Catalogue of the Cosin Letter-Books

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Creation of catalogue
WP calendar of letter book 1 (A and B): sheaf binder index of correspondence in chronological order, keyed into database JP. Output given preliminary markup with awk, then combined with calendar and full EAD markup RIH July 1998. Descriptions of CLB 3 added by Emily Smith, summer 2018. Descriptions of CLB 2, 4 and 5 added by Alice Keith, Lily Chadwick and Bridget Cox from June 2020.

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Introduction

Collection title: Cosin Letter-Books
Reference code: GB-0033-COL
Dates of creation: 1593-1686
Extent: 6 volumes bound in 9.
Repository: Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections
Creator: correspondence, etc., mainly of John Cosin (1594-1672), Bishop of Durham, and other northern churchmen.
Language of material: English

Contents
The contents of Letter-book 1 are for the most part letters from or to northern churchmen, particularly Isaac Basire (1607-76), Archdeacon of Northumberland, and John Cosin (1594-1672), Bishop of Durham, about both civil and ecclesiastical affairs. Letter-books 2-6 consist almost entirely of correspondence of John Cosin or his servants during the years of his episcopate, particularly Cosin's correspondence with his Auditor, Miles Stapylton. George Ornsby included selections from Letter-books 1-5 in his edition of The correspondence of John Cosin (Surtees Society 52, 55: 1868-70), but he omitted very many letters completely, and printed only extracts from almost all the others. Ornsby's transcripts are not entirely accurate and sometimes transpose paragraphs from one letter to another. The University Library's interleaved set of Ornsby is annotated to show which letters come from the Cosin Letter-books and to indicate transpositions in the text.

Hodgson printed Letter-book 6 in full in Northumbrian Documents of the 17th and 18th centuries (Surtees Society 131, 1918) pp.133-267; the letters not included in Wood's gift to Peterhouse have disappeared. The University Library's copy of Hodgson is annotated to show which letters come from Letter-book 6.

Accession details
Part of Bishop Cosin's Library, Durham (now in Durham University Library).

Letter-books 1-5 were originally bound up by the Waghorn bindery in Durham in the 1720's or 1730's, probably at the instigation of the Durham antiquary Dr. Christopher Hunter (1675-1757) since the contents-lists inside the volumes are in his hand; (among the Hunter MSS in Durham Cathedral Library is a group of guard-books with similar bindings and lists including 2 volumes, Hunter MSS 7 and 10, which include other letters to Miles Stapylton). They were subsequently found by James Raine the elder, "in a neglected state" in the porter's lodge of Auckland Palace (see Raine's Brief Historical Account of the Episcopal Castle ... of Auckland (Durham, 1852), pp. 127-128), and on his advice were given to Cosin's Library in 1818 by Bishop Shute Barrington.

Letter-book 6 contains 24 letters from Cosin and 1 from his chaplain William Flower, all to Stapylton, which were presented to Cosin's Library in 1969 by Peterhouse, Cambridge, which had been given them in 1927 by H.M. Wood, literary executor to J.C. Hodgson. They had been part of a larger group of letters to Stapylton which was entrusted to Hodgson, for publication by the Surtees Society, by Canon William Greenwell, who stated he had rescued them from the sweepings of an old Durham solicitor's office.
Arrangement
Bound up in 6 guard-books (now rebound in 9 vols). The periods spanned by the individual vols are as follows:

1A: 1593-1662
1B: 1662-1686
2: 1660-1663
3: 1664-1665
4A: 1669-1670
4B: 1670-1671
5A: 1666-1670
5B: 1670-1673
6: 1668-1672

Form of citation
The form of citation should use the code GB-0033-COL, or the collection name Cosin Letter-books, followed by the reference number which takes the form book number, item number; e.g. Cosin Letter-book 2, 5.
To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

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Related material (internal)
DUL Mickleton & Spearman MSS.
Notably MS. 26, and also MS. 91.

Related material (elsewhere)
Durham Cathedral Library
Hunter MSS.
Cosin Letter-book 1

A collection of 191 documents written between 1593 and 1686 and arranged roughly in chronological order.
The first twelve items cover the period 1593-1617 and are mostly concerned with the affairs of the Dean and Chapter of Durham. The major part of the volume (nos. 13-187) consists mainly of letters written by or to John Cosin or Isaac Basire.

John Cosin was appointed Archdeacon of the East Riding in 1625, becoming Rector of Brancepeth the following year and Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge from 1635. During the Interregnum he lived in Paris with the Royal household and on his return to England in 1660 he was appointed to the Bishopric of Durham which he held until his death in 1672.

Isaac Basire was born in Rouen and after studying in Rotterdam and Leyden came to Cambridge where he was ordained by Thomas Morton and became his chaplain, moving to Durham when Morton was appointed Bishop. He held a number of preferments in Durham, including the Rectories of Eaglescliffe (from 1636) and Stanhope (from 1645), and became a Prebendary in 1643 and Archdeacon of Northumberland in 1644. In 1646 he was appointed as one of the chaplains to the King's private chapel. He left England the following year, returning first to Rouen, and then spent the next 15 years travelling through Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. In 1654 the Prince of Transylvania, George Racoczi, appointed him Professor of Divinity in the University of Alba Julia. He returned to Durham seven years later and was restored to all his offices.

Most of the papers date from the period following the Restoration, after both Cosin and Basire had returned to England, but there are a substantial number of documents from earlier parts of their lives: twenty seven items (nos. 13-39) from the time before they went into exile and another twenty six (nos. 40-65) covering the period when they were absent from England.

The correspondence reflects many aspects of the lives of the two men. While most of the items are connected with the exercise of the spiritual, administrative, and civil duties attached to their offices, they also contain news and comment on public events, discussion of differences in liturgical practice and belief between the Churches of England, Rome and the East, together with expressions of friendship, family and personal matters. 48 of the letters have been printed either in whole or in part: 24 are included in W.N. Darnell's *Memoir and Correspondence of Dr. Basire* (1831) and the others in Bishop Cosin's *Correspondence* vols. 1 and 2 edited by G. Ornsby for the Surtees Society (vols. 52 and 55, 1868 and 1870).

Two of the four documents remaining in the collection are concerned with the affairs of the Bishopric after Cosin's death and with measures taken to prevent the spread of religious sects. The last two, dated 1679 and 1686 respectively, are of a somewhat obscure and miscellaneous nature.

1A, 0 [1720s]
Table of contents for Cosin Letterbook 1, compiled by Christopher Hunter.
2ff.

1A, 1 28 September 1593
Letter from Abraham Pilkington, aged 18/19 yrs, 4th son of John Pilkington, Archdeacon of Durham, to his uncle Leonard Pilkington, Rector of Whitburn.
Expressing his affection, and thanks for many kindesses over the years; with short poem of 24 lines.
*Language*: Latin
2ff.
1A, 2  June 1596
From Sir George Carey, Grand Marshall of the Royal Household, later 2nd Lord Hunsdon (1547-1603).
Copy of letters requesting safe conduct for his servant John Smyth, travelling to Lemberg in Galicia (Leopolis) to purchase horses for Carey's personal use.
Dated at Greenwich. No seal nor signature.
Alterations to the text suggest that it may have been used as a model.
Language: Latin

1A, 3 19 September 1603
Letter from Robert Cecil Secretary of State, later Earl of Salisbury, to Tobias Matthew, Bishop of Durham, and the Dean and Chapter of Durham.
Outlining the correct procedure for effecting a lease of part of the Bishop's garden at Durham House from the Bishop to himself.

1A, 4 14 March 1609/10
Letter from the Dean of Durham, Sir Adam Newton [Dean 1606-20] to "My very loving friends and brethren of the chapter of the cathedral church of Durham" (endorsement attached to CLB 1A, 5).
Discussing affairs of the diocese including: the choice of Henry Ewbank as sub-dean; appointments for the living of Kirk Merrington, and the School; assistance to poor scholars and alms money.

1A, 5 [1614 Spring]
Letter from Henry Ewbank, prebendary of Durham 1596-1620, (Rector of Haughton le Skerne from 1610), to Dean of Durham (endorsement missing).
Requesting that a lease of a farm in Billingham granted to one of his sons may be stayed; and that he may have an oxgang of land of 3s.4d rent in Sadberge in his parish of Haughton, in order to strengthen his position against divisions and inclosures.

Location: Misbound with leaf from 1a/4

1A, 6 30 July 1608
Letter from Privy Council to William James, Lord Bishop of Durham.
Directions that views of muster of horse and foot will in future be required from the Bishopric of Durham, with provisions to ease the transition from the former duty of Border Service against the Scots.
Signed by 11 members of the Council.

2ff.
1A, 7 22 February 1614
Petition from 5 grovers (miners) of Weardale Forest: Raphe Nattrisse of Blackclewgh foreman of the Forest Jury, Nicholas Sheld a juror, Thomas Tarne of Burnhope, Cuthbert Emerson and Robert Jackson also of Burnhope, to William James, Bishop of Durham Concerning a suit brought against them at York by Cuthbert Emerson of the Easter Black Deane, under-tenant to Nicholas Peartt, and others, requesting that: Mr. John Ritcheson's warrant to the Forest Jury should not be deferred and they should not be required to make affidavits (?) on their evidence; that Cuthbert Emerson be required to answer as to the authority from which he derives his claim, his reason for bringing the case at York without first going through the Durham courts, his authority for preventing the Forest Jury from completing their examination of the matter, and why he and others are raising money from the local people to pay for the suit and travel expenses to visit learned Counsel; and further requesting the Bishop that someone should be appointed to make new leases of the old groves (mines).

2ff.

1A, 8 9 April 1614
Letter from Adam Newton [Dean of Durham 1606-20] to the Cathedral Chapter. Requesting them to suspend implementation of two of the matters previously agreed to until Mr. Ewbank has had an opportunity to argue his case in person.

2ff.

1A, 9 19 January 1614/5
Letter from Adam Newton [Dean of Durham 1606-20] to the Cathedral Chapter. Informing them that he has restored Mr. Ewbank as his proxy at the request of the Earl of Somerset, but assuring them that he would not allow such considerations to influence him so far as to neglect the good and honour of the Cathedral.

2ff.

1A, 10 6 November 1616
Letter from Adam Newton [Dean of Durham 1606-20] to the Cathedral Chapter. Authorising Dr. Hutton and Mr. Rand to act on his behalf in the forthcoming Chapter elections and in the grant of leases to Marmaduke Wild and Ralph Pearson; requesting their advice as to the desirability of confirming the Bishop's grants of the offices of Escheator and Coroner to two of the sons of John Richardson as the father already holds so many offices; asking them to deal with arrears so that the problem does not recur; and thanking them for their consent to certain leases for his own use; with postscript asking them to consider what arrangements should be made in the event of the King staying at Durham for the feast of St. George on his way to Scotland.

2ff.

1A, 11 20 February 1616/7
Letter from Adam Newton [Dean of Durham 1606-20] to the Cathedral Chapter. Expressing satisfaction with their decision concerning the confirmation of the patents granted to John Richeson; thanking them for their detailed account of problems with their "troublesome tenants" of Wolveston, describing his own interview with Peter Finch and Mr. Fetherston but advising that they should avoid taking any unpleasant action until after the King's visit; commenting on the forthcoming visit of the King with particular reference to the exchange of gifts; and giving permission for the King's Letters to the Chapter confirming Mr. Matthew's lease to be taken to the Bishop of Durham at York subject to the usual precautions.

2ff.
1A, 12  11 October 1617
Requesting his advice and assistance for Sir Timothy Whittingham, Sir Charles Wrenn, Sir Thomas Riddell and Ralph Fetherstonhaigh Esq. whom they have authorised to meet with officers of the King's household to fix the county's contribution towards the costs of the Royal household; and concerning the appointment of the High Constables.

1A, 13  17 October 1625
Letter from Robert Claphamson to Mr Cosin, Archdeacon of the East Riding.
On matters concerning his jurisdiction as Archdeacon: saying that he is sending three books
a) a book of Visitation Articles used in the past which he suggests should be printed after emendment
b) a book of Benefices and cures in the Archdeaconry with the names of incumbents and ministers
c) a book of Procurations and Synodals;
lamenting the negligence of the clergy; and commenting on the financial accounts for 1625 including the problems of collecting procurations and synodals.

1A, 14  23 January 1621/2
Copy of a letter from Richard Neile, Bishop of Durham to Mr Dean, Mr Chancellor for two Archdeacons and Dr Birkhead.
Concerning the letters received from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishops, requesting contributions to the cost of the King's expedition for the recovery of the [Rhineland] Palatinate in support of his son-in-law: instructing that copies be made and sent to each Deanery; expressly requesting that the Chancellor should attend all meetings held regarding the matter together with the Archdeacons of Durham and Northumberland for their respective jurisdictions; and urging moderation on the part of the clergy when they exhort the laity to contribute to the cause.

1A, 15  17 June 1626
Concerning the collection of rents, with particular reference to the Rectory of Mapleton; the provision to be made for those cures where curates have been suspended for conducting clandestine marriages since they are Impropriations and the owners live in the south; and how owners of Impropriations, particularly those granted by the Crown, can be made to keep their churches in repair: suggesting that such leases should be granted subject to the duty of carrying out repairs.

1A, 16  24 January 1628/9
[Copy] Letter from the Chapter of Durham to absent prebendaries.
Informing them that their contributions to the costs of the lawsuit, in which the Cathedral is involved, will be deducted from their stipends.
1A, 17 25 January 1631
Letter from William Geast to Mr Basire, chaplain to the Bishop of Coventry and Litchfield. Recommending (the bearer) as a pious man who has been oppressed by the violent power of Rome and has had to take refuge with the Bishop.

Language: Latin
2ff.

1A, 18 26 August 1632
Letter from John Cosin to Mr Wood at Woodburgh, Notts. Concerning the differences between the churches of Constantinople, Milan and Rome as to fasting on Saturdays and stating that there is no evidence for fasting on Sundays from any of the churches.

Location of originals: This letter is a copy by Dr Hunter of a manuscript in Cosin's hand in the possession of Sir George Wheeler.

1f.

1A, 19 5 March 1634/5
Letter from Herbert Croft (later Bishop of Hereford) to [Isaac Basire?]. Expressing thanks; sending greetings to the Bishop's sister and others; and saying that he has retired to a college (Christ Church, Oxford) to make up for lost time and to better fit himself for life.

Language: French
2ff.

1A, 20 31 October 1634
Letter from the Privy Council to The Mayor, Aldermen & Comunaltie of the City of Durham and Framwelgate. Stressing the importance of the accompanying writ (for the collection of Ship Money); saying that it conforms to the precedents of former Kings and the laws of the realm and will benefit the honour and safety of the realm as well as commerce and trade. Signed by 14 members of the Privy Council.

2ff.

1A, 21 n.d. (endorsed: 1634)
Letter from Isaac Basire to Richard Holdsworth. Holdsworth wrote his reply at the foot of the letter and sent it back. Requesting the loan of two books which he cannot find in the library for the use of the Bishop; with Holdsworth's reply that he can only supply one of them.

Language: Latin
1f.

1A, 22 20 November 1634
Letter from Simon Birkbeck to Issac Basire. Thanking him for the use of his notes, books and letters; requesting the loan of a work on the Fathers and offering a book by Philip Commines in return; and sending a K. Edward half crown as a token of his friendship.

2ff.
Printed: Darnell, 6-7
1A, 23  15 February 1636 (15 Cal. Mart. 1636)
Letter from Nathaniel Ward (Vicar of Staindrop) to Isaac Basire.
Discussing scriptural evidence relating to the observation of the Sabbath.
Language: Latin
2ff.
Printed: Darnell prints 3 letters to Basire from Ward but not this one.

1A, 24  29 August 1636
Letter from P. Banai to Isaac Basire.
Concerning the interpretation of the phrases "primogenitus gratiae" and "primogenitus omnis creaturae"; expressing his admiration and respect for Basire and mentioning the possibility of visiting him at Auckland.
Language: French
2ff.

1A, 25  5 December 1636
Letter from Nathaniel Ward to Isaac Basire.
Concerning changes to the Litany.
Language: Latin
2ff.

1A, 26  1636
"A particular note of parsonages and vicarages as they were taxed towards £2000 to the ship to be set out Anno 1636."
Endorsed - Tax for building the Royall Soveraigne 1636.
A detailed account of the tax levied from each parsonage or vicarage arranged according to Ward.
2ff.

1A, 27  27 January [1637]
Letter from Richard Baddeley at Bishop Auckland, to John Cosin, Master of St. Peter's College.
Concerning arrangements for presenting copies of the Bishop's (Thomas Morton's) book to his friends in London and the costs of the impression; the preferment of Dr. Naylor from Archdeacon to Prebend; and a request from some of the Prebendiaries for ending the Fast; with postscript acknowledging receipt of £9.
2ff.

1A, 28  10 December 1638 (4 Id. Xbris)
Letter from Nathaniel Ward to Isaac Basire.
Concerning the plight of a poor family in his parish whose home had just been destroyed by fire and requesting assistance for them: the husband, being a recent convert from Papism, can receive no help from the Papists.
Language: Latin
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 324-6 (Latin original); 27-30 (English translation).

1A, 29  9 May 1639 (7 Id. Maii)
Letter from G. P[urves] to Isaac Basire.
Offering medical advice to him and his wife.
Language: Latin
2ff.
1A, 30  13 January 1639/40 (Id. Jan. MDCXXXIX)
Letter from Nathaniel Ward to Isaac Basire.
Lamenting the fact that their meetings are constantly prevented for one reason or another: on this occasion because of the theft of his horse.
Language: Latin
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 327-8 (Latin original); 30-2 (English translation of extracts)

1A, 31  27 February 1641
Letter from William Ramsden to Isaac Basire in London.
Congratulating him on having established his innocence against his accuser; regretting that the question of the episcopacy is still in dispute; and concerning books and clothing he has sent to Basire in London; with mention of the birth of another daughter and of his intended journey to York.
2ff.

1A, 32  28 July 1640
Letter from Thomas Bury to Isaac Basire.
Complaining about the outcome of a law suit.
Language: Latin
2ff.

1A, 33  n.d. (Endorsed in another hand: 1640)
Letter from Richard Busby to Isaac Basire.
Expressing friendship and devotion; and telling him that the Bishop of Lincoln [John Williams] intends to ride his Visitation in October and has obtained an Order from the House of Lords for his security.
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 37-8

1A, 34  September 1641 (post Id. VIIbris)
Letter from Nathaniel Ward to Isaac Basire.
Saying that he is about to leave for Newcastle; informing him that all the clergy of the Darlington district have been summoned by the Justices to swear an oath the coming Thursday and asking his opinion as to whether one can interpret an oath in a sense different from that in which it is imposed.
Language: Latin
1f.
Printed: Darnell 328-30 (Latin original); 32-5 (English translation, omitting first few sentences)

1A, 35  21 February (9 Cal. Mart.) [1642? when Ash Wednesday was on February 23]
Letter from Nathaniel Ward to Isaac Basire.
Saying that he would like to visit him were it not that he must stay for the fast decreed for Ash Wednesday on account of the Spanish disasters; and that as regards the oaths, having avoided the first by absence, he will employ a similar subterfuge for the second.
2ff.

1A, 36  16 December 1641
Letter from Richard Busby to Mrs Frances Basire.
Expressing his devotion to the Basire family and asking for her prayers.
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 41-2
Letter from Thomas Morton, Bishop of Durham, to Isaac Basire.
Saying that he had not thought it necessary to write confirming his promise of an
Advowson as Basire should have trusted that he would keep his word.

1A, 37  26 July 1642
Printed: Darnell 43

Copia Epistola Placae Carill ad Patrem Suum.
Endorsed on back - This epistle to his father Mr Rich. Carill. London.
[Copy] Letter from Place Carill to his father Richard Carill containing expressions of filial
duty and gratitude.

Language: Latin

1A, 38  13 January 1646/7

Informing him that he has been appointed to take the place of the Dean of Hereford as
chaplain to the King for the month of August.

1A, 39  23 June 1646

Letter from John Cosin at St. Germain to David Blondel in Paris.
Concerning a dispute as to whether certain canons were made at the Lateran Council
of Innocent III or afterwards, with some reference to the words of Matthew Paris.

Language: Latin

1A, 40  8 August 1646

Letter from Sir Edward Nicholas to Isaac Basire at Rouen.
Warning him to say nothing of Dr. Desdale's letters before consulting with the King, and
expressing the hope that there will soon be peace in England.

1A, 41  5/15 July 1647

Letter from [ ] (seal - heart pierced by 3 arrows) to John Cosin, Dean of Peterborough at the
Louvre.
Enquiring as to his health and expressing pleasure at the anticipated return of "the L.K."
(from the Louvre to St. Germains) [L.K.: Lady Kynalmeaky? see Ornsby].

1A, 42  1 February 1645/6

Letter from H[ ] M[ ] from St. Germains to John Cosin, Dean of Peterborough at the
Louvre.
Enquiring as to his health and expressing pleasure at the anticipated return of "the L.K."
(from the Louvre to St. Germains) [L.K.: Lady Kynalmeaky? see Ornsby].

1A, 43  28 June 1647

Letter from [ ] (seal - heart pierced by 3 arrows) to John Cosin, Dean of Peterborough
at Paris.
With news of the King's movements and the actions of Parliament.
1A, 44 30 July 1647
Letter from Francis Dodington at St. Germains to Isaac Basire at Rouen.
Commenting on Lord Witherington's response to Basire's letter; conveying the opinion of Lord Chief Justice Heath that one who resides abroad in times of peace retains his rights in his native land, together with the advice of Dean [ ] on the publication of a collection of works and pamphlets; and expressing hopes of a favourable outcome to the King's cause.
1f. (defective)

1A, 45 3 August 1647
Letter from Richard Busby to Isaac Basire at Rouen.
Concerning Lord Widdrington's decision to go no further with the matter on which they have been corresponding; expressing his fears as to the consequences for the Church of the activities of the Independent Army and the Presbyterian party, and the possibility of a new war; and commenting on a pamphlet (enclosed) on Purgatory.
1f.

1A, 46 4 October 1647
Letter from Herbert Thorndike to Isaac Basire at Rouen.
Commenting on the freedom and absence of restrictions that he finds on his return to England, the divisions on Cromwell's side and proposals for uniting under the Crown, and the claims of Parliament to determine subjects for legislation; and noting the good will felt for the King.
1f.

1A, 47 3 October 1647
Letter from Sir Edward Nicholas to Isaac Basire at Rouen.
Approving of the work Basire proposes for the winter and asking him to report on his progress from time to time; and commenting on the prospects for peace between the King, the Army and Parliament despite the opposition of the Presbyterians.
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 63-4

1A, 48 11 August 1647
Letter from Francis Dodington at St. Germains to Isaac Basire.
Enclosing messages from his friends; expressing pleasure at the outcome of Basire's "business" and his confidence that the clause of restraint can be revoked; and promising to write to Sir Richard Browne.
1f.

1A, 49 27 November 1647
Letter from George Radcliffe to Isaac Basire.
Concerning payment due to the Apothecary for some pills; requesting that Basire should purchase 3 copies of Gassendi's book: for Lord Strafford, the Dean of Rochester and himself; wishing Basire's chapel at Sir Richard Browne's house well; and commenting on the accusation in Hugh Cressy's book that the Anglican Church is schismatic.
1f.
Printed: Darnell 65-7
1A, 50  6 December 1647
Letter from Sir George Radcliffe to Isaac Basire.
Requesting instructions as to how the 6 Livres owing for Gassendi’s books might be paid; and refuting, in detail, the charge that the Anglican Church is schismatic.
1f.

1A, 51  21 January 1648
Letter from Sir George Radcliffe to Isaac Basire.
Replying to Basire’s comments on Church unity; answering his queries as to the English law on selling offices, and bribery, and the number of synods since the Reformation; mentioning some books he wishes to send and requesting more books by Gassendi.
1f.

1A, 52  14 February 1648
Letter from Sir George Radcliffe to Isaac Basire.
Suggesting that Basire should use the name M. De Preamont; arguing that schism is the result of rebellion against ecclesiastical authority and not of differences in ceremony and liturgy; expressing his opinion that the main obstacle to the peace of the Catholic Church is the doctrine of the Infallibility of the Church, and the hope that it might be overcome by the arguments of Hugh Cressey and some Sorbonne doctors; advising Basire to obtain a licence to travel to Italy from the King of France; and requesting a copy of a book by Barnes.
1f.
Printed: Darnell 67-71

1A, 53  13 February 1648
Thanking him for books and papers; advising him to preach to the Prince before going to Italy as this would provide an opportunity for reminding him of his promise to care for Basire’s wife and children in the event of the King being restored while Basire is in Italy; asking him to collect books left with Dr. Cosin’s bookbinder in Paris; and expressing his hopes of obtaining a copy of Barnes.
2ff.

1A, 54  31 January [1649]
Letter from Richard Steward (Dean designate of St. Paul’s and Westminster) to [Isaac Basire].
Thanking him for taking care of his books; rejecting the view that those at St. Germain should be obliged to preach once a week in Paris; commenting on a difference between the Latin and Greek versions of the 13th canon of Ancyra; recommending he should read Mason concerning Parker's Consecration; wishing him well for his journey and advising that he should be able to use a service book “beyond the Alps”.
1f.

1A, 55  1648
Regula Senensis accepta ipsis Kal. Junij ... MDCXLVIII.
Written in Basire’s hand (consisting of a list of fines for various offences). (Connected with English Benedictines at Santa Justina Siena?).
Language: Latin
1A, 56  15 May 1650
Letter from L. C[ordell] at Blois to [Dr Cosin] at the Louvre in Paris.
Commenting on a reservation in an article by M. Festard (Epistle Dedicatory) and asking
advice on the proper form and words for a Protestantation to be made to the Pastor and
Elders of the Presbyterians; with mention of Lady Porney’s health, M. Capell’s theses,
an impression of the King’s Book and his desire for a copy of Descartes.
2ff.

1A, 57  4 October 1653
Wishing him well in his mission to the East Mediterranean and offering to obtain copies
of the New Testament, a Catechism and Confession of Faith in contemporary Greek,
all printed at Leyden.
Language: French
2ff.

1A, 58  3 October 1654
Letter from Antoine Leger in Geneva to Isaac Basire at Constantinople.
Congratulating him on the success of his mission; mentioning several books which may
be of assistance, including a treatise of his own against Coresi Doctor and theologian
on which he would welcome Basire’s comments; offering his services and sending
greetings from M. Giraud and M. Turrettin.
Language: French
2ff.

1A, 59  n.d.
English translations by Isaac Basire of 2 letters from Anthony Leger of Geneva, (1A 57
and 1A 58 above).
2ff.

1A, 60  4 April 1655
Letter from L. Cordell in Angers to Dr Cosin at Paris.
Commenting on their financial circumstances and informing him that his children may
be boarded comparatively cheaply near Angers; justifying his contacts with the Puritans
against the accusations of Dr. Brown; and enquiring whether Cosin can confirm the
rumours of civil war in England and war between England and France.
2ff.

1A, 61  n.d.
Transcript by Christopher Hunter of most of letter 1A, 61A, from George Morley to Dr
Cosin.
2ff.

1A, 61A  10 February 1660
Letter from George Morley, later Bishop of Winchester, in Breda to Dr Cosin at Paris.
Imparting the latest news concerning the intentions of General Monk and the divisions
in England, and commenting on the financial problems of the King’s Court, no money
having come from Spain.
1f.
1A, 62 20 May 1655
Letter from Brian Braxton in Constantinople to Isaac Basire at Alba Julia.
Concerning a number of commissions entrusted to him by Basire; and giving him news
of the appointment of Joanikis as Patriarch in the place of Paisius, his dismissal and
re-instatement.
2ff.

1A, 63 7 July 1657
Letter from F. G. to Dr Cosin at Paris.
Concerning several small matters he has dealt with on Cosin's behalf.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby i, 287-8

1A, 64 n.d. [c. 1658]
Draft petition from Thomas Morton to Oliver, Lord Protector.
Seeking arrears of a pension of £800 p.a. out of the rents and revenues of the Bishopric
Estates, granted 18 May 1646, unpaid since the sale of the estates and now amounting
to £6,400.
1f.

1A, 65 28 May 1658
Letter from Isaac Basire in Alba Julia, Transylvania, to Sir Edward Hide, Chancellor at
the King's Court in Bruges, later first Earl of Clarendon.
Lamenting the long separation from family and friends despite his good health and
competent living; and affirming his loyalty to the King and the Church of England.
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 159-62

1A, 66 20 July 1660
[Copy] of Royal Warrant to Sir William Darcy, Daniel O'Nealle, Esq., and Dr. Joseph
Craddock, signed by Sir Edward Nicholas.
Authorising the re-possession of all rents, revenues, coal mines and profits in the County
Palatine of Durham, belonging to the King, the Bishopric, Deanery, and Chapter of
Durham.
Sent to Sir Edward Nicholas, one of the principal Secretaries of State.
1f.

1A, 67 19 March 1660/1
[Copy] Royal Mandate signed by Sir Edward Nicholas, to the Dean and Chapter of
Durham.
Informing them of the grant of a dispensation to Isaac Basire for non-residence as a
prebend of the cathedral on account of his commitments abroad. Authorising the payment
of the profits from the prebend to Basire's wife.
1f.

1A, 68 30 July 1660
Letter from William Blakiston to Dr Cosin.
Concerning affairs in the parishes of Elwick and Brancepeth, with particular reference
to tithes and incumbents.
2ff.
1A, 69  20 August 1660
Letter from Bishop of Ely (ie Matthew Wren) to Dr Cosin.
Approving the appointments of new Fellows for Peterhouse and reminding him that a
certain proportion should be in Holy Orders.
2ff.

1A, 70  13 October 1660
[Copy] Royal Mandate signed by Sir Edward Nicholas, to Accepted Frewen, Archbishop
of York.
Requesting him to instruct the Bishops, Deans and Chapters in his Province that in
granting leases they should give preference to those who were tenants before the late
troubles and have not parted with their leases; and that they should not make grants or
leases of lands purchased by officers and soldiers in the army without the consent of
the purchaser, pending further instructions.
1f.

1A, 71  29 December 1660
Royal Commission, signed by Sir Edward Nicholas, to Sir Edward Musgrave.
Appointing him Captain of one of the two companies of foot to be maintained as a garrison
in Carlisle with authority to raise, arm and train the same.
2ff.

1A, 72  23 January 1660/1
Royal Commission, signed by William Morice, to Henry Dacres, gent.
Appointing him as Ensign in Col. Jonathan Atkins' company of foot in Carlisle.
2ff.

1A, 73  n.d. [c. 1661]
Letter of Commendation in respect of John Machon from the clergy of Lichfield (viz.):
William Higgins Precentor and President of the Chapter of the Cathedral of Lichfield,
Edward Wyrley, Daniel Baylee Rector of St. Mary's Staffordshire, Edward Powel and
others, (to Cosin?).
John Machon of Longdon, Staffordshire: Master of Sherburn Hospital 1636. Ejected
1642, Restored March 1661 (Surtees I ii 142-3).
1f.

1A, 74  15 May 1661
Letter from Stephanus Dalmady to Isaac Basire.
Expressing his readiness to do whatever he can to procure payment of the money owed
to Basire by the Princess (of Transylvania).
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 372-3

1A, 75  31 January 1661 (Prid. Cal. Feb. Anno 1661)
Letter from Andreas Hervat to Isaac Basire.
Sending letters from Altanius and reporting that they are still in danger from the Turks.
Language: Latin
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 369-70
1A, 76  27 May 1661
Letter from John Machon to John Cosin.
Concerning his dispute with John Fenwick, Master of Sherburn Hospital during the Commonwealth.
2ff.

1A, 77  15 August 1661
Letter from Thomas Lambton to Isaac Basire.
Advising him to come straight to Durham on his return to England to ascertain the facts regarding his financial position before seeing the King, as, despite the King's letter (to the Dean and Chapter 1A, 67 above) Basire's wife and children have not received the money due to them; with note from Basire's wife Frances.
1f.
Printed: Darnell 193-4

1A, 78  3 July 1662
Letter from Th. T, (Timothy Thurscross, Prebend of York ?) to Isaac Basire.
On several matters including: Basire's business with the Bishops of London and Sarum, with particular reference to a meeting arranged for October; the writer's intention to send some coffee and several books; and the writer's own affairs.
Arabic endorsement.
1f.

1A, 79  20 August 1661
Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Bishop of London, to John Cosin.
Concerning new appointments consequent upon the death of the Dean of St. Paul's; asking him to convey to the Bishop of Carlisle the King's wishes that all Bishops should attend for the beginning of Parliament; and mentioning Mr. Brevint's affairs.
2ff.

1A, 80  3 September 1661
Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Bishop of London, to John Cosin.
Commenting on: the recent appointment of Dr Barwick and Dr Sudbury as Deans of St. Paul's and Durham respectively; other appointments and his regard for William Sancroft; the King's desire that all the Bishops should be present in Parliament at least until the question of Royal and Ecclesiastical Revenues has been settled; and mentioning Mr. Brevint.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 25-6

1A, 81  n.d. (endorsed: 1661 September 20 (recte 21))
Letter from Thomas Davison, High Sheriff of Durham to Bishop Cosin.
Reporting that he was obliged to use force in carrying out the Bishop's instructions to secure possession of Sherburn House for the rightful Master John Machon against Mr. Fenwick: his attempts at mediation between the two men having failed.
2ff.

1A, 82  1649
Accounts of income and expenditure for Sherbourne Hospital for 1649 with notes on economies and out of pocket expenses by John Fenwick, Master.
2ff.
1A, 83  19 December 1661
Letter from Isaac Basire to Bishop Cosin.
Commenting on propositions discussed in Convocation at York.
2ff.

1A, 84  n.d. [c. 1661]
Letter from Petrus Keörmendi (candidate for Holy Orders in Hungary) to Bishop Cosin.
Begging for assistance as he has been forced into exile by the Turkish invasion of Hungary.
2ff.

1A, 85  4 February 1661/2
Letter from Isaac Basire to Bishop Cosin.
Commenting on a recent visitation of Northumberland and domestic matters.
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 222-3

1A, 86  17 June 1662
Letter from Guy Carleton to Isaac Basire.
Concerning a law suit in which the Dean and Chapter are involved and advising that their solicitor, Mr. Wharton, be instructed to keep careful watch on the activities of their opponents; with mention of the execution of Sir Henry Vane and the possibility of a reprieve for Lambert.
2ff.

1A, 87  6 July [1662]
Letter from Accepted Frewen, Archbishop of York to Bishop Cosin at London.
Concerning the settlement of a dispute involving Mr. Holden; observing that the present session of Parliament will probably end shortly; commenting on the poor weather and advising Cosin to obtain as much news as he can while in London.
2ff.

1A, 88  10 July 1662
Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Bishop of London, to Bishop Cosin.
Requesting him to increase his contribution of £300 towards the ransom of the captives (in Algiers); stressing the need for haste as Mr. Bargrave will be leaving for the negotiations within 3 weeks; and enquiring as to the Dean and Chapter's contribution.
2ff.

1A, 89  27 May 1661
[Copy] Letter from Isaac Basire to Prince of Transylvania (Francis I).
Requesting payment of the stipend promised by his father: emphasising his services to the Prince's father, the loss of all his possessions in Transylvania, and the fact that the money is due from the College and not from the Prince's own purse.
Language: Latin
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 371-2
1A, 90  1 February 1662/3
English Translation of Petition from Sophronias, Metropolitan of Monemvesia and all the Greek Christians in the Morea to Charles II.
Begging him to deliver them from the Turks in return for their homage and obedience.
Original signed by Sophronias and 6 other clerics.
Superscribed in Basire's hand "a true translation of the Greek letter".
2ff.

1A, 90A  n.d.
Four questions and answers on political and religious issues including the struggle against the Turks.
1f.

1B, 91  11 October 1662
Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Bishop of London, to Bishop Cosin.
Informing him of reports in London that he has dealt severely with the son of Lord Arundel of Wardour contrary to Government Policy.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 97

1B, 92  28 October 1662
Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Bishop of London, to Bishop Cosin.
Approving his action (against Lord Arundel's son); but objecting to Cosin's evident resentment that the matter had been raised.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 97-8

1B, 93  22 November 1662
Letter from John Barwick, Dean of St. Paul's, to Isaac Basire.
Assuring him and the Dean and Chapter that he will take care of their records and return them when they have been corrected and approved; with reference to the discovery of a plot and the news that [Oliver] St. John and John Owen have gone abroad without permission.
2ff.

1B, 94  n.d. [c.1660-1662?]
Sacrilegium Peccatum Clamans: Draft letter [from Clement Spelman?] to a Bishop [Cosin?] Attributing all the misfortunes of the nation, and the Tudor and Stuart families, to the dissolution of the monasteries and the seizure of Church lands by Henry VIII; drawing a comparison between Henry's seizure of ecclesiastical lands by Act of Parliament and Parliament's seizure of Royal lands in the Civil War; urging restoration of Church lands especially the palaces of Whitehall and St. James which the King should occupy as a tenant of the Church. Refers to his preface to a reprint of "a small tract of my father's, touching impropiations" "about 15 years since" (Sir Henry Spelman; De non temerandis Ecclesiis: a Tracte of the Rights and Respect due unto Churches. Reprinted 1646 - see Madan, Oxford books, vol. ii, nos, 1858, 2811).
1f.
1B, 95  20 December 1662
Letter from Guy Carleton to Bishop Cosin.
Concerning the discovery of a plot for a general insurrection (by the Dissenters?): naming
his informants and listing possible traitors and disaffected persons in the county of
Durham, including John Joplin (involved in the Derwentside Plot. VCH, ii, 55).
2ff.

1B, 96  26 December 1662
Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Bishop of London, to Bishop Cosin.
Advising him not to attend Parliament if he is still indisposed but stressing the importance
of his sending a proxy as the Church will be under attack for the amount of money it has
received; asking for an account of money spent in restoring his houses etc. and what
remains to be done; and commenting on the King's desire to relax laws against
Non-Conformists.
1f.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 101-2

1B, 97  8 February 1662/3
Letter from Joseph Naylor to Bishop Cosin.
Recommending the institution of his kinsman and namesake [Thomas Naylor] to the
Vicarage of [St. Nicholas] Newcastle.
2ff.

1B, 98  13 February 1662/3
Letter from Accepted Frewen, Archbishop of York, to Bishop Cosin.
Saying that, like Cosin, he will not be present for the beginning of the next Session of
Parliament but that he has sent a proxy; with request that, if Cosin leaves for London
first, he will call in at Bishopsthorpe on the way.
2ff.

1B, 99  13 February 1662/3
Letter from John Tempest and Ralph Davison to Bishop Cosin.
Requesting the appointment of Capt. Newton as Clerk to the Deputy Lieutenants in place
of Mr. Frizell who has been incapable of performing the duties for some time.
2ff.

1B, 100  24 February 1663
Letter from Richard Sterne, Bishop of Carlisle, to Bishop Cosin.
Regretting Cosin's absence from Parliament; advising him to prosecute the tenants of
Newborne and Warkworth for pensions due to him; and conveying news of events in
Parliament including the passage of the Bill enabling the King to dispense with the Act
of Uniformity.
2ff.

1B, 101  26 March 1663
Letter from Peter Barwick to Isaac Basire, Archdeacon of Northumberland.
Thanking him, on behalf of his brother the Dean [of St. Paul's], for the repayment of
some money and describing the symptoms of his brother's illness in detail.
2ff.
1B, 102  4 June [1663]
Letter from Daniel Brevint to Isaac Basire.
Concerning the book he bought for him in Paris: M. D'Aille's reply to the Jesuit Adam; complaining about all the workmen in his house; and commenting that there are only 3 Prebendaries available for preaching.
Language: French
1f.

1B, 103  10 June [1663]
Letter from Accepted Frewen, Archbishop of York, to Bishop Cosin.
Sending copy of Statement made by the Defendant to Mr. Burwell and recommending Aislaby as a discreet and experienced man; with news of the suppression of a Presbyterian Conventicle in York.
2ff. Printed: Ormsby ii, 106 (extract)

1B, 104  28 July 1663
Letter from Daniel Brevint in Dover to Isaac Basire.
Saying that he is about to leave for Calais and that he has personally delivered Basire's letters to the Chancellor, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Stradling and M. Durel; commenting on events in Parliament and on the marriage of the Vice-Chancellor's second daughter to Sir Thomas Scott; with directions for sending correspondence to him in Paris.
Language: French
2ff.

1B, 105  21 August 1663
Letter from Richard Sterne, Bishop of Carlisle, to Bishop Cosin.
Confirming the claim of the tenants of Newborne that they have made the payments due to Cosin for the years 1661 and 1662 and that he himself is responsible for the year 1660, which he will pay from the next Michaelmas rents.
2ff.

1B, 106  29 September 1663
Advising him to spend the winter in London for the sake of his health.
1f.

