to Sir Thomas Clavering, 7th Bt

CLV.294-296 1767 - 1788

Letters to Sir Thomas Clavering (1718-1794, 4th but 1st surviving son of Sir James Clavering, 6th Bt. He succeeded his father as 7th Bt in 1748, and inherited the core family properties at Axwell, Swalwell, Whickham, etc.)

CLV.294 16 October 1767

From Ann Bright, London, to Sir T.C., Axwell Park.

Authorisation to pay £200 to Nicholas Walton, in 30 days time, being the half year's annuity due to her on the preceding August 12. Endorsed with Walton's receipt, dated 25 January 1768.

Paper 1f

CLV.295 12 March 1788

From Jos[eph] Flight, Worcester, addressed to Sir T.C., Gateshead.

Acknowledges a letter from Mr Armstrong [Sir T.C.'s agent] and asks Sir T.C. to send him a bill, drawn on his bank in London, payable to J.F.'s order.

Paper 1f

CLV.296 20 May 1788

From Houlditch & Benwell, coach builders. London, addressed to Sir T.C., Axwell park.

Concerning disputed payments for a coach hired from the firm.

Paper 1f

4. Letters to Sir Thomas John Clavering, 8th Bt, and his wife

CLV.297-305 1796 - 1843

Letters to Sir Thomas John Clavering (1771-1853, son of George Clavering of Greencroft; succeeded his uncle Sir Thomas Clavering as 8th Bt in 1794) and his wife Clara. Financial matters and family news.

CLV.297 19 June 1802

From K. C[lavering], Hampton Court Palace, addressed to Sir T.J.C., Hotel de l'Europe, Rue de la loi, Paris.

Confirms Mr Pearson's report to Sir T.J.C. of the death of "your poor Tommy" [Sir T.J.C.'s second son, Thomas Charles Clavering, b1796] from fever, whooping cough, etc. Lady Warren [Sir T.J.C.'s cousin] has lost her daughter Diana from fever "there never was a more sickly time". The daughter of Sir Thomas Peckell [another of Sir T.J.C.'s cousins] is also fatally ill. Other family and social news.

Paper 1f

CLV.298 11 March 1823

From R. Pearson, Newcastle, addressed to Sir T.J.C., 14 Rue de Rivoli, Paris.

Concerning investment in 4% stock; "the statement made by the new Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding the Taxes and the state of our finances has operated upon the Minds of the people very favorably and our Markets being upon the advance I hope the Landed Interest will feel the benefit". Farmers are in better heart than for some time, but the number of farms advertised in the Newcastle papers is alarming. News of impending marriages.

Paper 1f

CLV.299 4 February 1826

From N.J. and M. Clayton, solicitors, Newcastle, addressed to Sir T.J.C., 14 Rue de Rivoli, Paris.

Concerning the intention of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway Company directors to alter the line of their proposed Derwent Bridge Branch to meet Sir T.J.C.'s objections. Letter includes a plan of the proposed deviation [drawn by Benjamin Thompson?]

Paper 1f

Related material in other DUL collections: See also the Clayton and Gibson papers in Durham County Record Office.

CLV.300 9 January 1827

From Clara de Knyff, Inslenville, to her father, Sir T.J.C., at Messrs Mallets, Rue de la Chaussee d'Antin, Paris.

Concerning Sir T.J.C.'s recent trip to the Rhine. Wonders that he should think of leaving Paris for the winter since he would find so much more amusement there and "as you enjoy yourself so much at plays". Family news. Progress of John Clavering [bastard son of Sir T.J.C.'s deceased eldest son] at school. [Defective.]

Paper 1f

CLV.301 12 January 1843

From the Prince de Vismes et Ponthieu, Parade House, Exmouth, addressed to Sir T.J.C., Pitville, Cheltenham.

Is intending to move from England to Italy, and to sell his house in England for £1000 and the furniture etc. for £300.

Paper 1f

CLV.302 2 June 1843

From Edward, baron de Knyff, Paris, addressed to his father in law, Sir T.J.C., Clarence Square, Pitville, Cheltenham.

Concerning the dowry of his wife, Clara [Sir T.J.C.'s daughter]. The investments made for sister Agatha de Montfaucon yield more than the 4.5 % Sir T.J.C. is paying on 25,000 francs due but not paid to Clara, a rate of interest Sir T.J.C. now wants to reduce. Sir T.J.C.'s wife [from whom he was separated] has a charge of £1200 on the Greencroft rents, yet Clara de Knyff's portion is also charged on Greencroft. The property is insufficient to bear all this. Fears that Clara will not benefit under the provisions of her grandfather George's will because, although still a protestant, she was brought up abroad. Uncertainties about the attitude of William Aloyzius [Sir T.J.C.'s eldest surviving son, unmarried and slightly mentally afflicted]. The baron's calculations of what is due differ significantly from Sir T.J.C.'s.

(After the death of Sir T.J.C. in 1854, a bout of litigation between William Aloyzius Clavering and his sisters' husbands ensued.)

Language: French

Paper 1f

CLV.303 27 June 1796

Ebenezer Gairdner & son, table linen manufacturers, Edinburgh, to Lady C. [wife of Sir T.J.C.], Newcastle, readdressed in different hands to addresses in Manchester and London.

Submits account (£4 1s) for 6 breakfast tablecloths. Describes other linen they can supply.

Paper 1f

CLV.304 13 February 1812

From Robert Pearson, Newcastle, to Lady C. [wife of Sir T.J.C.], Axwell Park.
Concerning financial matters: bill from Messrs Grace & Nicholson, passed to him
by Sir Matthew Ridley [who seems to have acted as financial adviser to the Claverings
at this time], colliery lease, etc.

Paper 1f

CLV.305 15 July 1813

From John Black, Lamb & Lark, Keynsham nr Bristol, addressed to Lady C. [wife of
Sir T.J.C.], Portland Place, London.

Promises to undertake a general view of the estate and state of repairs when he
travels north to Axwell Park. Endorsed with a note to send to Messrs Hammersley,
bankers, £2000 to be placed to Sir T.J.C.'s account.

Paper 1f

5. Miscellaneous business letters

CLV.306-314 1741 - 1857

CLV.306 17 April 1741

Copy letter, writer not named, written from Newcastle, to Hump[hrey] Hopper, Black
Hedley.

Mr Wilkinson's interest has not been paid. Difficulties in establishing Mr Swinburne's
date of birth.

Paper 1f

CLV.307 13 September 1750

From Matthew Whitfield, Wolsingham to [unspecified].

Invitation to be a bearer at the funeral of Whitfield's wife.

Paper 1f

CLV.308 12 September 1751

From Jo[seph] Legg to Christopher Johnson, The Castle, Durham, care of Thomas
Barton.

Concerning prices of coal and royalty payments.

Paper 1f

CLV.309 19 July 1794

From Ellison, [unspecified] Vicarage, to Charles Wren, Pilgrim St., Newcastle.

Details the expenses of proving the will of George Clavering of Greencroft in the
Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

Paper 1f

CLV.310 2 September 1844

From Edward Nixon, 4 Symonds Inn, [London], to [John] Brignal [Durham solicitor].
Concerning payment of accounts.

Paper 1f

CLV.311 1 June 1846

From Thomas Dickinson & Co, Newcastle to Messrs C. Wetherell & Co, Durham.
On difficulties in realising money from certain shareholdings.

Paper 1f

CLV.312 8 February 1847

From E.B. Gibbon (postmark Fencehouses) to J[ohn] Brignall, solicitor, Durham.
Concerning payment of an account. Endorsed Day & Parkinson, Veitch v. Gibbon,
letter from def[endan]t.

Paper 1f

CLV.313 9 May 1856

From Harvey & Cartwright, Spalding, Lincs [solicitors] to William Brignall, Durham.
Valuation of Henry Hutchinson's interest under the will of the late James Walker of
Spalding.

Paper 1f + envelope

CLV.314 4 December 1857

From J. Stewart, Grays Inn, [London] to Thomas Stainton, Ironfounder, Newcastle
upon Tyne [altered in another hand to South Shields].

Requesting payment of £65 on behalf of Samuel Hood & son, Thames St.

Paper 1f

B: Election papers

CLV.315-330 1681 - 1880

CLV.315 8 February 1681

Election for Durham County, 21 February 1681.

Warrant from the High Sheriff to his bailiff to proclaim the writ for the election in Northhamshire and Islandshire.

Annotated with the bailiff's return to the warrant, 16 February 1681.

Paper 1f

CLV.316 26 January - 28 May 1715

Election for Durham County, 1715.

19th century copy of a list of election expenses; total £136 1s 6d.

Paper 1f

CLV.317 1748

Election for Northumberland, 1748.

Questions to be raised by the gentlemen authorised to enquire into the conduct of the election. (Launcelot Allgood obtained a majority of the votes cast, but the sheriff disallowed some of his votes and declared Lord Ossulton elected. On petition Allgood obtained the seat.)

Paper, printed 1f

Related material in other DUL collections: CLV 269 and 273.

CLV.318 [1774]

Election for Durham County 12 October 1774 (Sir Thomas Clavering and Sir John Eden were elected).

List of expenses, "Sir Thos Clavering's Half", for publicans, etc.; total £188 5s 2d.

Paper 1f

CLV.319 [late 19th century]

Election for Durham County 12 October 1774.

Incomplete pencil analysis of the expenses listed in 318.

Paper 1f

CLV.320 [1780]

Election for Durham County, 18 September 1780 (Sir Thomas Clavering and Sir John Eden were elected.)

List of expenses, "Sir Thos Clavering's Half", for publicans, etc.; total £316 12s 1d.

Paper 2f

CLV.321-323 [1780]

Election for Durham County, 18 September 1780.

Accounts from Thomas Clarke, The Queen's Head (total £77 1s 5d), Ann Blenkinsopp (total £36 11s 2d) and Lawrence Richardson, New Inn, Durham (total £88 4s 3d) to Sir Thomas Clavering and Sir John Eden, for election wining and dining, etc. Each receipted for payment of Clavering's half by his agent, Teasdale, 20 September 1780.

Paper 1f

CLV.324 [1784]

Election for Durham County, 14 April 1784 (Sir Thomas Clavering and Sir John Eden were elected.)

List of expenses for publicans etc.; total of Sir Thomas Clavering's half £289 9s 9d.

Paper 1f

CLV.325-328 [April 1784]

Accounts from Robert Punshon, Queen's Head (total £95 11s 6d), William Shotton, Durham (total £91), Thomas Chipchase (£3 18s 6d), and Thomas Hoult, Red Lion (total £86 10s & £113) to Sir Thomas Clavering and Sir John Eden for election wining and dining etc. Each receipted for payment of Clavering's half by his agent, Fewster Teasdale, 15-16 April.

(No.328 is 2 papers. Nos.325, 326, 328 are receipted on separate slips of paper numbered 325A, 326A, 328A)

Paper 7f

CLV.329 [18th century]

Election for Durham County, 18th century.

Election address, signed Publicus, undated. Begins "To the worthy Freemen of the City of D[urham] I address myself to you now, Gentlemen". Criticises the failure of the County members to support improvement and extension of the navigation of the river Wear.

Paper, printed 1f

CLV.330 [1860]

Election for Gateshead, 1860.

Writ for the election for the borough of Gateshead, on the appointment of William Hill as vice-president of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations. Endorsed by the mayor of Gateshead and the Returning Officer.

Parchment 2f

C: Lanchester Church

CLV.331-345 13th - 19th centuries

Ownership history: CLV 332-345 were found enclosed within CLV 331.

CLV.331 [1731]

"The Ancient & present State of the Curacies of Lanchester, Esh, & Satley as appeared when enjoyed by Miles Patrick Curate. Who was Licenced to the said Curacies, the 17th Day of September ... 1731". Begun by Miles Patrick, and with additions by later curates of Lanchester.

Paper book, stiff vellum binding with ms title on front cover "Some Account of the Curacies of Lanchester, Esh and Satley" ii + 76p; p.31-34 excised leaving only stubs, p.18, 23-24, 49, 51, 62-63, 71, 73 76 blank

p.[i]

Title, as above

p.1-8 12 June 1292

Statute and ordinances for the government of the collegiate church of Lanchester, reciting the charter of Antony Bek of 20 September 1283.

Language: Latin

p.9-11 9 February 1588

English translation of an extract from the enrolment of a grant by the earl of Essex to Edmund Downing and Miles Dodding, gentlemen, of the tithes and advowson of Lanchester.

p.11-13 1611

English translation of an extract from the enrolment of a grant of the vicarage and small tithes of Lanchester to Francis Morrice esq and Francis Philips of London gent, reserving the advowson.

p.13 1736

Note that the pension to the curate of Lanchester provided for in the two last mentioned grants was lost time out of mind until Miles Patrick, seeing these documents, successfully demanded it from Ralph Widdington as impropiator of the vicarage.

p.14 1733

Notes on the augmentation of the curacy, 1723-1733, by local contributions and assistance from Queen Anne's Bounty, used to purchase Wigside estate in the parish of Wolsingham.

p.15 1733

Notes on Miles Patrick's rebuilding of the curate's house, and construction of a brewhouse, and on his planting of trees round the churchyard.

p.15-17 1742 & 1809

List of the stipends, rents, surplice fees etc. making up the living of Lanchester "according to its present State in the year 1742"; with (p.17) a later note on the letting of Isle's field stones, 1809.

p.19 February 1733

Survey of Wigside Estate.

p.20-21 1812 - 1816

Notes on the augmentation of the curacy by local contributions and assistance from the governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, laid out on the purchase of Greenhead Estate in the parish of Stanhope, 1816.

p.22 1859 & 1877

Pencil notes on the sinecure office of Mine Master (salary payable out of the lead mines of Stanhope) attached to the living of Lanchester.

p.25-30 1733 - 1777

Curacy of Esh: details of curacy income, and augmentation from Queen Anne's Bounty in 1733, used to purchase lands in the parish of Wolsingham (in 1741 details of which are given on p.26-28); list of surplice fees (p.29), with later additions 1754-1777; list of yearly income and rents (p.30).

p.35 13 January 1807

Note, signed by Joseph Thompson, curate of Lanchester, that p.31-34 had been removed before he received the book and probably also before his predecessor Walker's time.

p.36-38

Curacy of Satley: notes on the income of the curacy, its augmentation from Queen Anne's Bounty in 1735, and the resulting purchase in 1741 of lands in Wolsingham adjoining those purchased for Esh in the same year; lists of surplice fees and annual income (p.38).

p.39-43 1744 - 1797

Note that this book was given by Miles Patrick's widow to W. Adey, his successor in the curacy, 1744.

Forms of receipts and notes on the payment of the income of the curacy from various sources, 1747-1797.

p.44-45 28 September 1778

Account of the augmentation of the curacies of Esh, Satley and Lanchester.

p.46 30 May 1793

Acknowledgment by William Briggs of the sale of the estate at Lysterdean, Muggleswick (with an attached pew in Muggleswick church) to Thomas Capstick, curate of Esh and Satley.

p.47 1756

Medieval evidence, transcribed, that, Satley was a distinct chapelry of itself.

p.48, 50 1758

Cancelled notes of the augmentation of the Esh and Satley curacies.

p.52-56 1767 - 1768

Copies of agreements, affidavits and petitions to be used by Mr Bell, architect, to obtain a brief for rebuilding the chapel of Esh, with a note that the plan was unsuccessful.

p.57-61 1768

Copy of a deed relating to the augmentation of the curacy of Satley from Queen Anne's Bounty; Satley to be a perpetual cure, separate from the mother church (Lanchester). With a note by William Adey, curate of Lanchester, of an equivalent deed for Esh. The curate of Lanchester to have the right of nomination to the curacies of Satley and Esh.

p.64-65 20 September 1859

Extract from the Interregnum diary of Timothy Whittingham JP (copied by J.W. Mitchell, curate of Lanchester when the diary is said to be in the possession of S. Brooksbank, Hermitage near Hexham): records his concern that, despite having an able preacher (marginal note: "Mr. Patrick Dunkin") the poor of Lanchester do not attend church. It also records his donation of 6d a week in 1649 for 5 poor people who are to undertake to attend the sermon and be examined on it, the best to receive 2d and the others 1d each (with a further marginal note "This tooke none effect, because ye poor wd. not be tied to come to church, nor examined"). With a note of the marriages performed by Whittingham in the chapel of Holmside in the 1650s (when the duty of performing marriages was given to JPs).

p.66-67 31 October 1865

List of sources of income for the living of Lanchester "since the changes made by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners", signed J. Dingle, , and a list of lands belonging to the living, same hand and date. With a note added in 1879: "The Impropiator has chosen to give the wine as formerly" [i.e. the communion wine, supply of which is commuted to a £2 payment in the 1865 list] and now sends six bottles of wine for the six times that "the Sac[ramen]t is now administered".

p.69 [Tipped in before p.69] 28 December 1875

Letter [to the curate of Lanchester] from Geo. T. Edwards, Lake View Windermere (on paper with printed heading: British and Foreign Bible Society), giving biographical details of William Whittingham, dean of Durham (son of William Whittingham of Holmeside Hall, Lanchester), and enquiring about evidence for the dean's supposed marriage to Calvin's sister.

p.70 1767

Note about the Lanchester parish clerk's citation of three parishioners in the Durham ecclesiastical court for arrears of Easter dues.

p.72 1745 - 1775

Table of the aggregate income from surplice fees of Lanchester, Esh and Satley in each year inclusive.

p.73 [Tipped in before p.73] 18 August 1868

Letter from The Treasury to the Rev. J. Dingle, curate of Lanchester, about future arrangements for payment of the income due to the curate of Lanchester from the Consolidated Fund.

p.74 [1855 x c1884]

Inventory of church goods [in the hand of J. Dingle, vicar of Lanchester].

CLV.331A 20 January [1532]

Conveyance of lands to the church of Lanchester for the performance of masses there and at Medomsley for the souls of the dead

Sir Thomas Emerson priest, at the request of his late mother Alice, wife of (1) Robert Emerson late of Lanchester and (2) Nicholas Tempest, conveys her lands in Medomsley to Sir Thomas Tempest and other trustees to provide for the expenses of ringing the bells and singing two requiem masses and solemn dirges with full choir each year at Lanchester, for the souls of Christopher Garegill and his wife Jenet and Robert Emerson and his wife Alice, and for the souls of their children and all Christian souls. One mass and dirge is to be sung within 8 days of the feast of the purification of the BVM, the other within 8 days of the feast of St Peter ad vincula. Masses and dirges are also to be said, and bells rung, at Medomsley, at the same points in the year; for this 3s 4d is to be paid annually by the kirkmasters of Lanchester to the kirkmasters of Medomsley, from which on each occasion they are to pay the priest and the clerk 4d each. The balance of the income from the lands is to be used for repairing and ornamenting the churches of Lanchester and Medomsley.

Date: 20 January 23 Henry VIII.

With (331A/2) a photograph of the document and a printed description and transcript of it mounted on card.

Parchment 1m

A document matching this description, in the collection of George Neasham, the Durham historian and biographer, is included in the catalogue of exhibits in the temporary museum, Black Gate, Newcastle, published in *Proc. Soc. of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne*, new ser. 1 (1883), p.338.

CLV.332 late 17th/early 18th century

Copy in the hand of Dr Christopher Hunter of the inscription on the stone in Lanchester church to Master John Rudde (dean of the collegiate church of Lanchester, died 29 November 1490), and sketches of the arms of Tempest impaling Umfreville from a window of the same church. With a pencil identification in the hand of A.I. Doyle, c.1980, on the verso.

Paper 1f

CLV.333 12 October 1744

Letter from William Pye, Durham, to the bishop of Durham [Edward Chandler] about the right of nomination to the curacy of Lanchester, and about the dean & chapter of Durham's peculiar of Howdenshire. Endorsed in Bishop Chandler's hand "The Bp of Ds title to Lanchester Vic:"

Paper 1f

CLV.334 15 May 1752

Statutes and rules for the government of the collegiate church of Lanchester, being a translation of the charter of Antony Bek (12 June 1292). Dated and signed at the end, W[illiam] Adey [curate of Lanchester].

Paper 2f

CLV.335-336 29 January & 1 March 1773

Letters from W[illiam] Adey (curate of Lanchester), to the bishop of Durham [John Egerton] concerning the augmentation of the curacy of Esh, the possible enclosure of Lanchester common, and detailing the income of the Lanchester, Esh and Satley curacies. Both franked and postmarked Durham.

Paper 2f

CLV.337/1-2 11 May & 29 September 1814

Assessment of land tax on the lands belonging to Wilkinsons Charity (held in trust for the benefit of the poor of Lanchester), with, attached, a certificate of exoneration from payment.

Paper 2f

CLV.338 26 June 1827

Legal opinion, signed by Stephen Lushington, Doctors' Commons, on the right of a clergyman, ordained deacon by the bishop of Durham in 1818 and priest in Canada by the bishop of Quebec in 1819, to officiate as deacon or priest in England under the provisions of 59 Geo.III, cap.60 (1819).

Paper 1f

CLV.339 23 December 1845

Letter from the churchwardens of Lanchester to the bishop of Durham [Edward Maltby], about their difficulties and progress in repewing the church, with a list of subscriptions already received. Postmarked Lanchester, Durham and Bishop Auckland.

Paper 1f

CLV.340 31 March 1849

Letter from Rev. John Fanshawe, Lanchester, about payment of a £25 contribution offered by the bishop of Durham [Edward Maltby] towards the salary of a curate for Fanshawe.

Paper 1f

CLV.341 28 March 1862

Letter to Rev. John Dingle, Lanchester, from the Charity Commission about administration of the charitable provision for the Lanchester poor established under the will of Cuthbert Atkinson.

Paper 1f

CLV.342 20 March 1865

Letter to Rev. J[ohn] Dingle, Lanchester, from White, Barrett & White, London, about a deed concerning Lanchester parsonage.

Paper 1f

CLV.343 7 August 1868

Letter to Rev. John Dingle, Lanchester, from the Office of Woods, announcing the transfer of a pension payable to the curate of Lanchester, hitherto charged on the Land Revenue of the crown, to be a charge on the Consolidated Fund.

Paper 1f

CLV.344 19 March 1872

Letter to Rev. John Dingle, Lanchester, from the Census Office, asking him to confirm the accuracy of the figures given on the verso for the houses and population of Lanchester.

Paper 1f

CLV.345 March 1872

Circular letter, addressed to the Rev. John Dingle, from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, setting out alterations to the procedures for payment of half yearly stipends.

Paper 1f

D: Estate papers

CLV.346-371 17th - 18th centuries

CLV.346/1-3 17th century

Pages from a notebook about rents, payments etc. References to Romaldkirk, Mickleton, Holwick, Lune.

(George Clavering married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Edward Browell, rector of Romaldkirk).

Paper 3f

CLV.347-362 12 November 1660 - 13 November 1700

Half yearly receipts for a rent charge or annuity of £170 pa upon the Clavering estate at Bitchfield, Northumberland, (incomplete series: 1680 November 18; 1681 June 3; 1682 November 17; 1684 November 14; ;1685 November 16; 1686 June 4; 1686 November 18; 1691 November 12; 1692 May 23, November 16; 1693 June 27, November 16; 1697 November 16; 1699 June 12; 1700 May 22, November 13).

Paper 15f

CLV.363/1-2 1745

Rental of Sir James Clavering's estates. 4 sections: Whickham parish, Ryton parish, Tanfield parish, Durham County estates.

Paper 2f

CLV.364 12 May 1748

List of tenants in arrears. 2 sections: Ryton parish, Tanfield parish.

Paper 1f

CLV.365 [1740s]

Rental of properties within the lordship of Winlaton in the parish of Ryton.

(The Claverings eventually owned 27/96ths of this property, largely by purchase from the Ravensworths. An earlier interest here descended to the Butes via the Windsors as heirs of Sir John Clavering 3rd Bt. The history of the manor is confused. The most complete but not entirely consistent account is by Sir William Waymouth Gibson, *Archaeologia Aeliana* 4th ser. xxiii.)

Paper 1f

CLV.366/1-6 1 May 1749 - 1 May 1750

Rental of estates belonging to Sir Thomas Clavering Bt, drawn by M. Teasdale. 3 sections: Whickham, Tanfield and Ryton parishes.

Paper 6f

CLV.367 1 May 1749

Rental of houses in Newcastle as let from May Day.

Paper 1f

CLV.368 1756

Winlaton tithes: account of income and expenditure.

Paper 1f

CLV.369 7 July 1759

Draft attornment of George Swan and John Barras, tenants of a messuage at Kibblesworth, late tenants of John Rogers deceased, as tenants of Sir Thomas Clavering Bt. Consideration: 1s.

Paper 1f

CLV.370 18th century

"3 Copye of the Estimate deliv[ere]d in by Mr. Clavering": list of 7 tenants, with number of acres in each farm, number of acres enclosed, rent per acre, deductions allowed for lime and for losses.

Paper 1f

CLV.371 18th century

Note of acreages.

Paper 1f

E: Greencroft evidences

CLV.372-397 13th - 18th centuries

Transcripts, deeds, documents in legal disputes, wills etc. concerning Greencroft and the Lanchester area. CLV 372-373 include some material on other Clavering properties.

CLV.372 late 19th century

Notes, summaries and transcripts of documents largely concerning Greencroft and property in the Lanchester area, with wills of three 16th century Northumberland Claverings.

Mostly in the hand of C.M. Carlton (written on the backs of pages of printed electoral registers for polling districts in Durham and Northumberland:

Cleatlam & Cockfield, Wooler

1879 Barnard Castle, Seaham Harbour

1881 Castle Eden, Chester-le-Street, Hetton-le-Hole, Heworth

1882 Gateshead

Paper, 29 items each 1f, and each repaired with paper c.1970

Related material in other DUL collections: Much more of Carlton's transcript work is to be found in Durham Cathedral Library in the J.J. Howe collection there, reference JJH 13.

CLV.372/1 [late 19th century]

Letter from C.M. Carlton, undated, sending an unidentified recipient copies (not now present) of his notes on the Greenwell family of Wolsingham and Lanchester.

CLV.372/2-17 14th - 18th centuries

Notes on holders of land and conveyances of land and tithes at Greencroft, Mawer Field, Esp Green, Medomsley, Kyo, Hedley and Cornsay (Lanchester), extracted from episcopal and court leet records, deeds etc.

CLV.372/18 6 December 1731

Summary of an agreement between William Pewley and Joshua Douglas about quantities of bricks to be made by Pewley in the brick garth near the postern gate, Newcastle upon Tyne. [Cf. 373/108]. With notes on Byer Moor Colliery, and the Naggs Head public house in Newcastle in 1751.

CLV.372/19-25 30 November 1582

Will of Robert Clavering of Callaly, Northumberland, proved 19 January 1582/83, (372/25 blank). With an inventory 31 January 1582/[83] and other notes on the descent of the Claverings.

CLV.372/26-27 November 1586

Nuncupative will of William Clavering of Duddo in Norham, proved 21 July 1587, with an inventory 10 July 1587.

CLV.372/28-29 19 November 1580

Will of Gawine Clavering of Callaly, Northumberland, proved 4 August 1581, no inventory.

CLV.373 16th - 18th centuries

Guardbook, made up in the 19th century with some items repaired, of evidences relating to legal disputes concerning Greencroft and other Clavering properties.

Paper book

CLV.373/1 18th century

English summary of an indictment against William Hall of Chester and others, 17 Eliz. I, 1574/75, for a forcible entry on land at Greencroft.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/2 16th century

Copy of the above indictment.

Language: Latin

Paper 1f

CLV.373/3 12 November [1530]

(1) William Claxton of Old Park, Durham, Esq. and Raphe Claxton his son

(2) Robert Hall of Greencroft, gent. and John Hall his brother

Copy agreement for the conveyance by (1) to (2) of messuages and lands at Greencroft. Covenant to make out good title and to deliver before Michaelmas next. (2) to assure a rent charge of 40s pa to (1).

Date: 12 November 30 Henry VIII.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/4

Notes on depositions [made in the dispute to which the following documents relate].

Paper 1f

CLV.373/5 1570s

John Hall, plaintiff; William Hall, defendant.

Copy of the answer of W.H. to the bill of complaint of J.H.

Asserts that Newfield is part of the manor of Greencroft.

[In Chancery].

Paper 1f

CLV.373/6-8 7 May 1574

Inquisition *post mortem* on John Hall the elder late of Greencroft, gent, taken before Thomas Layton, deputy of William Fleetwood esq, escheator for the county palatine of Durham.

Language: Latin

Paper 3f

CLV.373/9 [1570s]

A schedule of the wrongs done by John Hall against William Hall after the death of John Hall [the elder] late of Greencroft.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/10 [1570s]

"A minute of the damages done by Mr. John Hall to the grounds at Greencroft belonging to William Hall son of John Hall by pulling down hedges and cutting trees".