1B, 107  January 23/2 February 1663
Letter from Daniel Brevint to Isaac Basire.
Conveying the opinion of French lawyers on Basire's affair: that no French Court can invalidate an "Arrest de Cour Souveraine" and that he still awaits their reply as to whether the King can intervene at the request of the English Ambassador; saying that he hopes to celebrate Easter in France on March 15/25 and then again in Durham and Brancepeth if his request to make his Residence in May has been granted; mentioning the activities of the "Hyperephanians of Barclay" (Quakers?) and describing the difficulties of the French Huguenots with particular reference to the two young cousins of Mme de Turenne and restrictions in Rouen.
Language: French
2ff.
1B, 108  13 April 1663
Letter from Paul Jass-Berenisi in London to Isaac Basire.
Conveying news from Transylvania: with reference to the Polish and Turkish threat,
members of the Royal family and household, and the disposition of the Turkish forces.
*Language*: Latin
2ff.

1B, 109  7/17 April 1663
Letter from Peter Mollen in Petershagen to Isaac Basire.
Urging him to write a description of his travels in Latin and of the lives of Christians under
Turkish rule; and commenting on the Religious situation in England.
*Language*: Latin
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 241-5 (English), 385-7 (Latin)

1B, 110  13 April [1664]
Letter from Joseph Henshaw, Bishop of Peterborough, to [Bishop Cosin].
Informing him that Dr. Duport has been appointed Dean of Peterborough.
1f.

1B, 111  15 July 1664
Letter from John Cosin to Isaac Basire.
Requesting names of persons in Stanhope or Egglescliffe who served against the King
and who are still disaffected, together with a similar list of those who are loyal and
prepared to act against any of the King's enemies; enjoining him to secrecy.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 108

1B, 112  23 May 1664
Inviting him to the confirmation in Henry VII's Chapel and dinner at Goldsmiths' Hall the
following day.
2ff.

1B, 113  29 June 1664
Letter from Isaac Basire to Dr Greaves, Vicar of Fulham.
Requesting his opinion on the Arabic version of the Catechism which he will receive
from Dr. Busby.
2ff.

1B, 114  28 June 1664
Mandate from Charles II, signed by William Morice, to the Dean and Chapter of Durham.
Authorising them to refuse to admit as Almsmen or Bedesmen persons who do not have
a record of loyal service to himself and his father; and instructing them to give preference
to persons born in the City or County of Durham.
2ff.

1B, 115  28 June 1664
Authorising his Chancellor, Dr. Burwell to organise a campaign in support of the Church
of Cromer in Norfolk; with instructions that all contributions and accounts be deposited
in the Registrar's Office pending further orders.
1f.
1B, 116  10 August 1664
Letter from the representatives of the people of Cromer in Norfolk to Cosin.
Appealing for contributions towards the restoration of the Church and the construction
of a pier to protect the town from the sea. Signed: William D'Oyly, John Wyndham and
Edward Brivist.
2ff.

1B, 117  29 November 1664
Letter from George Davenport to Isaac Basire.
Conveying the Bishop's [Cosin's] opinion that Mr. Prowse should seek his remedy from
the law and not from him; and that Basire should not enforce rules concerning
excommunication until the Church is more securely established; with news of friends,
and the vote by the Commons to raise £2,500,000.
2ff.

1B, 118  1 December 1664
Letter to Mr Bollen about Elwick (Daniel Bollen was Rector of Elwick 1660-1664).
Ownership history: Listed in the index by Hunter but missing from the Letter Book.

1B, 119  17 March 1665/6
Letter from Edward Rainbow, Bishop of Carlisle, to Isaac Basire.
Outlining opinions he has received from lawyers concerning the validity of actions taken
by his former Chancellor and his intentions in this respect; informing Basire of the Earl
of Carlisle's interest and support for his case (against the tenants of Warkworth?); and
mentioning Mr. Stewart.
2ff.

1B, 120  11 January 1664/5
[Copy] Letter from Isaac Basire, Archdeacon of Northumberland.
Giving advice and instructions regarding several cases pending in an Ecclesiastical
Court with particular reference to the canon law on Excommunication.
2ff.

1B, 121  16 January 1665
Conveying the King's commands that he should recruit two or more clergymen as
chaplains to the fleet commanded by the Duke of York; with assurances that those
appointed need not give up their present benefices provided they find suitable substitutes
and that they will be well rewarded; requesting their names and addresses as soon as
possible together with the names of any who are unwilling to accept the position.
2ff.

1B, 122  17 February 1665
Letter from Miles Smyth (c.1619-71, Secretary to Archbishop Sheldon) to Bishop Cosin.
Containing instructions, in accordance with the commands of the Archbishop of
Canterbury, for the compilation and return of a Survey of the Diocese of Durham to
include all Dignities and Benefices, with valuations and note of those paying subsidies
of more than four shillings in the pound.
2ff.
[Copy] Letter from Cosin, to John Warner, Bishop of Rochester.
Explaining the circumstances giving rise to the request from the Assize Court for a second copy of the certificate of marriage between Col. William Bowes of Barnes in the diocese of Durham and his widow now Mrs. Ann Purefoy.

Letter from George Morley, Bishop of Winchester, to Isaac Basire.
Excusing him from his next turn of duty in the King's private chapel provided he finds a substitute from among the King's sworn chaplains, and undertaking to do both Basire's turns in the pulpit himself.

Praising the Book of Dignities and Benefices returned for the diocese of Durham.

Letter from Walter Ettrick, one of 8 persons in Sunderland appointed to prevent the spread of the plague, to John Sudbury, Dean of Durham and Justice of the Peace.
Complaining of the difficulties in carrying out their tasks; and requesting: that the cost of inspecting and guarding ships from Yarmouth and other infected places should be borne by the ships' Masters; that the alehouse kept by Rebecca Brown be suppressed on grounds of disorderly conduct and for entertaining persons who have had contact with the plague; that John Little of Sunderland be bound over for abusing the Constable who shut up his sister's house; and that they should be given greater powers and an additional £10 to enable them to continue.

Letter from M. De Brandt, Envoy of the Elector of Brandenburg in London, to Isaac Basire.
Regretting that they have not been able to meet in London; sending a letter from M. Moll and offering to convey messages to Basire's friends when he returns to Germany.

Language: French

Conveying the King's commands that collections should be made in every parish for the relief of victims of the plague; and describing the distress of the people of London in particular where many thousands are without means and starving because all work has been suspended.
1B, 129  9 September 1665
Concerning the incidence of plague around York; with news of the victory of English
ships over the Dutch and the next session of Parliament in Oxford on October 9.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 134-5

1B, 130  18 September 1665
Informing him that the Archbishop of Canterbury has agreed to excuse the Northern
Bishops from attending Parliament in Oxford provided they send proxies; with the news
of the plague.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 137-8

1B, 131  2 May 1665
[Copy] Letter from Isaac Basire to George Morley, Bishop of Winchester.
Asking to be excused from his turn as chaplain to the King in June as he is obliged to
perform some of the duties of the clergymen serving with the fleet, there being a lack of
suitable curates in the north.
2ff.

1B, 132  17 May 1665
[Copy] Letter from Isaac Basire to Sir Phillip Musgrave J.P.
Promising to carry out his commands towards Sir Thomas Davison and his brother; with
information on the suppression of a Conventicle, mostly from Allendale, Northumberland,
and of his intention to leave for London next day to attend the King next month.
2ff.

1B, 133  22 September 1665
[Copy] Letter from Isaac Basire to Bishop Cosin.
Requesting that the repairs to the Chancel in Stanhope might be allowed to proceed
despite objections from Mr. Fetherston concerning the dismantling of his seat in the
Church and the use of the wood for the repairs.
2ff.

1B, 134  24 January 1665/6
Letter from Philip Musgrave J.P. to Isaac Basire.
Informing him that he has complained to the Bishop of Durham that the Quaker Heglin
has been allowed too much freedom by the Keeper of the Gaol and that he will continue
to press for stricter confinement; conveying news from Parliament and of the Dutch wars.
1f.

1B, 135  13 September 1665
Letter from Isaac Basire to Peter Mollen, Councillor to the Elector of Brandenberg at
Petershagen.
Excusing himself from writing a full account of his travels as requested but describing
his return journey through Germany.
Language: Latin
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 388-91 (Latin) 245-7 (English)
1B, 136 3 November [1665]
Letter from Sir Philip Musgrave, in Northallerton, to Isaac Basire.
Informing him that, before leaving to attend Parliament, he left instructions for Sir William Carleton and Mr. Laton to question Adams, a Quaker from Wigton in Cumberland, and to act on Basire's information concerning the Quakers.
2ff.

1B, 137 4 November 1661
Letter from Sir Philip Musgrave, in Carlisle, to Isaac Basire.
Expressing great pleasure at Basire's presence in Durham regretting that public duty in London prevents him from coming to see him; and thanking him for past kindnesses and spiritual guidance to himself and his sons in France.
Written on Basire's return to England 1661?
2ff.

1B, 138 29 January 1665/6
Acquiescing in Cosin's arrangements for the return of money to the Bishop of London; advising that, according to his interpretation of the Statute (1664 Agreement between Clarendon and Sheldon that clerical subsidies should be voted by the House of Commons with lay taxes instead of by Convocation), Hospitals are not to be assessed for the sites on which they stand, but expressing doubt as to whether the same applies to their other lands and revenues; with further advice that Cosin is entitled to all rents falling due after the Michaelmas at which he was restored to his temporalities.
2ff.

1B, 139 5 February 1665/6
Correcting his original opinion regarding Cosin's entitlement to rents under the Act of Indemnity and advising that he may have to sue in cases where leases have recently been renewed; assuring him that he will not ordain candidates from the diocese of Durham without Letters Dimissory; and commenting on rumours concerning the raising of the Militia.
2ff.

1B, 140 22 February 1665/6
Letter from Edward Rainbow, Bishop of Carlisle, to Bishop Cosin.
Commenting on the problems of extracting rents from the tenants of Warkworth and Newborn; and assuring him of his care in observing the Canon about Letters Dimissory when conferring Holy Orders.
2ff.

1B, 141 25 March 1667
[Copy] Letter from Isaac Basire to John Shafto, Vicar of Netherwarden.
Advising him concerning the duties of his Churchwardens, the responsibility for repairing the Chapel, the conduct of his private life which has given rise to scandal and the law relating to usury; with postscript relating to the attempts to make the Vicar contribute towards the provision of a curate for Newbrough.
2ff.
1B, 142  19 March 1666
Conveying instructions from the Archbishop of Canterbury that they should attend the
beginning of the next session of Parliament.
1f.

1B, 143  31 March 1666
Regretting that Cosin is prevented from attending Parliament through ill-health; advising
that a fresh proxy will be necessary; and approving his actions regarding his leases.
2ff.

1B, 144  3 April 1666
Letter from Humfrey Henchman, Bishop of London, to Bishop Cosin.
Acknowledging receipt of £50 for the relief of plague victims and reminding him that he
must renew his proxy for the coming session of Parliament.
2ff.

1B, 145  5 April 1666
Letter from Humfrey Henchman, Bishop of London, to Bishop Cosin.
Informing him that, contrary to the presumption of his letter of April 3, Sir William Turner
has refused to pay the £50 on the ground that he has been unable to obtain the money.
2ff.

1B, 146  1 March 1666 or 1667
Letter from Jean Maximillian De L'Angle in Rouen to Isaac Basire.
Taking the opportunity of sending a letter by Basire's son; assuring him of his continued
friendship and service; and regretting that their correspondence has been hindered by
the wars.
Language: French
2ff.

1B, 147  2 March 1666 or 1667
Letter from Le Moyet in Rouen to Isaac Basire.
Taking the opportunity of sending his respects by Basire's son on his return to England;
and urging him to publish the Liturgy and Confessions of Faith of the Oriental Churches.
2ff.

1B, 148  31 May 1666
Letter from William Towers, Rector of Fisherton, Lincs. to Bishop Cosin.
Promising to promote the interests of Cosin's daughter in respect of her lease in Fisherton;
and indicating that he would welcome some Cathedral preferment.
2ff.

1B, 149  9 June 1666
Letter from Elizabeth Blackerby from Stowmarket to her uncle Bishop Cosin.
Expressing the hope that he has not altered arrangements for distributing money among
their relatives out of dissatisfaction with her management of the matter.
2ff.
1B, 150  18 June 1666
Letter from Richard Sterne, Archbishop of York, to [Isaac Basire].
Discussing the problem of increasing [the endowment of] a Vicarage from Impropriations
with particular reference to the effect of the Statute of 17 Charles II (1665); and saying
that the lessee of an Impropriation should be aware at the time of taking out the lease
that the Bishop has the power to increase the Vicarage.
1f.

1B, 151  30 June 1666
Saying that he will not intervene further in the dispute between Cosin and the Earl of
Pembroke concerning Durham House.
2ff.

1B, 152  17 July 1666
Letter from Francis Wilford (Master of Corpus Christi and Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge
University) to Bishop Cosin.
Appealing for assistance towards the relief of the poor in Cambridge where the numbers
have grown as a result of the plague the previous year.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 151

1B, 153  19 July [1666]
Letter from Sir Thomas Davison to Bishop Cosin.
Describing measures taken for the safety of Hartlepool and the surrounding towns during
the recent scare of an invasion by the Dutch.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 152-3

1B, 154  22 August 1666
Acknowledging receipt of a document relating to Hospitals in the diocese of Durham;
regretting the recurrence of Cosin's old indisposition; expressing the hope that he will
be well enough to attend Parliament; and urging him to spend the following winter in
London.
2ff.

1B, 155  28 August 1666
Letter from James Fleetwood (Provost of King's College, Cambridge) to Bishop Cosin.
Appealing for a contribution towards the relief of the poor in Cambridge.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 154

1B, 156  1 September 1666
Regretting that Cosin is prevented by ill-health from attending Parliament and reminding
him to send a proxy.
2ff.
1B, 157  8 September 1666
Letter from Anthony Byerley to Bishop Cosin.  
Informing him of the outbreak of fire in the City of London and claiming that sixty villains, both English and French, were taken in the act of causing the fire.  
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 154

1B, 158  9 September 1666
Letter from John Tempest to Bishop Cosin.  
Informing him that he has instructed the officers of the troop at Durham to double their guard and increase their vigilance in case there may be danger from a plot, but that he will take no further action until the situation becomes more clear or he receives further commands.  
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 155-6

1B, 159  24 January 1666/7
Apologising for his lapse of memory in regard to the papers in a dispute in which Cosin is involved [Humphrey Wharton's case concerning tithes and royalties payable in respect of the lead mines in Weardale? for which see also Nos. 160, 162, 164 ]; and informing him that the Moor master claims that Cosin has instructed him not to continue with his Bill; with postscript requesting information about the new wife of the Dean of Lichfield.  
2ff.

1B, 160  2 February 1666/7
Regretting that Cosin is displeased by his lapse of memory; assuring him that his case should not have suffered as Cosin has the power to compel the Dean [of Durham, John Sudbury] to produce the paper again; and confessing that his enquiries about the Dean of Lichfield's wife were out of curiosity as to the likelihood of her producing an heir for the Dean's and his brother's estate.  
2ff.

1B, 161  27 August 1666
[Copy] Letter from John Cosin to Archbishop Sheldon  
Requesting permission to absent himself from the next session of Parliament on the grounds of ill-health and leave to send his proxy to the Bishop of London; promising meanwhile to give full attention to his duties as Lieutenant.  
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 153

1B, 162  7 January 1666/7
[Copy] Letter from John Cosin to Mr [Humphrey?] Wharton  
Concerning Wharton's dispute with the Rector of Stanhope (Isaac Basire) concerning tithes (payable in respect of lead mines in Weardale?). See VCH ii 352.  
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 165-6
1B, 163  30 September 1674
Letter from Francis Turner, Master of St. John's College, Cambridge, to Isaac Basire. Expressing pleasure in the recovery of Basire's son, but urging Basire not to allow him to return to Cambridge until the end of October so that he should not become involved in the dispute over the choice of a successor to the Mastership; outlining the reason for his resignation and the cause of the dispute.
Post Script from Peter Gunning, Bishop of Chichester, to Basire. Supporting Turner's recommendation that Basire's son should not return to Cambridge until the dispute is settled, but advising that if he has already left, Basire should instruct him either to support the Master or have nothing to do with the matter.
1f.
Printed: Darnell 305-9

1B, 164  17 January 1666/7
Letter from Edward Rainbow, Bishop of Carlisle, to Isaac Basire. Describing proceedings on Mr. Wharton's Bill in Committee of the House of Lords with their decision on the rents and royalties payable to the Bishop and his successors, and the terms of tithes payable to Rectors of Stanhope and Wolsingham.
2ff.

1B, 165  14 September 1667
Letter from George Monck, Duke of Albermarle, to Sir Edward Musgrave. Giving instructions for disbanding the company of foot in the garrison at Carlisle: with orders for the return of arms and equipment to the Royal Ordinance, and for paying the men up to 27 September.
1f.

1B, 166  26 January 1668/9
Letter from John Fenwick, Vicar of Corbridge, to Isaac Basire. Explaining that it was only two days since he had received Basire's letter of New Year's Day with the letter from the Bishop enclosed; informing him that he has sent copies to Mr. Algood [Rector] of Simonburn and his cousin Ralph Fenwick [Vicar] of Stamfordham, and that he has already paid in the tenths due on Candlemas as instructed.
1f.

1B, 167  12 June 1668
Letter from John Fenwick, Vicar of Corbridge, to Isaac Basire. Commenting on a book by Basire; asking him to make his apologies to the Bishop for not attending the Triennial Visitation at Newcastle; and advising on the best way to send letters to him to avoid delays at the post house.
2ff.

1B, 168  1 July 1667
[Copy] Letter from John Cosin to Richard Sterne, Archbishop of York. Assuring him that he will encourage the clergy of his diocese to contribute liberally towards the maintenance of fresh forces recruited to resist invasion by the Dutch; and requesting instruction as to how and when the money should be paid.
1f.
1B, 169  4 August 1668
Letter from George Ritschel of Hexham to Isaac Basire. Concerning arrangements with Mr. Tomkyns for the publication of a book (recommended?) by Basire.
On back of letter: Tally of days in different parts of the year (1699?): April to January, November to August, January to November.  
2ff.

1B, 170  23 October 1668
[Copy] Order by the King in Council in respect of a petition from Sir Philp Musgrave, Governor of the garrison at Carlisle, complaining that John Aglionby, Alderman of Carlisle, has fomented dissension between the City and the garrison and has persuaded them to draw up a document containing false accusations against the garrison tending to sedition.
Directing that John Aglionby make a public submission of his fault in the Guildhall, Carlisle, and that the document should be publicly cancelled and expunged from the City records.  
1f.

1B, 171  22 August 1668
Letter from Jean Claude, Pastor of the Reformed Church in Paris, to Isaac Basire. Requesting a reply to 21 questions about the life and faith of the Greek Schismatics. 
Language: Latin  
2ff.

1B, 172  7 December 1668
[Copy] Letter from Isaac Basire to Joannes Claudius. Answering his questions as to the life and faith of the Greek Church. 
Language: Latin  
2ff.

1B, 173  15 December 1668
[Copy] Letter from the Mayor and 5 Aldermen of Newcastle (viz.): Ralph Jenison, James Clavering, Robert Shafto, Mark Milbanke, J. Emerson and William Blackett, to Cosin. Defending themselves against charges that they have not enforced the laws against Conventicles; and expressing their willingness to act whenever there is sufficient evidence to proceed.  
1f. 
Printed: Ornsby ii, 198-9

1B, 174  22 December 1668
[Copy] Letter from Cosin to the Mayor and Aldermen of Newcastle. Expressing surprise that they claim to have had little evidence of the existence of Conventicles in Newcastle; giving details of meetings held 1 and 25 November with the names of four of the leaders, and urging them to be more diligent.  
1f. 
Printed: Ornsby ii, 199-201
1B, 175  8 September 1668
Letter from William Sancroft, Dean of St. Paul's, to [Miles Stapylton].
Informing him that proceedings are threatened on the three undischarged bonds, for
£9.11s each, in which they and Mr. Forder were bound to the King in 1660 as guarantors
for Ralph Blakeston in respect of the first fruits of the parsonage of Ryton; and urging
him to put pressure on the debtor to provide further sureties to indemnify the guarantors.
1f.

1B, 176  8 March 1669
Letter from Sir William Dugdale to [Isaac Basire].
Giving an account of the life, family connections and charitable works of the Duchess
Dudley who died 22 January; with details of the provisions of her will and arrangements
for the funeral, and a request that Basire should convey the news to the Countess of
Pembroke.
Superscribed in his hand, "The memorable workes of Piety, Charity and Magnificence
of the late Lady Dutches Dudley: The English Paula".
2ff.

1B, 177  n.d. (received: 12 March 1669)
Letter from Jean Claude to Isaac Basire.
Commenting on Basire's answers to his questions about the Greek Church. (See 171
and 172 above).
Language: Latin, Greek, French
2ff.

1B, 178  30 April 1669
Letter from Thomas Naylor, Vicar of Newcastle, to Isaac Basire.
Inviting Basire to stay in his house on his next visit to Newcastle; and complaining that
the problems he has encountered from the Magistrates in the work on his house have
more to do with his endeavours to suppress Conventicles in Newcastle than with the
dispute between the Corporation and the Dean and Chapter [of Durham].
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 279-80

1B, 179  n.d. [1669]
[Copy] Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, to the bishops.
Reminding them that the services in their Cathedrals should be models for the parochial
churches; and urging them to ensure that at least the Sunday services and the
administration of Holy Communion should be performed by their Deans and Canons, or
Prebends, in rotation and not left to vicars and petty canons.
1f.

1B, 180  12 June 1669
Containing copy of letter he has received from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury,
dated 8 June 1669, conveying the King's commands to the Bishops for strict enforcement
of the laws against Conventicles and requiring them to report any neglect on the part of
local magistrates; and advising Cosin to return to his diocese immediately to put the
matter in hand.
1f.
1B, 181  17 June 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Isaac Basire.
Conveying the commands of the King and Archbishops that all Churchmen should gather information regarding Conventicles in their parishes (viz.): where and how often assemblies are held, numbers and status of those attending and names of persons protecting them, and that this information should be passed to the local Justices; urging him to take immediate action.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 205-6

1B, 182  8 November 1669
Letter from Isaac Basire to Bishop Cosin.
Giving detailed accounts of the last Quarter Sessions, his Visitation of Northumberland, his requests to the Mayor of Newcastle, the activities of Highway robbers in Durham, and the committal of the Archbishop of Glasgow to Edinburgh Castle.
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 281-3

1B, 183  13 June 1670
Letter from the Master, Fellows and Scholars of St. John's College, Cambridge to Isaac Basire.
Requesting a donation towards the restoration of the College walls.
Language: Latin
2ff.

1B, 184  29 July 1670
[Copy] Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, to [John Sudbury], Dean of Durham.
Requesting a detailed account of expenditure by the Dean and Chapter since the Restoration; assuring him that it will be used only to defend the Church against attacks on its wealth; and adding that an account of fines received in the same period might also be of use.
1f.

1B, 185  23 March 1670/1
Letter from Robert Wittie (Doctor of Medicine) to Isaac Basire.
Enquiring whether Basire saw Lot's wife's pillar while on his travels, as he wishes to have his opinion confirmed that it was made of mineral and not sea salt.
2ff.
Printed: Darnell 283-4

1B, 186  3 April 1671
Letter from Isaac Basire to Dr [Robert] Wittie.
Enclosing a reply to his query about Lot's wife, thanking him for his medical advice to Basire's wife and also for the gift of his book ("Scarborough Spa" ?).
2ff.

1B, 187  [3 April 1671]
Enclosed in 1B, 186.
Giving a detailed reply to Dr. Wittie's enquiry about the pillar of salt which was Lot's wife: saying that although he believes Josephus saw it there is no trace left now and citing several authorities on the subject.
2ff.
1B, 188  25 January 1671/2
Letter from Francis Goodriche to Miles Stapylton.
Concerning his attempts to discover the King's intentions for the civil and military
government of the Palatinate of Durham during the vacancy caused by the death of
Cosin.
2ff.

1B, 189  2 February 1672/3
Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury to Humfrey Henchman, Bishop
of London, and other Bishops.
Emphasising the importance of education in preventing the spread of religious sects
and conveying the King's commands that all laws promoting the use of the Catechism
should be fully implemented, that proceedings should be taken against any person
teaching without licence and that no teacher should be appointed without having
subscribed to the appropriate oaths and declarations.
2ff.

1B, 190  3 September 1679
Letter from Johannes De Decies (sometime Fellow of All Souls, Oxford?) to Peter Crepitus
[Sir Peter Pett].
Exchanging greetings and pleasantries.
1f.

1B, 191  7 April 1686
Letter from Robert South.
Expressing hopes of a favourable outcome to a matter of mutual interest and requesting
permission to use the recipient's name in obtaining a favour from Mr. Steller.
1f.

1B, 192  undated [17th century]
Piece of paper found loose in volume
1f.
Cosin Letter-book 2

2, i  n.d. [Early 1660's]
Proposals agreed by some bishops and clergy for a charitable scheme to relieve
distressed clergy and those ejected from their livings.
2ff.

2, 0  [1720s]
Table of contents of Cosin Letterbook 2 compiled by Christopher Hunter.
2f.

2, 1  16 June 1660
Letter from Thomas Shadforth to Dr Cosin. Concerning the handing of copies of a
declaration to tenants in possession “of all the personages, vicarages, gleb land and
other theire former rights, to intitle them to all the present profits and allso in case of
opposition to inable them to have a tryall at law the next assises”. Shadforth expresses
his concern that Mr Midford who purchased land at Little-Towne which was formerly
Cosin's, will oppose the declaration and states that a Mr. Christopher Mickelton, a
solicitor, will retain counsel on behalf of Dr Cosin at a trial at the next assizes. Shadforth
asks for Cosin's approval of what he has done and for further instructions.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 3-4

2, 2  9 July 1660
Letter from William Collingwood to [Dr Cosin]. Informing Cosin that he has sent on his
letters to Mr Shadforth and Mr Jackson the day he arrived home and was assured by
Mr Jackson that Brancepeth will pay all that is due of them. William Blackston and Mr
Shadforth have spoken to the tenants of Elwick on Cosin's behalf, and Mr Shadforth
assured Collingwood that he will take care of Cosin's concerns in his absence. He spoke
yesterday to Mr Salvin's tenant in the Close. Postscript; Collingwood suggests that if the
tithes of the parish of Billingham and Saltholme are to be disposed of for Cosin's use
then he is in the capacity to do good service in these particulars.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 4-5

2, 3  n.d. [July 1660?]
A note of the tythes and proffits of Elwicke.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 5

2, 4  21 July 1660
Letter from William Blakiston to Dr Cosin. Concerning Mr Bowy's claim to title of the
tithes of the parish of Elwick. Blakiston asked the parishioners to refrain from paying
their tithes until Bowy's claim was brought to trial. They agreed to this. He then brought
Bowy before them. Bowy cited the King's proclamation against forceable entries which
Blakiston refuted. He then claimed that the King had taken away pluralities. Blakiston
answered that this was untrue but if the King did, Cosin would not surrender the parish
to Bowie. Blakiston wished that he could bring Bowy to trial over this as he did not think
Bowie would come to court.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 5-6

35
2, 5  7 August 1660
Letter from Christopher Mickleton to John Cosin. Mickleton states that he has put into
execution the orders dated 23 June 1660 received from the House of Lords which
decreed that the tithes, glebes and other profits of the rectory of Elwick and other
ecclesiastical livings belonging to John Cosin who had been illegally sequestered and
ejected during the late wars, be secured in the hands of churchwardens and overseers
of the poor of Elwick until his title to them shall be determined by a further order of
Parliament. Mickleton's son was acting with Mr Shadforth and Mr Blakeston on Cosin's
behalf in Elwick.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 6-8

2, 6  11 October 1660
Letter from Christopher Mickleton to Dr Cosin. Mickleton congratulates Cosin on being
created bishop of Durham but refers principally to the outcome of the trial of Mr Bowy,
who has been allowed to stay until the 23 October to convey away his goods. Mickleton
has forwarded a copy of the order which was made at the last assizes to Cosin and
intends to wait upon him at London.
3ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 8

2, 6A  11 October 1660
Letter from Christopher Mickleton to Dr Cosin.
1f.

2, 7  20 December 1660
Letter from Christopher Mickleton to Dr Cosin. Concerning Cosin's desire to know how
many knight's fees are held by the bishop of Durham, which are detailed on folio 7A.
Mickleton promises to learn who are 'the most leading men' for the election of burgesses
for Allerton and Allertonshire and sends his assurance that he will forward a copy of the
patent for the office of Prothonotary onto Mr Raddiley and Cosin. Mickleton offers his
service to Sir Gilbert Gerard and Mr Morgan if Cosin should send them to Durham.
2ff.

2, 8  24 December 1660
Letter from Christopher Mickleton to Dr Cosin. Enclosing a copy of the patent grant of
the office of Clerk/Prothonotary of the court of pleas of Durham, which he was appointed
to by the king and expressing his desire to continue in the said office under Cosin.
Reports on the difficulty of carrying out the business of tenures concerning wardship
revenues on account of the limited access Mickleton has to the necessary books and
records at present in the hands of others.
2ff.
2, 9  29 January 1661
Letter from Christopher Mickleton to Dr Cosin. Mickleton is pleased to hear that Bishop Cosin has appointed Sir Thomas Widdrington to the office of Temporal Chancellor. He will be glad to see Sir Gilbert Gerard in the county. He has searched all the records for the Chancery of William James, Bishop of Durham, and hoped to get through to Bishop Richard Neile's time for the yearly profits of the tenures and wardships belonging to the bishop. He stopped because of the dissolution of Parliament. He suggests that there will be some difficulty in discovering the true value from the several bishop stewards that have been here before since most are dead except Mr Parsons, now living in or about London and Mr Withers the poet who was once Bishop Howson's steward.

1f.

2, 10  15 February 1661
Letter from Christopher Mickleton to Dr Cosin. Promises to send to Cosin a true extract of what the rolls 'afford' during the times of Bishop James and Bishop Neile. Mickleton thanks Cosin for allowing him to get stones out of his quarries at Broken Walls and assures him that there will still be enough for Cosin's use and that of his successors. Informs Cosin that there are no slates to be found at the quarry at Broken Walls and that he had to buy all his slates at quarries near Esh. Concludes with details of the house he is repairing opposite to Mr Farrer's and that he will give Mr. Shadforth the details of disbursements in the suit against John Bowy.

2ff.

2, 11  22 February 1661
Letter from Christopher Mickleton to Dr Cosin. Mickleton had hoped to send up to Cosin a perfect return of what he had found in the rolls in the Chancery of Durham but was hindered by not having the rolls in his possession. He has completed the rolls in the times of Bishop James and Bishop Neile as to wardships and liveries and has enclosed with them another branch which used to form part of the Court of Wards and Liveries namely Licences and Pardons of Alienation. He has written out ten sheets of pay to make a full account of the clear profit which Cosin should receive next week, along with Mr Mathew's opinion and value and his upon the same. He has enclosed a certificate from the workmen of his Lordship’s quarry to confirm what he told Cosin regarding his getting stones out of the quarry at Broken Walls.

2ff.

2, 12  23 February 1661
Letter from Commissioners to Treat with Purchasers of Bishops' Lands. C. Harbord, Denzel Holles, Richard Newman, Valentina Portland to Dr Cosin. Requesting Cosin to respond to a petition received by the Star Chamber from Thomas Lascells of Northallerton in the county of York. Cosin is asked to treat with the petitioner regarding Lascell’s purchase of various offices, royalties and lands in the manner of Northallerton which originally belonged to the bishop of Durham. In failing to come to an agreement with the petitioner the Star Chamber desires Cosin to inform them on how the matter stands by Saturday 27th April in order that they may proceed with the matter.

2ff.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 18
Letter from John Cosin to the right honourable the Lords and other Commissioners appointed by his Majesty to treat with the purchasers of bishops' lands. Cosin has not heard of any offices and royalties belonging to the bishop of Durham in the manner of Northallerton and believes that the petitioner has purchased some tenements though not at the price he claims. In regards to the lands the petitioner holds by lease from the former bishops of Durham, Cosin intends not to disturb his present possession as long he observes the terms of his leases. Cosin accuses the petitioner and others joining with him of dividing diverse lands in the manner of Allerton for their own benefit and suggests that the petitioner has destroyed a great fish pond there for his own profit, disregarding the respondent's claim as chief lord. Cosin informed the petitioner that he could not renew his lease until the Commissioners 'had been upon the place' but Lassells refused the respondent's offer to treat with the Commissioners as he might have done.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 19-20

Letter from Richard Neile to Mr Miles Stapylton. Neile informs Stapylton of the health of his wife who began to be ill about Wednesday or Thursday night.

Letter from Richard Neile to Mr Miles Stapylton. Neile notifies Stapylton that the bill of Uniformity was passed in the House of Lords, his wife's illness is much abated; and the queen [Catherine of Braganza] sets out from Portugal either today or tomorrow.

Letter from Richard Neile to Mr Miles Stapylton. Informing Stapylton that his wife is much better and his father, mother and son are all well.

Letter from Christopher Mickleton to Dr Cosin. In response to Cosin's request via his solicitor to deliver the records belonging to the Court of Pleas within the county palatinate of Durham into his custody, Mickleton will only do so if he will receive a lawful and sufficient discharge. Mickleton reminds Cosin of the work he did last summer in gaining the king's permission to erect the Court at Durham, as well as his efforts on behalf of Cosin and Mr Shadforth to obtain possession of ecclesiastical lands in county Durham. He requests that Cosin reimburse him for the personal expenses he accrued during these projects.
2, 18  21 May 1661
Letter from Christopher Mickelton to Dr Cosin. Informing Cosin that Sir Gilbert Gerrard appointed Mickelton as his deputy of the Court of Pleas for the day it was in session but afterwards would not confirm Mickleton’s appointment to the said office. Mickleton believes that some other person desiring the office has prejudiced Sir Gilbert against him or that he offended Sir Gilbert when he told him that the profit of the Court of Pleas was very small. Mickleton has delivered the court book of the proceeding and of his work as deputy to Sir Gilbert, to Mr Maskall, who was appointed deputy of the Court of Pleas on Sir Gilbert’s departure. He has not delivered the records of fines and recoveries of lands until he has a legal discharge from the patent. The other proceedings in this king’s time he hopes to deliver to court before any Assises come.
2ff.

2, 19  [August] 1661
The charge of the Assizes held at Durham the 12 day of August 1661. Household expenses August 18-25.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 310-11

2, 20  17 September 1661
Letter from Gilbert Crouche to Dr Cosin, informing him that he has received his Commission that evening from the Lord Chancellor. He has left ushers with the Clerk of the Communal and all terms and instructions relating to the Lieutenancy of Durham will be directed to Cosin. Church shares Cosin’s opinion that the hard fees should pay for the commissions which relate to the king’s service and Cosin’s trouble. The writer concludes with a discussion of income and expenditure as well as news of the fleet at Argiers. Postscript; the deputy Lieutenants must be approved of by his Majesty before they can act.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 29-30

2, 21  20 November 1661
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton, upon his journey back requesting Mr Stapylton’s assistance with the queen’s rent. He asks Stapylton to pay in the £100 turned by Mr Marshall and to send him down Mr Longe’s acquittance for the same and also to get a debenter from Mr Spackman for 1662, 1661 and the half year 1660 with details of the allowance of officers and pensions.
2ff.

2, 22  4 January 1661/2
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton, stating that he is ready to dispatch Mr Boughty when he comes and has spoken with Nicholas Bell regarding the contract he made with Mr Fetherston. Mrs Gerard knows something but not all of her brother and Neile will send Stapylton a note when he has spoken to her husband who knows all.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby footnote. ii, 313
2, 23 7 January 1661/2
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton, including news of Stapylton’s wife and son who sends her husband her ‘best love’. The writer has received two letters for Stapylton, one from Doctor Smalewood about the dispatch of his Institution and the other from Mr Swinborne concerning some aspersion Mr Farrer charges him with.
2ff.

2, 24 14 January 1661/2
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton, expressing his hope that Stapylton is well and requesting that he sends him news about how things are there. All his friends remember their service to him and he has enclosed a letter from his wife. Neile has been told that there is a new house in the row of buildings by the park wall at Auckland near the bridge and requests that Stapylton inquires after it.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby, footnote ii, 86

2, 25 n.d. [January 1662]
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton. He has received Stapylton’s letter from York and was glad to hear that he is well. The writer was pleased that Stapylton took his advice regarding the cropper as he believes that it would have proved very troublesome to have fitted it on every horse and wished that he had lent him now a ‘lessie Sadle’. He has sent to Dr Smalwoods and Mr Brabant’s Institution two little bundles and desires that Stapylton take care for their delivery as he will find there also a comb brush sent to him by his wife. He requests that Stapylton send him his address as he has directed his post to Dr. Naylor’s.
2ff.

2, 26 22 January 1661/2
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton (at Mr Farrar’s house in Durham). Cosin’s son (windbound gentleman) at Gravesend is not to be assisted, bid for parliamentary representation for Co Durham passed over in Parliament along with his claim for £25,000 [to pay for the Scots army after Newburn in 1640].
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 86-7

2, 27 23 January 1661/2
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton (at Mr Farrar's House in Durham). Sorry to hear of his journey and of Madame Anne's distemper. He saw Stapylton's wife this afternoon; she will write tonight. Mr Sandcroft, Neile's sister (Stapylton's goddaughter), Mr Forder, Mr Bricknoll and wife, are all well. Mr Lascells is with him so could he send speedily any instructions about the Spennymoor business.
1f.
2, 28 20 January 1661/2
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton (at Mr John Farrer's house in Durham).
Cosin's speech in parliament about the £20,000 for Co Durham; Ryton Common
enclosure, a 1641 decree and Mr Heath; letter from Mr ?Fumes of Crayke; Mr Sandcroft's
sermon at Whitehall before the king; letting of the glebe at ?Houghton; failed to see Mr
Flower, re a decree involving Mr Swinburne and Mr Franklin, in the bishop's book of
records taken to Sir Thomas Widdrington; prepare for the Act coming out by establishing
the terms on which clerks hold [their benefices]; Long Newton rectory, Crayke, suggesting
Mr Fumes remove to Eglingham to accommodate Mr Burton; Captain Butteie asking for
a poor cottage at Shadforth for Anthony Huntley; Johnson for Washington rectory on Dr
Tripletett's resignation.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby, footnote ii, 87

2, 29 30 January 1661/2
Letter from John Cosin to Mr Stapylton and Mr Farrer (at Mr Farrer's house in Durham).
Not bothered by the justices' proceedings with Sir Edward Smith, role of Charles Blakiston,
leases for coal, lead compounded with the mayor and aldermen of Durham, Mr Howard's
lease, Dowthwaite's lease, needs a rent book for the bishoprick and to know how he
stands with the sheriff and the gaoler, Mr Bowser to report on the Auckland chapel
wooden roof and the windows.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 88-9

2, 30 1 February 1661/2
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton (at John Farrer's house in Durham).
[Durham] castle buttresses outside the gate to be demolished, Tanfield colliery lease
and Lord Gerrard, castle [?Black] staircase to complement the chapel one, alterations
to chapel and hall roofs, Mr Bouser's view on accounts, to include a lantern as on
Auckland castle chapel, Dowthwaite tenants at Auckland to be dismissed for removing
wood.
2ff.

2, 31 4 February 1661/2
Letter from John Dickinson to Miles Stapylton.
Asking him to send the £12 owed him as per his bill, as his need is great.
1f.

2, 32 8 February [1662]
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton (at Mr John Farrer's House in Durham).
Regarding a missing 20s and a further 54s found missing from a payment to Stapylton
and disputes over the money with Mr Shaw at Alderman Backwell's, intention to inform
Alderman Backwell of the matter, refers Stapylton to Neile and Bricknell for his own
character reference.
2ff.
2, 33 8 February 1661/2
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton (at Mr John Farrer’s house in Durham).
Received Stapylton’s letter of February 3, has been attended to by a surgeon for the palate of his mouth which is so down that he cannot speak, spit or drink, and he will write to Stapylton’s wife when recovered; business with Mr Golding, Act of Parliament has come to a stop and Mr Burton’s response, discussing a matter of plate and missing sum of money with Shaw and Arden, Dr Triplett resigned the rectory in Washington and refers the matter to Stapylton, Mr Sandcroft presents his services ‘with care of his business’, Neile’s sister and Stapylton’s friends send their services, greetings to Mr Farrer and his wife, and love to his wife, ‘This here I received from your maide just now’.
1f.

2, 34 11 February [1662]
Letter from Edward Arden to [Miles Stapylton].
In answer to a letter responding to Arden’s letter of February 4, Mr Wilkinson’s lease length, Mr Barnes and Alderman Airson not agreed, a mill and coronership, repairs of the staiths in Howdenshire, Dr Broome’s accounts and charges for court dinners, £100 granted to his lordship by Commission of Sewers to be paid by purchasers, tenants and undertenants at Pinders Flatt in Skelton, inquiry into lease values of unlet properties, business with the Commission of Sewers and the staiths, Mr Ailestrie and a lease in York, desires a report of the boring at Hollerbush Colliery, Ralph Douthwaite to deliver up his lease, Mr Turner chosen for his lordship’s Council and a warrant or commission is being drawn up, questions for the commissioners regarding Easington tenants, Whiston and Jefferson leases, caution about leasing land around Auckland Castle, ‘my humble service to Mr Solicitor General’, recording the true value of farms for all tenants who have yet to lease, visiting Howdenshire with Mr Barnes, an enclosed surrender to be signed, sealed, and returned speedily, greetings to Mr Farrer and his wife.
2ff.