Paper 1f

CLV.373/11

Notes on evidence in the case above.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/12 [18th century]

Points of law concerning trespass on manors.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/13 [18th century]

Details of property at Greencroft of which an inquisition found John Hall of Greencroft was seised in fee by copy of court roll of the bishop of Durham according to the custom of the manor of Lanchester.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/14-18 1572 x 1573

Inquisition taken after the death of John Hall of Greencroft ca 15 Eliz. I., . Latin.

Paper 5f

CLV.373/19 16th century

Fragment of Latin note.

Language: Latin

Paper 1f

CLV.373/20 [1570s]

John Hall plaintiff; William Hall defendant

Interrogatories to be administered to witnesses produced on the part of the defendant.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/21-22 10 March 1667

(1) William Hall of Greencroft, esq.

(2) John Plumpton of Greencroft, gent.

Copy release and quitclaim by (1) to (2) of lands and messuages at Greencroft (Midle Feild, Water Marke, Roundstone Close, the east part of Fencehill, a close called The Fene etc) being a reconveyance on repayment of a mortgage. Recites previous deeds 1655-1663. Consideration: £700 as mentioned in the recited mortgage deeds and £30 (2) to (1).

Endorsed with a note that this copy does not exactly correspond with the original.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/23 2 July 1703

Anthony Meaburne and others, tenants of the manor of Lanchester, plaintiffs.

James Clavering the elder, James Clavering the younger and Nathaniel Crewe, bishop of Durham, defendants.

Writ to James Clavering the elder, gent, and to James Clavering the younger to show their title to lands in a dispute relating to common rights upon Lanchester Fell adjoining Greencroft Fell.

In the Exchequer [equity side.]

Language: Latin

Paper 1f

CLV.373/24 28 March 1685

John Clavering, esq, plaintiff; Philip Hodshon, defendant

Foreclosure proceedings relating to £1000 borrowed in 1676 by Lancelot Hodshon. In Chancery at Durham.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/25 1638

Robert Harding, plaintiff; Sir Nicholas Tempest and others, defendants.

Substance of depositions in a Hollingside/Axwell boundary dispute.

In Chancery at Durham.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/26-27 1635

Sir Nicholas Tempest and others, plaintiffs; Robert Harding, defendant.

Copy of pleadings concerning Hollingside ground.

Paper 2f

CLV.373/28-30 26 March 1616

Attested copy of the will of Roger Lumley late of Axwell Houses devising one half of the coalmine at Axwell Houses and of staithes belonging to it to his son John. The other half is devised to his wife Dorothy during her widowhood with remainder to his daughter Dorothy. Half the income of his widow's share is to be paid to Dorothy the daughter from the outset and John Lumley's half is charged with £100 pa to the testator's widow. Wayleaves at Peale Flatt, Swalwell and Ryding re devised to Dorothy the widow and Dorothy the daughter for seven years with the reversion to John Lumley the son.

Paper 3f

CLV.373/31-33 21 September 1699

(1) Sir James Clavering of Axwells, Bt

(2) Sir Robert Shaftoe of Newcastle, serjeant at law and Mark Shaftoe of Whitworth, esq

(3) James Clavering of Whitehouse, esq, John Clavering of Axwells, gent, and Francis Clavering of the Inner Temple, London gent (grandsons of (1)); James Clavering of Greencroft, esq and Henry Clavering of Axwell, gent (younger sons of (1)); and John Clavering of Chopwell, esq (nephew of (1)).

Copy release and quit claim by (1) to (3) of the capital messuage of Whitehouse with the park lands there, lands called Westerhaugh in the parish of Ryton, a messuage and lands called Bire Moor in the parish of Whickham with the coalmines belonging to it, a farmhold called Crook Bank in the chapelry of Tanfield; the manor and village of Beachfield in the parish of Stamfordham, Northumberland, the townships of Elmley and Apperley in the parish of Shotley, Northumberland, the messuage and lands called Ridlamhope in the parish of Hexham, and the tenement called Winnoeshill in the parish of Bywell St Andrew. Charged with annuities of £60 to (1) for life, £60 to Francis Clavering for life and £40 to Elizabeth granddaughter of (1) for life. To the use of (1) for life with remainder to James Clavering of Whitehouse for life, thence to his heirs in tail male and further remainders to (3) as specified.

Paper 3f

CLV.373/34 1 May 1687

(1) Barbara Bulman of Gateshead, widow

(2) Thomas Tweddle of North Cawsey

Copy conveyance of 104a 12.5 p of land forming the middle part of Westfield at North Seaton, Northumberland with her share in the mansion house there and a parcel of land called East Close to (2). To the use of (1) for life thence to her son George Bulman and his heirs (charged with an annuity of £8 to Robert Bulman, brother of George) with further remainders to the said Robert Bulman, to Thomas Clavering son of Isable Tweddle (the sister of (1) wife of (2) and former wife of Ralph Clavering of Cawsey) to Elizabeth Forster, wife of Ralph Forster of Gateshead, yeoman, and to Isabel, Ann and Grace the daughters of Ralph Clavering, late of Newcastle, merchant, as tenants in common.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/35-38 query

Thomas Liddell and Anne his wife, Sir Henry Vane the younger, Sir Thomas Widdrington, kt, Sir Harbotle Grimston, Ralph Emerson, Sir Henry Vane the elder, Charles Vane, Michael Hall and William Scurfield, plaintiffs.

James Clavering, Thomas Wraye, William Blakiston, Ralph Clavering and Ralph Suertyes, defendants.

Copy of the answer of the defendants claiming common pasture upon Blackburn Fell in right of adjoining freeholds.

In Chancery.

Paper 4f

CLV.373/39 18 June 1743

(1) Herbert, Viscount Windsor and Alice, Viscountess Windsor, his wife; the Rt Hon James Petty, esq (Viscount Dunkerron) whose late wife was sister to Alice Windsor and daughter of Dame Jane Clavering, late of Newcastle upon Tyne, widow, deceased [formerly Jane Mallabar]; Jane Simpson of Bradley, widow; John Simpson of Newcastle, esq, alderman; and Francis Simpson of Newcastle, hoastman

(2) Sir Thomas Clavering of Whitehouse, Bt

Copy release and quitclaim by (1) to (2) of all interest in and the equity of redemption of Long Sheet, Higher Huttocks, the Hagg Hill, the Briers and half of the Stannors, all in the lordship of Winlaton. Recites previous deeds, proceedings in Windsor v Clavering in chancery etc.

[This forms part of the compromise of the equity suit. There is a further conveyance by (2) to (1) of the same date].

Paper file 10f

CLV.373/40-41 25 January 1739

(1) John York, esq, demandant

(2) Ralph Gowland, gent, tenant to the praecipe

(3) Sir James Clavering, Bt, vouchee.

Pleas in a common recovery of the manors of Axwells and Swalwell, White House Park, 40 messuages, 50 cottages, 10 barns, 4 watercorn mills, 10 dove cotes, 10 gardens, 10 orchards, 2000 a. of land, 2000 a. of meadow, 2000 a. of pasture, 500 a. of wood, 1600 a. of furze, 1000 a. of moor, common pasture etc, coals, fisheries in the Tyne and Derwent, with appurtenances in Swalwell, Axwells, Whickham, [Fawdons] Field, Beckley, Andrews House, Winlaton, White House, Byer Moor, Crook Bank, Sherburne Grene and Lintsford.

Durham court of pleas.

Endorsed with a note that this document was produced in Crawley v Clavering in chancery.

Paper 2f

CLV.373/42&43 [late 18th century]

Proposed clause (2 copies) from an Inclosure Act for Blackburn Fell relating to allotments being tithe free.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/44-48 29 September 1739

(1) Sir James Clavering of Greencroft, Bt, and Thomas Clavering of Greencroft, esq, his eldest son and heir by Catherine York his first wife.

(2) Thomas Rudd of Durham, esq, and Ralph Gowland of Durham, gent.

(3) George Vane of Longnewton, esq.

Copy release by (1) to (2) being a deed for suffering a common recovery of the lordships of Greencroft, Middleton St George and Iveston, with all the other lands and tenants of (1) in the parish of Lanchester not purchased since his marriage to Catherine York.

Paper 5f

CLV.373/49 26 October 1740

Memorandum regarding Sir James Clavering's recovery, previous settlement, and property involved.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/50 31 January 1723

Affidavit of George Grey of Newcastle, esq, barrister at law, concerning a meeting with James Clavering of Greencroft at Gateshead Fell and the latter's verbal and physical assault upon Grey.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/51-52 26 - 27 November 1702

Abstract of a settlement made on marriage of James Clavering to Catherine York.

Paper 2f

CLV.373/53-59 7 September 1717

John Walton, plaintiff;

James Clavering the younger, esq.; Mathew Ward and Wabrough Ward, infants by Timothy Hall their next friend etc; Timothy Hall and Sarah his wife; Anne Ward; and Thomas Nanson, defendants.

Draft answer of the defendants. In chancery.

Paper 7f

CLV.373/60-61 [late 18th century]

Proposed clause from Blackburn Fell Inclosure Act.

Paper 2f

Same as 373/42 and 43 above.

CLV.373/62-65 3 July 1714

(1) Thomas Heron of Corbridge, Northumberland, gent.; Thomas Heron of Newcastle, barber chirugion [surgeon] his eldest son; John Robinson of Great Whittington gent.; and Cuthbert Robinson of Hexham, gent.

(2) Phillip Usher of Corbridge, yeoman

Copy release by (1) to (2) of various riggs of land specified in the townfields of Corbridge.

Consideration: £103 to Cuthbert Robinson & £34 to (1).

Paper 4f

CLV.373/66 [17/18th century]

Notes on bill in equity for counsel [to frame an answer or interrogatories] n.d.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/67 9 August 1704

Rex v. James Clavering, esq. Brief for the defendant including charges, notes on witnesses and notes on evidence concerning an alleged obstruction of a highway.

Language: Latin and English

Paper 1f

CLV.373/68 check date

Draft affidavit of James Clavering the younger. In the exchequer [equity side].

Anthony Meburne, Arthur Walton and William Greenwell, esq., plaintiffs

James Clavering the elder and James Clavering the younger, esqs., defendants.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/69 [18th century]

Notes on a wayleave from Greencroft Colliery over Iveston Common.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/70-71 [c.1738]

Fragments of an attornment of tenants at Swalwell of Sir Francis Clavering deceased to Sir James Clavering.

Paper 2f

CLV.373/72 [1721]

An Act to Enable James Clavering, Junior, esq., to make sale of his estate at Tanfield in the County of Durham, freed from the uses and trusts in the said James Clavering's marriage settlement and to settle his Estate at Hall Hill in the said County to the same uses.

Paper, printed 1f

CLV.373/73 5 April 1751

Copies of the entries in the Whickham parish registers recording the burials of Clavering baronets, transcribed.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/74 5 August 1726

Account of wayleaves for coals led from Bucksnook Colliery from the death of Sir James Clavering until the waggonway was pulled up by Sir Francis Clavering's order, with wayleave rents, and details of the grounds crossed both by the old way to Swalwell staithes and the new way to Derwent staithes.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/75 [early 18th century]

Notes on wayleave leases over Lints, Tanfield Moor, Byer Moor, Fawdon's Field, Whickham, Hollingside etc.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/76-77 15 January 1703

Copy of an exemplification of a common recovery (dated 14 December) of: the manors of Greencroft, Middleton [St.] George and Iveston, 8 messuages, 10 cottages, 2 dovecotes, 2 water corn mills, 10 orchards, 8 gardens, 800 a. of land etc, £14 10s annual rent at Greencroft, Middleton Tanfields South Cawsey; a moiety of 20 messuages, 1000 a. of land etc. in Barmeston alias Barnston, Lamesley and Tanfield and of the advowson and rectorial tithes of Jarrow.

(1) William Blackett and Robert Ellison, demandants

(2) Henry Clavering and David Dixon, tenants to the praecipe

(3) James Clavering senior, 1st vouchee

(4) James Clavering junior, 2nd vouchee

Language: Latin

Paper 2f

CLV.373/78-80 12 April 1760

Counsel's opinion signed C. Pratt [attorney general], "in respect to a settlement claimed by two Persons joyntly enjoying a Farm of 10 0 0 a year only", with further notes on the same subject.

Paper 3f

CLV.373/81 7 April 1757

Counsel's opinion relative to apprentices gaining settlement, signed E. Pratt.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/82-84 [1750s]

George Baker, plaintiff

Sir William Middleton, Bt and 104 others, defendants

Extracts from plaintiff's bill of complaint regarding wastes in the manor of Bulbeck/Bolebeck.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/85 16 March 1758.

Copy of exceptions taken by Baker to the answer of the defendant John Clavering.

George Baker, plaintiff

John Clavering, esq *et al.*, defendants

Paper 1f

CLV.373/86 1 September 1725

Articles of agreement forming supplementary covenants to a lease from (1) to (2) of even date of land for a wharf and granary at North Seaton. The title to the property is open to doubt. (1) and (2) agree to share any costs arising from law suits. (1) covenants to pay rent to (2) and no other.

(1) Thomas Barber of Ulgham, Northumberland, yeoman

(2) Ralph Clavering the elder and Ralph Clavering the younger, both of North Cawsey, gents.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/87-89 2 January 1755

Agreement by the subscribing freeholders of the manor of Bulbeck, Northumberland to assert and maintain rights of common against: George Silvertop as owner of Minster Acres, Cronkley and Millshields and a part of Unthank; Christopher Hunter and wife and son for the rest of Unthank; Mrs Ann Clavering and Mr Robert Smith for Espershields.

Paper 3f

CLV.373/90-91 check date

Notes on the defendants' title in a plea of trespass and ejectment from lead and coalmines at Anewick Fell and Anewick Moor which Sir William Blackett claims as lord of manor.

Robert West, plaintiff

John Errington *et al*, defendants

Paper 2f

CLV.373/92 8 March 1758

Copy bill of complaint relative to the manor of Bulbeck. In chancery.

George Baker of Ellemore Hall, esq, plaintiff

Sir William Middleton, Bt and 104 others, defendants

Paper booklet 6f

CLV.373/93 29 January 1758

Copy of a notice by George Baker (regarding encroachments on the common at Bulbeck) put upon the church door warning encroachers that their fences etc will be pulled down.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/94 3 January 1758

Mr Rudd's observations upon Mr Martin's draft of Col Clavering's answer to Mr Baker's bill (Baker v Clavering *et al* in chancery).

Paper 1f

CLV.373/95 28 February 1758

Copy letter from Mr Martin (Baker v Clavering in chancery).

Paper 1f

CLV.373/96-98 12 February 1758

Draft from Mr Martin of the joint answer of John Bell and Joseph Carr (two of the defendants in Baker v Clavering in chancery).

Paper 3f

CLV.373/99-104 [?31 January 1758]

Copy by William Rudd of the draft of John Clavering's answer prepared by Mr Martin. Endorsed with a note dated 31 January 1758 "Mr. Martin's Dra[f]t made according to this and returned to him". (Baker v Clavering in chancery).

Paper 1f

CLV.373/105-107 1758

John Bell, plaintiff

William Teasdale and Robert Colpitts alias Corspice, defendants

Copy of a brief for the plaintiff (trespass at West Pasture, Shotley). Northumberland assizes.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/108 6 December 1731

(1) William Puley, brickmaker

(2) Mr Joshua Douglas

Memorandum of agreement regulating the number of bricks to be made by (1) in the Brick Garth near the Postern Gate of Newcastle and the price to be paid. [Cf. 372/18].

Paper 1f

CLV.373/109 24 February 1710

Letter from Robert Sutton, Gateside to "The Honorable Her Majesty's Commissioners now ... in Gateside" concerning Clavering's accusations against the author's servant and dealings with Mr Coatsworth.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/110 1755

Details of work done for the owners of Jarrow Quay.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/111 [mid 18th Century]

List of tenants in Ryton, Whickham and Tanfield parishes and in Northumberland.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/112-113 [mid 18th Century]

James Clavering junior, esq. plaintiff

Edward Fawcett, defendant

Copy of Mr John Rudd's brief (for the plaintiff) in an action for trespass for seizing the plaintiff's draughts in Gateshead for a toll for mending the pavement.

Language: Latin and English

Paper 2f

CLV.373/114 [mid 18th Century]

Copy of Mr Wilkinson's brief in the action for trespass for seizing the plaintiff's draughts in Gateshead for a toll for mending the pavement.

Paper 1f

CLV.373/115-116 [mid 18th Century]

Copy of Thomas Ashhurst's brief in the action for trespass for seizing the plaintiff's draughts in Gateshead for a toll for mending the pavement.

Paper 2f

CLV.373/117 [mid 18th Century]

Copy brief, no lawyer named, in the

Paper 1f

CLV.374 4 June [1436]

Gift by (1) to (2) of an annual rent of 5 marks charged upon all of (1)'s property at Greencroft. Warranty clause.

(1) Peter Kirkeby of Durham, chaplain

(2) Alice Roughheued late wife of John Roughheued

Witnesses: Robert Bulmer of Newcastle, Thomas Serlin of Lanchester, William Lurdin

Date: Durham, 4 June 14 Henry IV.

Language: Latin

Parchment 1m

CLV.375 16 May 1667

Bond of (1) to (2) in £1450 to secure the performance of covenants in an indenture of the same date.

(1) John Plumpton of Greencroft, gent

(2) John Tayler of Cornsay Raw, Lanchester, yeoman

Language: Latin and English

Parchment 1m

CLV.376/1 18 October 1670

Witnessed receipt of William Hall of Greencroft esq for payment by Sir James Clavering of Axwell, Bt, of £1200 of the full purchase price (£2800) for the manor of Greencroft.

Paper 1f

CLV.376/2 23 January [1672]

Witnessed receipt of William Hall of Greencroft esq for payment by Sir James Clavering of Axwell, Bt, of £1600 of the full purchase price (£2800) for the manor of Greencroft.

Paper 1f

CLV.377 20 March [1671]

(1) Ralph Widdrington of Manner House, Co. Durham, gent.

(2) Sir James Clavering of Axwell, Bt

Copy lease by (1) to (2) of all great and small tithes and moduses from the manor of Greencroft excepting tithes of corn and grain. [In effect a mortgage by demise of 200 years of the tithes to secure £50]. Rent: peppercorn

Date: 20 March 23 Charles II.

Addressed to John Rudd at Durham.

Paper 1f

CLV.378-379 [late 17th/early 18th century]

Richard Blackett v John Raw of Woodside in the parish of Lanchester. Certified copies of articles exhibited on behalf of Richard Blackett (378), and of John Raw's responses to them (379) in a case concerning the removal of titheable crops at Lanchester. [The plaintiff was a farmer of the Lanchester tithes.] Before Sir Richard Lloyd, kt, vicar-general and official principal of Nathaniel Lord Crewe, bishop of Durham.

Certified by Gabriel Newhouse, registrar.

Language: Latin

Paper, 2 items each 2f

CLV.380/1-3, 381/1-2 [18th century]

Interrogatories, nos 16-18 (2 copies) in an equity cause relating to enclosure at Greencroft and Iveston.

Paper 5f

CLV.382 27 June 1730

Ralph Widdington of Cheeseburn Grange, Northumberland, esq, Charles Clark of Gray's Inn, gent and Richard Carpenter of Lincoln's Inn, gen. v. James Clavering, esq

Copy bill of complaint to Lord Chancellor King concerning Lanchester and Greencroft tithes. In chancery.

Paper 2f

CLV.383 [1730/31]

Rex v parish of Lanchester

Brief for the inhabitants of Lanchester on an indictment against them, herein recited, for not repairing the Witton Gilbert to Iveston highway. The highway's proper course is disputed. 4 George II.

Language: Latin and English

Paper 1f

CLV.384 [c.1730s]

"Papers and letter relateing Lanchester & Greencroft fells": list of 46 documents, first two undated, remainder spanning the period 1718-1731.

Paper 1f

CLV.385 19 January 1734

(1) Richard Raw of Cornsay, yeoman

(2) Thomas Rippon of Cornsay, gent.

Bond of (1) to (2) in £40 to abide by the arbitration of Thomas Coulson of Wolsingham, and William Darnell of Cornsay, gents, in the dispute between them, such award to be made by 28 January, and, failing that, to accept the final umpirage of James Clavering of Greencroft, to be made by 14 February.

Paper printed form, completed in ms 2f

CLV.386 13 February 1734

Final award of James Clavering as umpire in the case above. Recites 385 and the failure of the arbitration. Clavering awards an abatement of £5 out of the May Day rent for 1735 for lands leased by Rippon to Raw at Cornsay, gives details of the scheme of husbandry to be allowed, curbs conversion to tillage by (2).

Paper 2f

CLV.387 14 February 1734

Another version of CLV.386, more hastily written.

Paper 2f

CLV.388 [1735]

List of leases and devises of the tithes of Wester Billingside and Esp Green, Lanchester, 1727.

8 George II.

Paper 2f

CLV.389 3 August 1737

Copy will of John Paxton of Sunderland, gent, devising real estate in the parish of Lanchester to his wife Barbara, who is sole executrix. Devises other real estate to his father Thomas Paxton for life, with remainder to his brother Thomas Paxton.

Paper 1f

CLV.390 13 & 17 January 1746

"Abstract of the title to a Moiety of Morraleezes [Moor Leazes, Lanchester] belonging to Mrs. Paxton Widow". Schedule of documents spanning 1693-1737 [the final document mentioned is 389], with appended queries and legal opinions on them signed by David Hilton, Durham.

Paper 1f

CLV.391 1744 - 1745

Case concerning John Middleton's surrender of copyhold lands within the manor of Lanchester, 9 June 1736, with schedule of documents.

Paper 2f

CLV.392 9 August 1746

Assignment by (1) to (2) of the bond (in £500) to secure £250 and interest, and on which £308 7s 8d is due, plus £4 17s 10d costs for an ejectment action in the Durham court of pleas against J. Middleton relative to a moiety of Moor Leazes [Lanchester].

Consideration: £313 5s 6d.

(1) John Lawson late of Houghton le Spring, now of Lysdon in the parish of Earsdon, Northumberland, yeoman

(2) Sir James Clavering of Whitehouse, Co Durham, Bt

Paper 2f

CLV.393 6 February 1779

Lease by (1) to (2) of Moor Leazes, and allotments (100 acres) from Lanchester Common for a term of 11 years. Rent: £107 5s in year 1, rising to £123 in year 11.

(1) George Clavering of Greencroft, esq

(2) Thomas Yeilder of Moor Leazes, Lanchester, yeoman

Paper 1f

CLV.394-397 [19th century]

Copies of documents conveying land at Greencroft, late 13th-16th centuries. Stamp of the photographer, R. Herbert, Durham on the back of each.

Perhaps from the collection of George Neasham, the 19th century Durham historian and biographer, with whom two other similar photographs in the collection (331A, 407) can be associated.

Four photographs, mounted on card

The original documents are not now present in the collection.

CLV.394 [late 13th century]

(1) William son of John reeve (*praepositus*) de ?Thurstan

(2) Nicholas Ruheued and Isabelle his wife

Conveyance of lands at Greencroft from (1) to (2).

Witnesses: Adam of Holmside, Hugh de Kinchiley, Robert de Colpyhil, John de Ruheved, Thomas Ruheved, Alan Freman, Robert de ? [obscured by the turnup].

Language: Latin

CLV.395 27 May [1468]

(1) Thomas Foster of Greencroft

(2) Robert Hall of Stanley birs

Conveyance of lands at Greencroft from (1) to (2).

27 May 8 Edward IV.

Language: Latin

CLV.396 [first half 16th century]

(1) William Cowpland

(2) [Illegible], parson of Stanhope and Robert Southrone of Durham chaplain

Declaration of trust conveying lands at Greencroft from (1) to (2).

CLV.397 12 February [1559 x 1603]

(1) William Tayler and Ralph Grinwell of Cornsay Raw, yeoman

(2) Thomas Grinwell of Cornsay, yeoman

Conveyance of lands at Cornsay formerly in the possession of Charles earl of Westmorland from (1) to (2).

12 February [year obscured] Elizabeth I

Language: Latin

F: Deeds, documents in legal disputes, family settlements; concerning properties outside the Lanchester area

CLV.398-420 17th - 18th centuries

Includes several documents about properties not obviously associated with the Claverings.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also CLV 372-373, which include some non Greencroft and Lanchester material

CLV.398 20 February 1746

Axwell, Whitehouse, and copyholds

Legal opinion by Thomas Rudd of Durham on the settlements made by Sir James Clavering [1st Bt] of Axwell (1691), Whitehouse (1697) and copyholds (1700), and the position of the Greencroft Claverings as inheritors of the above with regard to barring the entail.

Paper 1f

CLV.399 11 April [1661]

(1) George Selby of Whitehouse, esq

(2) James Clavering of Axwell, esq

Articles of agreement, whereby (1) covenants that he, with his wife Mary, brothers Henry Selby, and John Selby of Winlaton gents, Roger Bradshaw of Hay (Haigh near Wigan), Lancs, esq, and Francis Baggshawe of the Middle Temple, London, esq, will before 1 August next convey to (2) the farmhold called Lintford in the occupation of John Swinburne, and 3 farmholds at Shereburne Green in the occupations of Jane Hassell, John Joplin and John Richardson, a farmhold called Spenbancke in the possession of William Wilkinson, a farmhold called Paston Birkes in the possession of George Chicken, a close called Newfield in the possession of Charles Selby, a farmhold called Batehouses in the possession of George Farrow, a farmhold called Longare and a parcel of ground called the Fleetes in the occupation of Thomas Selby, all in the parish of Ryton.

Consideration £3126, to be paid as specified.

With an endorsement excepting the coalmines lying within the premises concerned; George Selby and his heirs and assigns are to have liberty to work these and to have wayleaves and heaproom as formerly, paying on demand treble damages to James Clavering, his heirs and assigns, for all such spoils and ways committed on the premises to be conveyed.

Date: 11 April 13 Charles II.

Paper 2f, repaired with paper c.1970

CLV.400 [c.1730s]

Extract from proofs [in a chancery action?] concerning Moor Close [Ryton], the property of Sir James Clavering 1st Bt, and his descendants, and the wagonway there.

[The second hand on this document also occurs on CLV 413, dated 1738].

Paper 1f

CLV.401 [c.1730s]

Proof regarding grounds at Hagghill [Ryton] belonging to Sir James Clavering 1st Bt and his descendants.

[In the same hand as the first occurring on 400].

Paper 2f

CLV.402 25 February [1666]

(1) William Jackson of Whickham, gent

(2) Thomas Jackson of Axwell, gent

Lease by (1) to (2) of Crooke Bank in the chapelry of Tanfield (occupied by Robert and Ephalia Stobbs), from Lady Day next for a term of 21 years, if William Hall of Newcastle gent and/or Matilda his wife live so long. Rent: £9 pa, plus an annuity of £21 pa to William Hall and Matilda his wife.

Date: Tanfield, 25 February 18 Charles II.

Paper, repaired with paper c.1980 1f

CLV.403 9 August 1664

Receipt of Matthew Jeffreyson and Roger Kirkby, two of the Newcastle chamberlains, for the final payment (£172 from a total consideration of £690, payable in 4 instalments) due under the conveyance of 3 February 1662/3 (recited within) of one twelfth of the coalmines and seams under the manors of Gateside [Gateshead] and Whickham from the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle to Sir James Clavering 1st Bt. (By a redemise of 4 February 1662, the 2nd-4th instalments are secured to Sir Francis Anderson of Newcastle, in trust for the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle).

Paper 2f

CLV.404 6 July 1739

Copy admittance of Sir James Clavering (out of court, before Thomas Rudd and others, deputies of George Grey, steward of the manor, or one of them) to all the lands and messuages in Whickham in which John Shafto esq son and heir of Mark Shaftoe deceased surrendered claim. Fine: £1 3s 4d

Endorsed: "The Original deliver'd to Mr. Goodchild"

Date: Whickham.

Paper 1f

CLV.405 25 September 1742

(1) Sir James Clavering of Greencroft, Bt

(2) Nathan Wetherell of Swalwell, gent

Articles of agreement whereby (1) covenants to deliver to (2) at Byermoor 1000 fothers of coal pa, fit for making cinders (each fother to contain 8 bolls, each boll to contain 36 gallons, Winchester measure). (2) may build 4 ovens at Byermoor for burning cinders, covering no more than 20 yards square, and may quarry stones for building and repairing the ovens from Sir James Clavering's quarries in Byermoor, and have sufficient adjacent heaproom and wayleaves to the Tyne and Derwent. (2) may not burn any other coals in the ovens than those bought from (1).

Term: 9 years from 2nd February 1743.

Rent: £58 6s 8d pa. (being 1s 2d per fother).

With addition, agreeing that in any year of the lease by giving written notice before 2 February, (2) may require (1) to supply additional fothers of coal up to a maximum of 2000 fothers pa at 1s 2d per fother.