2, 35 13 February 1661/2
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton (at Mr John Farrer’s House in Durham).
Roofs at Auckland, postponing construction of Durham Castle [?black] stairs until Cosin can be present, how many rooms are finished in Durham Castle as he does not want to stay outside it, though it will probably not be ready for the yearly entertainment of the Assize Judges, business regarding a rental Cosin had Stapylton make, desires Mr Farrers’ accounts, no advances from the commissioners, obstinate tenants at Easington, Shotton, Newbottle, etc, Stapylton to go to York & Howdenshire to settle accounts with Dr Broome (enclosed letter for Broome), review all leases (enclosed account of yearly values), business with Mr Asleby of York regarding leases in Howdenshire, Neile and a lease with a mill, Mr Barnes and money received from the Commissioners of Sewers for the purchases of ? of the staiths.
1f.

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2, 36  13 February 1661/2
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton (at Mr John Farrer’s House in Durham)
The two sides of broken wall Stapylton describes are the two buttresses within the Castle Gate which the bishop wants removed, the outside stone case for the [black] staircase at the end of the Gallery [in Durham Castle] should be raised as high as the staircase at the Chapel end of the Gallery, making the turret, outside stonework and windows on the new stair as like the existing stair as possible, is the masons’ work included in the £40 for building the stairs, the bishop is ‘not so fond of the Joyners fancy else as to bestow so much money’ unless the two staircases suitably answer each other on entering the Castle Gate, disagreement over difference of price for altering two roofs at Auckland, Stapylton makes it £146 and Mr Bowser makes it £100, the carpenter has only boarded the Chapel roof and charges £30 for alterations which the bishop thinks too costly, Robert Morley’s last contract, Stapylton returned a note which Arden meant to send to Mr Jackson, Dr Broome’s displeasure over a letter, sends his service and wishes for good health to Mr Farrer, Stapylton to prevail on Arden’s behalf with Mr Humes to return Arden’s part of the money in arrears before Lady Day or else Arden will lose his credit [in London?]
2ff.

2, 37  15 February 1661/2
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton (at Mr John Farrer’s House in Durham)
Hopes Stapylton received by the last post a letter from his wife that Neile paid Stapylton’s wife the £40 as directed, he received Stapylton’s letter of February 2, Huntley’s business, concerning the matter of a lease and Mr Farrer, Mr Pearson’s counsel to the bishop regarding a possible mistake in a letter Neile sent the Commission, the parsons concerned to receive instructions from the bishop, Dickinson answers what has he to do with Mr Cosin’s business and Stapylton should write to my lord himself, the Chancellor’s ability to give licences, Mr Merkendale has been there and got the start of Stapylton’s letter and took orders of an Irish Bishop, but without letters dimissory, and got a letter of commendation, business with Mr Church, next letter to discuss Shaw, tell Mr Heath & Mr Barkas that he came out of the Country and needs to have a list of who are to be justices and who of the quorum), wants to know their valuations of Hargill and the other collieries, with ‘the major etc’ at Durham, Mr Farrer to write to Mr Danby for his half year's rent, Neile will write similary to Mr Humes for Hawcloses, whose lease is to be changed from Mr Cosin to Mr Arden, Stapylton’s friends well, service to Mr Farrer, his wife, and son, and from Neile’s wife.
2ff.
2, 38 20 February [1662]
Letter from Edward Arden to his worthy friend Mr Miles Stapylton
Replying to Stapylton’s letter of February 11, Mr Allison’s rent, Business with Dr Broome’s accounts of court dinners, salary, and rents owed to the bishop, arrears of £460, Mr Aslebye, [archbishop] of York’s Register, offered the bishop £300 for a lease, Mr Wilkinson sold his 19 years in his lease to Mr Raine for 9 years purchase and they now ask £500 for it, to organise repairing the staithes in Howdenshire, Mr Hawly did repairs in Bishop Morton’s time for less than £60 per annum though repairs might cost rather more if there is a stormy winter, enquire how the £100 from the Commission of Sewers was spent and how others have levied fines, Arden will write with counsel’s opinion, Stapylton’s surrender arrived safely, the new rules Mr Swinborne propounded to give to the bishop’s Commission and the bishop’s displeasure, Stapylton to find the ‘fittest, honestest, ablest man’ to repair the staithes for less than £60 per annum, Mr Neile does not remember his youth at Mr Backwell’s unless Arden goes with him to a tavern and gets Backwell to relate the business, hopes Stapylton does not catch anything in Howdenshire unlike Mr Farrer, letters for Arden to be addressed to the bishop and a cross drawn under the seal, otherwise the bishop pays for all the post, otherwise mark Mr Neile’s letters with an o. 2ff.

2, 39 [February 1662]
Letter from Edward Arden to Mr Miles Stapylton at the Half Moon in Howden, Yorkshire
Cosin questions how he passed the Confirmation of the Stockton division as Mr Farrer and Arden are ignorant of it, in response to Stapylton’s letters of February 3 and 5 the bishop wrote to Dr Broome that Mr Belt should have 20 marks if he deserved so much and refers the matter to Stapylton, Dr Broome’s 2 rolls for the 2 years ‘perfitted’ and conduct money, and he does not have the former Receiver’s benefit of the horse gates in Cow Close, Stapylton to receive Howden rents 4 times per year, the bishop to be disengaged of Mr Melly and replace him with Mr Barnerd, the bishop is troubled about the sad news out of Howden, Mrs Nelthrops and the grand lease, counsel from Mr Thomas Widdrington, disagreement over the value of the oxgang at Walkington - 20d the acre per annum or over 40s per oxgang – and leasing, the value of 2 mills in Welton, Ellarkar Milne and Robert Heath’s lease, the lease in Skelton should be Aislecroft, Whitcroft, and Moorefield, determining the acreage in Skelton and Saltmarsh for a proposition, Arden and Mr Sanders, Stapylton to prevent the threatened ruin of Bishop’s Meadow, rebuilding the windmill at Wheel Hall, fishing leases on the Ouse and Derwent, maintaining the profit of the town fair at Howden, leasing the fishing upon Ouse and Derwent at highest possible yearly rate, Arden to speak with Nelthrops about repairing their mill, he will write about the Commission of Sewers’ letter and caution in his next letter, ‘The Queen was left (by Mr Montague who came from her) not far from Sillie Island and we expect hourly to hear of her landing’, passing of the Act of Uniformity. 2ff.
2, 40  4 March [1662]
Letter from Edward Arden to his respected friend Mr Miles Stapylton at Mr Farrer’s House in Durham
The bishop has given his acquittance to Dr Broome and expects a bond for the payment of rents and other money received for the bishop’s use, the bishop is concerned that the staithes are well looked after, disputes with the workmen who wanted them built higher and further into the river when Mr Hawley oversaw the work, the need for a good and honest overseer to save money now that the staithes are in good repair, Stapylton to review the work if still in Howdenshire, Stapylton to get information on Pinders Flatt in Skelton which Hawley says is about 2 acres of land and is let to a woman for 40s per annum, the bishop’s desire to enter into a contract with Hawley, the bishop to leave London immediately after Easter, ‘direct your letter to my Lord with my name on one side’.
2ff.

2, 41  4 March 1661/2
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton at Mr Farrer’s House in Durham.
Received Stapylton’s letter of 15 February; news of the Commission sent to Dr Naylor concerning Wellington; Dr Trippett’s resignation and Mr Sandcroft made prebendary of the 9th Prebend; news from Parliament and the hopes to adjourn before Easter; the business regarding Stapylton’s sword, pistols, and holsters; Lady and SE? Gilbert’s lease, the bishop and Peterborough; reporting on time spent with Bishop Cosin and disputation about religion and papists, business with the tailor, Mr Douthly has received his orders, hopes Stapylton has ‘escaped the Itch’, writing the bishop’s Book of Articles of Visitation for the press, leaves to Stapylton’s discretion to speak of Mr Cosin to his friends or not, Mr Tongue’s journey, Stapylton’s friends are well.
2ff.
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2, 42  5 March 1661/2
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at Durham.
Business with Mr Tongue and an assignment of the lease of the Chester Moor colliery and the £1000 pound bond of Dr Gilbert Gerrard, Dr William Blaxton, Mr William Blakiston of Pittington, and Mr Tongue for payment of the rent.
2ff.

2, 43  11 March 1661/2
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr John Farrer’s House in Durham.
The bishop received Stapylton’s letter of the 4th, the bishop will not stop in York to meet Howden tenants, business regarding Commissioners of Sewers and £100, business regarding a forfeited copyhold, business with tenants who would treat, preparing leases in trust for expired leases, business about repairing and finishing the staithes and Mr Hawley’s comments, the bishop not satisfied with accounts for the staithes, Alderman Backwell has still not questioned William about the bishop’s lost money, Arden needs Humes to return his money, Mr Neile to write with the news, services to Mr Farrer and his wife, Mr Samuel Davison, Mayor William Belasyse, business with Mr Gabriel Jackson, services to Mr Solicitor and Stapylton.
2ff.
2, 44  [March 1662]
Letter from Edward Arden to Mr Miles Stapylton.
Thomas Widdrington’s and others’ opinions on the Commissioners of Sewers’ ability to
levy fines, the bishop does not want to lose £100 from the Commissioners, received
Stapylton’s letter of the 23rd from York, business regarding ‘Beasts or Cowe in Mr Humes
hands’, Mr Allison’s rent, discussion about Dr Broome’s accounts and fee and whether
he is entitled to it, Booth’s Staith remains unfinished and the bishop desires accounts,
Arden’s vexation with Humes over his money and would replace him as chapman, John
Tongue’s secret dinner with Bishop Cosin, Stapylton to make the best account possible
from Dr Broome’s disordered papers, purchases for Durham Castle and the bishop’s
possible return around Lady Day, seeking a renter for Sinamise?.
2ff.

2, 45  7 March 1661/2
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton at Mr John Farrer’s house in Durham.
Received Stapylton’s letter of February 22 by the Saturday post and his letter of March
7 containing the commission which he will dispatch, Stapylton should have received
Neile’s last letter which would have prevented Stapylton’s of the 20th; the bishop and
business with Mr B about the Commission of the Peace; having a search made for the
Copy of Patent of the Keepership of Darneson House and the Bailiwick of Coatham
Mundeville concerning Major Norton and Mr Charles Gerrard; needs a copy of the lease
for Sinnimire; further business with Bishop Cosin regarding his trip, his man’s wages,
and books, clothes, and linen left with Dr Naylor, and payments to Mr Forder; accounts
of Hargill Colliery; Mr Heath and Mr Swinburne to be assignees in the counsel to Mr
Anthony Pearson, and the bishop’s business; summary of the news, including the Queen’s
landing within a fortnight, the Bill of Uniformity is ‘in a good forwardness’, Sir George
Downing Agent for his Majesty in Holland is taking Okey, Barkstead (Stapylton’s friend
at the Tower), and Miles Corbett, to the king, they are king’s judges and concerned with
a hanging, dealings with Lady Cornbury the Chancellor’s daughter, Sir Arthur Hasilrig
and the signet involving Lord Brookes.
2ff.

2, 46  11 [March 1662]
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton at Mr Saunder’s house in Colemans Street,
Lond0n.
Hesitant to pay Sir Gilbert Gerard his fee, Colonel’s Morgan’s consent, £14 of Sir William
Turner; Mrs Farrer asks Stapylton to inquire about the terms and charge of the
gentlewoman’s school in Clerkenwell for Stapylton’s daughter Valentine to board for a
year with a maid; Bishop Cosin’s journey fixed for 20th of this month; business with Mr
Church and £120 which Mr Arden says must be divided among four people close to the
bishop.
2ff.
2, 47  13 March [1662]
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr John Farrers house in Durham. 
Mr Stapylton to write to the Commissioners of the Sewers on Bishop Cosin’s behalf, 
business regarding the £100 promised from the Commissioners, business about the 
copyhold, repairing, and letting of the Holden Dyke Staiths concerning Mr Stapylton, Mr 
Farrer, and Mr Barnes; Bishop Cosin ‘imploying us perpetually day and night’; 
commentary regarding balancing Mr Farrer’s accounts from 1660 and 1661 and reading 
Colonel Morgan’s accounts; update on Bishop Cosin’s resolution to not ‘submit or seeke 
to’ his father; services to Mr Farrer and wife.
2ff.

2, 48  15 March [1662]
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr John Farrers house in Durham. 
Dr Broome’s dissatisfaction with the terms of the receiver’s job, business with the 
Commissioners of Sewers in Howdenshire regarding levying the £100, gathering rents 
and arrears due in Dr Broome’s place and repairing staiths; a dispute between Mr Hume 
at Crayke and a Quaker regarding a cow; business regarding copyholds in Howden, 
tenants whose leases have expired or would stay, and settling fines; addressing Dr 
Broome’s ‘waspish’ letters to Bishop Cosin; Stapylton’s letters will be left for him in York. 
2ff.

2, 49  March [1662]
Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle. 
Received letter from Mr Stapylton Wednesday week; news regarding the Proclamation 
against Conventicles and from Parliament; discussion of the king’s finances, imprests 
on wine, brandy & tobacco, being backwards in preparations at sea compared to the 
French, also the Spaniards; has not read books from Stapylton; desires the return of 
institutions by the next post so he can enter the names of parsons instituted; Mr Davenport 
is married, and a pair of gloves for the Dean of St Paul’s; news from the Committee of 
Knights and Burgesses; ‘all our coach horses are dead but 2’ and uncertainty about 
when Flower can visit for induction; Mr Arden, the Demesne Book, and correcting the 
arrears of the Stockton tenants; the motion for ‘deans and chapters for enlarging money 
for the king’ was quashed; accounts of transactions. Postscripts: communicate further 
on all these affairs, payment of a bill.
1f.

2, 50  15 March 1661/2
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton at Mr John Farrers house in Durham. 
Business brought by Stevenson regarding leases of Widow Lackenby and Mr Parkinson, 
and a rectification of the division of Carleton, and Bishops Cosin’s instructions regarding 
them; inquiry about post; inquiry about making returns on commissions for institutions. 
2ff.
2, 51 22 March 1661/2
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton.
Received Stapylton’s letter of March 15th, instructions to write business needing Bishop Cosin’s attention on separate enclosed sheet, Bishop Cosin’s journey beyond seas and meeting with the sect of papists ‘he is and was of’, mention of a WB and commands from a college, discussion of a payment made for Bishop Cosin’s man to Mr Brickwell and money lent for a pair of shoes, business regarding a coat and money to settle with the tailor, regarding Stapylton’s letter of the 18th and Mr Sandcroft, query over the undertenancy of Hargill colliery.
1f.

2, 52 23 March 1662
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton at Mr Saunder’s house in Coleman Street, London.
Enclosed unsealed letter from Bishop Cosin for Stapylton to read and deliver with all speed, the bishop staying at least a fortnight longer due to slow recovery, reply to be forwarded to the deputy lieutenant and justices of the peace if it misses Bishop Cosin; desire for the king to adjourn Parliament; services to Stapylton’s wife.
2ff.

2, 53 25 March 1662
Letter from Thomas Mascall to Miles Stapylton.
Reporting results of inquiry made for Stapylton, George Hume provided the name Crayke, identification of a John Hume clerk, rector of Crayke parish church, in the Covenant Book, and his writs against John Walker and John Crayke from 26 December last, and how to dispose of a lease; desires news of the money sent by John Goldsbrough to Mr Charles Allenson of Crayke and to Mascall’s sister in York; desires news of the replevin concerning Thomas Beckforth.
1f.

2, 54 24 March 1662
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton at Mr Saunder’s house in Coleman Street, London.
Seeking clarification of Sir Thomas Widdrington’s reply and if the clause in a new commission concerning Richmond is the same clause taken from the commission for Dr Naylor, which cannot be found, whether Sir Gilbert has the commission, and desiring answers by the next post; Neile’s father wrote to Bishop Cousin that Stapylton said Cosin’s journey would begin 19th March, Stapylton to say no more about travel plans as Bishop Cosin’s health fluctuates with the weather.
1f.
2, 55 29 March 1662 [1663 ?]
Letter from Anthony Pearson to Bishop Cosin.
Late leaving Durham yesterday because it was market day; gave Mr Steward an account for Bishop Cosin and Neile’s paper; will prepare something regarding the Queen’s business of 1643; seeks licence to attend duties at the assizes and to go to Richmond to speak with Sir Joseph Cradocke; instructing Mr Neile to understand Mr Holmes’s papers; business regarding settling accounts for the last two years, including Mr Farrer’s charges and Mr Holmes addressing arrears; reporting that the high sheriff said at the county court that bailiffs not accounting for estreats should be turned out; discussion of Dr Broome’s lack of cooperation regarding his accounts, demands for allowances never before demanded, omission of rents and profits, promise to meet with Pearson in York, and payments due from Dr Broome including money left with the Mayor of Durham and money due from Mr Donne.

2ff.

2, 56 n.d. [1662]
Discussion of Bishop Cosin’s current standing with the Commissioners of Sewers and the case before the Court of Sewers, with special attention to new complaints from copyholders whose land was ‘drowned’ by broken banks. Hotham was at Cambridge when Cosin was Vice-Chancellor. Letter 2, 58 below, Arden to Stapylton, states that this letter is a copy of one sent to Mr Jenkins at York, written by Durant Hotham.

2ff.

2, 57 3 April 1662
Patent of Bishop Cosin appointing Miles Stapylton his attorney and agent in Howden and Howdenshire in York; requires all accounts of Philip Browme, Doctor, the bishop’s receiver there, dating back to the day of the last bishop’s death; gives Stapylton oversight for the repair of the dams, banks, and staiths, on the River Humber in Howdenshire and to receive the accounts of Philip Browme; and Stapylton to be the bishop’s representative to the Commissioners of Sewers in Howdenshire. [Referenced in 2,58, enclosed with 2,60]

1f.
3 April 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at London to Miles Stapylton at the Half Moon in Howden near York.
Received letters of 21 March from Durham and 31 March from Howden; Stapylton to treat with tenants who want to renew; business regarding the value and leasing of Pinders Flatt and concerning Hawley, the Widow Dunne’s acquittances, and Sir William Allenson; Hawley means to arrest Widow Dunne for arrears due to him and there is an enclosure from Hawley; Mr Neile sending Stapylton a deputation from Bishop Cosin to receive rents and arrears and oversee the staiths (2,57); business concerning reviewing Dr Broome’s accounts and allowances, reclaiming the rest of Bishop Cosin’s money from Dr Broome or Cosin will sue for it, 20 marks for Dr Broome’s kinsman, and Arden’s opinion on Dr Broome’s personality; Bishop Cosin’s need for money ‘for he has not had 6d in cash this 3 weeks’ and Arden’s confidential financial support; Mr Charles Gerrard and wife’s upcoming trip to Darlington; Mr Hawley’s bragging about work on Stath foundations and Arden’s attempts to temper him; business concerning sealing the conveyance of the Chester Colliery involving Stapylton, Mr Tongue, Sir G. Gerrard; business concerning an order Bishop Cosin gave Dr Broome for the Court at Howden; Enclosed copy of a letter (2,56) from Durand Hotham to Mr Jenkins of York, who forwarded it to Bishop Cosin, who gives Stapylton authority to consult with Hotham; Mr Hawley reports that Sir Philip Monkton had the allowed conduct money; instructions if Dr Broome wishes to continue as receiver.
Postscript: asking direction for future letters.

15 April 1662
Petition from James Scott rector of Ford to John [Cosin] bishop of Durham, about not being paid as rector of Ford parish and a dispute with Sir Robert Carr, the heirs of Mr Thomas Carr, and Mr John Ratcliffe, parishioners, and asking to be exempted from paying the first fruits.

3 April 1662
Letter from Richard Neile at London to Miles Stapylton at the Half Moon in Howden. Enclosed commission from Bishop Cosin (2,57) for Stapylton, and instructions that Stapylton is not to ‘hinder or interrupt’ Dr Broome’s execution of his office as long as he is acting in accordance with the bishop’s wishes.
Postscript: T S Claire/Sinclair? presents his services.

5 April 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at London to Miles Stapylton. Mr Stapylton’s wife is ill with a fever, town full of ‘untoward fevers’, Mr Neile to visit her the next day and send more news; hopes Stapylton received his Commission in the last post; business with Mr Wiltshire representing Mr Kir[?], tenant of the Bishop’s Meadows in Howdeshire, who wishes to renew the life left in his lease, Stapylton to discern the true value of the meadow and take ‘frequent over flowing’ into consideration; Arden in want of health and Bishop Cosin ill from a ‘fit of the stone’.
2, 62 17 April 1661/2
Letter from Richard Neile at London to Miles Stapylton at Mr Thomas Smith's, the Half Moon, Howden.
Enclosed letter with bad news regarding Stapylton's wife who is ill with fever and ague, Neile to visit and send more by the next post; a velvet coat and waistcoat; reiterates Bishop Cosin's instructions for Stapylton's commission regarding the handling of Dr Broome and accounts; Bishop Cosin suffered a 'vehement fit of the stone' the night before but the worst has past; greetings from friends; desires his address for the next letters.
2ff.

2, 63 8 April 1661/2
Letter from Edward Arden, London to Miles Stapylton [no place indicated]. Sorry that news of Stapylton's wife's illness via Mr Neile is not good, but there are many fevers and agues in town. Dispute with Dr Broome over money due to the Bishop's Court that he will not settle, and procedures suggested to enforce a settlement.
1f.

2, 64 [mid April 1661/2]
Letter from Edward Arden, London to Miles Stapylton at the Half Moon, Howden.
Received Stapylton's letter of 12 [April] from York, supposes Stapylton missed his Commission; instructions for if Dr Broome wishes to change his patent; Bishop Cosin is pleased Dr Broome will settle the accounts and Stapylton is to 'follow him close'; Bishop Cosin is pleased with Stapylton's proceedings with the Commissioners of Sewers; Mr Bernard is to be kept as steward of the bishop's courts in Howden and Stapylton is to empower him, Mr Delavall only has claim to the position if he would live in the north, Mr Headley was recommended by Dr Broome, issues with tenants; Stapylton is to inquire of an honest man to be under steward, Bishop Cosin will not approve any of Phillipps' suggests; Dr Broome and other receivers required to give bonds in order to retrieve money in case of mortality; Charles Gerrard and his wife left on the York coach on April 15.
1f.

2, 65 17 April 1661/2
Stapylton's wife in better health, and his son, mother, and father are all well; Mr Johnson's instruments were sent to Mr Farrer via Mr Charles Gerrard and his wife who left in the York coach to Darnton; Stapylton's friends are well; Dr Sancroft has returned but has not yet seen Stapylton's letter of April 14; daily talk of the Queen's landing [Catherine of Braganza]; Parliament adjourning; the need for 'black tongues'.
Postscript: Mr Arden lacks time to reply to Stapylton’s letter.
2ff.
2, 66  24 April 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at London to Miles Stapylton at Thomas Smith’s, the Half Moon, Howden.
Late reply due to trouble sending Bishop Cosin’s goods, received Stapylton’s letters of April 14 and 21; received the £80 from Dr Broome, hopes for Dr Broome’s future performance as receiver, instructions regarding the disposal of patents; no more comments on Chester Moor; Mr Tongue says that Sir Gilbert declines the partnership; discussion of a false report concerning the king and Bishop Cosin, possibly spread by the Nelthrops, and related to Bishop Cosin’s speech concerning the Act of Conformity, desires to know how the rumour came to Howden tenants; false rumours concerning leasing the townships of Saltmarsh and Skelton to Mr Saltmarsh, and Mr Sanders’ visit; Bishop Cosin, Mr Kirlew, and the lease of Bishop’s Meadows; confusion over the 20 marks for Dr Broome’s kinsman and the discovering of free rents, and the possibility of calling a court of survey; wants Matthew Heward’s books; query over Nelthrop and their order; Matthew Heward’s son and accounts; Bishop Cosin having a bailiff and Mr Sanders’ recommendation of Michel, who is Sanders’ steward or agent; Mr Acrid’s lease, the tenants of Skelton and £240, and whether or not to divide the lease into parcels; an agreement with Martin Watson for two mills; fines and two suits against the tenant Bateman; inquiry into Stapylton’s copyhold with a runaway tenant; false report of the queen’s landing; the court entering mourning for the death of the Queen Mother’s sister, the Duchess of Savoy; the bishop’s coming is uncertain; Stapylton’s wife’s health; Mr Johnson’s institution sent by Mr Gerard to Mr Farrer.
2ff.

2, 67  29 April 1662
Letter from John Cosin at London to Miles Stapylton, at the Half Moon, Howden.
Hopes Stapylton’s business in Howdenshire, including the staiths, goes well; 20 marks for Mr Bell for his care of the staiths; Dr Broome’s £10 fee for 1661 and fee for part of 1660; Dr Broome’s unwillingness to enter a bond to secure Bishop Cosin’s rents and perquisites in court, Mr Thomson of York, son of Mr Anthony Thomson, and Mr Dalby of Lincolnshire, son of the divine Mr or Dr Dalby, are recommended as replacements; the appointment of a steward, Mr Delaval no longer looking after the courts and under-steward, the bishop of Lincoln’s recommendation of Mr Mellis, and Stapylton; Mr Hedly and his ill-use of the tenants and Bishop Cosin; finding a new under-steward not from Mr Phillips; finding an able and honest bailiff, Dr Broome heard no good reports of Mr Michel whom Mr Sanders recommended; Mr Sanders’s claim that he could have saved ‘a brace of hundred pounds’ of what Mr Bell spent repairing the staiths; Stapylton’s inquiries into the leaseholds, Bishop Cosin will not go to York but leaseholders should come to Durham or Auckland to compound; valuations of Howden manor and Wheel Hall in the parliamentary survey book.
2ff.
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2, 68  1662
Howden Court Leet:
Charges of Court Leet 25 April 1662.
The charges of 5 sturgeon taken at the booth fishing on 15 and 22 May and 3 June 1662.
[for the fate of the sturgeons see 2.74]
1f.
2, 69  3 May 1662
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at the Half Moon in Howden, Yorkshire.
Answering Stapylton’s letter of 28 April; Bishop Cosin is pleased with Stapylton’s handling of the Cherries and Smart copyholds; the low value of land in Howden the past two years, potential for lands to improve, and Bishop Cosin’s unwillingness to let Mr Acred’s lands or Pinders flat at a lower value; concerning the undertenants for the township [at Howden] concerning Acred and Young; Mr Sander’s commendation of Michel is favourable to Bishop Cosin; Bishop’s Meadows and Mr Kirlew; Bishop Cosin values the manor at £300 and is negotiations about it; Mr Bernard is welcome based on the character [reference] Stapylton gave.
2ff.

2, 70  29 April 1662
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton at the Half Moon in Howden upon Humber, Yorkshire.
Stapylton’s wife was very well Sunday last, and his mother, father, and brother; unknown journey date, Queen [Catherine Braganza] is hourly expected to land, uncertainty about how long Parliament will adjourn, news from Parliament regarding the Act of Uniformity; Neile’s sister and Dr Sandercroft remembered Stapylton ‘in a cup of the best claret’; Bishop Cosin renewed his lodging and Neile has not seen him for almost a week; Stapylton’s friends are well; Dr Sandercroft’s report on the Presbyterian ministry in Suffolk, ‘the Lord’s house is the house of the Lord’.
2ff.

2, 71  13 May [1662]
Letter from Richard Neile, [London] to Miles Stapylton at Mr John Farrer’s house, Durham.
A list of repsonses from Bishop Cosin to Stapylton’s queries from Howden. Mr Allenson's rent and leases. The Commission. Howden staithes. The Commissioners of Sewers. Mr Allenson and Saltmarsh. Dr Broome's accounts. News of the Bishop, Mr Sandcroft, and Stapylton's wife's continuing good health.
2ff.

2, 72  15 May 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at London to Miles Stapylton at the Half Moon at Howden, Yorkshire.
Bishop Cosin refers to Stapylton’s latest correspondences as ‘long dismal letters’; desires news of the new close at Skelton and Walkington Woods; drawing leases in trust for tenants renewing on low terms; behind in sending the bishop’s counsel’s advice on proposals from a letter a fortnight since, needs the original lease to advise on rebuilding the windmill at Wheel Hall that was blown down in 1641; he has received Stapylton’s letter of 12 May, Cosin is at Stapylton’s house so he must defer on the matter of Mrs Scott until the next post; news of Parliament and the intention to adjourn on Monday next; the Queen’s landing at Portsmouth; Bishop Cosin will not stay above a fortnight longer; finishing Dr Broome’s accounts.
2ff.
2, 73  17 May 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at London to Miles Stapylton at the Half Moon in Howden, Yorkshire.
Counsel’s advice concerning the cases in Stapylton’s letters of the 12th and 14th; Bishop Cosin likes Stapylton’s accounts of the townships, Mr Acred’s friend; disposing the goulding lands and fines for two mills in Welton; the waste in Walkington woods; Thomas Michel not fit to oversee the staiths, Bishop Cosin desires Stapylton to enquire for a fit person and he will visit the staiths; Smart’s copyhold; Mr Kirlew’s fine; the tenants of ferries and fishing gave Mr Hutton £190 for the lease; Mrs Headley to give an account of the perquisites of the courts for Easter; drawing up a warrant for a clerk of the market for Howden; Mrs Scott and concurrent leases of the manor and Skelton, suggested fines of £2000 and £1000 respectively; Parliament to be prorogued or adjourned on Monday, leaving within 8 days, and hopes they meet with Stapylton. Enclosed: account of the judgement of the bishop’s counsel concerning distraining for the bishop’s £100, the windmill in Wheel Hall, Heward’s books, the privilege of the bishop’s bailiff to arrest in Howden, Smart’s copyhold, and ferries and fishing on the Ouse and Derwent.
3ff.

2, 74  20 May 1662
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at the Half Moon in Howden, Yorkshire.
Parliament is prorogued; Bishop Cosin to leave on Monday next for Doncaster; Bishop Cosin desires the three sturgeon to be sent to Lady Monckton, to Durham by way of Mr John Blackiston in Newcastle, and Mr Farrer; he desires an account of what the tenants will be willing to pay; comments on the king’s wedding night.
Postscript [in Neile’s hand]: he visited Stapylton’s wife.
2ff.

2, 75  22 May 1662
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at the Half Moon in Howden, Yorkshire.
Bishop Cosin intends to arrive at Doncaster by 30 May unless he is delayed by [the duke of] Newcastle.
2ff.

2, 76  Saturday 23 May 1662
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton at Mr Thomas Smith’s, the Half Moon, Howden, Yorkshire.
Belongings are shipped in preparation for the journey on Monday morning next; staying at Mr Sander’s house that night; Bishop Cosin has not decided if he will travel by way of Sir George Savill, Lord Mansfield [cancelled], or [the duke of] Newcastle; Stapylton’s wife is well; saves the rest of the news until they meet.
2ff.

2, 77  24 May 1662
Letter from Edward Barnard to Miles Stapylton at Howden, to be left at the sign of the Half Moon.
Enclosing a copy of letter received from London relating to a patent from Bishop Cosin and the low fees for the office; meeting with Bishop on Thursday week in London; asks Stapylton to remind Bishop Cosin of a letter to Barnard.
2ff.
2, 78  3 June 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at Darlington to Miles Stapylton at the Half Moon in Howden.
Arden and Neile and Bishop Cosin missed Stapylton in Doncaster [references 2.75] on
Friday and not finding him at North Allerton are headed to Auckland; concerned Stapylton
is either unwell or letters miscarried.
1f.

2, 79  3 July 1662
Letter from George Gaunt (Caunt) at Durham to Mr Davenport, chaplain to Bishop of
Durham, at Auckland Castle.
Seeks Davenport’s assistance to bring his case before Bishop Cosin, regarding issues
with the funding of Houghton school and concerning tithes from Bishopwearmouth and
Ryhope, the rector of Wearmouth and the tutor of the heir of Barnes; enclosing a letter
to the bishop and leaves it to Davenport’s discretion to forward it or not.
2ff.

2, 80  3 July 1662
Letter from George Gaunt at Durham to Bishop John [Cosin] at Auckland Castle.
Lamenting the financial provision for his Haughton School from the tithes, much diminished
by enclosure to the benefit of Bishopwearmouth and Ryhope, and also by the claims of
the rector of [Bishop]wearmouth and the tutor of the heirs of Barnes, likening his state
to that of [Prometheus] in the Caucusus and Sisyphus rolling his stone, and also alluding
to Aesop’s jackdaw, and reciting (in Greek) the Homeric words of Achilles to Agamemnon
“... but if ever an apportionment comes, your prize is far greater, while small but dear is
the reward I take to my ships, when I have taken myself out of the fighting” and also (in
Hebrew) Pharaoh’s dream (from Genesis 41), and also the prosecution of a suit being
hampered by the lack of governors as there is only one, the other having died, and the
election of a replacement being down to Dr Heath and the rector of Haughton who are
not around.
Language: Latin with some Greek and Hebrew
2ff.

2, 81  8 July 1662
Letter from George Collingwood (Vicar of Richmond ?) at London to Miles Stapylton via
Edward Smith postmaster of Alnwick.
He will miss the bishop’s visitation, and he also missed him in London having been on
the other road from York whereas the bishop went via St Albans, as he hoped to defened
himself against those accusing him of being too public in the exercise of his religion,
hoping Miles will meantime speak up for him, hopes to see the bishop at the Assizes in
Durham; Miles’s brother and his friends are well at Richmond.
2ff.

2, 82  12 July 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at Bishop Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hinde’s house
at the end of the new buildings in Lothbury, London.
Ask Snellock about any ordinary silk curtains from France, of ‘a kinde of cloudie stuffe’;
enquire about Anthony Pearson’s report that the king has seized Holy Island (leased by
the bishop) for a debt owed by Christopher Litster.
2ff.
2, 83 18 July 1662
Letter from John Farrer at Durham to Miles Stapylton at John Hinde's house, the corner house of the new buildings in Lothbury, London.
Miles's hot journey to London; discusses getting bills to him in time before he goes to London; the bishop is at Durham Castle with the duke of Richmond this morning.
1f.

2, 84 25 July 1662
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton at John Hinde's, the corner house of the new buildings in Lothbury, London.
Discusses a payment of £20; wishes him and his lady a safe and speedy return.
2ff.

2, 85 25 July 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at Durham Castle to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hinde's house, merchant, the end of the new buildings in Lothbury, London.
Letters and money sent by sea, ciphered on the outside of the bag; payments for Mr Saunder's son, the milliner near the Mermaid on Holborn Hill near St Andrew's church; Samuel Davison has thrown out the plump dean and, with his dry jests, is good company at dinner; what has the upholsterer Mr Snellock done about the bishop's embroidered purple satin bed; ask at the King's Arms by Holborn Bridge if Joseph Howson is still alive; find a book for the bishop that came out about 12 years ago on the Low Countries, that mocks and jests of the customs and manners rather than showing maps and boundaries.
1f.

2, 86 26 July 1662
Letter from John Farrer at Darlington to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hinde's house in the new buildings in Lothbury.
Arden came to meet with a judge who has not yet arrived from [North]allerton whom he plans to entertain at Durham Castle; discusses Mr. Saunders' payment of a tenth; leave a letter with his son at Holborn; go to 'the woolsack in the Poultrie near Mr Tinford's shop' and buy a gallon of oil and a barrel of Lucca olives, the last oil he had was not his best; find some damask for the bishop, send it from Billingsgate to Newcastle, to Mr John Blackiston in Pilgrim St; sending Cosin a trunk of clothing.
1f.

2, 87 29 July 1662
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hinde's at the corner house of the new buildings in Lothbury.
Sending £20 to be paid to a poor kinsman who has been 'necessitated' having displeased his father, he will be repaid.
1f.

2, 88 29 July 1662
Letter from Thomas Potter at Durham to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hindes house at the new buildings near the old exchange.
Send the enclosed to the bishop of Chichester, whether he is at Chichester, or Hicham or Micham by Windsor, or try his brother's house in St Martin lane; the bishop requires a quick answer.
2ff.
2, 89  1 August 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at Durham Castle to Miles Stapylton.
Discusses Mr Snellock’s work on an embroidered bed, a set of silk stuff matching curtains from France; £250 for Sir William Turner in 3 bags, £33 for Mr Saunders; service to Mr Miles Smyth, Dr Sandcroft and Mr Cosin; rain; Mayor Norton and the Raby tenants’ rents; instructions re business with Mr Durant by the Fleece Tavern in Covent Garden.

1f.

2, 90  5 August 1662
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hindes house, the new buildings, Lothbury, London.
A wine ticket and money from Batailhe of Mark Lane next to Tower St involving Sir William Turner; he is ‘tugging at his audit’

2ff.

2, 91  7 August 1662
Bill of Miles Stapylton for legal paperwork, receipt signed by Thomas Sclater.

1f.

2, 91A  undated [early 1660s]
Receipted bill for book binding: Book of Acts in white leather, Bible and Book of Common Prayer double gilding and ruling the latter.

1f.

2, 92  16 August 1662
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hind’s house in Lothbury, London.
Glad he received the oil and olives; Mr Granville and Mr Davies expected, also Dr Sandcroft, Samuel Davison [?and] lady, and Mr Davenport, with the dean already present; money from Batailhe for the wine ticket; has Mr Durand paid Mr Danby’s money; request to return gold from Mr Hodgkins at Leicester House in St Martin’s Fields; arrangement to send some books to John Blakiston in Newcastle by sea or by the Richmond carrier from the Bear in Basinghall St; wishes him joy in his new son.

2ff.

2, 93  26 August 1662
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton Esq at the house of Mr John Hinde, the corner house of the new buildings in Lothbury, London.
Hopes for his speedy, safe return; to speak with Auditor Spackman near St Mary’s, Westminster, about the bishop’s allowance of some tax for the Queen’s dower; has sent him a letter for Thomas Pearson enclosing one from the bishop for the Chancellor.

2ff.

2, 94  26 August 1662
Letter from Thomas Pearson to Miles Stapylton Esq at the house of Mr John Hinde, the corner house of the new buildings in Lothbury, London.
Asking him to expedite the bishop’s letter to the Chancellor on his behalf soliciting for the rectory of Great Stainton.

2ff.
2, 95  5 September 1662
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton at the house of Mr John Hinde, the corner house of the new buildings in Lothbury, London.
Enclosing a deed of surrender to be signed and sealed in the presence of Mr Philip Lavender upholsterer at the White Horse in Corn Hill, to facilitate the marriage of Mr Samuel Davison to Lady Burton; Mr Pearson's hopes for the living [of Great Stainton], which he had hoped for in May 1660 with the support of Dr Clarke and Dr Wood, but was then outbalanced by the influence of the Lilburnes over Lord Moncke in favour of George Lilburne's son-in-law; fees for Auditor Spackman concerning the Queen's rent which the bishop paid to Jenkins rather than Norton; do come to the country.
1f.

2, 96  30 September 1662
Letter from Edward Barnard to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders house in Coleman Street at the sign of the Black Bell.
On taking up his duties for the bishop, delayed from riding the circuit as the bishop has left London.
2ff.

2, 97  n.d. [1662]
Letter from Benjamin Pulleyn to Miles Stapylton at Mr Saunders house in Coleman Street London.
Payment of bills to Mr John Herring, draper and alderman of Cambridge, and Mr Farrer's son's shoemaker.
Related material in other DUL collections: Cosin LB 2, 109.

2, 98  9 October 1662
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hinde's House in the new buildings in Lothbury, London.
Payment of the bishop's first fruits at the office in Lincolns Inn, involving John Prettyman and Mr Harrington; ship Arden's box to John Blakiston at Newcastle; Sir Francis Anderson elected mayor of Newcastle after an all night sitting; Mr Grenville's his residency, his wife at Auckland not well, Arden goes to Sunderland, the bishop is at Ettrick then preaches at Bishopwearmouth, then to Sir Thomas Davison, Stockton, Darlington and home.
2ff.

2, 99  14 October 1662
Letter from Thomas Young to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders House at the lower end of Coleman Street by the Black Bell, London.
Queries the report that Howden Bank is broken, the bishop usually supplies wood for repairs; repairs of Saltmarshe Great Staith, the Pikes and Kilpin Staith, Thomas Mitchell's wood used for Skelton New Staith, and report of costs thereof; Howden Dike Staith needs repairs by the winter; send his brother William Marshall’s warrant to Mr Neil at Durham for Thomas Smith at Howden.
1f.
2, 100 25 October 1662
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hinde’s house, a merchant, in the new buildings, Lothbury, London.
Concern over the cost of a fringe [from an upholsterer]; sold his sword to Capt Thomas Featherstonehalgh and request for the new sword to be packaged and brought from London by the Richmond carrier; inquiry after the bishop’s embroidered satin bed being done by Mr Snellock; concern over the accuracy of accounts and request to meet with auditor to rectify accounts regarding £345 concerning John Prettyman, John Craddock, and Gabriel Jackson; sending Lord Lumley’s counterpart and bond.
Postscript: the bishop wants some of Mr Phillipps’ spirit of mint (from the Strand) with instructions for its packaging.
2ff.