Paper 2f

CLV.406 19 November 1762

Byermoor Colliery, Whickham "A Valuation of Byermoor Pitt Geers".

Paper, mounted on board 1f

CLV.407 20 November 1779

Andrewshouse Colliery, Tanfield and Byermoor Colliery, Whickham

(1) Fewster Teasdale on behalf of Sir Thomas Clavering of Axwell, Bt

(2) Joseph Soulsby and 18 other named heuers of coal and drivers of sled horses

Articles of agreement whereby (2) agree to be hired by (1), for the rates of pay and under the conditions of employment specified, for work in Andrewshouse Colliery in the chapelry of Tanfield or any pit or pits in Byermoor Colliery in the parish of Whickham the date of the agreement until 22 November 1780.

19th century photograph, mounted on card. (The original document is not present in the collection.)

A document matching this description in the collection of George Neasham, the Durham historian and biographer, is included in the catalogue of exhibits in the temporary museum, Black Gate, Newcastle, published in *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne*, new series, 1 (1883), p.338.

Paper 1f

CLV.408 [18th century]

Notes of conveyances to Robert Wilkinson of Newcastle of lands and messuages in the manor of Winlaton by Sir George Selby, Sir Francis Anderson of Newcastle, and Henry Selby. n.d. .

Paper 1f, repaired with paper c.1970

CLV.409/1-2 [1720s?]

Middle Black Dean, [Stanhope], Weardale Abstract of title to Middle Black Dean, [Stanhope]. Weardale, (20 October 1676 to 22 July 1720), with a list of mortgages (1692-1695) in another hand. n.d.

The final indenture in the abstract is a conveyance of Middle Black Dean to Dame Jane Clavering, a widow, in trust for her son Sir James Clavering 4th Bt, a minor, 22 July 1720.

Paper 2f

CLV.410 19 January 1767

(1) Thomas Rowell of Darlington, cordwainer and Christopher Rowell of Darlington, woolcomber

(2) John Greathead of Darlington, butcher

Articles of agreement whereby (1) covenants to convey a messuage in Northgate, Darlington (in the possession of Thomas Rowell), with the second pew stall in the middle aisle of the parish church to (2) before 20 June 1767. Consideration: £107 15s.

Paper 2f

CLV.411/1-2 [c.1720]

Edmund Horne v John Hodgson

Brief for the defendant Horne, in a case concerning ejectment from a messuage in the parish of Sunderland. n.d.

With signature of C. Johnston [? the Durham lawyer] 1720 on the verso of the second sheet.

Paper 2f

CLV.412/1-6 [1720s]

Thomas Cradock (*in forma pauperis*) v Thomas Bowes, gent and others
Brief for the defendant Thomas Bowes, in a case about title to Woodhouses [West Auckland], comprising a bill of complaint, answers of Bowes, complainants' proofs and Bowes' proofs. In the exchequer, equity side. n.d.
Paper file 6f

CLV.413 12 October 1738

Memorandum of a conversation with Mr Richmond concerning rent due on Mould Hill Close, and a dispute about concealed goods taken from Cocklaw [Hexham]. Proposed that Mr Errington and Mr Blackett should choose arbitrators to resolve it.
Paper 2f

CLV.414 20 January 1747

Receipt of Shafto Downes for a lease of 9 November 1672 (from John Fenwick to George Pearson, of the other part of a tenement known as the Heigh in Hexhamshire), delivered to Downes by William Burleigh late of Dublin, now of Allendale, as security for £243 advanced as a mortgage on the lease by Downes.
Paper 2f

CLV.415/1-9 15 June 1753

Legal opinion by Thomas Rudd of Durham on the proofs laid before him by [George] Baker, lord of the manor of Bulbeck, Northumberland on the one hand, and the owners of Espershields, Cronkley, Unthank and Minsteracres on the other hand, regarding their rights to certain common grounds at Cronkley, Espershields, Unthank and Minsteracres. Includes schedule of the proofs produced, spanning the period since 1669. John Clavering had a life interest in part of Espershields.
Paper 9f

CLV.416 27 October 1758

Legal opinion (headed "Additional Case") signed by E. Williams regarding the title to Elmley Westpasture Field and the lead ore beneath it, in a dispute between John Clavering and George Baker, lord of the manor of Bulbeck.
Paper 2f

CLV.417/1-2 13 March [1590]

(1) Elizabeth Grene daughter and coheir of Thomas Grene of Newcastle
(2) Barbara Blunt of Blaydon, widow, sister of (1) and another coheir of Thomas Grene
Deed poll quit claim by (1) to (2) of her interest in a burgage, shop and cellar in the Bigg Market, Newcastle, two messuages in Pudding Chaire and a close of land outside the Westgate of Newcastle. 2 sheets.

Date: Newcastle upon Tyne, 13 March 31 Elizabeth I.

Language: Latin

Paper 2f

CLV.418/1-2 [2nd half 17th century]

Summary extracts from proceedings in the court of exchequer relating to the conservancy of the River Tyne and other causes touching the privileges of the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle upon Tyne. Cites earlier cases 23 Henry VIII to 20 Charles II, and includes an abstract of witnesses' depositions in the present proceedings.

Paper Fragments of 2 sheets numbered 14 and 15, backed on to paper c.1950

CLV.419 28 July 1639

(1) William Ord of Newbiggin, Co Durham, esq

(2) Frances Ord and John Alder of Berwick upon Tweed, gents

Letter of attorney from (1) to (2) to deliver seisin of his mansion and demesne of Weetwood [Chatton] to Sir John Clavering of Callaly, Northumberland, kt, William Strother of Kirk Newton, and Henry Ord of Weetwood, Northumberland, gents, upon the trusts of an indenture of even date.

Endorsed: letter of attorney for giving possession of Weetwood to Sir John Clavering and others for the use of John Ord.

Paper 2f

CLV.420 12 January [1620]

(1) Sir Francis Jones, citizen and alderman of London, George Salter of St Dunstan in the West, London, gents, and John Williams of St Peter Le Poor, London, draper

(2) Sir William Garway and Henry Garway of London, esq, William Garway and Nathaniel Garway citizens and merchants of London, sons of Sir William Garway.

Abstract of a bargain and sale by (1) to (2) for £10000 from Sir William Garway to Jones, and £5 each to Salter and Williams from his sons, for the use of his sons, of the following:

The manors of Holbeck and Spalding, Lincs etc.

Messuages in Rough forth [Rufforth] Yorks, messuages and lands in Appleton in the Street, Yorks

Newly built tenements at Ridlamhope, Northumberland, with pasturage for 300 sheep; a tenement/new edifice on the waste called Cockerellsheld, Northumberland, with pasturage for 200 sheep; a tenement called Wennamehill with 15 acres of land; a tenement in Elmley and Apperley, Northumberland with 48 acres of land.

Tenements and farms in Garresdale, Yorks, as specified.

Granges in the archdeaconry of Richmond, with messuages, lands and fee farm rents in Richmond and in the archdeaconry of Richmond, cottages and crofts in Crayke, Yorks, fee farm rents in Manfield, Yorks, Easby and Skeeby, archdeaconry of Richmond.

Tenements in York as specified.

Tenements in Hartlepool, Teesdale, Northallerton, Darlington.

Tenements in Thorp, archdeaconry of Richmond.

Manors of Stapleton, Yorks and Brompton upon Swale.

All of which manors, properties in York, archdeaconry of Richmond and Co Durham were formerly the property of the monastery of St Agatha [Easby] in the archdeaconry of Richmond.

Further lands as specified in Westmorland, Northumberland, Richmond, and Yorks Manor of Ebboth alias Greenfield, Monmouth.

12 January 17 James I.

Paper booklet 28p

G: Accounts, bills, receipts, market notes

CLV.421-434 1627 - 1813

CLV.421 10 April 1627

Receipt of Henry Lindley for £100 from James Clavering of Newcastle for the use of Mrs Anne Otes and her children by her late husband John Clavering of Eaton.

Paper 1f

CLV.422 [19th century]

Page of accounts relating to funeral and medical expenses, 1714-1726.

Paper 1f

CLV.423 1 April 1740

Receipt of Bartholomew Kent for 6s from Thomas Allin (half a year's land tax on William Graham's house in Butcher Bank). With a note of 1 window sash received also.

Paper 1f

CLV.424 26 July 1747?

Fragment of a receipt of Lionel Dixon, ? from Mrs Graham, for supplies of sheet lead, nails and fixing for a gutter without Pilgrim Street, Newcastle.

Paper 1f

CLV.425 31 May 1763

Receipted bill of Henry Morland to Sir Thomas Clavering for 20 paintings by Ruysdael and others, and restoration work on them. Total: £17 18s.

Paper 1f

CLV.426 December 1765

"Market Note" (weekly accounts of purchases and sales).

Paper 1f

CLV.427 31 December 1765

Receipt for £50 received by Jos. Saint for Messrs Bill, Cookson, Carr, Airey from Fewster Teasdale on behalf of Sir Thomas Clavering Bt.

Paper 1f

CLV.428 September 1768

"Market Note" (weekly accounts of purchases and sales).

Paper 1f

CLV.429 19 August 1769

Receipt of B. Clayton for £110 (half a year's interest on £5500 due 20 June last from Sir James Clavering Bt) from Leonard Martin per Messrs Hoare.

Paper 1f

CLV.430 26 March 1792

Bill of Robert Cartony, tea dealer, King's Arms & Golden Bottle, opposite Somerset Place, Strand [London], [printed bill head], to Lady Clavering [wife of Sir Thomas].

Paper 1f

CLV.431 2 April 1793

Receipt of Rev. James Greville, rector of Whickham, for £1 13s 4d (one year's modus, in lieu of tithes, of the dales due from the copyholders of the parish of Whickham whose names and individual payments are endorsed) from James Armstrong.

Paper 1f

CLV.432-434 3 June - 24 July 1813

Receipted bills for seltzer water bought of J. Schweppe & Co., 79 Margaret Street, Cavendish Square [London], [printed bill heads], by Lady Clavering [wife of Sir Thomas John], 3 June 1813, 26 June [1813? final digit of year not filled in], 24 July 1813.

Paper 3f

H: Douglas family of Newcastle

CLV.435-455 1710 - 1784

Sir Thomas Clavering 7th Bt married Martha, daughter of Joshua Douglas, a Newcastle attorney, whom the mss chiefly concern.

Business correspondence of Joshua Douglas

CLV.435-444 1733 - 1761

CLV.435 20 September 1733

Henry Brooke to J.D., Newcastle.

About delays in the execution of a deed relating to property for which he is a trustee on behalf of his niece Reed and her siblings. Postmarked.

Paper 1f

CLV.436 16 November 1739

Ralph Stobbs, Darlington to J.D., Newcastle.

Encloses a letter, not now present, from Mr Mayes (explaining that he is unable to attend at Newcastle to peruse the deeds in the custody of Sir Benjamin Rawling or his agent, in Mr Potter's affair). Darlington postmark.

Paper 1f

CLV.437 8 January 1740

Ralph Stobbs, Darlington, to J.D., Newcastle.

Encloses a letter, not now present, from Mr Mayes (detailing objections to Potter's title) and discusses arrangements to settle matters. Darlington postmark.

Paper 1f

CLV.438 24 June 1740

Ralph Stobbs, Darlington, to J.D., Newcastle.

Asks him to speak to Mr Mayes, who is in Newcastle, about Mr. Potter's affair. Darlington postmark.

Paper 1f

CLV.439 21 March 1747

Robert Roddam, Pilgrim St, [Newcastle] to J.D. Westgate, [Newcastle].

Asks D. to write to Mr Thompson to have the stock of his deceased partner Mr Watson valued, with a proper inventory.

Paper 1f

CLV.440 4 November 1748

Robert Roddam, Cullercoats, to J.D., Westgate [Newcastle].

He cannot understand what demands D. is uneasy about. Will settle any debts he can. With, below, a copy of D's reply, 5 November 1748, claiming £40 due for work undertaken in relation to Mr Thompson.

Paper 1f

CLV.441 21 July 1754

Henry Trotter, Gravely, Cambridgeshire, to Joshua Douglas, Newcastle.

Describes Gravely's situation, 4 miles from Huntingdon, and gives addresses in Huntingdon to which documents can be sent, to reach him quickly. Explains that poor health prevents him from leaving home. Huntingdon postmark.

Paper 1f

CLV.442 29 November 1757

George Baker, Eldon, to J.D., Westgate St, Newcastle.

About repairs, gates and hedging, levelling of pit heaps, etc. needed at Woodhouses. Gives estimates of costs. Asks to be excused from drawing a plan of the grounds, for want of ability. Agrees Douglas's proposed scheme of husbandry is sound, but explains in some detail the customary husbandry of the place. Asks whether any agreement has been reached with Christopher Simpson's brother for a new lease.

Paper 2f

CLV.443 6 March 1760

J[ohn] Clavering, London, to J.D., Newcastle.

He has instructed Teasdale to pay D.'s bills. He has entrusted the management of his affairs to T., relieving D. of the bother of inspecting the estate accounts. Franked and postmarked.

Paper 2f

CLV.444 19 September 1761

Robert Hall, Newcastle to John Jackson.

On the directions of Sir Thomas Clavering [Joshua Douglas's executor] he forwards another of the Swaledale arrears received by the late J.D., together with a bill for J.D.'s work in relation to his Grace's disputed fee farm rents. Copy.

Paper 1f

Legal documents concerning the Douglas family, chiefly Joshua Douglas

CLV.445-455 1710 - 1784

CLV.445 27 April 1710

William Yarnold of London, gent, versus John Douglas and Lyonell Moore.

Bill of complaint concerning the plaintiff's agreement with Newcastle Corporation in 1697 for a supply of piped water to the town, and John Douglas's failure to pay over to the plaintiff money due to him for branch pipes. In chancery, before Lord Chancellor Cowper [a Clavering kinsman].

Paper 2f

CLV.446 13 November 1711

John Douglas v Mary Chafin, widow, William Yarnold and others.

Copy answer of the defendant Chafin in a dispute concerning the supply of water to Newcastle. 19 October 1711. With, written at the foot, a letter from J. Andrews to his cousin [John] Douglas, forwarding the above and discussing the progress of the chancery proceedings.

Paper 2f

CLV.447 January 1712

Fragment of a brief in a law suit relating to the Newcastle water supply, involving Robert Douglas and his father John.

Paper 1f

CLV.448 15 November 1721

Licence to Robert Douglas of Newcastle, gent, to dig for coal in the duke and duchess of Somerset's lands belonging to the manor of Corbridge east of Aydon alias Shildon and the Fawnes, Northumberland, for 3 years. Signed by M. Foster. Rent 1s pa.