2, 101 30 October 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hinde’s house, merchant, in the New Buildings, Lothbury, London.
Please read the enclosed which may be shown to the bishop; a request to Dr Broome to supply money for staithes; discusses the involvement of an auditor and the anticipated arrival of Mr Samuel Davison.
2ff.

2, 102 4 November 1662
Letter from John Farrer at Durham to Miles Stapylton.
Includes money to pay some debts in London, which does not include directions on how to disperse of it; discusses Valentine and playing cards at Christmas.
1f.

2, 103 5 November 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hinde’s merchant in the New Buildings, Lothbury, London.
Demand for rent in Durham from Lord Pembroke, which is due 20 days after Michaelmas; Pembroke is 20 days behind on his rent already and must pay a £5 fee; details of further fees and penalties for late payment; Arden wishes for some compassion toward Pembroke but says Stapylton must nevertheless carry out the bishop’s demand for the rent; discussion of a sword to be sent to Durham as well as a request to pay the fringe man; Mr Samuel Davison has not arrived yet.
Postscript: if a pot of salve comes from Mr Hinton apothecary in the Old Bailey at the 3 Artichokes please send along with the sword by the Richmond Carrier; call on Mr Hinton if passing through the Old Bailey to have the salve sent to Stapylton.
2ff.

2, 104 6 November 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton (incorrectly noted by Hunter as Mr Farrer) at Mr Hinde’s house, merchant, Lothbury, London.
Forward the enclosed to Amsterdam regarding marble stones for a chapel; Samuel Davison’s lady wrote in great distress about an apparent robbery, involving also Mrs Burton and Piece Burton; decision by Arden and Davison to send Mr Cosin’s trunk; might meet Mr Farrer in London.
2ff.
2, 105  11 November 1662
Bill of Sergeant Turner for his standing fee of 20s as counsel to the bishop of Durham.
1f.

2, 106  9 November 1662
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton.
1f.

2, 106A  11 November 1662
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hinds House merchant, the new buildings, Lothbury, London.
Deliver the enclosed to the clerk of the Privy Council; settlement with the auditor and speak with Sir John Prettyman to avoid any Exchequer orders for 1661; 6 weeks to send money.
1f.

2, 107  13 November 1662
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hindes House merchant, the new buildings, Lothbury, London.
Hopes that his sword will come as safely as his box did and that the pot of plaster from Mr Hinton the apothecary will arrive soon; Deputy Pack and Mr Jackson regarding the settlement of an account; payment of tenths to the Exchequer; travelling to Newcastle next week to return money to a Sir William Turner; payment to the auditor for his silence on a certain matter; speak to the auditor and the officers regarding not moving forward before the bishop comes to sit at the next parliament and then clear charges for 2 years; Lord Pembroke’s rent to be paid at the mansion house or Durham house at Michaelmas; outlines fines and consequences for late rent payment.
2ff.

2, 108  17 November 1662
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton at Sanders House, COleman Street, London.
Debts to be paid at Cambridge; debts owed to a Mr Timothy Stevenson; request from the bishop to inquire after Thomas Midford of Pesball and if he was outlawed for killing Mr Crosier of Newcastle; ask Mr Spackman for forgiveness for not having visited him last time in Durham; deductions included on the backside of the letter regarding the Queen’s dower; pay the rent of 390 for Bradbury.
1f.

2, 109  18 November 1662
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton, at Mr Sanders house, Coleman street, London.
Removal of Farrer’s son from Cambridge; Farrer requests payment of his son’s tutors; promises to pay Stapylton back when his next bill comes through in 12 to 14 days; remind Farrer of other debts as well.
2ff.

[2, 110  20 November 1662
Letter from George Davenport to Miles Stapylton.]

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2, 111 25 November 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hindes house, merchant, in Lothbury new buildings, London. 
Thanks for assistance in personal business; enclosed is a copy lease of John Snawden for Mr Turner; discussion of the Act of Parliament for Durham house concerning rent penalties; Lady Burton is visiting but Mr Samuel Davison is in Westmorland attending to her business, they will marry when he returns.
2ff.

2, 112 25 November 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders' house, Coleman St, London.
Discusses payment for chapel plate made by Mr Houser and doubt over the accuracy of the charge levied and possible book covers, Stapylton should ask around for a second opinion before paying the demanded price; discussion of £100 left with a Mr Johnson in Newcastle to be picked up by Stapylton and joined with an additional £200 to pay the Exchequer a total of £300; discusses the redirection of certain mail to the Black Lion in Fleet Street as Stapylton has recently changed address; asks please to read letters previously sent as soon as possible regarding the tenths for 1661 and rent issues; recent snow in Durham and the bishop discusses his next trip to London in the Spring.
2ff.

2, 113 1 December 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at Northallerton to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders' house, Coleman Street, London.
Read his letter of 25 November at Auckland; answer Lord Pembroke's steward regarding the payment of rent; the bishop asks Stapylton to receive the £100 from last Michaelmas's rent and forgive the £5 penalty provided Pembroke does not demand any allowances; thanks for the charge from Auditor Woods to be received from Mr John Blackiston; hopes the plaster will come in better condition than his sword which arrived rusted; anxious over a bill of £100 which was sent to Stapylton’s old address in Lothbury; asks Stapylton to track down the bill which is required to add to £200 of the bishop’s money to pay the Exchequer for 1662.
2ff.

2, 114 3 December 1662
Letter from Thomas Young at Howden to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders' house, the lower end of Coleman Street, by the Black Bell, London.
Update on a letter sent to Weston and Walkington which did not receive a response; Catherine Elliot extends her thanks and will return an answer as soon as possible; enclosed is an answer from Watson of Weston and a note explaining a discussion with Mr Best regarding staith repair; construction at Howard Dike staith has begun and 20 loads of wood have been laid thus far; Booth staith is the worst off; concerned that no damage will come to the bishop over the repair of the staiths; mentions Arthur Kirby and a lease; asks him to inform Young where to direct future letters.
1f.

2, 114A 4 December 1662
Receipt for 20s from the bishop of Durham at Martinmas to John Mann.
1 piece.
2, 115 6 December 1662
Letter from John Farrer at Huggate to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders house, Coleman Street, London.
Discussion of the injunction concerning the Richmond suit; mentions various individuals including Mr Browne, Jackson, Mr Neile, Sir Thomas Widdington; discussion regarding the constable's fee and the payment of £20; Farrer owes £15 received for Mr Johnson's institution, further settling of accounts.
1f.

2, 116 6 December 1662
Letter from John Cross at Huggate to Miles Stapylton.
Matthew Bell can certify that he holds the Walkington demesnes, but wants to reduce his offer, including 16 oxgangs at Weltaning and Hencroft, and involving his sister Elliott, hoping they can seal a lease at York as he cannot come to Durham this winter.
1f.

2, 117 8 December 1662
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders' house in Coleman St, London.
£100 returned by Mr Johnson as part of the tenths; lots of snow; the bishop wants black leather cases lined with green for the silver and gilt books for the Countess of Clarendon, to be conveyed in an ordinary box to the Chancellor; he has paid Mr Houser 9s per ounce for his gilt plate; commissions Stapylton to give the king the bishop’s New Year’s gift of 30 pieces of gold in a handsome purse, with instructions for delivery at Whitehall, and for obtaining a ticket for 6 tuns of wine, involving Secretary Morris’s chamber; asks for some chocolate to be sent for his wife by the Richmond carrier.
2ff.

2, 118 12 December 1662
Letter from Martin Watson at Welton to Miles Stapylton, via Matthew Beltz at Howden.
Note sent from a Thomas Young; dispute with “William Carlin the upper Mellner brother” over the illegal removal of wood from Watson’s property and threats of physical violence “to shut a brase of bullets in me”; he has paid his rent to Dr Neile and discusses his old and new leases.
1f.

2, 119 14 December 1662
Letter from John Farrer at Durham to Miles Stapylton.
Farrer is disappointed over a delay in the return of £20 and the subsequent delay of a bill; can Stapylton pay the tutor of Farrer’s son if requested; received his letter about Mr Spakman’s tax allowance for the queen’s dower; waiting for an account of Midford’s outlawry; desires the acquaintance of Stapylton’s lady.
1f.
2, 120  15 December 1662
Letter from William Marshall and Thomas Tomlin to Miles Stapylton.
Thanking Stapylton for leaving a warrant at Durham for executing the office of clerk of
the market for Howden; Thomas Tomlin is now bailiff; Marshall and Tomlin ask Stapylton
to send a letter from the 28th regarding a patent; a declaration of loyalty to the late King
Charles I which mentions Sir Phillip Monckton who can vouch for it as Tomlin was coronet
of horse under Sir Philip Monckton’s command in Lord Langdale’s regiment of horse,
and Marshall was clerk to a company of foot under the command of Captain William
Monckton in Lord Langdale’s regiment of foot; asks to send a letter to Thomas Smith in
Howden; Postscript from Thomas Smith and Thomas Young asking that the requests
above be granted to Tomlin and Marshall; frost has prevented further progress on the
staiths by his brother Young.
1f.

2, 121  18 December 1662
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders' house in
Coleman St, London.
Received Auditor Wood's charge from John Blackiston; instructions to take £200 from
Sir William Turner combined with £100 due to Stapylton and pay £300 into the Exchequer
for the tenths of 1661; previously commissioned book covers should be double gilt to
look like gold; closely watch the bookmaker to ensure he stays on track or the bishop
will be displeased; the arrival of Mr Colthirst's man; the commissioning and deposit of
the king's New Year's gift of coins and gilt plate; payment of the jewel house fee; Lady
Gerrard's preparation of the last purse which held the King's gift; Mr Wren and a dispute
over forfeited land near South Church; anticipation of a wedding; requests an account
from Sir William Turner of any returned money and how much remains of the £250 from
Mr Danby; orders Sir William Turner to deliver to Stapylton £200 for the tenths as well
as £30 for the king's New Year's gift; Mr Greenville travels to London; care for Stapylton's
horse.
2ff.

2, 122  18 December 1662
Letter from John Cosin at Auckland Castle to Sir William Turner at the Fleece, St Paul's
churchyard, London.
Deliver £200 to Miles Stapylton to pay for Cosin’s tenths as well as £30 for the king’s
New Year's gift.
Postscript from Edward Arden regarding higher than expected costs for the gold of the
king’s gift as well as a payment to be made to the jewel office; provide Stapylton with
£5 or £6 more to cover expenses; he will not receive more money from Mr Manby until
Lady Day.
1f.
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2, 123  22 January 1663
Letter from Thomas Young at Howdendike to Miles Stapylton.
Young’s brother William was mistaken in naming the bailiff of Howden as Thomas Comlin
rather than Thomas Nicholson, and William requests help in procuring his warrant from
Durham; one week’s work wrought since last June and work beginning on the great ?b
stayth.
Taken as December by Hunter, hence out of chronological order.
1f.
2, 124  23 December 1662
Letter from William Marshall and Thomas Nicholson at Howden to Miles Stapylton.
Asking for a joint patent for Nicholson as bailiff at Howden and Marshall as clerk of the
market, and they will get a certificate from the best of the [bishop’s] tenants of their
loyalty to Charles I; supported by Thomas Smith and Thomas Young.
1f.

2, 125  23 December 1662
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton.
“Disappointed of a bill of exchange”; sorting the business between Richmond and
Jackson.
1f.

2, 126  20 December 1662
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton.
Bill of exchange and desired answer from Colonel Morgan; wants an account of Mitford’s
outlawry; PS ordering a sad coloured waistcoat with lace for his son if the ?corduroy
one for Mr Cosin is disposed of, to be collected by the Richmond carriers at the Bear in
Basinghall Street.
1f.

2, 127  1 January 1662/3
Receipt for £10 for the Lord High Chancellor of England as steward of the manors of
2ff.

2, 128  [2 January 1663]
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton.
[The bishop] is concerned about the gilt clasps for his books, despite Howser’s doubt,
if necessary they may be borrowed from Lady Clarendon; subscriptions, receipts and
arrears of His Majesty’s Commissions of Laity and Clergy, paying £900 to Lord Viscount
Mansfield before parliament sits, to be reported to Lord Ashley Cooper (chancellor of
the exchequer) and Sir Philp Warwick, with the help of Mr Batailhe as this should have
been done by Midsummer; discusses his and Mr Farrer’s accounts, fees and the payment
of Stapylton by Mr Farrer, and the episcopal seal; send a little basket with a bottle of
ointment by the Richmond carrier; show the plate books to Lady Clarendon and bring
them back for the workmen to finish them.
2ff.

2, 129  2 January 1662/3
Letter from Philip Broome at York to Miles Stapylton.
Discusses the appointment of Thomas Tomlin as bailiff for Howdenshire and consideration
of an assistant to read and write for him since he went blind, as Hewson had an assistant.
2ff.

2, 130  [January 1663]
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders House in Coleman St,
London.
Desire of Mr Jackson and Edward Arden to be excused by Lord Ashley [Cooper] before
the next sitting of Parliament as Arden is lame, like the bishop, having lost the nail off
his big toe and having to walk with a stick; Joplin to be sent to the King’s Bench bar; he
has made the delivery to Mr Neile and sorted Batailhe; sort out the accounts.
2ff.
2, 131 11 January 1662/3
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton.
Knows not of Capt Barns; business of Richmond and Jackson not yet ended, details his frustrations; concerning a bill of £50 from Mr Bolton and payment to Mr Benjamin Pulleyn.
2ff.

2, 132 18 January 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Durham to Miles Stapylnon.
So lame with his toe nail that he can only wear a soft Spanish leather shoe cut all open at the top and tied with ribbons so that he and Mr Jackson, also ill, cannot travel to London; request for help in being excused by Lord Ashley [Cooper] from travelling to London and can a Commission be rather organised in [Durham]; suggestion that Lady Sunderland might be of assistance if Lord Ashley refuses, she is best contacted before 10.
2ff.

2, 133 20 January 1662/3
Letter from Gabriel Jackson at Durham to Miles Staspylton.
Reporting on letters received from the Lord Chancellor including the seconding of Stapylton's to Mr Arden, and payments of Dr Carleton and Dr Basire; Mr Buckley of Chester is dead and left a wife and 'a sort' of children in poor condition so no [rent] can be expected there; the schedules to be returned upon advertisement from Stapylton; Jackson is keen to avoid another such employment, he thanks Staplyton and requests that they are not further troubled until Mr Arden comes up, Mr Jackson cannot travel due to his age and infirmity.
1f.

2, 134 20 January 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Durham to Miles Staspylton at Mr Saunders house in Coleman St, London.
John Joplin's intercepted letter enclosed; Arden expresses his vexation that his two letters to Lord Ashley [Cooper] concerning his business came together as he fears he will not have the patience to read both but requests that Stapylton tells him that if he reads them he will trouble him no more; his toe is worse than ever and his surgeon says it will be a month before he can safely ride; a commission may be granted to allow them to take an oath on their accounts there [in Durham] as he cannot be spared as he is working on Mr Farrer's accounts; he fears that Joplin has been sent for by his own party on some ill design, discussion of his confinement and delivery to King's Bench; do make use of his kinsman who is an eminent attorney in the Exchequer with chambers in Lincolns Inn.
1f.
2, 135 20 January 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Durham to Miles Stapylton at Mr Saunders house in Coleman St, London.
Order for £50 enclosed and asks for a receipt and that it be left at Sir William Turner’s to be paid to Lord Mansfield, and a further request that Lord Mansfield take his lordship’s receipt for it as received from Mr Gabriel Jackson and Arden according to the precedent left with him by Arden; request to tell Lord Ashley [Cooper] that a further £50 had been sent and deducted from the £1400 due; sending to his lordship names, places and sums subscribed but in arrears so his lordship can send out processes, but not to Dr Basire and Deane Carleton who paid Lord Mansfield and Stephen Fox at Whitehall; the king’s two commissions for clergy and laity sent by the sheriff’s bailiff as schedules can come by post, but not commissions.
1f.

2, 136 27 January 1662/3
Letter from Martin Watson at Welton to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanderson’s house in Coleman St against the Black Bell, London.
Bargain at Beverley, he has paid his monies (£35) to Dr Neale, the bishop demanded more but Watson reminds Stapylton that their bargain was for £35 and he cannot get his lease without Stapylton writing to satisfy the lord or his steward on “how it is that we make our bargains”.
1f.

2, 137 29 January 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders’ house in Coleman St, London.
Thanks him for what he has done for his business and asks if he can find anything to employ him; he is very angry at Lord Ashley [Cooper] for using Stapylton so rudely but thanks him for enduring it; desired advice and assistance from Auditor Spackman in how to pass and swear to accounts; request to give 40s or £3 if not satisfied to the auditor from Mr Jackson and Mr Arden; his lordship is pleased with what Stapylton did with Lord Chief Justice Foster, Mr Turner, Mr Simms; expresses his gladness at the recovery of Stapylton’s eldest son and prays for the recovery of the other.
2ff.

2, 138 31 January 1662/3
Receipt for £100 from Stapylton to M. D. Howser, Goldsmith towards part payment of plate and workmanship for the covers of a bible and prayer book for Bishop Cosin.
1 piece.

2, 139 31 January 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders’ house in Coleman St, London.
A messenger was sent immediately to Mr Jackson in pursuance of Stapylton’s directions to send the schedule, the lord treasurer’s order to pay all Arden [and Jackson] receive to Viscount Mansfield and then onto Mr Francis Manby; acquaintances and payments between Mr Manby, Dean Carleton, Mr Stephen Fox of the green cloth at Whitehall, Sir William Turner and Lord Mansfield; request that Stapylton stick close to Auditor Spackman in order to get their business done.
2ff.
2, 140 30 January 1662/3
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders’ house in Coleman St, London.
The [bishop] is perplexed with Jackson and Richmond who will not be persuaded to
refer the controversy to arbitration; Farrer is preparing copies of the bill and answer to
be written and sent up to Sir Gilbert Gerard and Colonel Morgan; thanks Stapylton
for his timely supply of Mr Pulley’s bill; P.S. – reply from Colonel Morgan on Mr Bullock’s
rent and mistake in his account, details of the resultant financial arrangement involving
the lord treasury, Colonel Morgan and Sir Gilbert Gerard; bill and answer made by
Jackson enclosed that Colonel Morgan and Sir Gilbert Gerard may likewise answer.
1f.

2, 141 2 February 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders’ house in
Coleman St, London.
Request that Stapylton calls on Lord Ashley [Cooper] about their accounts; a Grecian
bishop who lodges at Mrs Gresley’s is paid £10 per annum, requests that Stapylton
gives him his second £5; his lordship’s excuses; Stapylton to remind Chief Justice Foster
of John Joplin’s concealing himself in London; request to find lodgings for his lordship
for his journey to London about the middle of March, his lordship’s suggests Dr Triplett’s
in the Little Cloister in Westminster or any other prebend’s house in Little Palace Yard
where the bishop of Gloucester stayed (although Arden believes he will find no good
lodgings there or anywhere else so dear), seek the assistance of Dr Busby and Mr
Shirscroste, servants to be put to “board wages” while he is gone; Mr Jackson to send
the schedule to Stapylton; request to ask Sir William Turner to send Stapylton £5 to “lay
out to the Auditor”.
2ff.

2, 142 2 February 1662/3
Letter from Martin Watson at Welton to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanderson’s house in
Coleman St by the Black Bell, London.
Informs Stapylton that he has been with Dr Neale at York who told him that the lord
bishop would not seal the lease that Watson and Stapylton agreed at Beverley without
more than the £35 agreed; Watson paid the £35 to Dr Neale as Stapylton ordered.
1f.

2, 143 3 February 1662/3
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
1f.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 102-3

2, 144 7 February 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Saunders’ house in
Coleman St, London.
The bishop and the [North]allerton tenants have agreed the confirmation of their divisions
for which they are to have a decree out of the High Court of Chancery at their cost;
request from the lord [bishop] to repair to the counsel or those who manage the business
and stop the legal proceedings against them; Arden hopes his business will go on
effectively with Auditor Spackman and asks for the commission to be sent to Stapylton
with the accounts to swear to if necessary; Mrs Gerrard delivered of a son at Darlington
this morning.
2ff.
2, 145  20 February 1662/3
Letter from Thomas Young at Howden to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders’ house at the lower end of Coleman St. against the Black Bell, London.
Discussion of letters received and enclosed; Young provided and partly paid for wood which he wants repaid for by his lord, especially as he needs it for the Ebb Stayth. 1f.

2, 146  24 February 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders’ house in Coleman St, London.
Dr Broome is now tractable but still intending to quit and recommends Mr John Dunne, a woollen draper of Howden, to be his lord’s new receiver, who will provide security with his brother Mr William Dunne of Wistow; Dr Broome also said Tomlin, his lord’s bailiff at Howdenshire, is “sick of a dropsie” and unlikely to recover and recommends William Marshall to succeed as bailiff.
2ff.

2, 147  24 February 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton. Expresses his concern for his exchequer business and the swearing of the oath by Arden and Mr Jackson to their accounts; recovery of the [bishop] who will travel as soon as the roads are passable, he desires the delivery of the enclosed and Sir Thomas Widdrington’s opinion on whether the forfeited land and houses at South Church falls to the bishop as it is on land within his County Palatine or to the king who took it upon the dissolution; he has received two little boxes and a bottle and sends his thanks and those of his wife; he will send Mr Cosin’s trunk to London; his toe, which he cut through the middle of a corn, is past the worst but he is still not able to wear a shoe or slipper.
2ff.

2, 148  26 February 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders’ house in Coleman St, London.
Notes his obligation to Stapylton for his trouble in this “untoward exchequer business”; discussion of Mr Manby’s accounts and Lord Mansfield procuring a privy seal; the [bishop] says Stapylton forgot to send word to him about whether the gilt books had plate clasps or not; the [bishop] is informed of the house next door to Lady Gerrard and the inconveniences of Mr Hatton’s, and gives his assistance in hiring the house next door to her ladyship as long as there is a “very good bed and bedchamber” and room for his servants and other various requirements; discussion of Etterick’s discourse; Sir Nicholas Cole now willing to pay his £30 benevolence but desires Stapylton to call on Mr Richmond at York House and direct him how he might pay it to prevent [a] process against him.
2ff.
2, 149 28 February 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders’ house in Coleman St, London.

The [bishop] will begin his journey around 22 March, requests that Stapylton gets his trunk and cabinet from Sir William Turner's ready for him; the Queen’s officers are in the county and intend immediately to distrain upon his lord’s tenants and demesne for £300 arrears from Bishop Morton’s time contrary to Lord St Albans’ promise, request for advice and assistance of Secretary Long (the Queen’s secretary Somerset House); Arden received Sir William Turner’s bill and is abominably busy with organising leases.

2ff.

2, 150 28 February 1662/3
Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders’ house in Coleman St, London.

Discussion of Farrer’s fee for his three years’ service, involving Mr Church, the undersheriff’s place and Sir Thomas Davison.

2ff.

2, 151 31 March 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders’ house in Coleman St, London.

Instruction to Stapylton to deliver the enclosed to Sir Paule [Neile] and desire his assistance in going to Lord St Albans and the Queen’s Commissioners to procure a letter from them to stop the proceedings of Her Majesty’s officers who came to Auckland to get the £300 arrears; request to let Sir William Turner know that Arden has not been at Durham since he sent his bill with Mr Jourdan, he has been lame and ill for about three months but now is almost recovered; also ask Sir William Turner if he received the money from Mr Johnson to make up the £500 he returned from the [bishop] before Christmas; horse races today at Hunwick, Mr Davidson has a nag (ridden by Mr Bricknell) running; Mr Neile is gone; horses resting for the journey on the 19th during which they will stay for two nights with the [archbishop] of York.

1f.

2, 152 15 March 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders’ house in Coleman St, London.

The [bishop] desires Stapylton to tell Mr Turner what Sir Thomas Widdrington’s opinion is of Hinck’s land at South Church; the [bishop]’s offence at the bailiff leaving Joplin and discussion of his reimbursement of the charges caused by Joplin’s business; discussion of houses in London to be leased but none to be taken yet as he is not fit to endure a journey yet (unable to perform an ordination at the castle), he is content that, advised by Lady Gerrard, Stapylton has taken lodgings for him at the Charing Cross end of Pall Mall but displeased at Mrs Grenville telling Mrs Hatton he would lodge at her house; satisfied with what Stapylton has done with the Queen’s Commissioners; bill restraining the growth of popery and comment that earlier publication might have prevented John Henwick (once Master of Sherbourne) from declaring himself a papist; discussion of Mr Manby’s acquittance and Dr Broome’s delivery of £20 to Thomas Young; Mr Neile has Stapylton’s books and things; the [bishop] has no more concurrent leases that he values so the bill will not hurt him.

2ff.
2, 153  17 March 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Durham to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders' house in Coleman St, London.
Ordered the return of money from Mr Johnson and Mr Milbanck of Newcastle, Stapylton to get any bills accepted, and receive and safely keep the money if any of them are due before Arden and the [bishop’s] arrival; instructions to Stapylton to call on Humphrey Nicholson, Mr Milbank’s correspondent at Lamber St, who will return the money to him, and to keep the bills he receives secret; the [bishop] is not willing to lodge in one place, he is well this morning.
1f.

2, 154  20 March 1662/3
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sanders’ house in Coleman St, London. Swelling in his legs has abated but they are still weak and he still has shortness of breath, so he cannot meet Mr Peacock in London; he crept in his coach to Durham to settle the militia and was very sore; Mr Joplin is bound to appear before the King’s Bench, and urging him to expedite the case; seek the rents due from Lords Pembroke and Salisbury, and deliver £50 to Mrs Blakaby from Sir William Turner; he has appointed him to Howdenshire but Dr Broome is still in arrears.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 103-4

2, 155  27 March 1662/3
Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Scudamor’s house at the end of Pall Mall Row in St James’ Fields near Charing Cross, London. Hindered inquiry into who encouraged Mrs Hatton to keep her lodgings for the [bishop]; needs Sir Paul Neile to sign and send the surrender of Edderly Colliery which is overdue; four trunks, a box and a hat case sent to Stapylton’s old lodgings in Coleman St and he needs to prevent them going back on the ship to Newcastle; arrangements for a bill of exchange between Mr Johnson, Mr Davis and Mr Grenville; the [bishop] examining several Anabaptists rumoured to have sworn an oath to destroy parliament, bishops, clergy and gentry.
2ff.

2, 156  30 March 1663
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton at Mr Saunders’ house in Coleman St, London. (also a note which reads ‘to Mr Grover at the Black Lion near Temple Bar’) Letter sent from the [bishop] and deputy lieutenant to counsel for expeditiousness; Anabaptist plot and denial in examination before the deputy lieutenant, the rest fled to Northumberland and Scotland.
2ff.

2, 157  [1663]
Heighington Leases - queries to be resolved. Written in Cosin’s own hand, according to Hunter.
2ff.
2, 158  11 April 1663
Letter from Richard Neile and Edward Arden at Newark to Miles Staplyton at Mr Scudamor’s house in Pall Mall row near Charing Cross, London.
Neile – report of progress on their journey to London, the [bishop] is well apart from the swelling in his legs; came to Northallerton and then to Bishopthorpe where his lordship dined; he is very well but extraordinary lame of scurvy in his legs; requests that Stapylton delivers the enclosed.
Arden – adds details of their journey from hence and invites Stapylton to join them on Wednesday at Hatfield; discussion of the whereabouts of his trunks; he does not yet know of his lodgings and apologises for not giving Stapylton notice of their journey and ‘gests’ before they left; notes that although Mr Neile commends his lord’s health he is ‘far from it’.
1f.

2, 159  14 April 1663
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr Scudamor’s house in Pall Mall near Charing Cross, London.
They are at Stamford, tonight Bugden and tomorrow Hatfield; requests that Stapylton finds stables for their seven coach horses and 2 saddle horses, maybe at the White Horse in the Haymarket, the saddle horses will need to graze in the ‘hollidays’.
2ff.

2, 160  1664
1 piece.

2, 161  14 May 1663
Agreement of Thomas Mascall to bond of obligations pertaining to the office of Bishop's receiver and collector.
Copy of the conditions in another hand.
2ff.

2, 162  May 1663
Conditions for Mr Thomas Mascall's bond.
1f.

2, 163  5 September 1663
Letter from Thomas Lascelles at Northallerton to Miles Staplyton at Durham Castle.
Comments on the backwardness of payments and discussion of accounts including his own arrears due to the building of his mill; discussion of the rent of Lady Osbourne’s lands called Ratarr and a mistake about Mr Darley and lands in the manor of Allerton stemming from his purchase of the reversion of lands in Allerton, Brompton and Osmotherley.
2ff.
2, 164 18 September 1663
Letter from Henry Robinson in London to Miles Stapylton in Durham.
Informs Stapylton that he has a copy of the patent granted to the Frevils concerning the
bothers; jointure of the late Lady Vaux.
2ff.

2, 165 n.d. [c. 1663]
Letter from ‘F’ to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of an “old ballad or the second part of ?some serial or the Legend of Knights
Errant”, concerning the Royal Society; ask Mr Wren about two gowns of Mr Rush’s at
Durham, to be taken to Mr [John] Spurling, fellow of Peterhouse College, Cambridge,
and also about a payment to Mr Dent apothecary; news of Parliament and funds for the
king.
2ff.

2, 166 27 January 1663/4
Letter from Frances Gerard to Miles Stapylton at Mr Sander’s house in Coleman St,
London.
Letters enclosed to be delivered at court to Sir Thomas Orby; Mr Gerard will be in London
three weeks after Candlemas; message for Mr Moore the draper; unanswered letters
to Sir Gerard’s sister.
2ff.

2, 167 1663 - 1665
Accounts for receipts and expenses of the receiver of Howdenshire for the year to St
Andrew for 1663, 1664 and 1665.
10ff.
Original of the 1662/63 account: CCB B/146/2.

2, 168 [1720s]
Panel from the Waghorn binding from Cosin Letterbook 2.
1 piece.
Cosin Letter-book 3

3, 0  [1720s]
Table of contents for Cosin Letterbook 3, compiled by Christopher Hunter.
2ff.

3, 1 1664
Osmotherley leases, granted between 1618 and 1640, for
a) life
b) limited number of years
With marginal notes on current leases.
4f.

3, 1A  [1660s]
Renewal of Ellis Cooper's lease.
1f.

3, 2 23 May 1664
Bond of Richard Neile to Thomas Benet for the sum of £10, endorsed on the back by
Thomas Benet, recording payment of the debt by Miles Stapylton.
1 piece.

3, 3 27 July 1664
Anthony Pearson on Thomas Lascel's receipts for Allerton.
1f.

3, 4 3 October 1664
Letter from Samuel Wilson, Heighington, to Miles Stapylton, Durham, concerning the
lease of land by William Toward (for the life of himself, his son John, and his daughter
Frances).

3, 5 16 October 1664
Letter from Thomas Remington to Bishop Cosin. Thomas Remington details the “three
errors” he made, including not producing relevant evidence in a trial under oath, and
pleading that Bishop Cosin “please to deal favourably with me”.
2f.

3, 6 19 October 1664
Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton, listing bonds received of Edward Arden at Catterick.
1f.

3, 7 25 October 1664
Letter from Christopher Driffield, Ripon, to Mr Astall. States his legal opinion that Mr.
Murthwaite should attempt to convince the bishop (Cosin) that an argument should put
forth (and left) to a trial under a judge.
2ff.

3, 8 23 October 1664
Letter from Henry Murthwaite, Birkby, to Bishop Cosin, Pall Mall, London, stating that
he followed Cosin’s advice to consult his Lawyer [Christopher] Driffield, whose letter he
has enclosed [CLB 3, 7] to send on to Bishop Cosin.
1f.
3, 9  October 1664
Legal notes concerning dispute over living of Birkby, N. Yorks. and whether it may be held in plurality.
1f.

3, 10  23 October 1664
Letter from Henry Murthwaite, Birkby, to Miles Stapylton (serving as secretary to Bishop Cosin at his lodgings at Pall Mall, St James, London), in two parts. In the first part Murthwaite states that he has previously sent forward the legal advice sought from the lawyer Mr [Christopher] Driffield, and notes also seeking the counsel of Mr Neston. The second part is an account of the Assizes held at the Castle of York on 25th July, in the 16th year of Charles II’s reign [1664], concerning the Court’s ruling on the above matter. 1f.

3, 11  28 October 1664
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton. Detailed instructions on pay due to various persons and discussion of fabric for clothes.
2f.

3, 12  1 November 1664
Letter from William Neile, London, to his brother Richard Neile. Discusses the potential acceptance of a Bill of Exchange received from Mr Stapylton; reminds his brother of the proper respect and behaviour due to their father.
1f.

3, 13  5 November 1664
Letter from Richard Neile, Durham Castle, to Miles Stapylton, Fleet Street, London. States that a Bill of Exchange for £100 was expected from Stapylton’s last post, but instead a matter which has bothered him for a “half year” was raised and which must be discussed upon Richard Neile’s next meeting with Stapylton.
2f.

3, 14  11 November 1664
Letter from Anthony Pearson, Durham, to Miles Stapylton, secretary to the Bishop of Durham, at Sir Gilbert Gerrard's house, Pall Mall, London. Begs for the patronage of Cosin to enable him to receive a ‘fair hearing’.
1f.

3, 15  15 November 1664
Letter from Richard Neile, Durham Castle, to Miles Stapylton at the Black Lyon near Temple Gates, Fleet Street, London; informing him that his expected guest has been delayed in his arrival (for he has been summoned as a witness at Guildhall).
2f.

3, 16  21 November 1664
Letter from Antony Pearson to Miles Stapylton, secretary to Bishop of Durham, Pall Mall, London. Discusses Mr Jenkins, who is to be warned to expect a summons to the County Court.
2f.
3, 17 21 November 1664
Letter from Richard Neile, Durham Castle, to Miles Stapylton, Temple Gates, Fleet Street. Queries the accuracy of his financial records, asking for confirmation of payments received, and gives details for the purchasing of stockings and handkerchiefs. 1f.

3, 18 3 December 1664
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton. 2ff.

3, 19 3 December 1664
Letter from Thomas Young to Miles Stapylton. 1f.

3, 20 1664
A valuation of Wheelehall. 1f.

3, 21 1664
A particular of all the leaseholds within the manors of Howden and Howdenshire held of the right reverend the Bishop of Durham. 2ff.

3, 22 December 1664
Petition from the inhabitants of Howden to Miles Stapylton concerning the threat to their fair, "the body and support and relief of the poorer sort of people", from the grant of patent for 2 fairs a year at Hull. 38 signatures attached including Robert Athrope, gent, William Marshall (cf 3, 25). 1f.

3, 23 9 December 1664
Letter from Anthony Pearson to Miles Stapylton, concerning the audit which he is in the process of undertaking (having requested reports from Howdenshire and Alleston) and promising its rapid completion. 2ff.

3, 24 8 December 1664
Letter from Anthony Pearson to Bishop Cosin (residing at Pall Mall near St James), concerning the inadequacy of the Bill for Lands received to cover necessary expenses; details need to repair Gainford Bridge; details correspondence with Mr Neile and Mr Deane. 2ff.

3, 25 13 December 1664
Letter from William Marshall, Howden, to Miles Stapylton discussing the petition [CLB3, 22] of the townspeople of Hull stating their desire for the funding to hold a fortnight’s long fair, and a second fair in the Spring (alongside the townspeople’s willingness to financially contribute also); explains the town’s concern as due to Mr Hyllyard’s funding of a new fair in Hull, and stating the concern that this will damage the finances of both Howden and Bishop Cosin himself (to whom “a thousand pound damage” is estimated). 2ff.
3, 26  15 December 1664
Letter from Joseph Farrow to Miles Stapylton (serving as Secretary to Bishop Cosin, addressed to Sir Gilbert Gerard’s lodgings, Pall Mall, London), detailing the resolution of a conflict in Jarrow Slake, in response to Stapylton’s request for this information. 2ff.

3, 27  23 December 1664
Letter from John Jeffreyson, Durham, to Miles Stapylton, (residing at Sir Gilbert Gerard's lodgings, Pall Mall, London), informing Stapylton of how he has procured the requested information concerning Cosin’s interests in Durham, noting his own additions and the limitations he encountered upon access to information. 2ff.

3, 28  24 December 1664
Letter from John Cosin to Sir William Turner, asking for £300 in gold from him (to be paid to Miles Stapylton). 1f.

3, 29  5 January 1664/5
Letter from Cuthbert Carr to Miles Stapylton, London, affirming his intention to persuade him of an argument favourable to Stapylton. 2ff.

3, 30  1665
Receipt of William Johnson for bond of £315, owed by Sir Francis Bowes, from William Blackett. Footnote added by Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton, requesting this note to be kept for the future security of the bond. 1f.

3, 31  17 January 1664/5
Letter from Anthony Pearson to Bishop Cosin, Pall Mall, London, praising the quality of the Roll records kept from the time of Bishop Neville and asking whether Cosin desires to recall the unpaid debts written in these. Enclosing 31A - deposition of William Brakett. 3ff.

3, 31A  1665
“The information of William Brocketon of the bailiffs of the Sheriff of Durham, touching arresting Mr. Primate”. Details the arrest of Mr Primate on the 1st August 1665, his attempt to evade arrest by claiming to be one of his Majesties’ Servants Extraordinary (which failed due to the forged certificate’s lack of seal), and the debate surrounding the granting of his bail. 1f.

3, 32  1665
Richard Neile
A particular of the bonds left by Mr Neile with Sir Thomas Davyson. An account of bonds due in the upcoming year, written by Richard Neile. 1f.

3, 33  19 January 1664/5
Letter from Jo. Morland to Miles Stapylton, discussing whether Bishop Cosin wishes to grant a loan of 200 pounds to Mr Sollicitor. 1f.
3, 34  20 January 1664/5
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton, informing him of a loan which was granted without consultation (due to its urgency and security), and enquiring whether another loan should be granted (with discussion of the security of said loan).
2ff.

3, 35A  1 February 1664/5
Letter from Thomas Young to Bishop Cosin, London; notes that he has not received a letter from Cosin; reminds Cosin that he arranged for the repair of all his staithes; detailing the ruin of Saltmarsh Staith which would require £8 to repair; the hope of his brother Marshall [Young?] that he has read the letter sent from Sir William Monckton and the inhabitants of Howden. Not listed by Hunter.
1f.

3, 35B  6 February 1664/5
Draft of patent of Bishop Cosin appointing Thomas Young "our agent and overseer of all our staithes upon the River Ouse within the Manor of Howden". In Stapylton's hand?
1f.

3, 36  22 February 1664/5
Letter from Thomas Young, Howden, to Miles Stapylton. Acknowledges his receipt of Stapylton’s letter from the 7th February containing a warrant to prosecute those guilty of breaking a staith, which Young informs Stapylton he has now done. Informs of the damages done to the staithes by the frost, and the need to spend money towards their repair. Also discusses the need to buy wood for the summer.
1f.

3, 37  21 February 1664/5
Letter from Jo. Morland to Miles Stapylton, at his lodgings at St Gilbert Gerrard’s House, Pall Mall, London. Discusses the building work led by John Longstaff upon the new Sessions house, and informing Stapylton that he has not yet received money for the required materials.
2ff.

3, 38  22 February 1664/5
Letter from John Dun to Bishop Cosin, acknowledging his receipt of Cosin’s letter to himself from the 10th February which detailed his displeasure at not receiving John Dun’s accounts, and Dun’s promise that the aforementioned bonds are currently being collected and his audit will shortly be completed. Details the payments which have already taken place to Mr John Thompson (by order of Mr Pearson), and Doctor Neile. Informs Cosin that he was compelled to serve as a jury man, in which he found that a mile and a half of Cosin’s land is to be claimed for cutting a forty foot drain. He informs Cosin that he supposes this matter will be raised in Parliament by Lord Langdale and others, which he suspects will have an unfavourable outcome for Cosin.
1f.

3, 39  22 February 1664/5
Letter from John Dun to Miles Stapylton, begging that he is excused for Bishop Cosin not receiving any of his previous correspondence, and asserting that all bonds from Howden have been paid for the last twenty years, concluding that he will be more careful in providing full and regular future correspondence.
1f.
3, 40  7 March 1664/5
Letter from Anthony Pearson to Miles Stapylton, secretary to Bishop Cosin in his lodgings in Pall Mall, London. An account of the extended financial dispute which followed a loan between Mr Henry Robinson and Mr Garth; the latter’s death has caused the matter to be brought to trial at the next assizes. Gives an account of the death of Mr Heath. Records the absence of Mr [Richard] Neile, who has been in Stockton, Hartlepool, and Sunderland. Notes the high wind, snow, and cold which the region is experiencing.
2ff.

3, 41A  1665
Draft declaration of monies held in trust by Sir Thomas Orby and Thomas Blackerby, declaring these to be for the sole use of Bishop Cosin throughout his lifetime, and providing instructions for its use, if any be remaining, following his death (first passing to Dame Mary Gerard, wife of Sir Gilbert, and divided between any children they have when they are married or when they reach the age of 21; should they have no children, the monies should be divided equally between the Bishop’s youngest daughter Anne Greenville [Granville], and the children of his other daughters Dame Mary and Frances). Written in Stapylton’s hand?
1f.

3, 41B  1665
To Sir Thomas Davison
Declaration of monies held in trust by Sir Thomas Orby and Thomas Blackerby for the sole use of Bishop Cosin during his lifetime with detailed instructions as to how it is to be divided among his daughters after his death. Copy of CLB3, 41A with minor amendments. Written in Stapylton’s hand?
1f.

3, 42  18 March 1664/5
Letter from Alexander Brome, Bucklersbury, to Bishop Cosin. Declares that his intended meeting with Cosin to discuss the long suit ongoing with Sir Thomas Remington will have to be delayed, for he has been called into the country; attempts to rearrange said meeting, and in the meantime encloses details attempting to demonstrate to Cosin that the long suit will not be profitable to him.
1f.

3, 43  19 March 1664/5
Letter from Richard Neile, Durham Castle, to Miles Stapylton at the Black Lyon between the two Temple Gates in Fleet Street London; notes that the letter is “to be delivered with care and speed”). Discusses a dispute between the counties of York and Durham about the treatment of a prisoner; notes the “malice and backbiting of the Yorkshire men against this country and my Lord” on this account, warning Stapylton that Bishop Cosin may be reputed a “headstrong Asse” for “the hanging of a knave without, nay contrary to the advice of his Brother Councillor and assistant”. Advises him to consult the opinion of a visiting Justice concerning the jury’s decision, based upon the evidence they were presented with.
2ff.

3, 44  27 May 1664
Examination of John Elrington - a list of conspirators "ingaged in ye late horrid plot hatched in Muggleswick". Witnessed and signed by Isaac Basire and John Basire.
1f.
3, 44A  27 February [ ]
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapleton. Not listed by Hunter, found between 3, 44
and 3, 45.
1f.

3, 45  21 March 1664/5
Letter from William Marshall, Doncaster, to Bishop Cosin (at his lodgings at Pall Mall,
near Charing Cross, London), informing Cosin of a petition being presented to his Majesty
by the Town of Howden with the assistance of Sir Phillip Monckton, asking if Cosin has
received the correspondence sent by the Town of Howden concerning this matter, and
requesting that Cosin sends a letter detailing his discussions surrounding this matter
and what he believes the charge for procuring three fairs and a fortnight’s fair may be
(either by the discussed and ongoing method of petitioning for it, or by obtaining a
Charter).
1f.

3, 46  25 March 1664/5
Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton, informing him of the present ongoing debate
concerning appointments to unpaid offices in Durham; however, he desires him not to
inform Bishop Cosin of this matter.
2ff.

3, 47  n.d. [1665 ?]
Letter from John Hynde to Miles Stapylton. Hynde informs Stapylton that he had intended
to pay back part of the £9 lent to him (by means of Henry Stapylton), but on account of
the poor conditions (especially weather) for the last 6 months he will have to delay
repayment. Mentions that Miles Stapylton has recently had a fall, and hopes he is well
recovered. Pleads for intervention on behalf of a prisoner of Durham, on account of the
grief of his wife and three sons, declaring that the “persecution” he has suffered “savours
of an unchristian spirit” and cannot successfully “force men’s consciences”, and that
Stapylton’s intervention would be demonstrative of his “Christian duty”. Written overleaf
are some sums and records of money, but with no information provided.
1f.

3, 48  6 May 1665
Letter from William Sancroft to Miles Stapylton, informing him that the Earl of Sandwich
plans to write to Bishop Cosin concerning tenanted land which he would have Cosin
believe is not of value, but which Sancroft informs Stapylton is regarded as valuable.
2ff.

3, 49  10 July 1665
Letter from Gabriel Jackson to Miles Stapylton, informing and enclosing a bill from Mr
Johnson of Newcastle, and informing Stapylton that Mr Thompson will be called upon
for the payment of the money.
2ff.

3, 50  27 May 1665
Account of Richard Neile with Mr Arden, inscribed by same as paid in full. Contains
details of charges for maintenance of Bishop Cosin and his affairs, such as the
“boardwages” paid whilst Cosin was in London (£102), and “mending the Clock at Durham
for new strings to it” (10 shillings).
1f.
3, 51A 12 August 1665
Letter from John Grove to Miles Stapylton. Proposes that, due to Bishop Cosin’s return to the countryside, he should consider placing a person at court permanently in order to inform him of courtly affairs or words against him, and allowing Cosin to prepare for any visits; states that he has written to Cosin himself with this purpose, but that he realises that Miles Stapylton can “move it in better reason” to Cosin.
2ff.

3, 51B 13 August 1665
Letter from John Tempest to Miles Stapylton.
1f.

3, 52 1665
A note of what rents are coming to Mrs Gerard, including rents from properties in Crayke, Leake, customary land in Grange Close, London, and Darlington.
1 piece.

3, 53 30 December 1665
Letter from William Blakiston to Miles Stapylton concerning the mills, and their dispute with his cousin Gerrard.
2ff.

3, 54 23 January 1665/6
Letter from John Tempest to Miles Stapylton, Durham Castle, asking Stapylton to excuse his cousin Ettrick “for the language he so foolishly used” against Bishop Cosin.
2ff.

3, 55 [undated]
A list of leases and patents confirmed by the Dean and Chapter.

3, 56 n.d.
Durham Dean and Chapter
Acta: Extracts from Act Books relating to leases and decisions, 1624-1626.
1f.

3, 57 1665
Answers to the query - "Whether a Dean and Chapter are bound in law or equity to confirm all concurrent leases, which their bishop shall send to them or only such as are for the good of the bishop and not injurious to the successor". Discusses the legal statutes concerning concurrent leases, and the implications of establishing a precedent whereby the Dean and Chapter allow the Bishop concurrent leases. Concludes that the Dean and Chapter are entitled to use their discretion, and should not permit concurrent leases unless in exceptional circumstances. See also: 3, 58; 3, 59; 3, 60; 3, 61; 3, 62; 3, 63 for the debate concerning the confirmation of the concurrent lease of the Manor of Howden 2ff.
3, 58  22 September 1665
Richard Stote
Answers to the query "Whether a Dean and Chapter are bound by law or equity to confirm all patents and concurrent leases, which their bishop shall send to them or only such as are for the good of the see and not injurious to the successors". Concludes that concurrent leases should be avoided except in exceptional circumstances, both for the benefit of the leaser and the leaseholder; thus, for the sake of future succeeding Bishops the Dean and Chapter should refrain from confirming any concurrent leases of the Bishop and instead grant leases for 21 years or 3 lives.

3, 59  10 October 1665
Letter from Richard Weston
Weston's opinion as to who shall judge between Dean and Chapter and the Bishop over disputed leases and patents, insisting that “the Judge must judge between them according to Law, which is the Ruler of this Judgement”.

3, 60  9 August 1665
Dean and Chapter to Bishop Cosin
Concerning the confirmation of leases", signed John Sudbury, Dennis Grenville, Joseph Naylor, John Neile, Thomas Dalton, Richard Wrench, and Isaac Basire. Confirms their receipt and reading of the papers sent from the Bishop of Bath and Wells to John Cosin, but suggests that the case discussed in these papers is not equivalent to the ongoing dispute between the Dean and Chapter [of Durham] and John Cosin regarding the confirmation of the lease of the Manor of Howden for the third time. Revealing their opinion that the Bishop “seems to expect from us” that they are “bound to confirm from time to time” any leases presented to them, and “and told us oftentimes that we have no more power to refuse any Lease offered to us”. Advises the Dean and Chapter to follow the “resolution” that “that they shall be such as are according to the Laws of this Kingdom, and the Customs of that and other Churches”, and states that only two examples of renewed leases in the last “hundred years and upwards” could be cited as precedent. However, concludes by affirming their desire to serve the Bishop and thus their concession to his request to renew his lease of the Manor of Howden (although reminding him that his lease of the Manor of Crayke has also already been renewed), and setting two conditions: firstly, that both the Bishop and his successors should provide the money to repair the staithes and banks to the tenants; secondly, that in the future Cosin “will not take it ill” if the dean and chapter “make some difficulty in passing such things as they conceive not agreeable to that Trust which is reposed in them by the Law”.

3, 61  2 December 1665
Dean and Chapter to Bishop Cosin
Requests Bishop Cosin to “set down the whole state of the question in his own words" in order to “join with them in desiring the judgement of someone or more persons of honour and wisdom upon the case”, for the given reason that they desire “to gratify their present bishop in everything that is in their power, so far as they may do it with that discretion, and care of preserving that integrity which the law presumes they have".

81
3, 62 15 March 1666
Letter from Charles II to Dean and Chapter of Durham. States that the Court of Howden was “lately taken away by Act of Parliament” from the Bishop of Durham [John Cosin], who thus sought “recompense” from them as his tenants will not renew their leases (which they have “held without any fine for about sixty and fourscore years”) and due to his claim to have “spent all his fund for leases in Rebuilding and repairing his Episcopal Houses”. In response to this request, Charles II thus communicates his “Warrant” to the Dean and Chapter to renew Bishop Cosin’s three leases in Gateside and Whickton, Howden, and land near Allerton and Durham (which he has already leased for 21 years) on a year-to-year basis for the remainder of his service as Bishop.

1f.

3, 63 22 March 1666
Dean and Chapter to Charles II
Certain considerations humbly offered to his Sacred Majesty by the Dean and Chapter of Dunelme to answer to his Majesty’s letter to them of the 15 of March 1666 (draft). Letter in response to his correspondence to them [CLB3, 62]. Informs Charles II of their opinion that “the helps which the present Bishop hath had to bear those burdens” of which he complained to the King have “been very great”, and states their concern that the “helps” which his “successors are like[ly] to have will be very small”. Informs Charles II that Bishop Cosin has received income from expired leases, as well as from some concurrent leases which they have confirmed, and of which they believe Charles II was not notified; also advises that the tenants of whom Bishop complains still have many years left of their leases unexpired and thus cannot be reasonably expected to renew them. Also states their concern that concurrent leases will create “uncertainties” due to their creation of multiple concurrent tenants with interest in the property. Contrary to the claim which Bishop Cosin made to Charles II [CLB3, 62], informs Charles II that “we have so good reasons to believe that his receipts over and above his yearly rents, have been made great[er] then his expenses in building”. States that the three leases which Charles II has granted the warrant to renew [Gateside and Whickton, Howden, and land near Allerton and Durham] were those which they had already debated with Bishop Cosin and for which they sought outside counsel [see CLB3, 57 and 58], of which the conclusion was that concurrent leases should only be granted in extraordinary cases.

2ff.

3, 64 20 March 1666
Letter from Dean and Chapter to Bishop Cosin (draft). Suggests that Charles II has not been sufficiently and “clearly informed of the case” regarding the granting of leases to Bishop Cosin [see CLB3, 57 to 63], and begs leave “rightly to Inform his Majesty of the case”.

2ff.

3, 65 28 March 1666
Letter from Dean and Chapter to Bishop Cosin (Stronger draft version of CLB3, 64).

1f.

3, 66 n.d.
John Cosin
Three prayers for the consecration of the churchyard.
According to Ornsby they "would seem to have been written in his earlier life" - certainly handwriting less crabbed.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 81-3
3, 67  [undated]
Verses and prayers for morning and evening prayer inscribed for the plague - the first
Wednesday of every month.

3, 68  August 1666
An extract out of my Lord's account booke for moneys pay'd to Mr Neile from time to
time since his first coming to serve my Lord. 1661 (until August 1666).
2ff.

3, 69  20 June 1666
Letter from Elizabeth Neile to Miles Stapylton, whom she begs to inform her son Richard
that “so long as I have life I will never trouble him nor never have one penny for him ... I
would much rather starve, his house and a lion-den shall be alike to me”.
1f.

3, 70  1 July 1666
Letter from Elizabeth Neile to Miles Stapylton, thanking him for his letter, and discussing
the reasons why she has become estranged from her son [Richard Neile] (that he refused
to lend her “ten or twenty pounds”, and her disdain for his marriage).
1f.

3, 71  27 February [1660s]
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton about the arrangements of Mr Manby and
Lord Mansfield to obtain the £200 owing.
1f.

3, 72  [1720s]
Panel from the Waghorn binding from Cosin Letterbook 3.
1 piece.
4A, 1  2 December 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Letter from the earl of Northampton regarding Cosin’s scholarships at Peterhouse, Cambridge, concerning the sons of Lieutenant Colonel Bellasis and Brian Burlison, to be settled by George Davenport and Stapylton; request to Mr London for a new bond denied given the pressures put on his personal estate by Mr Shadforth, his brother and Mr John Blakiston of Newcastle; 28 volumes of *Tractatus Tractatum* found by Mr Flower, request for contributors as Cosin cannot afford the £50 demanded by the seller as he has already spent so much on his library; purchasing the lease of the house next door as it has a pair of good, light and easy stairs; Cosin’s difficulty travelling by coach and horse and their expense; Cosin’s daughter complains of the importunity and costly letters of the groom and butler.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 208-10 (extract)

4A, 2  7 December 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Cosin’s displeasure at Hume’s letting the prisoner go; Mr Pearson and Mr Henwick’s rents and leases; desires that the “vain design against the mind of the bishop” by those who met in Chester about K[night]s and B[urgesse]s is opposed, preservation of the privileges of the County Palatine of Durham; discussion of tenants and renewing leases, suggestion that Stapylton contact Mr Clarke who handles the affairs of the Lord of Northumberland in the north; Parliament likely to adjourn until February; discussion of tenants and the possible acquisition of Mr Salkeld’s land by Darlington; wants a statement on money contributions to Cosin’s library.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 210-11 (extract)

4A, 3  4 December 1669
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of the rent of Todd’s farm at Brompton which should be the same as the Oxgangs at Allerton; house upon Gateshead Bridge and leases of four others; mending of the windows at Brafferton organised by John Langstaffe; promise and £29 owed by Mr Wright; another meeting at Chester about K[night]s and B[urgesse]s and Lord St John’s opposition, Mr Morland and Mr Bristow’s disruption of the privileges of the County Palatine and the rights of the Bishop’s Court and officers at Durham; Cosin’s sympathy with Stapylton’s account of a brother of “bad principles”.
Postscript: suggestion that Mr Davenport make a contribution to the public library and request for Dr H. Holden’s Epistle to his party thought to be among Cosin’s manuscript papers in the library.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 211-13 (extract)
4A, 4 11 December 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Mr Davidson’s lease and debt; reports a discussion with Dr Bradley, master of Caius College, and the cost of a new library there; Mr Harper and Mr Mascall’s proceedings against Mr Neile and Mr Norman and Douthwaite’s bond; work on the inside of Cosin’s library by James Hull; Mr Salkeld’s land; exclusion of Mr Durel and Mr Davenport form clergy contributions to the library as they will donate books of good value; debenture for the Queen Mother’s proportion in Royal Aid and the Grendall Debenture; Parliament prorogued until next February; criticism of Mr Cuthbert Carre and demands for contributions towards his prosecution for the design of the K[night]s and B[urgesse]s. Postscript: notes on various leases.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 213-15 (extract)

4A, 5 14 December 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Questions Stapylton’s difficulty in finding Dr Holden’s Epistle MS given the Classical Catalogue; promise of the Mayor of Durham, Justices of the Peace and Mr Davidson to oppose any motion on the matter of K[night]s and B[urgesse]s; Mr Neile and Mr Mascall to challenge Cosin’s expectation of receiving an answer to his Bill of Chancery; permission to bring a suit against a “priest/bishop fellow at Walsingham” who obstructed the passage of the water which should go to Mr Wharton’s mill. Postscripts: request for Stapylton to discuss accounts with Mr Mickleton and Mr Davenport; writ to Alexander Fraser about the visit of the earl of Launderdale (his Majesty’s Great Commissioner in Scotland) to London, passing through Durham. 3ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 215-16 (extract)

4A, 6 18 December 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Staplyton’s role as agent including the Chilton tenants and payments relating to the colleges in [Cambridge] university, the hospital and the library; delay in the decision to be made of the Commons between Brafferton and Rascall as reported by Lord Belasis; Mr Hutchinson’s patent; scire facias [writ] against Hume the gaoler; assignment to Mr Pearson of the Sea Rocks and 2 farms in Slickbourne and related past and present leases including concerns about Ms Fenwick’s potential demands to have the Sea Rocks put in her lease (further details in postscript); Cosin’s view of Sir Nicholas Cole and Sir James Clavering’s opposition and refusal to meet at Chester; discussion of leases, fees and land including a suggestion that Staplyton encourage tenants to renew their leases by letting them know that the dean and chapter had promised to confirm concurrent leases; a letter in the Classical catalogue advising Roman Catholics in England to submit to Cromwell’s government as long as the king’s condition remained bad thought to be by Dr Holden is probably actually by Thomas Howard as it is subscribed TH and Holden’s initials were HH.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 216-17 (extract)
4A, 7 21 December 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Discussion of Mr Samuel Davidson’s selling of his lease and house at Newbottle, paying of the rent by the tenants at Chilton and Gamble’s lease at Northallerton; Sir Gilbert Gerard’s journey to Brafferton and purchase of land at either Skirningham or Dunsworth; asks for his quietus est left by the auditor; further discussion of the issue of K[night]s and B[urgesses] including Cosin’s praise for Stapylton’s expression against the contributions encouraged by Mr Carr and the other men; comment on Mrs Fenwick and the leases of Sea Rocks (details of the rents, tenants and timings as well as Cosin’s comment on her as a “troublesome woman” on final page); Cosin’s condolences at the death of Sir Nicholas Cole; business of a lease for lands in Bedlington and Counden made to Stapylton by Sir Gilbert Gerard and signed by Richard Flower and John Sumner. 2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 217 (extract)

4A, 8 23 December 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Discussion of Mrs Fenwick’s new demands to delay the taking of her four leases; request that Stapylton meet with and deliver the enclosed to Sir Gilbert Gerard before considering the contribution mentioned in a previous letter by Cosin; request for the appendices entered into the alphabetical catalogue by Mr Flower, Mr Blakiston and Mr Davenport so Cosin can perfect his own alphabetical catalogue; return of Mr Scott from France and Holland with many good books which Cosin wishes he could purchase with the help of contributions or money from the disposal of patents and offices. 2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 217-18 (extract)

4A, 9 25 December 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Supports Stapylton having written to invite the Commissioner to Durham Castle; reiterates his belief that Stapylton and Mr Davenport were wrong and that Dr Holden’s Epistle is in the library among either the papists or the manuscripts; discussion of Mr Flower and the organisation of authors and volumes; contributions and *sibi non constat* mentions his opinion of Mr Davidson; Chilton rents; sheriffs and undersheriffs and the precept for attaching Mr Neile; Stapylton and Mr Mascall let Douthwaite do what he likes; discussion of Mr Turner’s bond; continued trouble of Mrs Fenwick’s leases. 2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 218 (extract)

4A, 10 30 December 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. News from his cousin Ms Frazer that her father Sir Alexander Frazer and the Commissioner of Scotland are coming from Edinburgh to Durham and requests that Stapylton inform Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Deane and Mr Davenport. Letter would appear to have been cut down from original size. 1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 223
1 January 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
1st January 1669/1670 Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton Judge Turner’s request for information on the weather in Durham; criticism of Stapylton over the issue of the Chilton rent; correction of Stapylton’s mistake that the king had taken notice of a contribution for k[night]s and b[urgesse]s; Mr T.B.’s daughter’s maintenance and buying a moiety of a lease for her; discussion of accounts and payments and Sir William Turner; discussion over leases including Ms Fenwick’s (deliberation over forfeiting them or making them concurrent) and Mr Barnes’s in Stockton; Sir Alexander Frazer and meals for the Lord Commissioner of Scotland at Durham [castle] with the dean and prebends to be invited; Flemming at Weardale forfeited his copyhold by cutting the banks.
Postscript: request for information on the payment of tenths to the king.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 223-4 (extract)

4 January 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Cosin now well-recovered from his “sharpe pains of the strangury” although Dr Wharton won’t let him visit anyone; discussion of weather for Judge Turner; uncertainty of the visit of the Lord Commissioner of Scotland and Sir Alexander Frazer; continued matter of Dr Holden’s Epistle which Cosin states he will find in the library himself and instructs Stapylton to get a copy of the dedication in Cornelius Martinus’ Compendium Theologie; matter of Mr Mascall and Mr Neilson; John Rowell’s account for procurations; Ms Fenwick’s leases and frustration at Stapylton’s lack of clear answers regarding the rent and forfeit; how to deal with Mr Tong’s bond; Sir Gilbert [Gerard]; death of the Duke of Albemarle; writ of Mr Henry Coventry for attending the king in his bedchamber, also the king’s loyalties in parliament.
Postscript: Stapylton to confer with Sir Gilbert [Gerard] on the matter of offers made of land, Cosin still keen to purchase Tractatus Tractatuum for his library.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 224-5 (extract)

6 January 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Ms Fenwick’s leases and estate income; the forfeit of leases involving Stapylton, Mr Neile and Mr Peacock; improvement in the weather and probability that the Lord Commissioner of Scotland and Sir Alexander Frazer might come to Durham Castle as intended.
1f.

8 January 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Estate business; entertainment of the Lord Commissioner of Scotland; Ms Fenwick’s leases including correspondence with her lawyer Mr Sergeant Newdigate; Mr Gibson and the decree against the Norton tenants; Margaret Rippon’s petition; leases at Gateshead, Allerton and Howden.
Postscript: advice on rents from concurrent leases, Stapylton to speak to Mr Morland and Mr Bristow (sticklers in the meeting at Chester), also the rights of the County Palatine, Ms Danby and Ms Palmer’s renewal of their leases at Evenwood Colliery.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 218 (mistakenly appended to letter of 23 December, 4, 8), 226 (extract)
4A, 15  11 January 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton.
Complications of the forfeit of Ms Fenwick’s leases including the view of Sergeant Newdigate; Mr Barnes’s lease at Stockton to be sealed with the County Palatine seal and Cosin’s personal seal; organisation of additional money for Cosin in London through Sir William Turner; Cosin’s health and accounts of the northern weather for Judge Turner.
Postscript: request for a catalogue of the library to be sent for use in London; Mr Davidson’s report of work on legal documentation regarding Flemming at Weardale and Douthwaite’s plea of non est factum, financial business involving Farrer, the rent owed by Charles Wren for Frankland, and the demesnes at Auckland and George Douthwaite; money from Chilton to go to Cambridge colleges; people stickling on the issue of k[night]s and b[urgesse]s.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 226-7 (extract)

4A, 16  18 January 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Received a copy of Martinus’s Dedication; business and accounts involving Mr Arden and Mr Neile; questioning the matter of John Rowell and the sums gathered from the clergymen for their procurations which Cosin states must be recorded and the book always ready in the Register’s Office; discussion of money contributed to the library, including that of Mr Wrench, and the sum still needed for Tracatus Tractatuum; Chilton money to go to the [Cambridge] colleges involving Captain Ashmall and Mr Kirby; the bench of Justices and remitting Margaret Ripon; estate business including Mr Davidson’s mistake regarding a college lease in Cornforth, Evenwood Colliery and Ms Fenwick’s leases; Mr Neston’s (Stapylton’s cousin) opinion on double rent on concurrent leases such as Gateshead, Howden and the dependants upon Allerton Demesnes; warrant to admit Mr Gibson to the waste of Stockton; discussion of expired leases; further discussion of the k[night]s and b[urgesse]s involving Mr Morland and Mr Bristow; Ms Fenwick’s leases.
Postscript: estate business involving regarding Cosin’s monthly book of accounts and Mr Neile and Mr Arden.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 227-8 (extract)
4A, 17 20 January 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Ms Fenwick and her conditions for the forfeiting of her leases; granting of a bond for Mr Barnes’s lease at Stockton; conflicting opinions of Mr Davidson and Sergeant Glyn concerning a plea for the Quakers at the last quarter sessions; asks for an answer from Stapylton or Mr Davenport about Thomas Collige’s lease at Cornforth; discussion of the dishonesty of Flower and Charles Wren; Cosin unable to pay two months for Captain Ashmall’s money having nearly exhausted what Sir William Turner had; a lease with the Lambs; uncertainty over the Easington tenants’ payment for their division and instruction to try and get a few pounds from them for the library; request for Stapylton and Mr Kirby to put Cosin’s money “safely preserved in the iron chest”; discussion of Cosin’s scholarships at Peterhouse (five given as formerly promised to George Davenport, George Blakiston, John Wogan, Alexander Bickerton and George Carter) and Caius (three for Mr Foster’s son, Mr Blakerby’s kinsman and the last currently undisposed but to the sons of either Colonel Belasis or Bryan Burliston if either want it) [colleges in Cambridge]; warning about Brass and his activities; college leases at Cornforth; clauses of Ms Fenwick’s and Mr Pearson’s leases; visit of the Lord Commissioner of Scotland to Durham Castle; discussion of estate business including a bargain made with Robert Paxton, Bedbourne Park trees and financing of the building of Rickaby’s house and barn at Chilton; mention of weather and money to be organised by Sir William Turner. Postscript: concern at the lack of information on Sir Gilbert [Gerard] or Mr Wright’s payment.

2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 228-9

4A, 18 22 January 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Hopes that the Lord Commissioner of Scotland kept his second resolution and that the entertainment at Durham Castle and the additional accommodation in the College was sufficient; Cosin and his daughter are concerned that Stapylton made no mention of Sir Gilbert [Gerard] in reports of the entertainment of the Lord Commissioner.

1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 228 (extract)

4A, 19 27 January 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham. Account of the trickery of bondsman Mr William London with the money lent by Stapylton and Cosin’s cousin Mr John Blakiston; no book of procurations funds towards Tractatus Tractatuum; warning about Brass and his activities; college leases at Cornforth; clauses of Ms Fenwick’s and Mr Pearson’s leases; visit of the Lord Commissioner of Scotland to Durham Castle; discussion of estate business including a bargain made with Robert Paxton, Bedbourne Park trees and financing of the building of Rickaby’s house and barn at Chilton; mention of weather and money to be organised by Sir William Turner. Postscript: the dean of Chichester is likely to become the bishop there and the king will declare himself for it, the bishop of Asaph is dead and Dr Thomas (the duke’s chaplain) or Dr Floyd (the king’s chaplain and parson of Reading) is likely to succeed him, discussion of estate financial business including a debt owed to Wren’s father and payments of Mr Kirby, Mr Wharton and Mr Byerly.

2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 228-9 (extract - bulk of text in fact from letter dated Jan. 20).
4A, 20  29 January 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Further discussion of the whereabouts and debts of Mr [William] London, includes mention of a bookbinder at Gateshead Bridge; details of progress with Ms Fenwick’s leases; estate business involving the Lambs, Captain Ashmall, Mr Davenport, Sir Gilbert [Gerard] and Mr Allison; a small exception Cosin took against the Robinsons and Paxtons; hopes the library roof is now proof against rain and snow; the late payment of Mr Wright, part added alongside money from the Easington Division to go towards the purchase of *Tractatus Tractatum*; the end of the entertainment of the Lord Commissioner of Scotland; the return of Cosin’s pains in the shangury. Postscript: discussion of Cosin’s affairs including financial matters involving Mr Mickleton’s proceedings against Mr Bell (Dr Broome’s kinsman), the leases of Mr Wharton and Ms Fenwick, the business of Durham aldermen Mr Duck and Mr Airson in obtaining a decree against Mr Wharton in Cosin’s chancery and a complaint from Cosin’s daughter against Staplyton and Mr Kirby for their interference in Mr Place’s lease. 2ff.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 229-30 (extract)

4A, 21  1 February 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Writ enclosed and instruction to make speedy use of it against the principal or sureties or both, [Mr William] London is hiding but his sureties should pay. 1f.

4A, 22  1 February 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Entertainment of the Lord Commissioner of Scotland at Durham Castle; discussion of Cosin’s accounts including Mr Kirby’s safe-keeping of his money; reports on the cold London weather and Cosin’s “fits of the strangury”; the foundation and rules of hospitals in Durham and Auckland.
Postscript: Ms Fenwick’s leases and her unwillingness to let the sea rocks to Mr Pearson or anyone else, business of a writ for Mr [William] London and the continued pursuit of the money he borrowed. 2ff.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 230 (extract)
4A, 23  5 February 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at Durham.
Further discussion of Mr [William] London and his possible whereabouts; Mr John Rowell and the missing book of procurations; discussion of estate business regarding leases including the farms let by Bishop Toby and those of Ms Fenwick, the tenants of Gavin Milbourn and Gavin Watson, also concurrent leases to be made in the name of Stapylton and Mr Lancelot Hilton; discussion of estate rents and accounts including Charles Wren, farms at Chilton, George Douthwaite’s farms at Auckland Park; possibility of a chancery bill against Mr Byerly and Mr Hall for their rent, both involving Mr Wharton; matter of Sir Gilbert [Gerard]’s meeting with the captain (named in Stapylton’s letter); discussion of estate business involving Mr Arden, Mr Neile and Mr Chancellor Goodrick; the Lord Chancellor of Scotland in town [London?] ; discussion of the weather and improvements in Cosin’s pains of the strangury; note about Gower’s fine by Sergeant Waller; letter received from Mr Archdeacon Grenville.
Postscript [in Cosin’s own hand according to Ornsby]: instruction to Stapylton to manage his affairs for him.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 230-1 (extract)

4A, 24  8 February 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Further discussion of Mr [William] London and potential legal proceedings against him; discussion of estate business including leases of the Lambs involving Captain Ashmall and Mr Davenport at Northallerton, extension of Mr Wright’s lease no further than Easington and Middleham manors, outlawry against Mr Bolt, Mr Aireson’s ‘conjecture’ to Mr Duck and Mr Cock and a bill of exchange sent to Sir William Turner.
Postscript: suggestion of a deal to make with Mr London regarding Cosin’s money.
2ff.

4A, 25  12 February 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Progression of the case against [William] London to the King’s Bench; further trouble with Ms Fenwick’s leases; discussion of the post and the weather.
Postscript: further discussion of [William] London and his activities in Hull and an instruction to write to his nephew Mr Skinner (alderman of Hull), report from Lord St John that Mr Swinbourne is in the king’s debt, instruction to Mr T. B[akiston] to leave space in the Alphabetical Catalogue as he has left no room in the appendices.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 231 (extract)
4A, 26  15 February 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Further discussion of Mr [William] London’s possession of Cosin’s money; discussion of estate business including the book of procurations, concurrent leases and related powers of Stapylton and Mr Hilton; demesnes rents and rents at Chilton involving Stapylton and Mr Kirby; George Douthwaite’s “unhandsome dealing” at Chilton; Mr Byerly’s payment of the arrears rents of his lease involving Mr John Tongue and Mr Wharton; proclamations of the prizes of wine to be taken care of and published by Mr Neile; the uncertain matter of the motion by Mr Offely involving Judge Walker and Mr Mascall; surrendering of the trust in Darlington Mill lease; parliament adjourned until Thursday and considering “the king’s speech for the supply of money”.
2ff.

4A, 27  17 February 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Further discussion of the trouble caused by Mr [William] London involving Mr John Blakiston, Mr Johnson, Mr Carr and Mr Clarke and including the ‘lalital’ and Cosin’s refusal to petition the Lord Keeper for a commission of bankruptcy on Stapylton’s behalf and his alternative offer for repayment; lack of a letter from Mr Davenport about the Lamb’s leases with a provisio about £10 being procured for the library; Mr Wright’s potential management of the protonotary and the office; request for an account of arrears at Howdenshire; Stapylton’s composition with the Mainsforth tenant; further discussion of the details of a commission of bankruptcy.
1f.

4A, 28  19 February 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Further discussion of the expense, trouble and risk that would be involved in procuring a commission of bankruptcy against Mr [William] London and the role of Mr Carr and Mr Clarke in seizing his house and goods at Newcastle; Cosin’s subsequent worry about others who have his money and suggesting that it be called in from anyone suspected to be dangerous; likely success of the motions for the king’s supply begun in the House of Commons.
2ff.
4A, 29  22 February 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Mr Davenport and the Lamb’s leases which Cosin hopes might contribute something to the library; further discussion of the trouble caused by Mr [William] London including the difficulty of a commission of bankruptcy, the position of Mr Blakiston and Mr Johnson and the state of Mr London’s estate; discussion of concurrent leases; Mr Swinbourne’s taking of the king’s money and Cosin’s good fortune in not lending him and his brother Mr John Tongue £500; acceptance of Mr Heath’s request for a lease of the land behind his house in exchange for annual rent and a book for the library; account from Sir Gilbert [Gerard] about a commission of bankruptcy by Mr Street; discussion of the purchase of Mr Dodsworth’s land at Dunsforth and Ms Hunt’s lands to be sold at Doncaster and the profits which are to be laid out for Cosin’s grandchild Samuel Gerard, the library and the hospital at Auckland; dispute with Farrer; Durham schoolmaster, exchange with Mr Martin, payment of Mr Nicholas and the need for a new organist boy; the king had sent for both houses of parliament and proceedings concerning Skinner and the East India Company removed from their books.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 231-2 (extract)

4A, 30  24 February 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of the attachment to be served against Mr Neile involving Sir Francis Goodrick (chancellor), Mr Mascall, Brockett (the chief bailiff) and Mr Shaftoe two signed papers enclosed; upholding of the arch of the Tyne Bridge.
Postscript: provisions in his will for his grandchildren Charlotte, Mary and Samuel involving land charged with 20 marks for the “library keeper’s place at Durham”, Mr Arden and Mr Adamson likely to have a trial at the Lent assizes against [Mr] Cragg about the water bailiff’s place at Sunderland, a request that Mr Damson get the records of the bishops of Durham in order as Sergeant Turner and Mr Weston (Stapylton’s cousin) are to plead for them.
2ff.
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.

Further discussion of the details and difficulties of a commission of bankruptcy against Mr [William] London involving Mr John Blakiston of Newcastle and the two Mr J. Shadforths; discussion of the account of demesnes including issues with Mr Mascall’s account; rent at Chilton; discussion of financial matters relating to Mr Wharton (as Mr Byerly’s executor), Mr Kirby, Mr T. Blakiston and Mr John Tongue, the Norton tenants and Sir Gilbert Gerard and the archbishop of York; “habeas corpus” at Durham involving the Lord Chief Justice Chirsden of the King’s Bench and Dr Basire; brief discussion of the commission of bankruptcy, Mr Wright’s payments, the Lamb’s leases at Quarrington, indenture relating to Mr Tongue’s surrender and concurrent leases.

Postscript: Mr Grenville’s lend/let of his house at Durham in the college, Ellis Cooper at Whitworth added to the concurrent leases, instruction to inform Mr Mascall on Cosin’s power regarding the fining of Gower.

2ff.

Printed: Ormsby ii, 232 (extract)

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.

Discussion of rent relating to Mr Ellis Cooper’s lease of Byers Green and other concurrent leases; Dr Basire and the “Alnwick business”; further discussion of a possible commission of bankruptcy against Mr [William] London including mention of the two Mr Shadforths who shared the money with Mr London; reconsideration of financial dealings with Mr Eden and Mr Blackett and the other Newcastle men; attachment against Mr Neile; leases involving Mr Davenport; Cosin’s attorney out of town.

2ff.

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.

Discussion of estate business including the Lamb’s leases, Mr [William] London, concurrent leases involving Mr Dean, agreement with the Norton tenants involving Mr Jefferson, warrant for attaching Mr Neile, Ralph Goodchild’s lease at Ryhope and the former lease of Mr John Tang at Darlington Mills.


2ff.

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.

Discussion of the management of estate business involving “the concurrent [?lease]” and the dean; matter of Mr [William] London and his sureties handed over to Stapylton; the approach to Mr Mascall’s plea possibly impugning his authority and difficulties in recovering Mr Byerly’s half-year’s rent; surrender to be sent to Mr Tongue involving Mr Blakiston, Mr Swinbourne and Mr T.B.; discussion of estate business including the Norton tenants, Rivington tenants and Mr Cooper’s lease at Byers Green; discussion of books for the library suggested to be owed by the Lambs and Mr Allison and money promised to Stapylton for books; Mr London’s complaint of Mr Carr to Mr Arden.

2ff.
4A, 35 12 March 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Report of a discussion with the dean “concerning the concurrent” and how many farms there might be on a list, and discrepancies regarding the organisation of the farms and leases.
1f.

4A, 36 15 March 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Matter of recovering Cosin’s money from Mr [William] London firmly handed over to Staplyton; discussion of estate business including difficulty with the Norton tenants and the cost of the suit against them, the sealing of leases and discussion of a tripartite indenture involving Sir William Blakiston, Charles Gerard, and his possible children; uncertainty surrounding Mr Neile’s answer to the bill of Chancery, his account and his attachment signed by Sir Gilbert; concern about the money owed by Sir Henry Vane’s tenants.
Postscript: Mr John Swinbourne captured in disguise and now in custody.
2ff.

4A, 37 19 March 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Mention of a speech Cosin made in the House of Lords relating to a bill which was committed “against the mind of all of the Roman Catholic lords and a strong party of the bishops”; conditions for comprehensive leases involving the prebendaries; further debate over the possibility of a commission of bankruptcy against Mr [William] London; Mr Blakiston and the purchase of the Cornforth moiety in the lease of Darlington Mills; charges relating to the Norton division; the sealing and sending of Fells’, Roxby’s and Paxton’s leases; further discussion of the collection of money for the library and the purchase of *Tractatus Tractatuum*, common law and other useful books from the Lambs and others; correspondence between Sir Gilbert and Stapylton on Mr Neile’s decision to “stand it out”, informed by his formerly being an attorney’s clerk.
Postscript: a missing bill of exchange due from Sir Edward Smith’s steward.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 232-3 (extract)

4A, 38 22 March 1669/70
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Sending of Roxby’s lease; account of Mr Scott’s (Cosin’s cousin and a merchant in London) experience in taking out a commission of bankruptcy; discussion of estate business including taking tolls in Stockton and a related complaint from Lord St John and Mr Humphrey Wharton about the toll rate per pig of lead and Mr Gibson’s lease of Norton.
Postscript: Mr Gibson’s refusal to purchase Mr Arden’s clerkship of the Halmote Courts, being more keen on the "more gainful" tolls of Stockton market.
2ff.
26 March 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of estate business including the sealing of the concurrent, the written organisation of composites and leases and the mistake in the bill against the Norton tenants; comment on Mr Neile’s contempt and the involvement of Mr Chancellor in Stapylton’s role in taking the account; query as to whether Stapylton had taken Farrer’s lease of Aycliffe as offered; potential need for the involvement of Mr Chancellor and Mr Kirby in the matter of Sir Harry Vane’s tenants; the redundancy of John Langstaff’s draught of the library at Durham as Cosin had planned to change his gift of three scholarships to Caius College, Cambridge to the building of a library but the scholarships had already been settled and confusion surrounding his draught for Brafferton involving Sir Gilbert; discussion of leases including Mr Etterick and Anthony Shadforth who has stepped aside into Westmorland, although Cosin hopes his brother John Shadforth is still at Gateshead.

29 March 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of estate business including the leases of Robert Ayres and Wilsons, Mr T.B.’s desire to have Darlington and Blackwell Mill renewed and the Norton tenants’ division; complains of being baffled by Mr Neile involving the return of a writ by Brocket, and Neile being in prison, and hoping that the matter can be resolved by the chancellor at the next Chancery court; bill of exchange relating to Mr Humphrey Wharton and his steward Mr Anthony Wharton who is at Wolsingham; agreement with Mr Dodsworth about his lands and house at Dunsforth involving Mr Stote and Mr Jeffrayson, to be settled by Stapylton and Mr Lockwood.

31 March 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Further discussion of the commission of bankruptcy involving Mr Scott (Cosin’s cousin) and discussion of his debts, Mr John Blakiston and Mr [William] London; discussion of estate business involving Stapylton and Mr Gibson including trouble with the lease of Stockton tolls such as lead and fairs and the conclusion that a book for the library worth £70 would do from the Norton tenants if that is all that can be got; postscript: probable adjournment of parliament until 10 days after Easter, Mr Davenport’s organisation of the concurrent leases, Mr Tongue’s testimony relating to the renewal of Colonel Byerly’s lease, Mr Wharton willing to pay the rent if Mr Musgrave and Mr Carr agree to it.
4A, 42  31 March 1670
Incomplete letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Matter of “the trustees and bearing their charges to Westminster Hall for the docking of the remainder” involving Mr Dodsworth; discussion of rent from concurrent leases including advice from Mr Jeffrayson and contrary evidence from Sergeant More’s report which is being considered in the interests of Cosin’s children and their trustees given the rights of bishops.
1f.