Paper, mounted on card and then on board 1f

CLV.449 3 August 1744

Consent of the churchwardens of St Nicholas, Newcastle, to the enlargement of Joshua Douglas's pew there.

Paper, repaired with paper c.1950 1f

CLV.450 29 September - 10 December 1745

Account, headed Robert Douglas esq, for sums due for professional services.

Paper 1f

CLV.451 22 September 1746

William Graham and George Graham (an infant, by William Graham his next friend), complainants, v Mary Graham, Joshua Douglas, Gabriel Hall and William Creighton, defendants.

Depositions, with a list of interrogatories, on behalf of the plaintiffs, and depositions on behalf of Mary Graham, defendant, taken at Newcastle.

Paper booklet 16p

CLV.452 2 February 1759

Draft praecipe and concord, Matthew Sibbit gent and Hannah his wife to Joshua Douglas esq, of 2 messuages, 6 cottages, 2 barns, 1 garden, 100 acres each of land, meadow, pasture and moor in Ancroft, Longdike Hall and Ancroft Green, parish of Holy Island.

Endorsed: "This came from Mr. Jefreys 2. Feb. 1759, 9 Mar. 1759 Copy sent to Mr. Dixon of D[urha]m".

Paper 1f

CLV.453 2 November 1770

Receipt of William Fenwick from Sir Thomas Clavering Bt, executor of the late Joshua Douglas (who was executor of Robert Douglas of Newcastle gent) for £40 due on a bond (in £200) of Robert Douglas to William Potter of Hawkwell, Northumberland, 22 Sept 1731, for securing an annuity to John Shafto, the bond having been assigned in 1751 to Fenwick. With indemnity from Fenwick to Clavering.

Paper 1f

CLV.454 29 March 1773

Receipt of William Fenwick from Sir Thomas Clavering Bt, executor of the late Joshua Douglas (who was executor of Robert Douglas of Newcastle gen.) for £10 due on the above bond. With indemnity from Fenwick to Clavering.

Paper 1f

CLV.455 2 June 1784

Receipt of Aubone Surtees the younger of Newcastle upon Tyne (as treasurer of the Newcastle Infirmary) for £200 bequeathed to the infirmary by Alice Douglas by her will of 1782, received from her executrix Dame Martha Clavering.

Paper 2f

I: Shipping

CLV.456-457 18th century

CLV.456 [first half 18th century]

Fragments of a formulary of legal documents mostly relating to matters of shipping.

p.1: A Protest against the seas and enemy

2: A Protest against the Freighter for Demurrage

3: A Protest against the Seas for the loss of 3 Anchors and Cables

5: A Scotch Warrant of Attorney to receive Money due Upon Bond

7: Insurance of £160 on a ship

8: A Bottomary Bill

9: A Protest against Masters for not Proceeding in Voyages

10: An Average Where Ship and Goods are Ransomed

11: Protest against Freighter and Merchant for not loading ship

12: Average where Ship was Ransomed

13: Newcastle Upon Tyne A Certificate for Pension; Insurance of Money on a Ship

14: Protest against Collector for not Delivering Master his Coquet

15: Masters Affidavits to have Mate and Carpenter Protested; A Condition for an Apprentice that is Turned over to another Master

16: Articles for a Horse Race

Paper booklet 16p

CLV.457 25 March 1778

Sarah Wilkinson (widow and executrix) v Joseph Atkinson (executor)

Inventory of the goods and chattels of the late George Wilkinson of Sunderland, master mariner (died December 1773), which have come into the hands of Joseph Atkinson of Sunderland, rope maker, one of his executors. Sworn in the cause promoted against him by Sarah Wilkinson for rendering a true account of his administration.

At the time of his death George Wilkinson owned two ships, the Briton and the Betty, employed in the coal trade. After his death Atkinson continued to employ them in the same trade until he sold them. The inventory gives an account of the voyages of the two ships under his executorship, 1774-1776, carrying coals to London, Southampton, Portsmouth, Lymington, Northam, Bradwell, Shoreham, Wisbech and Newhaven, and to Schedam in Holland, with details and valuations of their cargoes, and accounts of the expenses of fitting out the voyages. Accounts of Atkinson's other expenses as executor are also included.

Paper booklet 32p

Related material in other DUL collections: For the will of George Wilkinson, see DPRI/1/1773/W17.

J: Correspondence etc. of the archdeacon of Northumberland, the bishop of Durham, and the bishop's agent

CLV.458-479 1721 - 1809

Ownership history: The documents in this group may be strays from the Auckland Palace archives; only CLV 461 concerns the Claverings.

CLV.458 4 December 1721

Warrant against George Jackson of Sandy Bank, Witton le Wear for not appearing in the consistory court in a suit brought by Catherine Bowes of Durham, widow, concerning the tithes of Witton le Wear.

Paper 1f

CLV.459 28 June 1748

Draft grant for life by the bishop of Durham [Edward Chandler] to Christopher Johnson of the castle in Durham, gent, of the office of keeper of the manor of Darlington and bailiff of Coatham Mundeville (which has been surrendered by Ralph Trotter), on the same conditions as several of his predecessors. Renumeration: 53s 4d charged on land at Coatham Mundeville and 4 quarters of wheat from the tenants of Blackwell.

Paper 1f

CLV.460 3 June 1750

Schedule of furnishings in the [bishop of Durham's] chapels at Durham and Auckland. Endorsed: "Mr Johnson's schedule, 3 June 1750" .

Paper 1f

CLV.461 23 November 1750

Letter from Christopher Johnson, Durham Castle, to the bishop of Durham [Joseph Butler]. About the claims of Henry Lambton as lord of the manor of Langley, and George Clavering as lord of the manor of Greencroft (inherited from his father Sir James Clavering) to large parts of the common in the bishop's manor of Lanchester. Rehearses previous claims on the common by Sir James Clavering and Lord Powlett (sometime lord of the manor of Langley).

Paper 2f

CLV.462 23 July 1763

Injunctions from Samuel Dickens, archdeacon [of Durham], to the churchwardens of St Giles, Durham for repairs to the chancel and churchyard fences following his visitation of 6 June 1763.

Paper 2f

CLV.463/1-4 14 April 1764

Legal opinion of C. Yorke concerning the entitlement of William Warburton, bishop of Gloucester and prebendary of the first stall of Durham cathedral, who had been dispensed by royal licence from the residence requirement at Durham, to claim residence money.

Paper 4f

CLV.464 July 1772

(1) John [Egerton] bishop of Durham

(2) Morton Davison of Beamish, esq

Draft lease by (1) to (2) of half an oxgang of land in Middridge (surrendered by Dorothy Forster) for a term of 3 lives. (1) appoints Thomas Hugall and Henry Laidler, both of Durham, gents, as his attorneys to deliver seisin. Rent: 6s 8d pa.

The draft is made out by writing the necessary alterations on the counterpart copy of a lease of 4 March 1765 from Richard Trevor, bishop of Durham (d1771) to Thomas Davison of Beamish, esq.

Paper 2f

CLV.465 11 January 1773

Letter from Revd Thomas Moses to Dr [John] Sharp, archdeacon of Northumberland. About his problems in providing a curate for Kirkhaugh, where Mr Chalmers, over 80 and without his faculties, had caused great dissatisfaction among the parishioners. No one in orders will accept the post for the available emolument of 20 guineas a year and surplice fees. He has had the offer of two young men of good character who would take it, and supplement the income by running a school, which is needed, but the difficulty of going into orders is great. It could be supplied in the afternoons by the incumbent of Knarsdale and curate of West Allen alternately, and at other times as best they could manage. Many of the parishioners do not wish Moses [who holds the livings of Allenton and Kirkhaugh] to give Kirkhaugh up, but he is willing to resign his place if the bishop wishes, to help resolve the problem.

Paper 1f

CLV.466 19 January 1773

Letter from Revd Thomas Moses, Allenton, to the bishop of Durham [John Egerton]. On the same subject as 465. The writer explains that he was presented to Kirkhaugh in 1743. When in 1748 he was sent to an episcopalian congregation in Aberdeen, he was allowed by Bishop Chandler, and subsequently Bishops Butler and Trevor to retain Kirkhaugh. On his return Bishop Trevor gave him Allenton, with an indulgence to keep a curate at Kirkhaugh. Allenton is also a small living, and he can only live by tutoring three boys. If the bishop will allow him to retain Kirkhaugh, he has a suitable young man who will offer himself for ordination, and meanwhile two neighbouring clergymen will supply Kirkhaugh.

Paper 1f in 2 parts

CLV.467 30 January 1773

Letter from Dr J[ohn] Sharp, Durham, to the bishop of Durham [John Egerton]. Supports Moses's plea to keep Kirkhaugh, in view of the low income of Allenton, and approves the arrangements Moses has suggested for supplying Kirkhaugh until a curate can be ordained (but warns the bishop that the patron, a litigious man who has also caused trouble at Alston may object). He has instructed the attorney to put a stop to the chancery proceedings against the sequestrators of Alnham.

Paper 1f

CLV.468 17 January 1775

Letter from Revd W. Harrison, curate of Hartlepool, to the bishop of Durham [John Egerton] in London.

He protests about the chapel erected in Hartlepool by John Heslup, who performs services there and wears clerical dress, and who on Christmas day took it upon himself to administer the sacrament to some of the townspeople. "If such Sectaries, My Lord, be allowed to proceed in the Manner he does, without being taken Notice of by the Governours of the Church; it cannot be expected that a Curate will have much Influence ... where such a Person constantly resides; and takes every Advantage possible to insense his followers in the Notion, that it is a Clergyman's Duty to comply with every thing they chuse to have done". Heslup is causing particular difficulty over funerals when "the Corpse is not to be moved till such an Hour as he shall appoint; so that very often it will be dark before we can get the Funeral over". Durham postmark.

Paper 1f

CLV.469 3 July 1775

Letter from Dr J[ohn] Sharp, archdeacon of Northumberland, Bamburgh Castle to the bishop of Durham [John Egerton].

About problems in making arrangements for services at Howick and Longhaughton. At Howick Sir Henry Grey and his brother the colonel have accepted the proposed alteration in the time of the service, but at Longhaughton there are divisions in Thompson whose conduct of the service at Longhaughton has found favour with the parishioners. He notes the need to augment the living of Longhaughton, which is too poor to allow the vicar to pay a curate adequately. With a postscript on storage arrangements for the muniments of the Crewe Trustees.

Paper 1f

CLV.470 18 November 1775

Letter from E. Wilson, Washington, to George Brooks [agent for the bishop of Durham]. About colliery leases. Brooks should have received a lease for perusal. He has consented to proceed with the lessees with whom he first treated "I have done the best I could for the colliery & the living; it is more likely to be worked, & brought to profit by these gentlemen than by Mr. Russel, who was only a Customer out of a principle of opposition, & malevolence to my lessees". A chancery suit is likely between the lessees and Russel regarding the adjoining colliery belonging to Revd Dr Musgrave of Oxford.

Paper 1f

CLV.471 2 January 1778

Letter from George Hutton, Sedgefield, to George Brooks (agent for the bishop of Durham).

Encloses a lease (CLV 472), which he has agreed to purchase from Mr Byron, of lands on Wolsingham Common, and asks for a licence of alienation from the bishop to allow Byron to convey the lease to him.

Endorsed: Licence granted, 14 Feb. 1778.

Paper 1f

CLV.472 enclosed in CLV 471 1 September 1777

(1) John [Egerton] bishop of Durham

(2) Hon & Revd Richard Byron of Winston

Copy lease by (1) to (2) of a parcel of ground formerly of the North Moor, Wolsingham, allotted at the division of the common to Henry Hopper for 3 lives. Recites the surrender of a previous lease by John Burdon of Hardwick. Reserves woods and minerals. Rent: £2 16s 1d pa.

Paper 2f

CLV.473 30 August 1785

Letter from L. Dutens, Eldon, to the bishop of Durham [John Egerton].

Enclosing [no longer present] a paper setting out his ideas for reconciling difficulties in collecting tithes, whereby "The Rights of the Church are ascertained, the Poor the better for it, and every Body made easy".

With a draft reply by G[eorge] B[rooks, the bishop's agent], Auckland Castle, 7 September 1785.

Paper 1f

CLV.474 15 February 1788

Copy of petition of 5 June 1707 to Dr William Hartwell, rector of Stanhope, from 37 landholders (names not given). Recounts the recent dispute between the inhabitants of the Park and Forest over the choice of a curate for St John's Chapel. Claims that some of the inhabitants have made an irregular election, and given a Mr Lodge, who is unqualified, violent possession. Petitions that Hartwell should approve as curate John Johnson MA whom they have duly elected "as far as in us lies", acknowledging that the rector's approbation is necessary to a valid nomination.

With a note that Johnson received Hartwell's approbation on 2 June 1707, and was licensed as curate of St John's Chapel by the bishop, 5 June 1707.

Further note: "Feby 15th 1788 faithfully copied by me Henry Hardinge".

Paper 2f

CLV.475 5 June 1789

Letter, unsigned [probably unintentionally; endorsed with the name Eddington, ? the writer] written from Stella, to the bishop of Durham [Thomas Thurlow].

About the collieries at Pelton Fell and White Hall Common rented from the bishop by Mrs Montagu, which are let to General Lambton for about £300 pa. The seams are nearly exhausted and the general needs the bishop's permission for wayleave to carry coals from the adjoining Twizell freehold down the same wagonway to the Wear.

Includes a note of the shares held by the partners in each colliery. Newcastle upon Tyne postmark.

Endorsed "of Pelton Colliery/Gen[era]l/Lambton/of importance".

Paper 2f

CLV.476-478 1788 - 1799

Rentals of the manor of Gateshead held under lease from the bishop of Durham by Henry Ellison, for 1788/89, 1789/90 and 1798/99.

Paper 3f

CLV.479 11 January 1809

Licence from the bishop of Durham [Shute Barrington] to Nicholas Barmston, Washington, gent (the lessee of lands in Ryhope) to assign to John Clark of North Shields, Northumberland, mercer and draper lands called Langdale, alias Nelly's Close, Ryhope and to assign to George Robinson of Hendon Lodge, esq, other lands at Ryhope. With a memorandum that Sharley Bank should have been assigned to John Vaux of Bishopwearmouth, and instructions for preparation of licences to assign.

Paper 1f

K: Miscellanea

CLV.480-490 17th - 19th centuries

CLV.480 [19th century]

Pedigree of the Claverings of Axwell, Chopwell and Greencroft, taken from William Hutchinson, *The History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham* (1785-1794). n.d.