4A, 43  2 April 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Granting of fairs at Howden, originally by William II, and uncertainty as to the related financial rights of the bishops of Durham; Sir Francis Goodrick at [Durham] castle; decree against charges owed by Dun and Grieveson; complains against the granting of a new lease to Mr Barnes of Stockton demesnes.
Postscript: potential purchase of Dunsforth land and house by Mr Dodsworth and conditions in the interest of Cosin’s grandchild Samuel Gerard and his heirs as well as the Auckland hospital and the keeper of Cosin’s public library at Durham, financial business involving Mr Alderman Backwell, Samuel [Gerard] and Mr Kirby, awaiting news about the undersheriff involving Sir Francis Goodrick, the king and parliament, against the conventicles.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 234

4A, 44  2 April 1670
Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton.
Discussion of the progress of Lord Ross’s bill and the bill against conventicles in parliament, also the proviso about the king’s supremacy; account of Cosin’s pains with the ‘strangury’; H[enry] Stubbe’s *History of the Royal Society* printed at Oxford; sitting of parliament after Easter, and the king at Newmarket.
1f.
4A, 45  7 April 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of estate business including fines in leases and the fine of the younger George Fell, Mr Heath’s mistake in referring to Norton as the manor of Stockton; financial trouble involving the debts of Mr Neile, Sir Henry Vane’s tenants’ accounts, the matter of Dun and Grieveson delayed by Mr Chancellor and the yearly Chilton payments; staircases at Brafferton involving Mr John Langstaffe; Mr T.B.’s demand to have the moiety of Darlington Mill renewed to him and his purchase of the Cornforth moiety, Cosin content to allow the other moiety to go to his daughter; potential purchase of Dunsforth from Mr Dodsworth including mention of the copy of the purchase of Brafferton drawn up by Stapylton’s cousin Mr Weston which may be followed; guardianship and a grant relating to Farrow and involving Mr Stott; postscript: decree concerning the division of Easington Town involving Mr Davenport and Mr Grenville, offer of security from Mr [William] London and Mr Arden, reminder to Stapylton and Mr Kirby of the rents due after Candlemas and to contact Ms Fenwick, renewing of Mr Byerly’s lease at Middridge Grange, request for accounts of financial business; belief that parliament is to be prorogued as the bills are ready for the king to pass; request for a report on Cosin’s grandchildren and Sir Gilbert’s daughter who are at Sedgefield.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 235 (extract)

4A, 46  9 April 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
The king has gone to Hampton Court to finish all the parliament bills; planning for Cosin’s journey north and the renewal of the Fiskerton lease at Peterborough and the purchase of a coach for Cosin’s daughter and a sedan for himself; discussion of Mr Wharton’s financial business including an offer for Mr Byerly’s lease at Middridge Grange; letter from Mr Flower relaying Stapylton’s instructions relating to finding a new steward, Cosin’s demesnes, and the purchase of all the common law books for the library.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 235-6 (extract)

4A, 47  12 April 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Potential commission of bankruptcy against Mr [William] London, funded by money from John Shadworth; Mr John Blakiston of Newcastle and Mr London’s bond; speculation over the taking of a toll for lead in Stockton involving Mr Gibson, Lord St John and Mr Wharton; Mr Grenville and the decree for the division of Easington Town; Mr Byerly’s lease at Middridge Grange; renewal of the void life in Mr Wharton’s lease and organisation of the money he owed taken over by Cosin’s daughter; complaints by the Stockton tenants against the lease granted to Mr Barnes; discussion of Mr Neile’s attachment including his dishonesty regarding his answer and Sir Henry Vane, his accounts, his demands and the involvement of Mr Carr and Mr Bainbridge.
2ff.
4A, 48  14 April 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Mr [William] London’s declaration of himself as a bankrupt and financial conditions imposed by Cosin; lengthy discussion of Mr Neile including his financial demands, accounts and trickery; estate business involving Mr Wharton and relating to Mr Neile’s answer, organisation of leases, entries in the demesnes book and a Chancery commission for reviewing Mr Wharton’s answer to the bill exhibited against Mr Hall.
2ff.

4A, 49  16 April 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Mr Dodsworth and the purchase of his house and land at Dunsforth and the details of the conveyance involving Mr Stott and Cosin’s grandchildren Samuel and Gilbert Gerard and his daughter; bills enclosed signed by Mr Humphrey Wharton for four fothers of lead; Mr Hoden’s payment to Mr Kirkby; arrears of last year’s rent at Chilton; Mr Lodowickhall’s whereabouts; Sir Gilbert Gerard in Peterborough to renew the lease of Fiskerton and to go to Sir George Cartwright’s office about a bill of expenses relating to pressing seamen involving Mr Neile; request for information for Cosin and his daughter about her Grenville sister and her portion of the payment to the trustees.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 236 (extract)

4A, 50  21 April 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Mr Neile’s answer and schedule; commission of bankruptcy involving Stapylton and Mr Shadforth; estate business including Mr Grenville and the decree for Easington division, Middridge Grange lease involving Mr Wharton, Mr William Hall’s lead mines and Mr Silby, Mr Anthony Wharton’s bill, a new lease for Wheatley Farms at Cornforth for William Wheatley, John Garthorne and Thomas Garthorne including mention of Cosin’s thoughts against the lifetime rights of tenants; financial business involving Mr Eden, Mr Watson and Mr Blackett of Newcastle.
Postscript: Mr Grenville behind in his payments for Elwick, Ms Mickleton’s answer and accounts, a note enclosed from Cosin’s daughter relating to the conveyance of Dunsforth to her eldest son Gilbert and an offer of the purchase of Kyo by Mr Hopton, advice from a lawyer on the matter of swearing falsely in answer to a bill in Chancery.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 236-7 (extract)
4A, 51  28 April 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Estate business including Mr Grenville’s journey from Bigglesworth to Oxford, the conveyance of Dunsforth, Ms Fenwick’s arreared rents, a bill from Mr Anthony Wharton and his kinsman Mr Humphrey Wharton, Cosin’s journey north, the conveyance of Dunsforth to follow the pattern of Brafferton; statutes concerning justices of the peace; the king’s return from Newmarket and Lord St John’s winnings; renewing of leases including Colonel Bellasis’s wish to have his lease at Morton turned into lives, Garthorne’s lease at Cornforth and the leases of the other tenants of the manors of Middleham and Easington.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 237-8 (extract)

4A, 52  30 April 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham. Statutes of bankruptcy and limitations against Mr [William] London; Cosin’s objections to Mr Neile’s account involving Mr Wycliffe, Mr Tongue and Sir George Cartwright; estate business including Mr Wharton’s rent, the possibility that John Abby might bring lead from Gilling Mill to Boroughbridge by water, Brafferton papers involving Mr Dodsworth, Sir Gilbert and Mr Rymer, and a financial dispute involving Mr Hall, Robin Blakiston, Mr Wharton and Mr Bullock over Mr Byerly’s schedule of debts; report on Mr Grenville and the health of his wife; further discussion of estate business including Mr Neile’s answer, a suit for lead mines against Mr Wharton involving Mr Selby and the two Mr Halls, the conditions for sealing Garthorne’s lease, Mr Eden’s bond, the administration of Mr Mickleton’s goods, Read’s lease of Shotton and Lamb’s leases; Cosin’s account of the bad weather and his fears for his ‘strangury’.
Postscript: Mr Neile’s accounts; Cosin’s view on the duties of justices of the peace relating to the act against seditious conventicles.
2ff.

4A, 53  3 May 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Covenant for the production of burnt lime at Middleham and Cornforth; Garthorne’s lease; dealings with Mr Dodsworth over Dunsforth house and land involving Mr Stott and Sir Gilbert and his wife; Mr Neile’s demand for money already paid by Mr Colthurst of Darlington, the Allerton tenants, William Wall of Auckland and John Longstaffe; Mr Grenville and the division of Easington; financial business involving Mr Kirby and Mr Alderman Backwell of London.
Postscript: estreats against Cosin for arrears at the exchequer possibly relating to the negligence of Mr Mickleton and involving Mr Neile, Mr Backas and others of Cosin’s officers, acquittance of payments for Mr Bigg in the charge of procuring the privy seal for Sir Thomas Davison; the bishop of Bath and Wells dead and to be succeeded by Dr Creighton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 238-9
4A, 54  7 May 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Mr Dodsworth and the sale of the estate in Dunsforth involving Mr Stott and Sir Gilbert; financial discussion relating to the potential purchase of land near to Leeds by Mr Rymer for his brother Hopton; account of Cosin’s health and ‘strangury’; Mr Daniel Gill and financial business relating to Halykeld Close and discussion of the implications of leases such as that at Morton involving Colonel Belasis turned into ‘lives'; leases of the tenants of Cornforth and Mr Wright; Colonel Eden’s bond.
Postscript: no more known of Mr Grenville and his wife, and letters from Sir Gilbert concerning Mr Dodsworth.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 239-41 (extract)

4A, 55  10 May 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Continued plotting of Mr [William] London; Mr Dodsworth’s business at Dunsforth handed over to Sir Gilbert and Mr Stott employed to draw up the covenants; financial business with Mr Bullock; Cosin’s opposition to Dr Wilson and Dr Tunstall’s advice to give his Grenville daughter mercury which might be the end of her; forfeiture of the lease of Mr Hall and his son and the need for a new tenant for the lead mines, suggests getting Dr Basire or his son to help; financial business of Mr Watson involving Mr Blakiston, Colonel Eden and Sir Gilbert Gerard; account of Cosin’s ‘strangury’ and bladder; discussion of Mr Wright’s lease which may financially supply Cosin’s library and its catalogues.
Postscript: difficulty with a man Cosin had hoped could take the place of a household steward; Cosin declined to entertain Mr Humphrey Wharton’s father.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 241 (extract)

4A, 56  14 May 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Estate business including Mr Wright’s lease, Mr Grenville and the division at Easington, the terms of payment of Garthorne’s lease and Mr Dodsworth’s land at Dunsforth; financial business involving Mr Alderman Backwell at Newcastle and Allerton; Cosin advised by Sir Alexander Frazer, Dr Wharton and others not to journey north this summer for fear that “the shaking of the coach will bring up the strangury upon me again”; further discussion of estate business including two leases of Shotton, the copy of the privy seal discharging Sir Thomas Davidson from any account to be made in the king’s exchequer and involving Sir Francis Goodrick and Lady Davidson, and a lease of quarries in Houghton mentioned by Mr Davenport; investigation into Mr Neile’s dishonesty; Young’s lease enclosed and others to be sent by later posts.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 241 (extract)
4A, 57  14 May 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Late payment of Middridge Grange rent involving Mr Humphrey Wharton and Mr Byerly and his agent Henry Hilton; financial business at Newcastle involving Mr Blackett, Mr Roger and Mr Weston; request for a catalogue of Cosin’s “private books as they stand in my library at the castle” to be shown to Mr Elias Smith (keeper of the [cathedral] library) and a list of the books Cosin promised to the dean and chapter.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 241 (extract)

4A, 58  17 May 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Estate accounts including payments falsely demanded by the undersheriff, and Mr Colthurst, and the Allerton division involving Mr Hall and John Langstaffe’s [writ of] praemunire; discussion of the drawing up of a covenant, warrant and collateral security to be agreed by Mr Dodsworth and posed to the tenants of Dunsforth by Mr Lockwood and John Abbey; financial business involving Mr Isaacson of Newcastle and Mr Alderman Backwell; Stapylton’s last annual accounts; request for Silver Street Market Place, Crossgate and the ‘Old Baylys’ [North and South Bailey] to be added to Stapylton’s list of convicted women; the other lease of Shotton to be sent by post; further details of Mr Dodsworth’s collateral security as agreed by Sir Gilbert; Mr Grenville’s lands of his prebend and Easington to be seized for his debts, also Cosin’s suspicion of how Grenville got £300 from his cousin William Blakiston of Pittington.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 242 (extract)

4A, 58A  17 May 1670
Note from William Flower to Miles Stapylton.
Request from Sir Gilbert for instructions for the settlement of Dunsforth; payment from Cosin’s purchase of Dunsforth to go to Mr Dodsworth and Mr Stott.
1f.

4A, 59  19 May 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Account of Cosin’s health during his journey; costs and charges of the purchase of Dunsforth from Mr Dodsworth also involving his son and the possibility of going to court in Westminster; discussion of estate business including Mr William Hall’s rent of lead mines, organisation of estate accounts, debts and demesnes by Stapylton and Mr Kirby, and the strife between Mr Wright and the Cornforth tenant; Mr Blakiston’s work on the alphabetical catalogue, need for work on the classical catalogue and Cosin’s work on the catalogue of ‘defective books’; discussion of the role of Mr Blakiston in Mr Tongue’s resigning of his house and the renewing of the moiety of Darneton and Blackwell Mills; new leases involving Mr Davenport; Mr Neile and Mr Farrer’s accounts.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 242 (extract)
4A, 60  24 May 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Payment to and acquittance of Mr Isaacson; piddling leases such as those of the Youngs and ?Gurdesons not worth the time spent on them; privy seal for the discharge of Sir Thomas Davison; grant of Sir Arthur Hesilrigg’s estate with the restitution to the temporalities; Mr Neile’s accounts; articles and conveyances involving Mr Dodsworth; Mr Eden and Mr Watson’s bonds; Lamb’s leases to be sealed by Captain Ashmall’s son. Postscript: Mr Farrer, Ralph Douthwaite and John Abbey’s accounts, Cosin advised not to travel this summer, letter from Mr T.B. relating to the repair and tenants of Darnton Mills.
1f.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 242-3 (extract)

4A, 61  28 May 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Discussion of estate business including the organisation of leases, Mr Farrer’s accounts, Mr Neile’s reckoning and unjust accounts, and Mr Dodsworth’s collateral security and the surrender of Dunsforth involving his son and Mr Stott; account from Sir Gilbert and Sir Thomas Stringer of Mr Grenville’s finances; further discussion of estate business including leases involving Mr Davenport, Mr William Hall’s bond, Mr Wright’s lime lease and Mr T.B.’s refusal to pay the other moiety for Darnton and Blackwell Mills, and Cosin’s receipt of Mr Kirby’s rent account. Postscript: Cosin’s fear that his health might prevent his journey to Durham and suggestion from physicians and others that he move to Richmond or Putney for a month or two.
1f.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 243 (extract)

4A, 62  31 May 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton.
Discussion of estate business including Cosin’s dispute of charges relating to Mr Dodsworth, leases of Huntly Farm in East Burden and William Thompson’s farm at Ryhope, refusal of Cosin and his daughter to pay arrears relating to particulars set against them by Bullock and Mr Hall; obstinate men and women in the parish of Mr Davison, vicar of Norton, and account of those in London who will “not yet let down their conventicles”; receipt of the catalogue of books from Cosin’s private library and list of books to be spared and presented to the library of the dean and chapter to follow; Bullock and the buying out of the annuity at Chilton to be aided by Sir Gilbert when he goes north; rent for the [Cambridge] colleges due and to go towards the colleges, hospital and library at Durham; organisation of fees from leases including the proportion to go to the new stewards; request for accounts from Mr Kirby. Postscript: critique of the contents of the catalogues taken from Cosin’s private library, account of Mr Grenville’s visit to the ‘Pall Mall’ and the health of his wife, discussion of the organisation and conditions of rents of concurrent leases involving Mr Jeffrayson, Mr Cradock and Mr Davenport, with an example from Bishop Davenant of Salisbury diocese, John Langstaffe and making bricks at Brufferton.
1f.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 243 (extract)
4A, 63  2 June 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Colonel Eden and Mr Carr’s bond which Mr Humphrey Wharton is to have paid Cosin
as maintenance when he is in London; enquiring after Welford’s land and the £500 linked
to Mr Morland; dishonesty of Michael Brian in the lease for his farm in Burden; Sir Thomas
Davison’s privy seal; drawing up of the covenant with Mr Dodsworth and Mr Stott including
“an annuity of 20 nobles per annum to the keeper of [Cosin’s] public library at Durham”;
Cosin to seal lambs and leases brought by Captain Ashmall; letter from the Dean of
Lichfield enclosed having been delivered by his wife who complained of his double
payment; postscript: warrant to be drawn up for Mr Kirby’s receipt of the arrears from
Sir Henry Vane’s tenants, John Easington’s lease of a cottage in Shotton, possibility of
a covenant being added to concurrent leases to be considered by Mr Jeffrayson.
1f.
4A, 64  7 June 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Accounts received from Mr Kirby; trouble with Mr Young’s lease; Stapylton’s failure to mention Mr Neile’s journey to London; Mr Kirby’s difficulties in gathering Sir Henry Vane’s tenants’ arrears and lack of rent from the Chilton tenants; Mr Dodsworth’s finances; amended Latin in the commission for Mr Lumley and lease of the stone quarry, coal mines and lead mines at Newcastle to be sent by Sir Gilbert.
Bills of petty expenditure [bishop’s account] dated 20 November 1696, recorded on the back:
Paid in bill: chancel at Pittington (glazier), new surplice, bookbinder, flagging (Mr Gibson), bell rope (John White), beadle’s coat (George Bullock), bishop’s visitation dinner, wax chandler, lamp oil, mending copes and cushions (George Bullock), spinners, organ (Mr Gregg), song book (Mr Owen), sacrist, Mr Proud (wood), Mr Bowes, clock mending (George Wheatley), chancels at Billingham, Hesleden, and Castle Eden.
Without bill: Drury’s news till Christmas, bellringers and bonfire thanksgiving 16 April, the poor, 1 drummer, watching the wood 30 April (Thomas Simpson), bellringers for the bishop’s visitation, assize and the king’s return, bellringers and bonfire 5 nights, hedging the walk (Dr Morton), Mr Dean and Mr Simpson a year’s news, cleansing the west gates, coals for the library (John Clement), money bags, registers and other books, paper and parchment for the register’s office, Widow Hope for ?millstone, for calling the register book, Staindrop ? acquit and portage, messenger about church business carrying books from Carlisle, omitted in the charges at Muggleswick court dinner, charcoal pits.
Et decretis capituli: Francis Clement to take his degree, Elias Smith to carry him to London, Mr Leeke an addition to his salary to take his degree, Mrs Heron of Merrington, Henry Parkinson, relief of Henry Smith’s sick family, Mr Elford, Mr Chissholme the school minister, the common bellringers for practising from 20 July, John Foggins relief in sickness coals and 3s a week since 13 October, ?Elizabeth Courtney for gaol fees, Brignell and Maddison supernumeraries singing boys before their admission, a French schoolmaster, the virgers for clothes at Easter, the gentlewoman who fell sick in the College, lost per gold and money, vicar of St Oswald’s, curate of St Margaret’s, curate of St Hild’s, Mr Peter Nelson, bellringers for sweeping the church, John Rowell’s last half year payment for billeting the Leeds, weekly payments to John Forster, Richard Wakelin, Philadelphia Sheffield, Ann Meaburne, Mr Alcock’s rent, Mr Bowes’s salary, Robert Mosle.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 244 (extract)

4A, 65  7 June 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Mr Nelle’s debts; John Abbey’s difficulty in finding tenants willing to pay the rate [for Dunsforth land] set by Mr Dodsworth; matters of Mr Grenville’s finances delaying the law suit against him at Durham; discussion of estate accounts and rents including Cosin’s criticism of the prerequisites which make recovering them difficult for the bishop and his clerk; Mr Eden’s bond and debts.
Postscript: matter of a ‘pretended grant’ to Prince Henry (James I’s son) involving the late queen mother’s and king’s commissioners, instructions to Stapylton to search Bishop Neile’s boxes and trunks and Mr Wright’s memoirs for information concerning this pension. 1f.
4A, 66  11 June 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton.
Discussion of estate business including the cost for tenants of the postage of payments,
Welford’s estate, and the disputed value of Mr Dodsworth’s land involving John Abbey;
Mr [Elias] Smith’s delay in sending a list of the books in Cosin’s private library; estate
accounts including an arrears book and month book received from Stapylton and Mr
Kirby including Cosin’s displeasure that Hugh Huntington the book seller brought his bill
for parchment after he had gone; further discussion of Mr Grenville’s financial affairs;
organisation of and rent from concurrent leases; proposals of tenants; privy seal of the
king’s grant involving Thomas Davidson’s account in the exchequer; brickmaking involving
John Langstaffe, John Abbey and Sir Thomas Strickland; complaint against Stapylton
by Mr Deane Wood; Shadforth leases involving Mr Davenport; estate business involving
Mr Humphrey Wharton including Hall’s lease, wood for Hunwick Furnace from Berkeley,
and Cosin’s contribution to a commission in chancery.
Postscript: discussion of estate accounts and the demesne book organised by Mr Kirby.
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4A, 67  14 June 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton.
Repeated discussion of Mr Kirby’s organisation of the demesne book including Stapylton’s
role as auditor and mention of receipts relating to the sheriff’s tourns; Cosin not so
concerned over the issue of the late queen mother’s commissioners and the matter of
the £880 pension, as the business of the pursuit of the king’s commissioners of £8000
which Mr John Swinborn who had been employed to gather for the king in the bishopric
[of Durham] and Northumberland on the basis of testimonies given by Cosin, Sir Gilbert
Gerard, Colonel Grey, Sir William Coney, Sir Thomas Gore, the Dean of [St] Pauls and
others.
Postscript: instruction to Stapylton to write to Sir James Clavering on the matter of Deane
Wood, visit from the Dean of Durham on his journey north and Sir Gilbert’s intention to
follow him later, Lamb’s leases to be posted, discussion of the technicalities of concurrent
leases.
1f.

4A, 68  16 June 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton.
Discussion of estate business including the payment of Mr Anthony Wharton and Mr
Kirby’s account of the demesne book; the queen’s commissioners do not object to Cosin’s
grant and the release of the pension in the matter of the pretended papers for Prince
Henry but the king’s commissioners continue to object to Mr Swinborn’s debt; discussion
of Mr Grenville including his account and that of Mr Newhouse concerning receipts from
Welford involving Sir Thomas Stringer, and the health of Grenville’s daughter. Postscript:
instructions to find Dr Heylin’s *Ecclesia Vindicata* in quarto in the library and send word
of the second volume and any of his other treatises there bound, dispute with Mr Bell
over the demands from the officers of the exchequer that Cosin pay 4 nobles annually.
Postscript to Mr Davenport: discussion of tenants and leases including Mr Eden’s lease.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 244 (extract)
4A, 69 21 June 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of Welford’s debt; Sir Thomas Stringer’s organisation of Mr Grenville’s payment of the trustees and Cosin’s continued distrust of Mr Grenville after his disproven claims of mania in the head against his wife; discussion of estate business including Burden’s concurrent leases involving Hirdman, a bill of exchange from Mr Anthony Wharton, Mr Kirby’s accounts such as his month book, Timothy Shott’s bills, responsibility of the library keeper and the steward in ensuring the payment of [Hugh] Huntington’s bill for parchment, paper etc. before Cosin left Durham, rents listed by Mr Kirby in the demesne book, payment from George Douthwaite, refusal of Timothy Stott and Charles Wren to pay £6 due to Bishop Meadows; payment of royalties involving Mr Mascall and Mr Gower, and Cosin’s intentions for its public spending on the library or the country; further discussion of estate accounts and demesnes and request for a clearer account.
Postscript: visit from Colonel Tempest; Mr Bell’s work on Mr Mickleton’s account; rents of Howdenshire and Allerton; sack and claret for the assize to be organised through Mr Blackett of Newcastle; Stapylton’s local undersheriff seen at Westminster Hall; the Bishop of Worcester is dead and the Bishop of Oxford is believed likely to succeed him with Dr Crewe (clerk of the closet) to succeed at Oxford; rent from Chilton due for the colleges at [Cambridge] University; criticism of Stapylton’s letter writing and grammar.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 244-5 (extract)

4A, 70 30 June 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Further discussion of the confusion arising from the organisation of the demesne book by Mr Kirby, including the matter of a barn taken from Robert Eden at Auckland and involving Thomas Douthwaite and George (his father); collection of the sheriff’s tourns by the bailiff George Burne; further discussion of Cosin’s ‘grant of the pension into the exchequer’ which continues to be delayed by Mr Swinborn’s business; discussion of estate business including the leases of Robert Thompson, Fatherless field, Thomas Thorpe and Atkinson of Heighington, the search for tenants by Mr Wood and John Langstaffe, and Farrer’s accounts and relationships with Ralph Douth[waite], Charles Wren, and Mr Mascall.
Postscript: money and bill of exchange involving Sir James Clavering and Mr Wood, Stapylton’s letter to the Dean of Lichfield, and demesne books enclosed.
1f.
4A, 71  25 June 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton.
Proceedings in the treasury chamber concerning the subscriptions to Mr Swinborn's testimonial; agreements made by Mr Grenville and Sir Thomas Stringer involving Welford's money and Mr William Newhouse; decree to be made by Mr Chancellor relating to the cursitor and a fee of four nobles; discussion of estate business including receipt of three leases, fines and fees of the Lamb's leases, provision of wine at the Durham assizes, and a note from Mr Grenville about the division at Easington.
Postscript: Mr Kirby's accounts; fees etc. to be made to Mr Taylor; court and city in mourning for 'Madame' [Princess Henrietta] (whose liver, lungs and spleen were found to be decayed) and the ambassador of the king of France sent to the king [Charles II] in his sorrow; preparation of leases involving Mr Deane; dispute over the payment of the workmen making bricks at Brafferton involving John Langstaffe and John Abbey; Cosin's fear of a 'poor bargain' being revealed within John Abbey's accounts; enclosed letter to be delivered to Brian Burleston.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 246 (extract)

4A, 72  30 June 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton. Leases of Gills Herdmans and Gateshead, the Northallerton Demesnes, including those of Mr [Thomas] Gill and Mr Toby Matthews, and the Darlington Demesnes; settling of the right between Mr Kirby and Mr Jenkins; marginal notes in the demesnes book; Gower's £40 granted to Mr Mascall; Timothy Stott and Charles Wren's business relating to Mr Arden’s acquittance; return of money from Mr Wharton involving Alderman Backwell, and Mr Neile's patent.
Postscript: Mr Davenport's letters and business including allowing Timothy Stott to plough four acres in the bishop’s meadows; review of mistakes in Mr Kirby's accounts; criticism of Stapylton and Mr Davenport's 'wicked concealment' in the leasing of lands at Chilton involving Mr Morland, Mr Francis Hutton, Mr Lodowick and Mr Robert Blakiston.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 246 (extract)

4A, 73  2 July 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Instructions in the organisation of the demesnes book; shops and houses by St Anne’s Guild in Auckland; royalties from the lease of Howdenshire by the Marshalls; George Douthwaite’s rent; draught of two concurrent leases received; examination of Cosin’s 'book wherein I enter what is every day sealed'; Mr Dean Carleton [of Carlisle]’s renewal of his lease of his quarter in Wolsingham Park and payments for their lease by the tenants of Bishop-Oak Quarter; letter from Captain Ashmall relating to putting up a chimney and other works in the ‘Barne end’ at Stockton and involving Mr Barnes.
Postscript: Dean Carleton [of Carlisle]’s lease changed into three lives according to the king’s special letter with £10 paid to the library as part of the fees; request for the receipt and acknowledgements from Mr Kirby’s accounts for the annuity paid by Mr Wright and allowed to Sir William Turner for Mr J.C..
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 247 (extract)
4A, 74  28 July 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton. 
Confirmation of leases; Grieveson and Dunne’s business; George Winshop’s payment of a rent; and leases of Davison and Swallowell of Shadforth; Cosin’s response to Stapylton’s weariness at his position and duties.
Postscript: request that Stapylton present Cosin’s service to the judges as his health prevents him from attending.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 247 (extract)

4A, 75  30 July 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton.
Royalties between Mr Hilton’s take and Mr Mascall’s; George Douthwaite’s rent and business involving James Whisson; right of the bishop of Durham to fines for unlawful assemblies and conventicles; bond of the tenants for receiving their leases; Mr Grenville’s account involving Mr Newhouse and the money received from Welford; discussion of Mr Kirby and the rental book including money from his bill of exchange due to the [Cambridge] colleges; possible lease of the waifs and strays and Cosin’s interest in Tanfield colliery involving Mr Ralph Douthwaite and Mr Wray.
1f.

4A, 76  2 August 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of the frequency of Stapylton’s letters since the judges came to Durham; Mr Davenport’s failure to send an account of their time with Lord St John at Auckland or three leases as promised; fines for unlawful assembly; Mr Mascall’s bargain and Cosin’s royalties involving Sir G[ilbert] G[erard].
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 247-8 (extract)

4A, 77  4 August 1670
Letter from John Cosin, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of estate business including debts relating to Cosin’s standing council, Stapylton’s former treaty with the Shadforth tenants and Mr Blakiston of Pittington, no letter from Mr Davenport giving an account of his being with Lord St John at Auckland, sealing of concurrent leases, complaint about ‘stewards bred after the Scotch way’ as Taylor didn’t allow removal of candle grease on a Sabbath day morning, fees owing from Robert Height’s former lease of Ellerker Mill involving Mr Brice and the continued matter of Mr Neile’s accounts, request for a note on Chilton rents and Mr Hall’s thoughts on the assizes, and instruments belonging to Mr Lumley’s institution sealed and returned.
[With some perhaps later pencil annotations].
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 248 (extract)
4A, 78  6 August 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London to Miles Staplyon at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of estate business including the confirmation of leases, the value of farms at Shadforth involving Mr Burleston and an offer from Davison and Swalwell, ‘odd and short expressions’ in Stapylton’s letter of 23rd July, Cosin’s intentions for the new steward, and matters relating to Chilton involving Mr Lodowick Hall.
Postscript: difficulty with the acknowledgement of payments (recorded in Mr Kirby’s account of Chilton) to the woman appointed to look to the alms people in the hospital at Durham; letter from Mr Davenport concerning the judges going away and Judge Littleton’s intention to visit Auckland.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 248-9 (extract)

4A, 79  7 August 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Collecting of royalties including Mr Mascall’s bargain and fines from unlawful assembly; George Douthwaite’s rent; money owed by Mr Grenville involving Mr Newhouse and [Mr] Welford’s mortgage; discussion of estate financial business including the rental of Chilton, waifs and strays involving Mr Samuel Davison, concurrent leases, accounts from 1660-1663 involving Mr Kirby; Mr Dean [Carleton] of Carlisle’s purchase of 7 years of Alice Coulson’s lease and his signing of the leases of Wolsingham; potential delay in payment of the [Cambridge] colleges due to Mr Kirby’s delay in making up the rents of Chilton.
Postscript: request for the copy of an order from Mr Newton for the bishop to send out to the deputy lieutenants in order to enact an act of parliament for mustering the militia; Mr Neile’s false account in the chancery involving Sir Francis Godrick; Cosin’s suspicion of Mr Hall and [Mr] Bullock.
2ff.

4A, 80  11 August 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Tension between Cosin and Stapylton partially relating to Dr Carleton [dean of Carlisle]’s lease of a ?quarter of Wolsingham Park and Baxton Bank; Mr Ward’s monition for 4 Trees; late Queen Mother’s commissioners for their order to Mr Jenkins; arrest of Mr [William] London; account from Mr Lodowick Hall that Mr Bullock has a trial at the assizes relating to a purchase involving Mr John Blakiston.
Postscript: further suspicion of Mr Bullock ‘juggling’ with Mr Hall; suggestion that Mr G[ilbert] G[erard] would be satisfied if Mr Ralph Cole replaced the current undersheriff given his ‘cross and untoward disposition’.
2ff.

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4A, 81  13 August 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Chancery sitting relating to the business against the undersheriff involving Mr Farrer, Mr Bigg, Mr Neile and the Weardale tenants and a related bond sent to Sir Gilbert Gerard, the high sheriff; Mr Grenville and Mr Newhouse’s answer relating to the surrendering of Mr Welford’s mortgage enclosed.
Postscript: Mr Ralph Ward’s intention to renew his lease of the half quarter of Wolsingham Park and chapel walls, and outstanding fines according to Cosin’s books and Mr Arden. 2ff.

4A, 82  16 August 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Mr Lumley’s subscription in the register office; Mr Hall’s mischief involving Mr Morland and Mr Robert Blakiston; Stapylton and Mr Kirby’s investigation of Mr Neile’s receipt of money from Sir Henry Vane’s tenants.
Postscript: request for a bill of exchange from Mr Wharton or ‘some other safe hand’; request for information on his public library including progress with the alphabetical catalogue and [Mr T.B.’s] work on the classical catalogue, a shield prepared by John Brass to be set below Cosin’s picture with Van Ersen to add on a blue background “Johannes Episcopus Dunelm’ Fundator et Instructor huius Bibliothecæ”, asking for John Langstaffe to be commissioned to draft plans for the ‘void’ room at the west end between library and the exchequer for more ‘manuscripts, maps and the whole class of common law and statutes of the land’; Sir G[ilbert] G[erard]’s complaint against Mr T.B. for refusing to allow Cosin’s daughter’s children furniture from a chamber at Darlington and T.B.’s role in renewing the leases of Darlington and Blackwell Mills involving Mr John Tongue to be settled for the children; lack of letters discussing Mr Bullock’s trial at the assizes. 2ff.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 249 (extract)

4A, 83  18 August 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of royalties involving Mr Mascall and Sir Gilbert Gerard; organisation of declarations of trust for Allerton, Gateshead and Whickham leases involving Stapylton and Sir Gilbert Gerard including discussion of the ‘Dike of Howden’ and reference in the deed to the return of Cosin’s son to the ‘Church of England’; little hope of getting in the ?arreared rents as recorded on the last roll; Mr Deane of Carlisle’s purchase of 7 years of Alice Coulson’s lease of Braxton Banks; request for the Chilton accounts and fines for non-payment of rent.
Postscript: order for Mr Newton to be delivered to the Deputy Lieutenant enclosed. 2ff.
4A, 84  20 August 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
(Answered 26th August 1670)
Discussion of Mr Dean Carleton’s lease of the quarter at Wolsingham including the addition of Baxton’s Bank to it and suggestions of adding Colson’s lease to it; receipt of the remainder of the late Queen Mother’s pension involving Mr Jenkins and Mr Kirby; possible injunction to stop Bullock’s wilful proceedings at common law involving Sir Gilbert Gerard and an offer from Sir Ludowick Hall; conditions relating to sealing Mr Cooper’s lease; need to find a new sheriff if neither Sir Gilbert [Gerard] nor Sir Ralph Cole will take the office, Cosin suggests Sir James Clavering or Sir James Pennyman; discussion of the debt arising from the 7 oxen stolen from Northumberland and sold to Mr Duck.
Postscript: declarations of trust for the two concurrent leases of certain tenant farms; Cosin indisposed with the fear of a ‘fit of the strangury’.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 249-50 (extract)

4A, 85  25 August 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of renewing the lease of the Dean [Carleton] of Carlisle’s quarter at Wolsingham Park and turning it from years to lives including mention of Alice Colson’s lease; discussion of Mr Neile’s accounts and evidence of his dishonesty including his failure to acknowledge the receipt of money paid to Mr Bigg, his false claims about Cosin’s position in the sueing of the Weardale tenants involving John Westgarth and Sir Arthur Hesilrige, his meddling in the matter of Sir Henry Vane’s tenants; rumour that Mr Grenville may ‘make advantage and run at a back door’ in his agreement with Mr Clarke and Sir Thomas Stringer; estate business including instructions for dealing with Mr Ward and Mr Hall’s pretended lease made to Mr Morland and Mr Hutton; John Langstaffe’s account for the ‘building and perfecting’ of the little room within the library including costs of lead and trees and instruction to Stapylton to set Langstaffe upon the work and ensure it is completed so that ‘we may want no rooms for the books which we are to supply as we can get time and money to pay for them’ and also to ensure that the rights to the chequer’s office are not taken away or obstructed; report from Mr T.B. about Cosin’s daughter’s children at Greatham but also his failure to ‘allow them a bed to lie on’ despite all the goods in Darlington house having been given by Cosin to his daughter for the benefit of Sir Charles Gerard’s children; suggestion of a subpoena upon Mr Tongue and his process on the classical catalogue and alphabetical catalogue in French.
Postscript: little hope of getting money from many of Sir Henry Vane’s tenants or getting money for Mr Norton and Lady Vane since Sir Henry Vane’s conviction of high treason as Bainbridge demanded all allowances and premises.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 250-1 (extract)
27 August 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Further discussion of Mr Mascall and the royalties and suggestion that a collector such as Mr Hilton or Mr Kirby be employed to resolve this dispute and the bishop’s rights relating to this; clarification of instructions relating to the declaration of trust for the concurrent leases; arrears set down annually in the roll; non-payment of rent by Chilton tenants; nothing of Mr Blackett and a mistake in Mr Dean’s payments for Howden and Howdenshire in Mr Kirby’s paper accounts which are entered into Cosin’s private books; issues with John Hodson’s bond and Mr George Ayrey’s bond in Mr Kirby’s accounts; a ‘long whining letter’ from John Wren’s mother complaining that Stapylton sued her husband for £18 when Mr Gerard (Cosin’s daughter Frances’s husband) owed him £4; bill of exchange from Mr Ovington to be directed to Sir W. Turner; beginning of the chancery sitting and further words against Mr Neile.
Postscript: judgement of Mr Hall relating to Chilton and involving Mr Morland, Mr R.B. and Mr L.H.; discussion relating to the ‘additional room’ to Cosin’s library to be prepared by John Langstaffe, with lead from Mr Wharton and to be ‘as useful and handsome as the other greater library is’.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 251 (extract)

30 August 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Cosin’s ‘fit of the shangury over’; misapprehension of instructions relating to Dean [Guy] Carleton’s lease of Wolsingham Park and Alice Coulson’s lease; discussion of the progress of the case against Mr Hall and Mr Bullock in the chancery sitting involving Sir Gilbert Gerard and relating to arrears for Chilton; roles of Mr Kirby and Stapylton in getting Cosin’s quietus for the Queen Mother’s pension involving Mr Kirby’s office and an order to Mr Jenkins; hopes for Sir Gilbert [Gerard] not leaving his office and request that Stapylton persuade him against it; false accounts involving Mr Neile and Mr Biggs; reference about Duck’s matter; confirmation of concurrent leases from 1668 and 1669 by the dean and chapter; proceedings against Mr Neile’s ‘false tricks and concealments of money’ against Sir Henry Vane’s tenants; letter received from Mr Basire.
Postscript: request for the charges relating ‘defalcations’ to Mr Dun and Mr Lascells; John Langstaffe’s note of account including discussion of the height of the casements, the number of presses on each side of the window and chimney, and opening the passage between the two further presses for the ‘little room adjoining to the public library’ in which Cosin intends to keep ‘all maps, books of geography and all manner of manuscripts’ and the suggestion that he might be able to make an offer to other houses to preserve their manuscripts better than they can.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 251-2 (extract)
3 September 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.
Further discussion of Mr Neile involving the suit against the Weardale tenants and his involvement as undersheriff in the rents of Sir Henry Vane's tenants; judgement of £100 against Mr Grenville involving Sir Thomas Stringer; discussion of estate business including the uses declared upon Gateshead and Whickham leases, profits from the Allerton leases to be used as provision for the '2 girls', declaration of trust and uses for the lease of Howden involving [Sir] Gilbert [Gerard] and a superfluous clause relating to Chilton and provision for the hospital, colleges and library, declaration of trusts relating to the concurrent leases of tenant farmers at Killerby etc., financial difficulty with Dun and Grieveson involving Chilton and M.L.H. and Mr R.B., composition made by Sir Gilbert [Gerard] with Mr Bullock for his challenged accounts; request for the particulars of the 'porch press' agreed by Cosin, Staplyton and Mr Davenport in relation to the 'new room' [Little Cosin] to be added to the library as Van Ersen never appeared at Durham.
Postscript: letter enclosed relating to Mr Wall's disputation with Mr Phillips and a warning from Cosin about Mr Wall's proximity to Mr Neile.