Paper 1f

CLV.481 [1792 x 1805]

Pedigrees of the family of Fox, earls of Ilchester and Barons Holland; the viscounts and marquesses Townshend; the earls and marquesses Cornwallis [all connexions of Spencer Cowper, dean of Durham]. n.d.

Paper 1f

CLV.482 27 October 1718

Biographical notes on Samuel Colvil, written on a flyleaf from an edition of his poem *The Scotch Hudibras*, with *ex libris* inscription of Guil. Derham.

Paper 1f

CLV.483 [later 19th century]

Copy (partly in shorthand) of the will of Hugh Dryden of Reedpath, in the parish of Haltwhistle, Northumberland, yeoman, November 1796.

[On paper watermarked 1888].

Paper 2f

CLV.484 September 1655

Signatures of John Coventry.

Paper 1f + envelope

CLV.485 1751

Signature "Windsor" and seal, taken from a document on membrane. With 19th century note describing it as the signature and seal of Herbert, Viscount Windsor [a Clavering kinsman].

Paper 1f

CLV.486 [late 18th century]

Letter from James Armstrong, agent to Sir Thomas Clavering, to [the overseers of the poor].

Seeks assistance on behalf of Robert Dickinson of Winlaton, describing the condition of his family and threatening action to establish Dickinson's place of settlement if relief is refused. n.d.

Paper 1f

CLV.487 16 February 1842

Letter from the proprietors of the *Durham Chronicle* to Mr Hill, The Music Hall, Nelson St, Newcastle, soliciting for the advertising for his forthcoming sale of paintings. With clipping of an advertisement for the sale.

Paper 1f

CLV.488 [c.1850s]

Drawing of the inscribed bases of three pillars from Vindolanda. n.d.

With the signature of Charles Thorp on the verso.

Paper 1f

CLV.489 21 June 1853

Drawing of the White Horse at Uffington on the Berkshire Downs, with a note of measurements supplied by Dr Barnes of Oxford.

Paper 1f

CLV.490 [c.1830s]

Sketch map showing the borders between Upper Canada and the United States from Lake Ontario to Lake Erie, with heading "Seat of War 1837": [Paper watermarked 1836].

Paper 1f

L: The Clavering Guardbook

CLV.491 1715 - 1717

The content of the items included can be divided into three, rather loose, categories. The first of these being intelligence reports.

The intelligence gathered allows us a great insight into the movements of the rebels, the attitudes of the militia towards them and the way in which their activities were countered. The reports originate from many places, including Silksworth, Winston, Barnard Castle, Middleton, Dinsdale, Leadgate, Newcastle, Hurworth, Seburgh and Wolsingham. Although the level of disaffection was reasonably small, it was very widespread, making the situation quite dangerous.

The second group of items is concerned with Clavering's expenditures. There are several lists of accounts written by James Clavering, which outline exactly what he had paid his command during the rebellion and highlight the difficulties he faced when trying to obtain reimbursement. There is also correspondence from Lord Scarbrough accusing Clavering of over-exaggerating his outlay, highlighting the fact that he too had lost much of his personal funds, but was not intending to ask for them back.

The last and most extensive group of letters are those from Thomas Yorke. He acts as Clavering's agent in London, promoting his interests and relaying information from the government and seeking, in return, advance news of the rebellion from Clavering so that he can play the stock market to their mutual advantage. There is much about the relationships between various families and their attitudes towards both the conflict and James Clavering. In particular there is the development of Sir Henry Liddell (whose son Thomas was married to Clavering's sister Jane) as a possible Jacobite and his attempts to blacken the reputation of Clavering. Possibly the most important aspect of the correspondence from Yorke is that it reveals Clavering's personal situation. Whereas the other items provide an account of the events that took place, Yorke focuses mainly on the personal life of Clavering. Yorke offers much advice on Clavering's personal situation and finances, seeking to dissuade Clavering from his intention to go abroad and advising him to await the anticipated demise of Clavering's father. Ironically, it is rather the death of Yorke's own father that features in the correspondence. Yorke also seeks Clavering's assistance in his own family troubles, a dispute between his mother and elder brother, and reports on Clavering's financial affairs in London, including the despatch of various goods north. He also comments on political developments in London and of course on the weather. 69 items in 1 volume

Biographical information: James Clavering (1680-1748) was the head of the Greencroft branch of the Clavering family. He was deeply involved with the Jacobite rebellion of 1715, 'The Fifteen'. He serving alongside Captain Hartley, both men commanding troops in the North of England under the Lord Lieutenant, the Earl of Scarborough. Clavering's troop operated in County Durham and Northumberland, gathering information and acting as a security force in the area. Many of the items are reports from the spy network organised by Clavering. Lord Scarborough was keen to maintain an advantage over the rebels, ordering Clavering to spare no expense in the gathering of information.

Clavering's attitude towards the government in England changed dramatically during the period recorded in the items. After being much involved in helping to preserve the new Hanoverian regime, he then experienced much hardship after the rebellion in trying to obtain reimbursement for his expenditures. Thomas Yorke (whose sister Catherine Clavering had married) was actively involved in his support and advice for Clavering on this matter. It appears that he was not alone in his plight as we learn of others, such as Captain Hartley, who became increasingly annoyed at the way they were being treated. Though only Yorke's

side of the correspondence survives here, it is clear that Clavering was making comments in letters to Yorke which led to Yorke accusing Clavering of being a Jacobite.

Previous custodial history

Ownership history: It is assumed that the guard book remained in the Clavering family until the late nineteenth century when John Clavering, esq, gave the letters to the Durham historian, George Neasham. Many of the items are transcribed, at least in part, in his 1882 work, *History and Biography of West Durham* (1881) p.47-63, with commentary. It is not known what happened to the papers between then and the late twentieth century when they appeared in the catalogues of Roy Davids Ltd in Oxford, from whom the university acquired the collection. They were certainly not in circulation in 1946 when the university acquired the Clavering papers.

Arrangement

The items of the Guard Book are generally arranged in chronological order. There are only six items (CLV 491/52(a) to CLV 491/52(f)) which are out of chronological order, representing a thematic structure before returning to the chronological approach. The letters have usually been endorsed [by Clavering] with the date and writer's name. A number have had the otherwise blank address page torn off and these pages are now lost. The items have subsequently been flattened, had some minor repairs made and tipped into a guard book, all possibly by George Neasham. The volume's pages have some notes on the letters, again possibly by Neasham.

CLV.491/1 29 September 1715

Letter from Sir G[ilbert] Elliott Elliott who doesn't disclose his full details for security reasons. He speaks of how Aberdeen, Montrose, Perth, Arbroath and Inverness have all fallen into the hands of the papists. The Duke of Argyll is gaining support from Glasgow, Douglas, Kilmarnock and Mers. The Royal Regiment is to support the Irish forces of General Evans at Stirling Camp. General Cardogan has gone to get support from the Dutch under the Barrier Treaty.

Paper 2f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.47-48.

CLV.491/2 3 October 1715

Letter from Jonathan Maughan at Wolsingham, an intelligence report in the form of an informal letter. It is concerned with the activities of a Dr Foster of Barnard Castle and his associates. He is suspected of being a papist along with two hundred other men in the town. Maughan reports the fact that the papists are holding meetings in the open fields before 5am. He adds his personal belief that Lord Scarbrough would have Foster rounded up with the rest of the papists in the town when he felt it necessary.

Paper 1f

Extract in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.49

CLV.491/3 3 October 1715

Letter from Robert Killinghall at Middleton. A reply to a letter sent to him by James Clavering inviting him to take up his old post as intelligence gatherer. It appears that Killinghall was interested in remaining neutral in the conflict, for personal reasons. He is asking for Clavering's understanding in the matter and declines the "order" to buy horses for the war effort. He reassures Clavering that if he were to become involved again in the conflict it would be in his service. He offers the name of a contact who may be willing to complete the task for Clavering.

Paper 1f

CLV.491/4 6 October 1715

Letter from Thomas Yorke jr in London. He speaks of how his father doesn't want anything to do with the conflict. A plot to overthrow the monarchy and sack London failed as Intelligence had too much information about it. He highlights his confidence that the conflict should soon be resolved and discourages Clavering from his intention to go abroad to avoid his father who may not live much longer. Sir William Wyndham [chancellor of the exchequer, one of the main instigators of the rebellion] surrendered and told of a plot by the Tories to identify royalist supporters so that they could be massacred.

Paper 2f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.50

CLV.491/5 10 October 1715

Letter from Jonathan Maughan; an intelligence update on orders carried out. Maughan is stating that during a routine search of properties they did not find what they expected to. He took a local from Ludwell, who went by the name of Brave George, and held him in custody at Cornsay, waiting for Clavering to give them further orders. As they were on foot they could not come to Greencroft.

Paper 1f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.49

CLV.491/6 11 October 1715

Letter from Edward Weatherley at Leadgate, replying to a letter from Clavering, received last Saturday. Weatherley had intended to meet with Clavering on Monday. He didn't because he received a letter from the lieutenant-general with orders to go to Gateshead where he thought he would see Clavering. He assumes that Clavering was dealing with business at Framwellgate Moor. He has sent Clavering's pistols back by carrier.

Paper 1f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.48

CLV.491/7 12 October 1715

Letter from W[illiam] Carr at Newcastle, protesting and pleading for support in a dispute. He explains that Lord Scarbrough is concerned about current discipline in the militia, specifically four deserters whom Scarbrough ordered to be put in jail. Carr believes that an examination of the events will show that the men were on duty with a Mr Hedworth at the time.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.49

CLV.491/8 13 October 1715

Letter from George Hartley at Hurworth to cousin Hargrave, requesting payment as a reward for carrying out Lord Scarbrough's command. He asks for the payment due and gives a breakdown of time lost to the project. He would like Clavering's oversight on the proceedings, asks to be kept informed of affairs in the north and to be sent a scarlet silk sash.

Paper 1f

CLV.491/9 13 October 1715

Letter from Thomas Yorke jr in London thanking Clavering for the continuing information from Northumberland. He expects to see the rebellion stopped soon as regular troops are en route to the North, including 6000 Dutch embarking from Holland. He commends Newcastle on its resilience against the rebels. Lord Powis is to be tried for high treason. Paper 2f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.51

CLV.491/10 14 October 1715

Letter from W[illiam] Carr at Newcastle with an urgent request to send troops to Gateside, to confront the marching rebels. He highlights the fact that the rebels, 334 strong "mean men" with "wors horses", have already taken possession of Morpeth and intend to march on Newcastle.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.52

CLV.491/11 18 October 1715

Letter from J[ames] D'Arcy at Sedbury [in Richmond] asking for James Croft, the son of Christopher Croft his agent at Witton Castle, to be relieved of duty as he had fallen ill. George Ward is to replace him.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.48

CLV.491/12 20 October 1715

Letter from T[homas] Yorke jr at London, congratulating Clavering on his continuing support of the crown and talking of reward for his service. He gives Clavering encouragement to continue his commitment through the difficulties ahead but believes that God is on their side. He informs Clavering that Dutch troops are to land in North Britain within the week in support of the king. Their fathers are to join in a bond. He asks for confirmation of a rumour in the *Evening Post* that the Pretender to the throne was locked in the Bastille at the leisure of the Regent of France, and to be kept informed speedily, by express, to help him in "engaging in stocks".

Paper 2f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.50.

CLV.491/13 21 October 1715

Letter from W[illiam] Etricke at Silksworth. He went to see a contact - Thomas Archer - about support for the cause, but the contact refused to go with them. Instead, he sent a delivery of arms. The author has to go and deal with other, related, business in Sunderland.

Paper 1f

CLV.491/14 22 October 1715

Letter from Thomas Yorke jr at London. The letter was sent via Mr P Bernard for security reasons. Yorke thanks Clavering for his swift dealings when informing him of movements in the north east. He confirms that regular soldiers are now in the north east to help Clavering and that the Scots are retreating rapidly from Leith, but the Dutch troops have still not arrived. He asks to be kept informed so that he can benefit from "ingaging in stocks" for which Clavering will be credited, but the news must be "well warranted".

Paper 2f

CLV.491/15 23 October 1715

Letter from Dr Thomas Eden at Winston whose brother is unable to send one of his servants. He hopes that Clavering, and the lord lieutenant, will accept another man in his place.

Paper 1f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.48

CLV.491/16 23 October 1715

Letter from William Hutchinson jr at Barnard Castle, talking of a Barnard Jackson taking the place of Mr Baxter in the conflict. He speaks of Jackson's experience in war and gives him his support. Endorsed with numbers of [voters for 2 candidates] in 4 Durham wards.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.48.

CLV.491/17 24 October 1715

Letter from J[onathan] M[aughan] in Wolsingham, explaining that Lord Lonsdale has asked for all those able to fight in Cumberland and Westmorland to be ready to stop the Jacobite forces reaching Lancashire. He speaks of rebel activity in Alston, Allenheads, Carlisle and Middleton, and describes a victory for Lord Argyll over the rebels.

Paper 2f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), pp.52-53

CLV.491/18 29 October 1715

Letter from T[homas] Yorke jr in London. He feels that the rebellion will be suppressed without the need for Dutch troops and that Clavering will receive a reward from the king for his service. Yorke pays Clavering £50 for services to him. A conspiracy has been uncovered against the kin, and Lord Somerset is not happy because the government has refused to release his son-in-law on charges of treason. The dukes of Devon, Rutland and Kingston are all in contention for his vacant position.

Paper 1f

CLV.491/19 30 October 1715

Letter from John Johnson in Middleton explaining that the curate refused to pray for the king during his service. A foot militiaman had been sent to Clavering with a message, to show that he is telling the truth about the curate.

Paper 1f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.52

CLV.491/20 31 October 1715

Letter from William Carr in Newcastle passing on the message that Lord Scarbrough has agreed to meet with Clavering and that Clavering should come as soon as his business allows.

Paper 1f

CLV.491/21 [31 October 1715]

Letter from [Matthew Whitfield] reporting problems occurring whilst trying to acquire more horses for Clavering. Whitfield tells of the false accusations being levelled at him from certain papists. He identifies that Thomas Foster's activities should not trouble Lady Crewe.

Paper 1f

CLV.491/22 1715

Letter from Captain George Hartley at the Red Lion, near the College Gates. He is concerned that Captain Reves, one of his officers, has papist tendencies; he has witnesses to confirm this.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.62

CLV.491/23 2 November 1715

Letter from Jonathan Maughan describing events surrounding the rebels' march to Lancashire via Kendal. They created disorder on the way. He has sent three men to search for two rebels near where he was.