11 September 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.
Discussion of estate business including the collection of royalties involving Mr Mascall, concurrent leases omitted from the declarations of trust, an instruction to sue formally any tenants in arrears in their rents, and Mr Kirby's accounts concerning the repayment of Mr Blackett and Mr Eden's money, Aires and Hawke's bonds, criticism of the way in which the accounts in Howdenshire were set down by Mr Kirby and Mr Dunne, and Cosin's request for an account of his stock that Mr Kirby still holds; discussion of financial issues involving Cosin's daughter, her sister Frances, Sir Charles Gerard, Charles Wren and Jack Wren; Mr Owen employed to search for Mr Hall's judgement of £1000 involving Mr Morland; praise for Stapylton's courtesy in offering the castle to the lord commissioner and he suggests that Mr Tempest might have sent a servant to assist and so have prevented the 'sad accident' at Old Durham Water where Sir Gilbert [Gerard]'s groom drowned; no word of the business relating to Mr Farrer and Ralph Douthwaite or Mr Neile.
Postscript: a request from Cosin that Stapylton reply to all issues mentioned in his letters such as the Shadforth tenants; a fine of £40 set upon every member of the jury who acquitted Penn by the session in the Old Bailey; a request for information relating to the books published about the union during King James [I]'s time as Cosin is a commissioner for the matter.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 252 (extract)
4B, 90  10 September 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of estate business including an agreement made between Sir Gilbert [Gerard] and T. Bullock, replevins of the tenants of Chilton for their goods also involving Mr Bullock, Cosin content to accept Mr Duck’s offer relating to the 7 beasts, confirmation of leases and a declaration of trusts involving Richard Foorder, Mr Dun’s charge and discharge involving Mr Lascelles; a report from John Langstaffe that Mr Wharton’s 2 fathers of lead for the additional rooms to the library will not countervail the £21 allocated to lead and workmanship; a request for confirmation of the settling of the rents of Cosin’s demesne book; receipt of the quietus for the queen’s pension and further discussion of Mr Kirby’s accounts involving Mr Jenkins, Mr Farrer, Mr Norton, and Mr Arden; receipt of the bill from Mr Wharton to Mr Mitford; request for information on the tenants at Bedbourne Park as Sir Gilbert [Gerard] reports that Fellows is gone and left a deal to do behind him.
Postscript: warning against the financial dishonesty of Mr Farrer, Mr Arden and Mr Jenkins; Cosin’s collection of each quietus since 1660; uncertainty as to whether the Lord Commissioner will come to town [London?], the Duke of Buckingham is expected from France, and a letter from the lord keeper that Cosin is to be made one of the commissioners for the union between England and Scotland.
Note at bottom: instruction to remind Mr Blakiston to put [John VI] Cantacuzenus’s Hist[oriarum] Gr[aece et] Lat[ine] (2 or 3 volumes) and [Tommaso] Campanella’s works in 2 volumes into the alphabetical catalogue with a note that they were in boxes because they came from London.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 253-4

4B, 91  13 September 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Cosin’s daughter willing to sign and seal the declaration of trust for the lease of Howden if the superfluous clause [relating to Chilton] is left out; suit in chancery against Dun and Grieveson involving Mr Hall; ‘pictures upon the porch press not done at all’ and Mr Kirby and Stapylton blamed for paying Van Ersen before he had finished his work; clearing of Mr Hall’s accounts with Mr Neile, also involving his patent for Mr Phillip’s place which Cosin suggests might deserve a book for the library; discussion of the offer relating to Christopher or Richard Surtees’s (Sureteyes) 70 acres of land on the lease at Heighington and involving Sir Edward Smith’s brother; the charge and discharge of Howden and Howdenshire including the arrears of Dr Broome and Mr Bolt; discussion of Mr Neile’s accounts including mention of Sir Robert Shafto’s motion and his dealings with Cosin’s grandson Samuel Davison, the suit against the Weardale tenants, and Sir Henry Vane’s tenants.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 253 (extract)
4B, 92  15 September 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Disposing of the royalties and reforming of the fines with discussion of Mr Mascall’s suitability as collector; farms which haven’t paid rent for 11 years; examination of the Howdeshire and Allertonshire accounts including mention of perquisites of the courts and repairing of the staithes; a bill of exchange to Mr Mitford previously unknown and not paid to Mr Tempest the goldsmith; searching of Mr Hall’s judgement by Mr Owen (Sir Gilbert Gerard’s kinsman and a barrister) involving Mr Morland; £52 received from Mr Farrer at last and Cosin content that Stapylton lends £200 to his cousin Mr Carnaby; Mr Stott’s paper books for the settlement of Dunsforth and the copy of the Brafferton settlement to be sent down to Stapylton; account of Cosin’s attendance of the Commission for the Union at the Exchequer Chamber in Westminster including a discussion of freedom of trade; Duke of Buckingham from France but his news unknown.
Postscript: request for an account of the captains that attend the muster of the two troops of horse on Palace Green; difficulty with Mr Neile and the commission; continuation of the lease made to Mr Place for the fishings in Howdeshire; further discussion of the trouble caused by Mr Neile and his lawyers; request for post from Sir Gilbert [Gerard].
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 253-4 (extract)

4B, 93  20 September 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of attorneys and injunctions in court and Westminster Hall; declarations for Richard Flower, leases of Gateshead, Howden and Allerton; cost and purchase of Mr Wharton’s two fother of lead for the additional rooms to Cosin’s library; rents of the demesne lands and management of the Stockton tenants’ rents; two quietus est never delivered by Mr Kirby; non-payment of Mr Jenkins and Mr Wyvill for the quietus pension according to Cosin’s month book; abuse of Bedbourne and Frankland woods with a Quaker woman suspected to be involved at Frankland.
Postscript: request for an answer to whether Dr Brevint payed the pension due to the bishop from the parson of Brancepeth; Cosin’s examination of his month book which revealed an account made by Mr Barkas of justifications and a payment to Colonel Tempest for impressed seamen which Mr Neile may not have accounted for.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 254 (extract)
4B, 94 24 September 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Receipt of the declarations of trust to be sealed by Richard Forder; copy of the Howden declaration sent by Cosin’s daughter; Mr Place’s lease of the fishings in Howdenshire and a new lease of the concealments; Mr Lodowick Hall’s false nature and complaint that he was violently thrust out of Chilton house and lands; Mr Kirby’s mistake in paying Van Ersell before he had begun the work on the porch press [for Little Cosin]; discussion of Mr Wall, his involvement with Mr Neile and his role as Mr Phillip’s deputy; fines and fees of the sureties; fines and charges relating to the sturgeon involving the steward, bailiffs and clerks of the court, the junior dinners and Dr Broome’s arrears; discussion of the commission for the accounts with Mr Neile including Mr Mascall as attorney and Mr Neile’s claim that Cosin had ordered him to prosecute the Weardale tenants and his involvement in the collecting of Sir Henry Vane’s arrears; organisation of the freehold and copyhold rents; hopes for better accounts of the Stockton tenants and Chilton; expenses paid for the survey commission involving Mr Neile and Mr Pearson; trade to be discussed at the commission for the union.
Postscript: a note of 147 expired leases sent to Mr Davenport.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 254 (extract)

4B, 95 29 September 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Bullock’s suit not slain by the injunction as it might have been if Stapylton and the attorneys had looked after it; wood destroyed in Bedbourne and Frankland, and the unwillingness of Mr Davison to punish the Quaker’s wife; Dr Brevint’s delay in paying the pension to the bishopric of Durham; justiciars belonging to Mr Wycliffe rather than the bishop; the organisation of Mr Gordon’s lease of the two mills in Durham including the reluctance of the widow at the mill at Cornforth; the incorrectly penned bill of exchange which should be made payable to Cosin not Sir William Turner for Cosin’s use.
Postscript: record of payments to Colonel Tempest in Mr Arden’s month book relating to an investigation of Mr Neile’s accounts; discussion of the fine for Coney Warren involving Sir Francis Goodrick and Sir Robert Shafto; account of Sir Gilbert [Gerard]’s children.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 254-5 (extract)
4B, 96  4 October 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop of
Durham’s Castle Durham.
Discussion of the offers of Mr Place and Mr Sowray for a lease of concealments involving
Cosin’s daughter; writ against Mr Belt involving Sir Philip Mouncton; Stockton tenants’
demands of assessments; discussion of estate accounts including the rents at Chilton,
Mr Kirby’s accounts of Chilton, a financial dispute involving Mr Bullock and Mr Hall, and
relating to Newsham and the matter of Dun and Grievson; Mr Arden’s account of the
paying of the charges belonging to the Commission of Survey; £100 delivered to Mr
Kirby by Mr Neile in 1664; accounts of Mr Lassell’s, Howdeshire and Allertonshire, and
the examination of Cosin’s month account book.
Postscript: instruction to Stapylton to ensure that John Langstaffe and the others working
on the additional room to the library don’t pass through the great library, and discussion
of a potential door on one side of the window which could be used by the workmen and
later be made into a wooden door for the bishop to access the ‘press’ and privately enter
the library through his own garden; more than £100 set aside by Cosin for books to be
sent to the library, and a request that Stapylton and Mr Davenport gather more either
from tenants through fees and fines or by other means.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 255 (extract)

4B, 97  8 October 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop of
Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Matters relating to the leases of Frizell’s farm and the two water corn mills at Durham;
discussion of an injunction; Dr Brevint’s payment of his pension and the arrears thereof
at Brancepeth; an offer received for Cornforth Mill; directions concerning Mr Anthony
Wharton’s bill of exchange; no information from Mr Tempest the goldsmith about the
account relating to Colonel Tempest and Mr Neile; instructions to charge Mr Neile with
the money Mr Kirby delivered to him; discussion of Mr Farrer’s business (which was
hindered by his wife’s death) including his writings to Stapylton’s cousin Carnaby, his
‘false concealments and dealings’ with Cosin, his lease of the Coney Warren, and his
complaint against Mr Parkinson at Hagg House, and his involvement in serving Sir Arthur
Hesilrige and others against the king.
Postscript: Cosin’s examination of his stock in his books and the record of what he gave
to Mr Neile in Mr Arden’s accounts; request for an account from Stapylton and Mr
Davenport of the synod, the sessions, the archdeacon’s visitation and the musters past.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 255-6 (extract)
4B, 98  13 October 1670
Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Misunderstanding relating to the account of the lease of Darlington Mills; bargain with Mr Place for the lease of the fishings involving Cosin’s daughter; discussion of the employment of Mr Belt including mention of Mr Nicholson; negotiation of leases with the Stockton tenants including discussion of their being allowed at Frankland, Bedbourne or Auckland Parks; Mr Bullock’s annuity related to Newsham; Mr Neile’s ‘ill-favoured’ account; agreement from Cosin to ‘let there be no door made out of the little additional room out of the library into the garden’ if it is inconvenient; discussion of renewing Sir Thomas Tempest’s mill at Ryton, the potential purchase of his house by Cosin’s daughter Burton including mention of Cosin’s conditions for the addition of windows or other ornaments and a porch and that her husband allow her a ‘constant and a conventional’ annual sum of money for her own expenses; fines for Bowrey’s house, Forster’s house upon Tyne Bridge and the concealed house; instruction to take no notice of Sir Edward Smith’s lease; request for at least a copy of the catalogue of the books in Cosin’s private library at the castle.
Postscript: request for information on who lived in Sir Thomas Tempest’s house when Cosin was prebend (40 years previously) and the rent they paid.
2ff.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 256-7  

4B, 99  15 October 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Discussion of financial exchanges to be made involving Stapylton’s cousin Mr Carnaby, Mr [Humphrey] Wharton and Mr Anthony Wharton.
Postscript: discussion of the recovery of money owed by Mr Anthony Wharton involving Mr Humphrey Wharton.
1f.
4B, 100  18 October 1670
Letter from John Cosin at London to Miles Stapylton, at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of 14th; the value of Frizell’s and Mr ?Godacre’s lease; Mr Gordon and the Library, Stapylton obtaining a promise for Tractatus Tractatum and the Common Law Books, rubbing the books before a fire to prevent mould during winter, augmented Stapylton’s stipend for this; a sum of money from Sir George Cartwright concerning Sir William Turner; trouble with Mr Farrer & Mr Parkinson’s demises concerning the coney warrens and the escheat lands at Sedgefield, Mr Farrer’s shameless words to Mr Arden, and Mr Farrer still possessing Cosin’s money; disposing Cosin’s stock as a deed of gift to maintain Charlotte and her sister Mary until they are of age or married, as they rely on an ‘uncertain portion 11 or 12 years hence out of the Grand Lease of Gateshead’; bills of exchange for £500 concerning, Stapylton, Mr Wharton and Mr Anthony Wharton; hopes Stapylton and Sir Gilbert spoke with both captains at the Durham muster, particularly Mr Hall, concerning rent owed Mr Mascalls; comments on the bishop’s amercements and the designs upon them by Mr Neile, Mr Morland, and ‘that gang’.
Postscripts: Cosin’s daughter and Mr Dodsworth’s acquittance for the £1300 Stapylton paid him to be sent with Sir Gilbert and a package; [Mr] Wren to look after Cosin’s private library at the Castle to prevent mould and also to look after Cosin’s goods at Durham or Auckland; the lease for Thomas Tempest’s mill; Arden’s account cleared; Arden, Neile, Farrer, and Parkinson’s lease; Mr Davenport’s friend Mr William Legg is newly dead, Mr Godolphin and Mr David Water to succeed to his offices; the king and his retinue came from Newmarket on Saturday; desires the titles of ‘Tully works’ lately given to the Library and volume folio, Mr Blackiston to put them in the alphabet catalogue. [initialled W. F.] Enclosed: 100a Mr Farrer’s Lease of coney Warren & escheat lands and Farrer holding Cosin’s £52; Mr Thomas Blackiston and proofs against Farrer for money owed.
Note on outside: ‘answered October the 22th 1670’
3ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 256-7 (extract)

4B, 101  25 October 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his House or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of 21st and the enclosed ‘Letter or Bill of Exchange to Mr Wharton’, enclosed a letter from Mr Wharton, concerning Mr Wharton, Mr Anthony Wharton, Mr Kirby, and a sum of £500; Stapylton’s Cousin Carnaly? receiving £200 and the £52 Mr Farrer owes the bishop and the suit against him; Mr Ashmall’s demand for a year’s rent and not wanting to set a precedent; Sir Gilbert Gerard said Mr Spearman has a ‘fine and recovery’ of Chilton and another in the clerk’s hands; The purchase of Sir Thomas Tempest’s house and concerning Cosin’s daughter, Sir Gilbert, Mr Arden, Mr Davison and his wife, and how to lease the house to Cosin’s ‘Daughter Burton’ and her husband and children, including Richard Burton and Frances Hutton, and renewing the lease from the Dean & Chapter for 40 years; Stapylton to send Cosin a copy of the articles by the next post, why Sir Thomas Tempest is not paying a fine, and to introduce Mr Davison and Cosin’s daughter.
Postscript: news from Whitehall and Parliament; John Abbey’s accounts.
Note on outside: answered October the 29th, 1670
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 257 (extract)
4B, 102 27 October 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 22nd; Mr Gordon’s intended lease of Durham Mill and the number of years left; settling Neile’s accounts, payments concerning ‘pressing of soldiers and seamen for the king’s ships’, and Sir William Turner, Sir George Cartwright, Mr Tempest, Colonel Tempest, and Mr Arden; Mr Farrer no longer has the Bishop’s £52, a fine for the lease of a ‘concealed’ house on Gateshead Bridge; the £500 Mr Kirby and Mr Stapylton delivered to Mr Anthony Wharton and what Mr Humphrey Wharton said; Mr Lodowick Hull’s complaint against the bishop for being turned out of his house for not paying the rent, the letter he sent to Bishop Cosin’s daughter, and the bishop’s desire for his accounts; sending Mr Dodsworth’s acquittance by Sir Gilbert Gerard.
Postscript: the bishop is taken cold after visits to Whitehall and Parliament; the House of Commons voted to give the king money for preparing ships; the Commission for the Union is postponed; Mr Cooper’s lease at Byers Green and Mr Thurkeld at Durham to give up the old lease; the lease of the waste along the Tyne and Tees for 3 lives; dispute over the fine for Mr Farrer’s coney warren; John Langstaffe and 40,000 burnt bricks at Brafferton, John Abbey’s charge of £10 for coals and other charges, a house in ‘decay’ because the roof lacks tiles.
Note on the outside: answered November the 1st, 1670
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 257-8 (extract)

4B, 103 3 November 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of 29 October and Mr Wharton’s papers concerning returning money; Mr Carnaby and a loan for £200 in exchange for the money Mr Farrer owed to Cosin; articles of agreement for Sir Thomas Tempest’s house and not wanting to pay £400 for a lease with 5 or 6 years left, desires Tempest to secure a 40 year lease from the Dean & Chapter, complains Stapylton always takes the tenant’s side in disputes; accepts Stapylton’s recommendation of John Abbey but desires security in case Abbey should die; leasing Stockton wastes to Sir Gilbert Gerard as wastes upon the Tees and Tyne.
Postscript: desires news about Mr Mascall and Mr Stapylton’s actions regarding the ‘execution of outlawry’ against Mr John Shadforth and his brother; securing a bond from Mr London rather than £200, to be paid to Mr Davison.
Note on the outside: answered November the 11th, 1670; also two stamps.
1f.
4B, 104  5 November 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 2nd; concerning the pressing of seamen and Mr Arden, Sir George Cartwright, Sir William Turner, Mr Tempest the goldsmith, and Mr Waite; Cosin allows Stapylton to repay Farrer’s fines and fees; Bowry, Forster and the lease of the ‘concealed house on Tyne bridge’; Sir Gilbert, Stapylton, and a lease on the waste; Mr Lodowick Hall will not ‘own the tendering of his rent’ to Cosin’s daughter, and Hall and his late friend Mr R.B. ‘unworthy’, ‘very many’ debts brought against Hall at the King’s Bench prison, and Cosin asks leave to ‘lament the purchase that was made and brought upon me with fair words by you know whom’; Mr Cooper’s lease, concerning Mr Thurfield or Cooper’s son, and surrendering of the old one; letting the waste on the Tyne & Tees which was leased to Stapylton and perhaps Farrer, retrieving Farrer’s fines if he ‘means not to be dishonest’ as before; Mr Dodsworth’s receipt of £1300, but he has not paid his present rent; Mr Davison’s letter and conditions concerning the purchase of Sir Thomas Tempest’s house and Stapylton, Sir Gilbert, Kirby, and Arden, and Cosin’s frustration with Davison; Dr Wharton and Cosin indisposed for 20 days.
Postscript: sending the lease of the wastes to Stapylton by Sir Gilbert Gerard’s hands and a covenant enclosed in this letter to be signed, sealed, and returned; Mr Mascall’s suit of outlawry against Mr Shadforth, word from Mr Dutton about proceedings against London and his sureties, and stopping the suit at Durham; Cosin does not assent to Mr Samuel Davison & Cosin’s daughter intention to stay in one of Cosin’s castles if they do not get Tempest’s house.
In another hand? Signed ‘F’: Stapylton to seal letter to Davison after reading it.
On the outside: 2 stamps and a note: ‘answered the 11th of November 1670’
2ff.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 258 (extract)

4B, 105  10 November 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 5th; Stockton tenants and suing for rents; awaiting Mr Davison’s reply regarding the purchase of Sir Thomas Tempest’s house, rents for ‘the tyle close at Auckland’, Cosin says that ‘the lending of any money to a friend is to hazard the loss of that friend and the money too when it comes to be demanded back again’, Dean and Chapter adding 35 years to Tempest’s 5 year lease of their part of the house; Mr Cornforth and Mr TB leasing Darlington and ?Blackard Mills; the commission and measuring of the keels at Sunderland; Robert Morley’s lease of the colliery in Auckland Park, and Stapylton and Sir Gilbert not to sink pits of coal during their term of 21 years; arrears and rent rolls; Chilton rents which support the College, Hospital, and Library; received the account of bonds and leases in Mr Kirby’s hands; Kirby, Davenport, and Stapylton to get Mr Marmaduke Allison and other bondsmen to make overdue payments. Postscripts: sealed leases not taken by tenants and bonds not entered; Sir Gilbert received Stapylton’s letter with the lease; ‘the New Attempt for KS and BS’ and involving young Mr Wharton, Mr Cuthbert Carr, and Mr Wharton’s son; Stapylton to send Arden the article on which Neile is to be examined in Chancery, Cosin sees no need to examine for Neile since Neile is a ‘most troublesome and unreasonable person’.
On the outside: 2 stamps, ‘answered November the 15th 1670’.
2ff.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 258-9 (extract)
4B, 106  15 November 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s of November 11th; Mr Farrer and Mr Lodowick Hall and Mr Hall’s offer to acknowledge in Chancery the encumbrances upon Chilton and Newsham in return for regaining residence at Chilton Hall; Mr R.B. ‘shuffles and cuts in his answer’, debts owed by R.B. and Mr Hall; delivering Mr Cooper’s new lease; if Stapylton had put Mr Davison’s undertaking in writing at the time it would have saved Cosin writing to and receiving letters from Davison when he ‘had too much brandy in his head’; Mr London’s sureties and the capias utlagatum served upon him, concerning Lord Widdrington and Sir Gilbert; Dr Wharton’s letter to Mr Morland; Stapylton and Sir Gilbert’s lease for the wastes upon the rivers within the County Palatine.
Postscript from W[illiam] F[lower]: received Stapylton’s letter of November 8th, desires the return of institutions due to the First Fruits Office.
On the outside: 2 stamps, ‘answered November the 19th 1670’.
2ff.

4B, 107  17 November 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Sir Gilbert received letters from Stapylton and Mr Davison; regarding the lease with the Dean and Chapter, Mr Davison paying his fines, and sealing Sir Thomas Tempest’s lease and paying him £200; Cosin is suspicious that Davison will ‘put some trick or other’ upon him, Davison keeps his wife in ignorance and made her content with a £30 clothing allowance which Cosin considers ‘very mean’ and says ‘the more weak and imprudent woman she’.
Postscript from W[illiam] F[lower]: desires the return of institutions.
On the outside: stamp, ‘answered the 22th 1670’.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 259 (extract)

4B, 108  17 November 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 15th and payment for 4 leases, avoiding postage fees, arrears book sheets missing from the letter; ‘repartois’ about the Stockton tenants citing Magna Carta; written enough on Sir Thomas Tempest and Mr Davison; Mr Cornforth, Mr Blackiston, and renewing the Darlington and Blackwell Mill lease; Stapylton, Sir Gilbert, and the coal mines lease; the ‘delaying and shifting humour’ of Mr Allison and other tenants who do not pay their rent on time.
Postscript: sending back Mr Eden’s lease sealed; Davison’s letter to Sir Gilbert, Davison’s wife ‘knows nothing of her husband’s forever writing’, Stapylton to ensure there are no ‘crabbes about it hereafter’; the £200 Dean Carlton owes, his lease, and suggested donation of £5 to the library; Mr Grenvile, Mr Newhouse, and surrendering the Welford mortgage; Mr Eden and tenants to repay any costs for mailing leases.
On the outside: 2 stamps, ‘24’, ‘answered November the 25th, 1670’.
2ff.
22 November 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received the 5 sheets of arrears of rents for 7 years, many unreceived rents and employing the ‘Chequer Baily’; settling accounts concerning Mr Kirby, John Farrer, and John Eden.
Postscript: Thomas Coryate’s Craditye not taken by Cosin to London and ‘strange… that so many books should be lost out of the Library in the Castle before they could be got into the Library upon the Place Green’, namely Bishop Andrew’s Sermons, Photii Bibliotheca, Areopagita works in 2 volumes, Coryat, and others; Mr Wharton’s bill of exchange, Mr Anthony Wharton and Cosin’s money.
On the outside: ‘answered November the 29th, 1670’.
1f.

26 November 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Londn to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letters of the 19th and 22nd; Stapylton to keep Sir Thomas Tempe’s lease of Ryton Mill until the purchase of the house and the renewal of the lease with the Dean and Chapter is settled, no letter from Mr Davison, Stapylton to deliver the money due on Mr Arden’s bond and £200 of Cosin’s money; sending Bowry’s and Mr Pordon’s leases by the next two posts; Stapylton’s opinion and censure of Mr Hall and Mr R Blakiston, the accounts concerning Chilton and Nushall; tenants sealing their counterparts, Cosin delivering Mr Cooper’s lease to Mr Thirkeld’s son; Mr Wharton and his kinsman exchanging money at Durham; enclosed papers Mr Rowell delivered on procurations.
Postscript: Mr Kirby’s papers of arreared rent, Mr R. Blakiston paid nothing for Backhouse, and drawing a new lease for it for Mr Kirby or Stapylton; lease for the coal pits of Coundon grange delivered to Sir Gilbert Gerard.
On the outside: 2 stamps, ‘answered December the 2d, 1670’.
2ff.
4B, 111 29 November 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received no letters, sending ‘today’ Boory’s third lease and Mr Gordon’s lease by the next post; proclamations concerning the sale of the fee farm rents belonging to the king committed to Staplyton’s care; renewing Sir Thomas Osbourne’s lease in the demesnes of Allerton;
Cosin’s dispute with the postmaster regarding charging fees for packets while parliament is sitting; the arrears in 5 sheets have not arrived due to the dispute; it would be well if Stapylton did not take an acknowledgement of justice from Mr Martin Allison and Cosin’s policy on treating with kinsmen; Dean Carlton offered Alice Coulson’s lease for a rent of £5 or £3 for the Library; Mr Grenvile’s visit to Oxford; news from parliament; Stapylton not sending Chilton rents and Cosin paying the college from his private money; Cosin’s cousin Mr Blakiston has done Cosin ‘much wrong’ in lending £200 of Cosin’s money to the ‘slippery’ Mr London.
On the outside: 2 stamps, ‘answered December the 3rd 1670’
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 259-60 (extract)

4B, 112 1 December 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
No letter from Stapylton; sending Mr Gordon’s lease by post; Cosin’s ongoing dispute with the chief postmaster, Sir John Bennet; enclosed note delivered to Sir Gilbert about estate business which neither Sir Gilbert nor Cosin understood; Mr London no longer protected by Lord Widdrington and will protect himself in the suit by Cosin concerning a bond, and also Sir Robert Guye, Mr John Blackiston, Sir Gilbert, Mr Arden, and Mr Flower; Dr Neile’s commission of delay.
Mr Lassell dined with Cosin, Sir Thomas Osbourne’s lease worth three time’s Stapylton’s cousin Mr William Metcalfe’s lease, and leases of tenants of the Allerton demesne; the enclosed note was received from a Snell of Brompton; news from parliament concerning a land tax and 3 million pounds for the king’s navy; a note signed WF that Sir Gilbert sent the enclosed letter.
On the outside: 2 stamps, ‘answered December the 6th, 1670’
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 260 (extract)
4B, 113  3 December 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the
Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of November 29, hopes Stapylton will soon receive all the
leases, no more of the arrears until ‘till it please God we meet together’, on not charging
Mr Eden his arrears; Cosin sure that books were lost from his private library or in moving
to the public library; discussing the use of money by Mr Wharton and Mr Anthony
Wharton; Mr Davison’s agreement with the Dean and Chapter for Sir Thomas Tempest’s
lease, Cosin hopes he keeps up with payments and is ashamed to learn of Davison’s
other arrears, Davison’s boast that his wife’s £30 clothing allowance is ‘as good as any
Lady in the country’; insisting that John Langstaff does not use a patcher for the ‘new
facing of the House towards the street’ but rather a neat workman; desires to know what
Langstaff has done for the new addition of the library and what John Abbey is doing for
the new addition and alteration of the first court of Brafferton; previously sent Sir Thomas
Tempest’s lease and order for £200.
Postscript: postponing calling upon Stapylton and Mr Kirby until he has better accounts
of the Chilton farmers and their rents and for John Abby; Dr Wood not yet Bishop of
Lichfield and Mr Grenvile has not received letters of dispensation for his absences from
Durham and elsewhere, ‘the man is still gadding at Oxford’, Stapylton to report what his
agent says; discussing rent in a lease; sending the enclosed Catalogue of Books printed
last term to send to Mr Davenport; signed WF; received Stapylton’s letter yesternight
and will respond by next post.
On the outside: 1 stamp, ‘answered December the 9th, 1670’
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 260-1 (extract)

4B, 114  6 December 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the
Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of December 2; Mr Arden’s accounts, concerning his man
Ralph Fetherston, Mr Gibson, and Sir Gilbert; Cosin’s refusal to pay the fee for the
conveyance of Sir Thomas Tempest’s house, ‘let them look after it that shall have it’ and
Davison dealing ‘unworthily’ with Cosin; disposing of Chilton and Nusham by deed or
Cosin’s will; returning money to Mr Farrer for the fine of the coney warren and escheat
lands and concerning Stapylton’s cousin Mr Carnaby; a question regarding rents for the
‘concealed house’ on Gateshead Bridge and if it is in Cosin’s possession; clarification
concerning the conveyance of Sir Thomas Tempest’s house and the freehold house;
concerning Dean Carlton, the [Wolsingham] Park lease, Alice Coulson’s lease, and the
king’s letter; Cosin signed and sealed the writing Mr Gabriel Jackson sent for his cousin
Gabriel Swainston and returning it by Sir Gilbert Gerard; Cosin spent four hours in
parliament and ‘got no hurt by it’, comments on the weather, ‘I am afraid of nothing so
much as cold…’
Postscript: ‘I do not hear that my new resident is yet returned from his gadding to Oxford’.
On the outside: 2 stamps, ‘answered December the 13th, 1670.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 261 (extract)
4B, 115 8 December 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle.

Received Stapylton's letter of 3 December; denying charges from the postmaster for sending letters and packets while in parliament, other lords agree; Sir Thomas Osbourne's lease and Mr Lassells; Darlington demesne, Woodhouse, and Brokes to be left as a 'pretty estate' for Charlotte and Mary Gerard in Cosin's will; Mr Davison paid the Dean and Chapter, Stapylton to deliver £200 and the lease of Ryton Mill to Sir Thomas Tempest; Mr Dean Carlton, the renewing of Alice Coulson's lease, and his lease of Wolsingham Park; acquainting Mr Grenvyle with the 'poor account' from William Newhouse, the scandal of non-resident curates; Mr London's rent and the suit against him; lending Sir Ralph Cole £500 by deed of gift, concerning his youngest grandchild Mary Gerard's maintenance; returning the lease of Darlington and Blackwell mills by post, Durham postmaster to defer any charges until Cosin has 'made an end with' Sir John Bennet; Sir Gilbert, a stack of hay at Chilton, and Chilton accounts.

Postscript: sent by post the king's proclamation concerning the 'villains, who lately seized upon my Lord Duke of Ormond, and would... have murdered him'; Mr Dodsworth wrote to Sir Gilbert that Mr Lockwood, Tomlinson, and others have land for sale at Dunsforth, Stapylton to investigate adding to Cosin's lands, 'send you the garett'; received Davenport's letter.

On the outside: 2 stamps, 'answered December the 13 1670'

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 261-2 (extract)

4B, 116 10 December 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle.

Received Stapylton's letter of 6 December; the lords of the House of Peers would be offended that Stapylton paid the postmaster, Lord Arlington to see the issue rectified; Sir Thomas Osbourne's fine; the deal with tenants according to Stapylton's last letter; does not know what to say if the note left for Sir Gilbert was not from Snell; thanks Stapylton for his care regarding the business of Mr Neile and Mr London, outlawry and a writ; Mr Jenkins to receive no more than 20s per annum, the same as Mr Norton received; desires news about John Langstaff's proceedings with the 'additional Library or Brafferton', safety conditions for workmen in [Durham] Castle, to use the hall; Cosin received Davenport's letter; Mr Grenvyle's agent; drawing up the trust in Mr William Blakiston and Whayre Faucet? for Mr T. Blakiston's child and Mr Cornforth.

Postscript: received Stapylton's letter, signed 'WF.'

On outside: 1 stamp, 'answered the 10. 1670'.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 262 (extract)
4B, 117  13 December 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 9th; rent arrears and collection of them; concerning an exact account of Chilton and letters written by Cosin, Cosin’s ‘daughter here’, and Stapylton to John Abbey regarding the matter; Sir Gilbert a ‘deaf eared man’ regarding account formats, and Brafferton rents are short; he gave John Langstaffe directions for the preparation of bricks for the new court, construction delayed until Cosin’s arrival; concerning John Abbey, John Langstaffe, the payment of workmen at Brafferton and Stapylton going to investigate; Stapylton to speak with Mr Lockwood about a potential additional purchase at Dunsforth from Mr Dodsworth; John Langstaffe and delays in building the ‘Additional Library’; Mr Grenvyle ‘idling away his time’ in Oxford so curates non-resident at Easington and Sedgefield, Grenvyle’s wife’s health, Cosin’s intention to visit; concerning the Dean, Mr Neil, and tithes owed on the bishop’s demesnes; Sir Wm Schroggs (king’s sergeant) and his allowance for serving on Cosin’s council.
Postscript: Mr London’s trial at the York assize, Stapylton to consult Mr Dutton, Cosin’s attorney [in London]; Cosin’s daughter’s complaint that Golsborough at Crayke lessens the rent; concerning what security John Abbey gives for his rent at Brafferton; concerning the Dovecoat close of Mr Rymer and ‘all other things’ concerning Cosin at Dunsforth.
On outside: 1 stamp, ‘answered December the 17th 1670’.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 263 (extract)

4B, 118  17 December 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 13th; ‘My Lord Arlington hath taken off his brother Sir John Bennet’ and no more charges for pacquets while parliament in session or adjourned; Mr Gibson and the £16 to Mr Arden for ploughing the Commons and accounts; a codicil to Cosin’s will giving the remainder of the Allerton lease to the grandchildren Charlotte and Mary, Stapylton to draw up a deed for Nusham; Mr London’s trial; the hay at Chilton, Sir Gilbert leaves to Stapylton employing a man for ‘setting of the grounds’; Stapylton to send accounts of Dunsforth and Brafferton since John Abbey’s arrival; he has not yet received an account of Chilton.
On outside: 2 stamps, ‘December the 24th 1670’
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 263 (extract)
20 December 1670
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at his house or the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.
Lord Arlington and reclaiming money spent on post. Problems with the post. Thomas Flower of Brompton’s sale of 3 oxgangs of land to Snell. John Langstaffe must get on with the additional work on the Library and the house at Brafferton. Sir Gilbert has just informed him that it is not Snell but Hutchinson of Burroughbridge. The matter of a house, involving Sir Thomas Tempest, the Dean and Chapter, Sir Gilbert and Lady Gerard, and Mr Davison. Alderman Emmerson of Newcastle and Sir John Marley and the negotiation of rents and lease terms of a property at Eastgate in Weardale. Stobbs of the Spring House in Weardale may be given more favourable terms if he makes a gift to the Library. Yesterday he sat 4 hours in Parliament, which will adjourn, and he hopes Stapylton will go to Brafferton, and to Crayke to assist his daughter.

22 December 1670
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 17th; Colonel Eden’s lost money and enquiry at West Auckland; Stapylton’s upcoming trip to Brafferton, and the 1670 rental there, Mr Lockwood’s and John Abbey’s accounts; rents at Crayke and Goldsborough, Stapylton says ‘one honest man might be employed’ for Brafferton, Dunsforth, and Crayke; he cannot believe that the Dean and Chapter have no books of Receivers’ accounts that were made in Bishop Neile’s time ‘unless the Rebells plunderd them away’; Mr Kirby and Sir William Scroggs no longer to receive his fee now he is King’s Sergeant; Mr London’s acknowledgement of judgement; incorporating the bishop’s demesnes account into the roll account; received Davenport’s letter. Postscript: Mr Goldsborough, Sir Gilbert and Cosin’s daughter, Sir William Turner, and rents at Crayke; account of an attack on Sir John Coventry of the House of Commons by 8 horsemen and 12 footmen in Suffolk Street near his lodging which almost severed his nose, ‘Durham is not the only place infested with disorderly persons’. Outside: 2 stamps, ‘answered December the 27th, 1670’
4B, 121 31 December 1670
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton.
Received Stapylton’s letter of 24 December and enclosed Chilton account concerning Mr Kirby, Mr Hall, Dunne and Grieveson’s mortgages, the pensions of the hospital, library, two colleges, and Mr Bullock, money for Cosin’s daughter and her children, and Nusham; concerning Mr Hall, Mr Robert Blakiston, Mr John Blakiston, and Mr Jeffrayson and encumbrances on Chilton; complaint of young Mr Claytor from Darlington to Cosin, on behalf of the town, against Mr Thomas Blakiston for neglect of the bailiff’s offices; concerning the Bishop’s House at Darlington, Mr Gill having it in trust for Mr Charles Gerard’s children, and Mr Place’s interest in renting; Mr John Abbey’s account and holding Brafferton but not providing sufficient income; John Langstaffe burning bricks for Brafferton and ‘adjusting the Kitchin side’; Stapylton’s receipt of money back from the postmaster and conditions for returning the money to tenants; Mr Arden delivered Cosin’s Quietus Est and Mr Jackson to continue with care of them; no need to try Mr London at York because Cosin’s attorney Mr Dutton obtained a judgment against him in court, possibility that Mr London will flee the kingdom because Lord Widdrington no longer protects him; delaying Stapylton’s trip to Brafferton, concerning Lockwood and lands at Dunsforth and Crayke; concerning rent from Mr Goldsborough and Cosin’s daughter.
Postscript: Cosin concerned about how his ‘goods’ are looked after and the gutters at Durham and Auckland Castle; requires from T.B. [Thomas Blakiston?] the Declaration of Trust which Mr Gill gave for Darlington House and held by Cosin’s daughter Frances, and the ‘meane & poore’ bed sent for her children; Mr Davenport’s letter concerning the ‘Colledge’s’ lease at Carnforth and the mill; inquiry into the truth of the reports of robberies in Durham, concerning a man who robbed, stripped, and fatally pushed three women down a coalpit, only to have the fourth woman push him in the pit instead; Mr Grenvyle, ‘now a Bullatas doctor’, still at Oxford, privileges of the archdeacon protect him from his creditors; Mr Newhouse, Welford’s mortgage, and Mr Grenvyle’s agent; absences of Daveys and Beaumont from their curateships without leave; concerning John Langstaffe burning bricks, work on the ‘Garden Side Building’, decayed slates on the kitchen, and security for money John Abbey receives for Cosin; enclosed letter and lease particulars concerning Mr Dodsworth, Sir Gilbert Gerard, and new purchases of Dunsforth land; concerning the ‘transferring of my Demesne Lands & Rents into the Roll’; obtaining an execution against Mr London’s sureties in case he runs away; Mr Neile’s accounts of the bishop to acquaintances; concerning the enclosed first part of the ‘Classickall Catalogue’, employment of Mr T.B., instructions for catalogue layout, and obtaining the newly printed book ‘of all the Common Law Bookes’.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 263-5 (extract)
4B, 122 5 January 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of December 31st; enquiries regarding the quidam received from Sir Thomas Liddell, the issue of wood from Franckland, other lands, or the bishops for use at Newton, and the seasonal cottages in Chilton which Sir Thomas ‘usueth and keepeth’ from Cosin; Mr Lockwood and Dunsforth; Mr Mascall and Mr Hoarr and Cosin’s royalties.
Postscript: Mr Neile and chancery court; instructions for TB for writing the ‘Classical Catalogue’ detailing the margins and what he is to record about the size of volumes as he did for the books about royalties and king’s grants; Mr Arden, Mr Gibson, and the account of Plowmy? and the Commons; ‘My Lady’s’ [Sir Gilbert’s wife] reply to Stapylton regarding rents at Crayke; Mr Arden gave a £500 bond and informing Mr Jackson.
2ff.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 265-6

4B, 123 12 January 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 5th answering Cosin’s of December 31st, concerning Chilton rents and accounts, Mr Hall and his agents, Sir Gilbert, parcels of Dun and Grieveson’s lands, Fowler’s encumbrance, and the suit of Mr R.B. [Robert Blakiston] in Chancery; Stapylton to put stewards in care of the Courts Baron at Darlington and Brafferton rather than Mr Place and the knights and burgesses; Wren reports it is impossible to keep 2 of Cosin’s beds in good order and that the gutters are clear ‘in both my Houses’; concerning Mr T.B. [Thomas Blakiston] and Cosin’s daughter’s children, his work on the Classical Catalogue and Alphabetical Catalogue, his neglect of the bailiff’s office of Darlington, Staplyton to find a replacement; Cosin glad to hear that rumours of a woman stripped by a coalpit are false; Cosin also glad that Neile denies the reports spread about him.
Postscript: concerning tenant arrears for demesne lands and Cosin’s royalties; lack of mention of bricks at Brafferton; bill for the king’s supply delayed by the unfortunate business of Sir John Coventry; Stapylton to speak to Mr Clarke the cook about neglecting to send salmon during the first season of the year.
On outside: 1 stamp; ‘My Lord January the 12th 1670’ and ‘answered January the 17th 1670’ [1671]
2ff.
Printed: Ormsby ii, 266-7 (extract)
4B, 124  14 January 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord
Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 10th; Sir Thomas Liddell’s demand for wood; concerning
a matter with Toby Blakiston; Stapylton to hasten to get in Mr Neile’s rejoinder so they
can have a decree at the next session and be ‘abused by him no longer’; concerning
the veracity of a paper Mr Arden has which was written by Mr Gibson; Cosin to send an
execution against John Shadforth and his brother for outlawry; Mr London ‘will either
have half his money bated him’ or he will go to the Indies rather than be imprisoned in
England; Cosin satisfied the demesne rents will not be put into the roll.
On outside: 2 stamps ‘answered January the 20th 1670’ [1671]
1f.