Paper 1f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.56

CLV.491/24 6 November 1715

Letter from A[nthony] Hixon (Hickson) at Wolsingham. He is concerned for Mr Whitfield's safety now that the rebels know he is loyal to the king. Edward Blackett's company had left Hamsterley.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.61

CLV.491/25 11 November 1715

Letter from Jonathan Maughan at Wolsingham passing on information from John Reynoldson concerning Mr Edward Blackett, who accommodated Maughan's company while in the area. Blackett feels that this deserves Lord Scarbrough's favour and his release on bail.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.61

CLV.491/26 2 November 1715

Letter from Jonathan Maughan, talking of rebel activity around Hexham. At Dilston there was a celebration in the name of the pretender and he learned that there was a battle planned for the next week at Millfield Plaines. Also, Lady Derwentwater had information about a supposed spy who had been seen at Dilston. There was an alarm sounded at Rothbury, which caused much panic. A messenger arrived the day before from Durham to collect information, but did not mention Clavering's name, which was suspicious. The death of Mr Shaftoe of Hexham was reported.

Paper 2f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.54-55

CLV.491/27 5 November 1715

Letter from Jonathan Maughan at Wolsingham. On his way to Durham, he heard that there were rebels at Barnard Castle, Staindrop and Romalldkirk. He found that Clavering had left for Newcastle to confront General Carpenter. Rebels were gathered at Penrith and received a warm welcome. They are gaining the support of clergymen as well and expect to be well supported in Lancashire too. Intelligence from Reynoldson, including an incident at Coldstream. Report of a confrontation between Joseph Wheatley and Mr Blackett.

Paper 2f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.55-56

CLV.491/28 8 November 1715

Letter from T[homas] Y[orke] jr in London who has been busy acquainting himself with the staff at the Herald's office in order to try and extract information. He thinks the rebels are nearing their end as General Wills is waiting to confront them with nine regiments. The leaders of the rebellion are in confusion and the Dutch troops are on their way. It is wise to keep the favour of Lord Scarbrough. He will deliver the £50 bill to Mr Sanderson. Gives advice on how he should ensure he might have enough to live on at Stowe "till the old man drops".

Paper 2f

Excerpts in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), pp.55, 57

CLV.491/29 17 November 1715

Letter from T[homas] Yorke jr in London speaking of his lack of faith in the Herald's office for acquiring information. He asks about the lineage of the Hedworth family and doesn't see how Clavering can inherit the title of baronet; he can only be an esquire by office. He advises that he cannot win this dispute with Hedworth. Mr Sanderson has referred his £50 bill to Mr Liddell. He congratulates Clavering for the victory of General Wills over the rebels at Preston, so ending the rebellion. General Foster was in bed. The Dutch troops have arrived. Endorsed with financial jottings.

Paper 2f

CLV.491/30 26 November 1715

Letter from Thomas Yorke jr in London. He suspects that Mr Liddell is trying to reduce Clavering's reputation and that he is very well informed from various sources. Yorke is trying to bribe the opposition through the Herald's office in order to confuse them. Sir William St Quintin [acted as lord of the treasury in England, highly influential member of parliament] has promised his support for Clavering when the commissions are announced for the forfeited estates in the north. A grand continental alliance has been drawn up. The Lord Chancellor is very ill and will be succeeded by Mr Vernon. The Irish Parliament is attainting James Butler. The Dutch troops are marching northwards. He hopes he received the handkerchieves.

Paper 3f

CLV.491/31 24 November 1715

Letter from Rowland Place and Richard Garmonsway at Dinsdale asking for expenses as they are severely out of pocket. They feel that they are asking for reasonable amounts for the training of young soldiers and they are excluding personal expenditures. They wish Clavering a safe journey to London. A list of what they are asking for is included.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.64-65

CLV.491/32 28 November 1715

Letter from John Johnson at Middleton. He would like clarification of what is actually going on in the rest of England, especially the names of those killed and taken prisoner at Dunblane and Preston. He draws attention to an unusual occurrence in a service on the 5 November, when the curate appeared very anti-royalist in his views. He will say more when they meet at the Christmas Sessions.

Paper 1f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.52

CLV.491/33 30 November 1715

Letter from Matthew Whitfield explaining that he felt it was too dangerous for Lady Clavering to travel and hoping that she returned home safely. He has compiled a list of those who are loyal among his neighbours and wishes to meet with Clavering next day.

Paper 1f

CLV.491/34 13 December 1715

Letter from Thomas Yorke jr in London advising Clavering that he may need to spend further money if he is to get answers out of the Herald's office. He hopes Londesborough will consider his case and warns Clavering that Mr Liddell is using false information to tarnish his reputation. General Foster and other rebels were marched through London on their way to prison. The Tories claimed he had forged a pardon from the king. The pretender has embarked with Butler.

Paper 2f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.57

CLV.491/35 22 December 1715

Letter from T[homas] Yorke jr in London reporting that he has sorted out Clavering's bills and warns him to drop his claim against Mr Wrightson as it will cause him nothing but trouble. He will encourage his father to help Clavering. He is sure that the captured rebels will all be convicted. The bad weather and snow has slowed the Dutch troops. He discusses T. Smith's estate. He does not see the pretender as a threat. Happy Christmas. News of episcopal appointments.

Paper 2f

CLV.491/36 5 January 1716

Letter from T[homas] Y[orke] jr in London. He distrusts the effectiveness of the Herald's office. He advises Clavering to be careful with his spending and in his writings to the Liddells as they are on a campaign to ruin Clavering. The pretender has landed in Scotland and has plenty of money. His father has arrived, with the gout. He believes the Scots will surrender him. A royal birth is due daily.

Paper 3f

CLV.491/37 11 January 1716

Letter from Edward Weatherley at Leadgate denying any involvement in a recent theft of horses. He pleads his innocence and suggests that it was some of the men who were in Durham on the Wednesday before the fair. He asks for the return of Mr Waite's letter. The coal bill is not yet paid.

Paper 1f

CLV.491/38 February 1716

Letter from Captain James Clavering at Stow House to William Carr. He sent an account of his expenses to Lord Scarbrough and explains that his costs are high due to the great travelling he has done. He offers his congratulations on the successes so far against the rebellion. He is expecting a letter from Mr Carr about an estate he is hoping to acquire. File copy, with amendments.

Paper 1f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.58

CLV.491/39 February 1716

Letter from Captain James Clavering at Stow House to Lord Scarbrough. He sends his account of the great expenses incurred during his service and also encloses the accounts of Mr Hartley and Mr Conier. He always tried to carry out his lordship's orders. The rebels have been released on bail and he thinks that he can reform the two in his neighbourhood. File copy with amendments.

Paper 1f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.58

CLV.491/40 [February 1716]

Account of [Captain James Clavering] of expenses incurred during the rebellion, including various items for spies' fees, intelligence reports and messengers' fees, from 11 October to 5 November [1715]. In Clavering's hand.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.59-60

CLV.491/41 [February 1716]

Account of Captain James Clavering of expenses incurred during the rebellion, including constables' wages and weapons' costs, from 11 October to 6 November [1715].

Paper 1f

A copy of CLV 491/42 in another hand, except for the last 2 entries which are in Clavering's hand.

Excerpt in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.62

CLV.491/42 [February 1716]

Account of Captain James Clavering of expenses incurred during the rebellion, including items such as constables' wages and weapons' costs, from 11 October to 6 November [1715]. In Clavering's hand.

Paper 2f

CLV 491/41 is another copy.

Excerpt in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.62

CLV.491/43 [February 1716]

Account of [Captain James Clavering] of expenses incurred during the rebellion, mainly people's wages and extra costs due to excessive travelling, from 18 October to 5 November [1715]. In Clavering's hand. Some overlap with CLV 491/42.

Paper 1f

Partially transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.61-62

CLV.491/44 [1715]

Inventory of arms - firearms and swords - seized at Francis Cornforth's house. In Clavering's hand.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.56

CLV.491/45 9 February 1716

Letter from [Lieutenant] John Conyers at Blackwell. He had sent Clavering a list of the papists delivered to Durham jail, whom he lists. He talks of the great time and expense he went to in getting them there, with figures, and asks Clavering to cover the cost.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.64

CLV.491/46 10 February 1716

Letter from George Hartley in Hurworth saying that his company is considerably out of pocket due to the lack of payment from the government; the militia in Stockton are owed twenty days' pay. A list of the expenses is included.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.63

CLV.491/46(b) 20 February 1716

Letter from Jonathan Maughan in Wolsingham listing accounts and expenditures incurred when the rebels were in Northumberland from 10 to 15 October [1715]. He explains that he has not included all his costs as he is fighting for a good cause and doesn't think that some of the things are worthy of payment though others have submitted excessive bills.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.62

CLV.491/47 1715

List of men under Captain James Clavering's command. 43 men in total with the names of their masters. It does not include the names of his spies.

Paper 1f

A fair copy of CLV 491/48.

CLV.491/48 1715

List of men under Captain James Clavering's command. 43 men in total with the names of their masters. It does not include the names of his spies.

Paper 1f

A draft of CLV 491/47.

CLV.491/49 [1715]

List of men who served under J[ames] C[lavering] from Easington, Chester, Stockton and Darlington wards. It has 48 men's names down one side and the names of their masters on the other; most have been crossed off.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.49-50

CLV.491/50 [1715]

List of men who served under J[ohn] H[artley] from Easington, Chester and Stockton wards. It has 45 men's names down one side and the names of their masters on the other.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), pp.49-50

CLV.491/51 21 February 1716

Letter from T[homas] Yorke in London who is going to buy papers for Clavering and would like to know which paper he prefers. He is glad Clavering has recovered who is not to worry about Sir William B.'s actions. He discusses the business of the forfeited estates. Six papist lords are to be executed, including Lord Derwentwater. The King of France is fatally ill.

Paper 2f

Extract in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.57

CLV.491/52(a) 12 October 1715

List of watchmen and constables [at Wolsingham].

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.62

CLV.491/52(b) 15 October 1715

A note stating who was on duty at Wolsingham that night.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.62

CLV.491/52(c) 13 October 1715

A note of payment to constables and watchmen [at Wosingham].

Paper 1f

CLV.491/52(d) 13 October 1715

A note stating who was on duty at Wolsingham that morning.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.62

CLV.491/52(e) 1 December 1716

Letter from Thomas Yorke in London. He has paid Mr Liddell but has heard that many men are in the same situation as Clavering, in that they did not receive payment for their services to the crown. He suggests that the best way forward is for them all to get together and petition the government. He asks Clavering to go to Richmond to sort out a dispute between his mother and brother over a rent-charge.

Paper 2f

CLV.491/52(f) 26 March 1717

Letter from T[homas] Y[orke] in London. He hopes that Clavering can resolve the ongoing dispute between Yorke's mother and brother. He also hopes that people do not start to make assumptions about his loyalties as he is spending much time with Tories and Jacobites. He saw Widow Liddell recently. He was impressed by the snow in the north and answers Clavering's complaint about seeds purchased for him.

Paper 1f

CLV.491/53 3 March 1716

Letter from Lord Scarbrough in London. He received Clavering's expenses the other day, and those of Mr Hartley and Mr Conyers, and has forwarded them to Sir William Williamson. He thinks that some of the amounts seem too high and hopes that Clavering is not trying to deceive him. He speaks of his own personal losses and that Clavering should accept his.

Paper 1f

Transcribed in G. Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.65

CLV.491/54 6 March 1716

Letter from Thomas Yorke jr in London. The rebels attempted to bribe the government into being lenient when sentencing the papist lords. Lord Scarbrough has been made chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster. He discusses papers which he might take and speaks of debt, which Clavering is experiencing. He talks of new appointments in government and possible war with France. Do not write to William St Quintin. He has bought a pruning knife for him and discusses his accounts.

Paper 2f

CLV.491/55 24 March 1716

Letter from T[homas] Yorke jr in London. He hopes that Clavering takes his advice and retires from public life until his mother and father are dead, so as to avoid expense and trouble from others. He sends rye grass. The Triennial Act is to be extended for parliament to continue for four more years.

Paper 2f

CLV.491/56 12 April 1716

Letter from T[homas] Yorke jr in London. Clavering should not pursue business abroad, as it may cost him more than it gains. His father opposes Clavering's plans to go abroad but has confidence in him that Clavering will secure Yorke's sister's jointure. He will send the nightcaps and handkerchieves. General Foster has escaped from Newgate. The new bill should be passed on the grounds that all Jacobites are against it.

Paper 2f

Extract in G Neasham, *The History and Biography of West Durham* (1881), p.58

CLV.491/57 28 April 1716

Letter from Thomas Yorke in London. He speaks of a letter which went missing, and is still opposed to Clavering going abroad. Yorke is starting to suspect that Clavering may be a Jacobite. Mr Liddell is very ill. His father is going to York and wishes to meet with Clavering when he gets there. William Robinson would like some more French wine.

Paper 2f

CLV.491/58 10 May 1716

Letter from Thomas Yorke jr in London. He has not received Mr Pinkney's bill and is still not happy about Clavering going abroad. No one is opposed to the new bill except for those who hoped to be elected in two years' time.

Paper 1f

CLV.491/59 29 May 1716

Letter from T[homas] Yorke jr in London. His account as executor is sorted out. He will no longer try to dissuade Clavering from going abroad.

Paper 1f

CLV.491/60 23 June 1716

Letter from T[homas] Yorke in London. He states that only Jacobites are opposed to the Septennial bill. As he opposes the bill, Clavering has declared himself a Jacobite, which Yorke dismisses. Mr Bewick is disappointed that current issues have made such a Tory of Clavering. He has not sent any newspapers.

Paper 2f

CLV.491/61 6 September 1716

Letter from Thomas Yorke jr in Richmond. Two letters, which Clavering wrote, did not reach Yorke. He invites him to Richmond to discuss issues rather than writing them in a letter. He is setting off southwards.

Paper 1f

CLV.491/62 13 November 1716

Letter from T[homas] Yorke jr in London concerning payments still outstanding to Clavering, involving Newcastle customs. He confirms that Mr Liddell is a worthless fellow. The queen did not have a son but she is restored to health and gives the nation hope. He has sent the wig collar to Mr Richardson.

Paper 2f

CLV.491/63 22 November 1716

Letter from Thomas Yorke in London. Yorke's father died and he was upset. He hopes that the dispute between his mother and brother will be sorted soon or it will go to trial. He outlines details of his will and will see if he can recover any of his rebellion expenses.

Paper 2f