4B, 125  19 January 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord
Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 14th; concerning John Abby’s accounts and Brafferton,
difficulty speaking with Mr Dodsworth about the new purchase at Dunsforth; the Deputy
Lieutenant selecting the next muster date; business concerning Mr Place and Darlington
house, not allowing wood from Bedbourne to build a malt house, Cosin’s daughter and
grandchildren, and Mr Gill; Mr Davenport’s letter enclosed regarding the office for ‘Cavells’
of Chester; Sir Edward Smith’s lease; Stapylton to appoint someone to ‘ride the Bishop’s
Bounders about the Lands’ and James Clavering’s threat to pull down a tenant’s house
near his coal mines.
Postscript: Mr Gill and repairs at Darlington house where it rains in and decayed walls;
concerning Mr London’s outlawry case; Mr Grenvyle ‘hath got himselfe to bee Doctor
Bellatus at Oxford’, his curate Mr Davies, and Grenvyle’s debts; Mr R Blackiston sent
two uncivil letters to Sir Gilbert and Cosin’s daughter, concerning Blackiston’s lease, Mr
Hall, Nusham Hall and the hospitals and colleges, and the rents of Chilton to pay for
building the hospital, the two schools, and library.
From W.F.: ‘my Lady’ has not yet received Stapylton’s bill.
Outside: 2 stamps, ‘answered January the 24th 16[70/1]’
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 267
4B, 126  21 January 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord
Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 14th; abatements with Mr Kirby’s and Mr Hall’s rentals,
Cosin enclosed a copy of Kirby’s rental; a ‘repartie’ about the steward of the courts at
Darlington, Mr Chaytor and Mr Place’s complaint concerning Mr T.B. the town bailiff;
what Cosin considers Stapylton’s role at Durham to be; offering the patent of the
stewardship at Stockton to Mr Gibson without fee if he gives a book to the library, the
growth of Stockton, courts at Brafferton; recounting of Mr T.B. [Toby Blakiston] ‘hanting
my daughters Chamber in the night time, & p[er]suading her to marry him without my
knowledge…’, their standing with Cosin, Sir Gilbert & Cosin’s daughter providing an
allowance, and repairs at the mill; Cosin sends ‘The Specimen’ for the Classical Catalogue
for TB who ‘jiggs & wallows up & down only to get time & be lazy’; TB’s execution of his
bailiff’s office duties in Darlington, Mr Place, Mr Gill, Coatham Mundeville, Mr Charles
Gerard’s children, and Darlington House and woods; Mr Mascall and collecting royalties;
the dean of Carlisle and Alice Coulson’s lease; difficulty reaching John Langstaffe, and
Cosin’s displeasure over stalled work on ‘the Additionall part of my Library’, and at
Brafferton.
Postscript: Sir Gilbert, Mr Staplyton, Mr Davenport, and leaving Sir Ralph Cole’s
engagement for £500 to the use and benefit of Mary Gerard, youngest daughter of Sir
Gilbert and Dame Mary.
Outside: 2 circular stamps, ‘answered January the 27th 1670’.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 267-8 (extract)

4B, 127  24 January 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord
Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 20th; the business of Mr Neile; Mr Toby Blakiston and
the empanelling of a jury to support his case over Franklin wood; concerning a capias
utlagatam [writ], Mr London’s sureties, and Mr Dalton the attorney; Cosin’s dissatisfaction
with the ‘2 new Doctors’ and Mr William Newhouse who ‘abuse’ Cosin like Mr Grenvyle
and Mr Neile; George Douthwait’s arrears; Mr Fetherston’s arrears and Sir James
Clavering; Cosin’s opinion of the Stockton tenants and Mr Barnes; concerning Baron
Hilton’s death and curiosity about the ‘good deeds’ ordered in his will; the impact of
parliament on Cosin’s health.
Postscript: Mr T. Blackiston’s removal of 16 trees from Bedbourne Park for mill repairs,
which was more than agreed upon, Mr Gill and the repair of Darlington House; concerning
the declaration of trust for Sir Ralph Cole’s money made by Stapylton and Mr Davenport.
Outside: 2 circular stamps, ‘answered January the 28th 1670’.
2ff.
28 January 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 24th; concerning John Abbey’s accounts at Brafferton, Mr Dodsworth, Mr Lockwood, and the purchases at Dunsworth; Cosin does not wish to let Darlington House to Mr Place; Mr Gill’s declaration of trust, Cosin’s daughter, and Mr T.B., the repairs of the house to be paid for out of the children’s allowance of 32 bushels of corn and the paying of ‘Chimney money’; concerning fines and leases for the cavills at Chester; making an end with Sir Edward Smith, the riding of his boundaries; concerning the declaration of trust for the deed and security of Newsham, dated 1 September 1668, Mr Robert Blakiston, Mr Hall, and Mr R.B. ‘so shifte & so wise in his own conceit’; the matter of Mr Neile and the Chancery Court, the reversion of houses burnt near Ludgate, [London].
Outside: 2 circular stamps, ‘answered February the 3d. 167[0]’.
2ff.

31 January 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 27th; discussion of the discrepancy between Mr Hall’s original valuation of Chilton House and the transcription, ‘I challenge all the Arithmetick in the world to make it good’, concerned there will be little for the hospital, library, colleges, and Cosin’s daughter and her children; Mr Matthew is the new Darlington steward, Mr Place and Mr Chaytor’s complaint against Mr T.B. [Toby Blakiston]; Mr Mascall, Sir Gilbert, Mr Kirkby, and the collection of royalties; continued issues with Stapylton, the dean of Carlisle, and Alice Coulson’s lease; business with John Langstaff at Brafferton, aligning the front of the house with the kitchen windows, allowance for bricks; concerning Sir Gilbert Gerard and his wife, Mr Jeffrayson, Sir Ralph Cole, leases, deeds, and Cosin’s last will; awaiting Mr Thirkeld’s list of names of the Commissioners for Charitable Uses; concerning Mr R.B. [Robert Blakiston] joining with Mr H. [Hall] to ‘cheat’ Cosin, and Chilton House.
Postscript: concerning payments, Mr Farrer, Stapylton’s cousin Mr Carnaby, Stockton tenants and Mr Barnes; instructions for Hutchinson the bookseller for setting the stamp of Cosin’s arms upon every book in the library, including the placement and type of stamp, ‘to the number of 50, 60 or 100’, and for the press to be set up in the library and Stapylton to supply the necessary books of gold [leaf] from Newcastle.
Outside: 2 circular stamps, ‘answered February the 4th. 1670’.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 268 (extract)
4B, 130  7 February 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle.
Received Stapylton’s letter of the 3rd, complains Stapylton was short with Cosin and ‘putting off almost every thing by saying you did not understand mee or I you’; Mr Dodsworth and the leasing of Dunsforth; concerning the leasing of Darlington House, Stapylton’s pleading on behalf of the house keeper; returning leases for the cavill in Chester and for the half cavil, complains that it is all Stapylton has compounded; Cosin is upset that no one told him of Mr Neile’s former journey, ‘you lard your limes with this word – blaming you I know not how often’; complains Stapylton has spent four or five letters on Mr Gibson’s tale of the £16 delivered to him by Mr Arden.
Outside: ‘answered February the 11th. 1670’.
1f.

4B, 131  9 February 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 268-9 (extract)

4B, 132  11 February 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 269 (extract)

4B, 133  11 February 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.

4B, 134  21 February 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 269-70 (extract)

4B, 135  23 February 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 270 (extract)

4B, 136  25 February 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 270 (extract)

4B, 137  28 February 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.

4B, 138  2 March 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 270 (extract)

4B, 139  4 March 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
4B, 140  6 March 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 271 (extract)

4B, 141  9 March 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 271 (extract)

4B, 142  11 March 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 271-2 (extract)

4B, 143  14 March 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 272 (extract)

4B, 144  21 March 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 273 (extract)

4B, 145  28 March 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
1f.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 273-4 (extract)

4B, 146  30 March 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 274

4B, 147  1 April 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 274 (extract)

4B, 148  6 April 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 275 (extract)

4B, 149  11 April 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 275-7 (extract)
4B, 150 11 April 1671
Letter from Toby Cradocke at Gainford Hall to John Cosin at Pall Mall, Westminster. Reminds Cosin to name John Harrison of Scarbrough in an Act of Attainder for treason against the late King Charles I; mentions the potential passing of Mr Davison and suggesting himself for the stewardship of the halmote courts.
1f.

4B, 151 15 April 1671
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or the Bishop of Durham's Castle in Durham.
Cosin is unhappy with the state of affairs reported by Stapylton in his letter of the 11th; discussion of red crimson leather to be used to bind Cosin's books and the stamp to be placed on every book; mentions a bill related to Mr Anthony Warton for £500 - Cosin is unhappy with the length of time it took for this bill to reach him; he is upset that Stapylton has joined Mr Neile's commission; discusses the next trial of the assizes and a potential delay of one year for the meeting; mentions Sir Thomas Stringer and the Archdeacon; further discussion of Mr Davison's illness and planning for his replacement at the Halmote Court should he pass away; mentions a letter received regarding the request to add John Harrison to the act of attainder and asking Stapylton to look further into the matter which Cosin does not seem keen to pursue; instructions to inform Mr Davenport of part of Cosin's response.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 277 (extract)

4B, 152 15 April 1671
Letter from Samuel Hodgkin to Peter Splidt at Sunderland.
Asked to inform him by Lawrence Biornson of Oastrise that a ship, originally sailing from Norway with 3 others, was separated by foul weather, called Dorothy, had been abandoned and had drifted ashore with 4,500 “Deales” on board which may belong to Splidt.
1 piece.
4B, 153  22 April 1671
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or the Bishop of Durham's Castle in Durham.
Mentions letters from Stapylton, Davenport, and Cosin’s daughter Barton as well as correspondence concerning Mr Davison and his family; the stewardship of the Halmote Courts; instructions to give the Franckland patent to Jack Davison or for it otherwise to be sold; the 'Liber Litterarum Patentium'; Mr Heath and Mr Davison; deals aboard the abandoned ship, Mr Mathews and Colonel Blakiston and possession of the wrecked ship, as well as Chief Justice Vaughan and a challenge to his ownership; Cosin feels Stapylton is too indulgent with Mr Neile and mentions the Lammas assizes; discussion of a Gateshead Charter, fines owed by tanners and dyers thereby associated, and their collection involving Mr Morland and Sir Thomas Davison; arrangements for the funeral of Mr Davison involving Davenport; asks him to answer a letter from Cosin’s daughter Lady Burton in which she details the probability of her husband’s passing and arrangements thereof.
Postscript: instructions to draw up a patent of the Halmote Court steward’s office; Mr Robert Cole, brother of Sir Ralph, and a Mr Deane; forward a letter to Mr Davenport.
Postscript: acknowledgment of a receipt from H(?).
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 277-8 (extract)

4B, 154  20 April 1671
Petition of Jonathan Butcher and William Short merchants to John Cosin bishop of Durham that in November last they fracted a small Danish ship through their servant Andrew Cornish at Postground near Skeen in Norway, loaded her with various timber, and she sailed in March, but became leaky in a storm so that her master and crew abandoned her for other ships, but she, the Little Dorothy, master Jurgen Peirson, came ashore near Hartlepool and was seized by the bishop’s officers, so they reclaim their cargo, the bishop’s salvage charges notwithstanding.
1f.
Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at the bishop's castle. Mention of a letter of the 21st from Stapylton regarding Tobias Cr[adock] against Harrison; more regarding the Harrison affair and instructions for Tobias Cradock to seek Parliament's help in obtaining an Attainder; discussion regarding Hugh Hutchinson and work on Cosin’s books - including instructions regarding gilding and stamping; discussion of Mr Humphrey Wharton and the timing of a bill, scolding Stapylton for his delay in payment; mention of a commission with Mr Neile and Mr Arden; more regarding the Archdeacon, Mr Stringer, and Mr Mascall debating whether or not to delay the next trial of the assizes and the politics surrounding the matter; Lady Burton and the patent for Franckland; further discussion regarding the abandoned ship at Hawthorn and dealings with Sir Walter Walker & Mr Sawyer thereof; provisions made in case of Cosin’s illness for a visit to be paid to his diocese by Mr Rowell, Mr Chancellor Burwell, Dr Robert Grey, Mr Richard Wrench and Mr George Davenport; renewal of the patent of Franckland to Cosin’s daughter Burton (possibly to a male heir in which case the guardianship goes to her mother or Mr Cuthbert Carr); mention of the patent of the Halmote affixed to Sir Ralph Cole for his brother Mr Robert being sent from Durham; the Dean is to write to both the prebendaries regarding their confirmation and Dr Bovint.

Postscript: expect the Gateshead charter in the next post; Stockton tenants and the lack of an update regarding subsidiary payment; asks him to bring Cosin’s daughter to Durham upon receipt of the letter, and further instructions regarding the Franckland and Halmote patents.

2ff. Printed: Ornsby ii, 278-9 (extract)

Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall to Miles Stapylton at his house or the bishop's castle. When the previously discussed two patents are confirmed by the Dean and Chapter, they are to be kept safely until further notice; Cosin is to confirm the Halmote office patent with Sir Ralph Cole; mention of fees due to Mr Kirkby; inclusion of the Gateshead Charter; Cosin is ill with “fits of the strangers” and can no longer visit Hyde Park or travel north until he is further recovered.

Postscript: Sir Gilbert and Sir Ralph Cole to visit Durham on Monday to collect the Gateshead charter and bring it to Parliament; privilege from the Master of the Post no longer allowed; meet with Davenport and Cosin's daughter Burton to confirm the patent of Franckland before Dr Brevin leaves Durham; mention again of the prebendaries, Mr Cole, and Bishop Morton.

1f. Printed: Ornsby ii, 278 (extract)
4B, 157 29 April 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle in Durham.
Suggests Stapylton agrees with Fletcher against Cosin; Mr Stott has found no writings about Gateshead Fell; stay Sir Thomas Lyddell’s forward workmen; Moxton, Captain Ashmall, Swainston and sealing a lease for Smithy Hills; Discussion regarding an additional room for the library nearing completion and the agreement with Van Ersell for paintings ‘on the presses’; Cosin still suffering from ‘strangury’ and is unable to travel.
Postscript: discusses whether himself or the king is patron of Strainton near Hartlepool, Mr Newhouse’s office to be consulted; his two patents to be confirmed - one for his daughter Burton is for Franckland; fear of the delay of Fletcher’s trial and ejectment lease; deliver enclosed letters to Mr Collingwood, Mr Marg’t Lambton, and Mr Davenport; the audit of Cosin’s accounts due; Act of Parliament re collations and institutions.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 280 (extract)

4B, 158 2 May 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle in Durham.
Discussion regarding the definition of a shipwreck according to Lord Cooke’s interpretation, and the bishop's entitlement, and ramifications thereof for the recently recovered wreck at Hawthorn Hythe; discussion of Mr Davison’s impending burial in Auckland Chapel and Stapylton, Davenport, & Lady Burton’s recent decision to bury Burton’s husband in the chapel - Cosin is displeased that anyone could be buried in the chapel before himself; mention of Franckland and Halmote patents; arrangement of a position and maintenance for Lady Burton’s son; Stapylton to enquire into a property in York that Stapylton’s relative is selling - Cosin is interested in purchasing a manor (the Grange at Acomb) outside York but wishes to know more regarding the profitability of such an investment.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 280-2 (extract)

4B, 159 4 May 1671
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at his house or the Bishop of Durham’s castle in Durham.
The danger of his strangury; the selection of a guardian for a child [presumably Cosin’s grandson]; the archdeacon and Mr Mascall and the potential decision to delay the trial for another year beyond the next assizes; disappointed that his stamps may not be 'well or tolerably set on the backs of my Books'; Sir William Turner and Bills of Exchange; discusses the [shipwreck] salvage of ‘deals merchant’ and rents at Stockton; documents for the cursitor to file.
Postscript: Mr Hanby and Mr Jackson’s kinsman to be proctors in the Consistory court on the deaths of Mr Gabriel Jackson & Mr Bullock; seeks Stapylton’s advice on William Newhouse succeeding Jackson in collecting the tenths in the diocese; concerned about Dr Wood being made Bishop of Lichfield and keeping his prebendary.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 283 (extract)
4B, 160  9 May 1671
Discusses 3 objections concerning the wording of the Frankland patent for Cosin's daughter Burton's son as Samuel Davison had, and the objections of the prebends; Robert Cole to pay the patent fees as well as Mr Kirby's fees, with the patent to be sent by Sir Ralph Cole; warning him to side with a ‘sturdy farmer’ Fletcher against his landlord [the bishop] and to enforce the forfeiture of his property; Captain Ashmall's lease; sending commissions for the visitation.
Postscript: Receipt of a Bill of Exchange from Mr Wharton upon Mr Milford; the lease of Evenwood Colliery and its forfeiture.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 283 (extract)

4B, 161  11 May 1671
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle in Durham.
Mr Neile's commissioners, Mr Big and Mr Owen, meeting with Mr Arden re the wreck case; Cosin displeased at his children interfering in business at Auckland without his consent; further discussion regarding the wording of the Franckland patent; Neile offering a patent to Woodhouse; Cosin has decided not to purchase Acomb (Acham) based on descriptions provided by Stapylton.
Postscript: Mr Kirby to take more care in recording the date of transactions in Cosin's account books.
2ff.

4B, 162  13 May 1671
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle in Durham.
Stockton tenants, Kelsy Hills lease, & Swainston's lease; the rumour that Cosin will not live long enough to see the Grand Chapter next July; Cosin's daughter Burton and the patent for her son; Cosin has been free of fits of “strangury” an entire week and ventures out in his coach every day but is still too weak to travel to Stapylton; Hugh Hutchinson to put stamps on Cosin's books; an issue with Stockton rents; various other rents and leases.
Postscript: the duke of Buckingham to be chancellor of the University of Cambridge.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 283-4 (extract)
Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle in Durham.

Cosin is anxious when he does not receive letters from Stapylton in a timely manner; a manor house for sale in Howden by Mr Neltherp and Mr Allison, and he wishes to have the matter resolved before Pentecost.

Postscript: Cosin has sent the Gateshead Charter and James Moxon’s lease as well as some Acts of Parliament; doctors will not let Cosin travel until he has passed a whole month without fits of the “stone strangury & diabetes”; Cosin desires that his account books be sent to him from Mr Kirby; Cosin’s displeasure with the tenant of Auckland; Cosin again requests his accounts from Mr Kirby or else he shall “fall into a discontented and fretting mind which are apt to bring the fits of the strangury upon” him.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 284-5 (extract)

Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle in Durham.

Leases, including Bowry’s lease of the concealed house on Tyne Bridge; the prebendaries who refuse to confirm the Franckland patent; Fletcher and the “lease of the halfe Cavell at Cheston”; Whiting and Woodhouse; leases including Mr Moxton’s again as well as Mr Danby’s at Evenwood.

Postscript: Cosin expects a response from Stapylton by Friday.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 285 (extract)

Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham’s Castle in Durham.

Stapylton has “done well” to add words to the patent which was overlooked by Mr Davenport; patents made to Whiting & Woodhouse; the bishop of Durham’s right to raise deer in parks; Mr Arden has been subpoenaed by Mr Neile; Cosin again requests his account books from Mr Kirby; a potential purchase of a “new unknown place” which Cosin asks Stapylton to investigate on his behalf.

Postscript: Cosin mentions another potential purchase discussed by Mr Nilthrop and Sir Gilbert.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 286 (extract)

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 286-7 (extract)

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 287 (extract)
4B, 169 30 May 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.

4B, 170 17 June 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton
Postscript by William Flower on last leaf defective (1 quarter of sheet missing).
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 287 (extract)

4B, 171 14 October 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 290 (extract)

4B, 172 7 November 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 290-1 (extract)

4B, 173 9 November 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
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4B, 174 9 December 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 291 (extract)

4B, 175 14 December 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
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4, 176 [1720s]
Panel from the Waghorn binding from Cosin Letterbook 4.
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Cosin Letter-book 5

5, 0  [1720s]
Table of contents of Cosin Letterbook 5 listing correspondents and dates, compiled by Christopher Hunter.
2f.

5A, 1  28 June 1666
Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton at the Castle of Durham.
Discussion of estate business including the lease of Bishop Meadows, negotiation with Lady [Gerard] about the fishings, Stapylton’s officers at Howden, and demands relating to Walkington involving Sir Thomas Remington and the late John Crosse.
2ff.

5A, 2  4 July 1666
Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton.  
Discussion of estate business including Lady Gerard’s refusal of the proposition for the fishings, organisation of [the bishop’s estate at] Howden Place, the oxgangs in Walkington, the little close and the six acres in Welton Ings involving Lady Gerard.  
Postscript: organisation of the lease of Bishop Meadows and Lady Gerard’s tenants.
1f.

5A, 3  9 July 1667
Letter from John Grove to Miles Stapylton at Durham.  
Commentary on the current political situation involving the dealings of the Dutch, the Act of Navigation, fishing free for all, the restoration of traitors’ estates, trade to the East Indies, and the possible surrender of the Orkneys to the king of Denmark.
1f.

5A, 4  26 July 1667
Letter from John Grove to Miles Stapylton in Durham.  
Accounts of various fires including that which killed Francis (Frank) Nower, his little girl, the nurse and the infant after a meeting of an ‘old club’ (members include Ned [Edward] Dearing, Francis Nower, and Samuel Merne (Mearne) [royal bookbinder]), and attempts to set fire to various parts of Southpark.
2ff.

5A, 5  1 August 1667
Letter from John Grove in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle Durham.  
Discussion of recent affairs including the prorogation of parliament and publication of the article of peace, Dr [Manuel Creighton] Creiton’s sermon in Whitehall Chapel about national affairs including the finances of the royal family, the cessation of the Dutch and the possibility of disbanding the army.
2ff.
5A, 6  9 September 1667
Letter from William Marshall at Howden to Miles Stapylton auditor to the Bishop of Durham at his house in Durham.
Discussion of the collection of rents involving Marshall’s ‘Brother Young’ and including a bible and a flagon from John Carall towards his rent, Catherine Elliot’s difficulty in paying her rent for Walkington as a result of the marriage of her daughter, and the let of the ferry at Booth, the ferry at Saltmarshe and two rooms at Fishgarth to Cornwell of Hull.
2ff.

5A, 7  25 September 1666
Letter from John Place in Edinburgh to Miles Stapylton at Durham Castle.
Excuse for his not being with Stapylton when invited and discussion of his impending journeys to Newcastle and Durham; Lady Gerard’s answer.
1f.

5A, 8  11 October 1666
Letter from John Place in Newcastle to Miles Stapylton in Durham.
Discussion of a lease involving Lady [Gerard] and the organisation of wine involving Mr Arding.
1f.

5A, 9  21 October 1666
Letter from John Place in Newcastle to Miles Stapylton at Durham or Auckland.
Request for an answer to his former [letter] and discussion of whether or not he will stop at Durham or Auckland for business relating to this answer.
2ff.

5A, 10  9 December 1666
Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton at Durham Castle.
Discussion of estate business including: delivery of Lady [Gerard]’s merchandise involving Mr Blakiston; no news of the books from Hull; a letter expected from Lady [Gerard] concerning the fishings; request for the lease of Barmby and information on the settling of Crayke; confirmation of [Cosin]’s royalty from Howden; request to remember Place’s friend’s interest for the office of his lordship’s attorney, the last patent having been granted to his uncle Robert Constable.
1f.

5A, 11  13 December 1666
Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton at Durham Castle.
Discussion of estate business including: the lease of Barmby; [Robert] Constable’s patent as attorney for Howden; negotiation of the fishings involving Lady [Gerard] and Place’s management of her Crayke affairs; Place’s defence of his own abilities in a rather florid manner with conceits including ‘your Holy, Historicall and Learned Library’.
Postscript: correspondence with Mr Blakiston and instructions for the enclosed.
1f.

5A, 12  18 February 1666/7
Letter from John Grove to Miles Stapylton in Durham.
Discussion of settling the Act for Rebuilding the City and the design of the king sending his ambassador to the Hague to speak of a peace with the Lord Hollis and Sir Richard Coventry nominated; Grove’s man Nick has foolishly gone away to sea.
1f.
5A, 13  20 December 1667
Letter from William Marshall at York to Miles Stapylton (auditor to the Bishop of Durham) at his house in Durham.
Discussion of estate business including: Easter and Midsummer courts involving Mr Battell; collection of arrears involving John Dun; difficulties in Howdenshire; a letter received from Mr Place about a bargain to be made with Lady Gerard; Marshall’s ‘brother Young’ hoping that Stapylton received the ‘filberts’ [hazelnuts].
Postscript: John Dun’s bond for his appearance and grant to the tenants of the manor of Howden.
2ff.

5A, 14  19 January 1667/8
Letter from Dulcie Naylor to Miles Stapylton.
Apologises that she cannot satisfy [Cosin]’s request for her husband’s book, formerly Bishop Matthew’s, of the Statutes and Foundation of the Church of Durham as it was never in her custody but had been lent to her cousin Thomas Blackston on the bishop’s account, and since delivered to Dr Dalton through her husband’s appointment.
1f.

5A, 15  4 February 1667/8
Letter from William Marshall at Howden to Miles Stapylton (auditor to the Bishop of Durham) at his house in Durham.
Discussion of estate business including: a writ involving Mr Mickleton; Mr Battell to send fines and charges of every court; John Dun’s answer relating to a matter involving Dr Broome, Mr Place and Mr Sharp; Mr Best’s answer relating to a matter involving Mr Bell and Dr Broome; complaint about the time and money lost through the dispute of the chief bailiffship of Howdenshire and a [writ] ‘sup[er]seadis’ against Sir Richard Mauliverer in favour of Thomas Clay with matters aided by Mr Mickleton; Sir Gilbert Gerard to go south to take possession of the Rymer Estate.
1f.
5A, 16  19 March 1667/8
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Mr Rymer and the signing of the articles involving Sir John Goodrick and Lord St John;
Mr Wharton’s note concerning his answer to the bill in chancery to be finished; draft of
the new lease for Bedbourne Park and the lease made to Fellows involving Mr William
Blakiston and the declaration of trust involving Cosin’s daughter, wife of T.B, whom
Cosin refuses to acknowledge are legally married; lease of Newbottle and the fishings
in Wearmouth; tenants’ demesnes at North Allerton involving Mr Weston, the fines of
Sir Thomas Osbourne and Mr Allen, the extension of rent according to Mr Lascells and
his father’s lease of Sowerby Grange; Mr Richardson confident that the bishop of
Durham’s name is first used in all the proclamations before the sessions of the peace
including reference to the title earl of Sadberge being part of the bishop’s titles; new
book of leases at Durham.
Postscript: ‘rating of the collieries against the pretence of the Newcastle men’ in relation
to the bill for the establishment of knights and burgesses for the County Palatine
forestalled in the commons; instructions for the King’s auditor or reliever coming to
Durham involving Mr John Nichols and the sealing of the second schoolmaster’s place
in Bishop Langley’s foundation; instructions to give Mr Chancellor the same entertainment
as before and asking the attorney and solicitor about the laws in place to punish
‘blasphemerers of God, Atheists, Heretics and profound deriders and scoffers at religion
established in the Church of England’ and by what laws Legat and Wickman were put
to death in Smithfield and Lichfield, and Hacket in 1596 (as recorded in a book by Dr
Cosin, Dean of the Arches and kept under the great window in Cosin’s study); £55 paid
by Sir William Turner; request for Sir Gilbert [Gerard] to have the enclosed note from Mr
Wharton in case it is of use in the payment of Elizabeth Danby according to Mr Rymer’s
desire.
2ff.
Printed: Ornsby ii, 174 (extract)

5A, 17  19 May 1668
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Discussion concerning the possible sale of Pedley involving Mr Lodowick Hall’s son and
Mr Robert Blakiston; 200 horse (mounted troops) turned out to meet the bishop, gathered
by Mr Morland rather than Mr Tempest and Mr Davison, and derogatory discussion of
the bishop at a dinner at Calligan’s Tavern in Durham reported by Mr Swinbourne.
1f.

5A, 18  1 September 1668
Declaration of lands held in trust for the sole use of John Cosin, Lord Bishop of Durham
by Charles Lord Gerard, Baron of Brandon and Miles Stapylton, signed and sealed by
them and witnessed.
Endorsed on the backs as the declaration for the house of Allerton Demesnes.
5A, 19  29 October 1668  
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham’s Castle, Durham.

Assistance of Mr Hilton’s son in performing the privileges of the county court; discussion of estate business including: the new lease of the tenants of Wolsingham; copy of Mr Kennitt’s lease to be sent to Mr Wharton; encumbrances upon Chilton involving Mr Hall in chancery; the possibility of losing money on the Nusham security if Mr Morland produces a witness; letting of Urpeth Colliery; malt business involving Ms Kennitts, Ms Moorecroft and Ms Wrem; letting of the wastes at Stockton; Mr Moorecroft’s parting with St Margaret’s to Mr Bell’s son who is a fellow at Corpus Christi College, Oxford; Burgage House in Auckland to be settled upon Cosin’s hospital there; Mr Grenville’s irresolutions and instructions for the payment of his wife; progress of the two rooms at both ends of the school and almshouse and the payment of Mr Nicholl’s stipend; Van Ersell to finish his work in the library as soon as possible and instructions to the joiners not to ‘put any more shelves in the void spaces now made for sitting on’ as Cosin will decide if any more should be added after going to Durham to put the books in.

Postscript: discussion of the purchase of Brafferton involving Mr Thomas Rymer and Mr Welton and the payment of Mr Ralph Rymer.

2ff.

5A, 20  23 November 1668  
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house on the Old Bailey or at the exchequer.

Discussion of estate business including: the accounts and leases of the lead mines including their organisation under Bishop Tunstall and Cardinal Wolsey; negotiations with John Stobbs and Mrs Widdowes over fees and fines; delays in the accounts for Chilton; negotiation with Mr Hall over payments for Ferryhill involving Mr Morland; discussion of legal action against Dun of Howden and Sir John Marley’s money; nomination of knights and burgesses and the cost for the county of maintaining an agent and passing this bill.

Postscript: directions to find Cosin’s petition and remonstrance made to the king concerning the state of his bishopric, the release of the Queen Mother’s pension, the king’s reference of Cosin’s petition and various remonstrances in a volume written by T.B., including details of the recording of information under the great seal of England and the organisation of ‘blank books’ and ‘folio books’.

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5A, 21  24 November 1668  
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Cosin’s dislike of the discussion of an unknown sum of money between Stapylton and Mr Dun; payment of 40s for Cosin’s palatine seal and the sealing of a patent involving Mr Brown; Mr Grey’s bond for the rent of Urpeth Colliery; rent from the lease of the Allerton demesnes; instructions for Stapylton’s journey to Brafferton and meeting with Mr Rymer over payment and purchase money; inquiry into the lease of the Coney Warren; patent for the clerkship of the courts at Howden and discussion of the charges of Mr Phillips, Marshall and Mr Sowry including a remark that Cosin intends to use the money for books for his public library; resolution of Metcalfe’s (Stapylton’s cousin) lease which had its date omitted; account of the articles of agreement made between Cosin and Mr Rymer 28th March 1668 in relation to the purchase of Brafferton.

2ff.
5A, 22  12 December 1668
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Postage of an unknown lease; discussion of finances including a £5000 bond relating to the purchase of Brafferton and involving Mr Ralph Rymer with advice from Mr Weston (Stapylton’s cousin); Dr Dallon’s letter for the ‘confirmation of the three leases contained in the King’s letter’; discussion of Mr Butler’s lease for the Coney Warren and Parkinson’s lease; request for an account of Stapylton’s receipts at Brafferton from Mr Lockwood, and Mr Rymer’s payments; hopes that the library, the works on the castle and Palace Green are now finished, Cosin has ‘taken up as many books as will cost £100 to supply the defects of the library’ but must spend more on the furnishing of Brafferton House, Auckland and Durham; gaoler referred to the Commissioners of the treasury; hopes for good news about the receipt of all rents due at Chilton and the bills in chancery against Mr Hall, Mr Blakiston, Mr Kennitt and Mr Neile; request for a settlement for the hospital at Auckland from either Mr Jeffrayson or Cosin’s attorney general.
2ff.

5A, 23  9 January 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham. Surrender of the leases of Allerton and Brompton; instruction to give Mr Rymer warning to leave Brafferton house and discussion of the ‘pretended’ £5000 bond; confusion in the lease of the fishings sealed to J. Wren by Richard Foorder; suing of Dr Broome and his account involving Mr Pearson, bonds involving Mr Dunn, the uncertain involvement of Mr Bell and the rent owed by the Bedlington and Howden tenants; regarding the sessions dinner, suggestion that some should take wages and others have a dinner provided; the queen’s pension paid; request for the account of Bedlington leases.
Postscript: instructions to find any £200 bills for the king’s new year’s gift and other Christmas extraordinary expenses; surrenders to be sent by post and Stapylton should keep them in his office rather than deliver them to the tenants so that they are always accessible; organisation of arrears rents at Howden involving Mr Mickleton and suggestion of supplying writs to Dr Broome, Mr Belt and the tenants in case of a future trial.
Note from W[illiam] F[lower]: request for the minutes of Mr Edmund Barstow’s lease.
2ff.
5A, 24 26 January 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Expression of displeasure at Stapylton’s silence on Mr Neile’s account and Cosin’s daughter Grenville’s position, Mr Farrer’s failure to organise rents in Durham, and Mr Arden’s talk of another allowance for the escheat lands at Sedgefield; extensive discussion of the matter and conditions relating to the dispute over the bond and statute with Mr Hall involving Mr Mascall, Mr Kennitt, Mr Bullock and Mr Morland; mistake of Stapylton’s predecessor Mr Pearson in the Bedlington leases which were copied out but never compared with the counterpart or the book of records; no more news of Ms Fenwick, the widow of a very ill man involved in the late rebellion and bringing the Scots to Newbourne and Newcastle and who believed the bishops of Durham shouldn’t have had their lands or leases again; organisation of leases including the demesnes of Northallerton and Brompton.
Postscript: management and rents of Chilton left to Cosin’s daughter who is to pay the hospitals, colleges and stipend for the library; request for information on those who repaired the two schools of Bishop Langley’s foundation and the stipend paid to Mr Elias Smith; discussion of leases and lives with Mr Etterick who is seeking to have the Duke of Buckingham, Lord Chamberlain and Lord Arlington ‘pronounce the king’s letter for his own ends’.
2ff.

5A, 25 11 May 1669
Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Update on their progress towards High Gate; account of the day’s ‘great show’ [military parade] in Hyde Park involving the King, the Duke of York, the Prince of Tuscany, all the nobles and the Duke of Monmouth [captain of the king’s guard from 1668]; business concerning the dean and chapter and the Newcastle men to be tried in the Exchequer Chamber in relation to the rights of the County Palatine; [journals of] philosophical transactions sent.
Postscript: particulars of goods sent down by sea enclosed in a previous letter and instruction to ensure great care of the ‘case of excellent books which may receive considerable damage because of the weakness and thinness of the boxes’.
1f.

5A, 26 24 June 1669
Letter from Richard Weston to Miles Staplyton.
Act of parliament and Bishop Cosin’s entitlement to relief in socage, and discussing reliefs, socage and rents, and the possibility of generating more income from them; also mentions ‘Brother Pepys’ and fisheries.
1f.
5A, 27  14 July 1669
Open letter from William Gilleis, Dr. in Divinity, to the Right Honourable the Town of Newcastle.
Statement on his Presbyterian principles, which do not agree with Bishop Cosin’s ‘Prelaticall principles’, including his promise ‘not to preach at all after the ceremonies of England, but after the Presbyterian and Calvinist way of the Protestant Church of France’, his almost three-year imprisonment in York Castle for ‘preaching the glorious gospel of Christ in truth’, and advertisement to the people of Newcastle of his teaching Hebrew, Greek and Latin, and his resolution to publish ‘some theses of divinity for defence of the truth’.
Endorsed on the back, set upon the pillar of the Exchange at Newcastle. Taken down by magistrates order.

5A, 28  27 July 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton.
A night gown bought for Stapylton’s wife to be sent on; Lady Burton offered only £300 for Arden’s house; expression of his thanks to Stapylton and Mr Kirkby for their financial sympathy; discussion of the maintenance of the pipes bringing the water from the college to the castle by Ambrose Myres; good wishes to Mr Mill and his bride but Arden is surprised as he thought Mr Mill might have purchased his office, possible Mr Kirby is now considering Thomas Gibson rather than Mr Moore; offence taken from Cosin’s last letter possibly meant for Mr Farrer; expectation that Mr Lud[owick] Hall will have been with Cosin as promised; Jack Greane and his wife are well.
Postscript: Mr Fisher’s debt and pretence; letter of the 22nd received from Cosin (with Staplyton as scribe); complaint about Mr Hall’s failure to speak to Cosin and his pretence of great loss after being turned out of his lease at Chilton; Lord Buckhurst, Mr Henry Savile and the Duke of York in Paris to visit the Dauphin who has been sick, the Duke of Albermarle has recovered and is expected in London, Lord Robert shortly to go to Ireland; instructions for enclosed.
Note on the back: ‘To Miles Staplyton about bringing water from the conduit to the Bishop’s Castle’.
2ff.

5A, 29  31 July 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton.
The gown for Stapylton’s wife to be sent and costing 45 shillings with a ‘pinquishin wh[i]ch they call a quishinett box’ also sent.
2ff.
5A, 30  3 August 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey at Durham.
The night gown for Stapylton’s wife sent by carrier; Arden still considering selling his house and hoping Lady Burton might buy it, requests that Stapylton and Mr Davenport help with making a bargain between them; instructions for Bishop Cosin’s Quietus Est for the tenths enclosed in a packet for Mr Gabriel Jackson; the Duke of Albemarle is expected in town, the Duchess of York, Lady Castlemaine at Tunbridge, and Lord Cavendish in Paris relapsed into a fever; the king heard an account of the siege of Candia from the French ambassador including the Duke of Banford having landed French troops in Candia and the ‘bloody action’ between the French and the Turks in St Andrew involving the dismantling of a mine created by the Turks.
2ff.

5A, 31  6/12 August 1669
Letter from John Cosin at his castle in Durham to Mr Major and the rest of the corporation of Newcastle.
Final warning that the liberty of the ringleaders of the faction is expressly contrary to Act 17 Charles II, the king’s late proclamation and that Bishop Cosin will, according to his duty, report the town of Newcastle to the king and his council for being ‘the nursery of faction in these Northern parts’ unless the seducers in question subscribe and take the oath required by Act 17 Charles II and their certificates be sent to Cosin.
2ff.

5A, 32  12 August 1669
Letter from John Cosin, Durham, to Mayor & Corporation of Newcastle.
Following the death of Mr Ashburnham, curate of St Andrew’s Newcastle, he recommends Mr Robert Bonner to replace him. In spite of his earlier refusal he now intends to take up the post.
1f.

5A, 33  17 August 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton.
Comment on Lady Burton’s potential offer to buy a house in Durham and further discussion of selling his own house; asks for Mr Neile’s answer about buying any of the goods Arden offered him; instructions to Stapylton to try to sell his horse to Mr Flower or Mr Farrer; great things expected at parliament’s sitting in October; the poor health of the Queen Mother who is frequently sick after eating. Apology and instructions for the trouble of the enclosed letters on back.
1f.

5A, 34  19 August 1669
Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.
Further discussion of Lady [Gerard]’s bargain for the fisheries which Place complains is costing time and money; request for information on Lady [Gerard]’s title of the ‘so-called charitable lands in Barmly and Rudlington for Greenwood’; enclosed to be directed to Dr Johnson, parson of Melton, for his involvement in the business of Brough and Marshall; Stapylton to consult his books relating to the matters involving Lady [Gerard] and a lease of a small farm in Brunton granted to Mr Moyser; Stapylton to speak to Mr Bullock about selling his register’s office in Howden.
1f.
5A, 35  2 September 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house on the Bailey, Durham.
Glad Stapylton’s wife was pleased with her gown; further difficulty in getting Lady Burton to buy his house which he will sell for £500 as her husband won’t contribute anything; sympathy at Lady Gerard’s miscarriage; trouble finding a steward for the assizes, but that is over, with just the chancery sitting to follow; discussion of Arden’s goods, including bedding, sent from Durham to London and his desire to sell some pictures; instructions to Stapylton for selling Arden’s sorel [horse], possibly to Mr Flower; death of Mr W[illiam]m Blakiston; Jack Greane very well.
Postscript, 3rd September: news of the Queen Mother’s death at her house at Colombe near Paris with a note that if she had lived a month longer there would have been another rent [from her pension] due.
2ff.

5A, 36  14 September 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house on the Bailey, Durham.
Discussion of the reference report for [Bishop Cosin]’s petition and his majesty’s grant of the £880 pension which is required to be sealed under the great seal, and investigation into whether the grant to the late Queen Mother [Henrietta Maria] of her revenue for two years after her life will include the pension against [Bishop Cosin]; account of the Queen Mother’s last night before her death.
Postscript: inquiry after [Bishop Cosin]’s receipt of his last letter in which he gave the news of the Queen Mother’s death; instructions to Stapylton to send the sorrel up and let anyone who can use him ride him if he cannot sell him for £8.
2ff.

5A, 37  28 September 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house on the Bailey, Durham.
No more to be done about [Bishop Cosin]’s £880 pension until he ‘produce his grant under the great seal and plead the same in the Exchequer and there obtain a discharge upon the Auditor to put it out of his account’; account of Arden’s meeting with Auditor Aldworth including his majesty’s grant to the Queen Mother dated May 1665 which is two years after [Bishop Cosin]’s; Sir Richard Brown dead of one week’s sickness; disagreements between the Duke of Buckingham and Lord Arlington with the latter to leave his chief secretary’s place, with Lord Overy to replace him.
1f.

5A, 38  7 October 1669
Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Safe arrival in London; instruction to stop the box of books belonging to [Bishop Cosin] which were originally to be sent with the rest of the goods by sea as one of his own manuscripts is in it, or is assumed to be as it can’t be found anywhere else; entertaining of Lord Lauderdale at Durham Castle.
2ff.
5A, 39  9 October 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house on the Bailey, Durham.
[Bishop Cosin] and Lady Gerard in London; Arden never received the £4 Ralph Douthwait said he paid Thomas Gibson for ploughing the commons; confusion over accounts for the procuration money involving Ralph Fetherstonhalgh; good wishes to Stapylton for his new daughter and warning about the interception of the post; Lord Hollis set out in print a relation of the proceedings in parliament between the two houses about Skinner’s business.
2ff.

5A, 40  11 October 1669
Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.
Further discussion of the negotiations involving Lady [Gerard] including the unresolved proposition and the fishings and discoveries; [Bishop Cosin's] gamekeeper in Howdenshire.
1f.

5A, 41  12 October 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house on the Bailey, Durham.
Succession of Arden’s office of clerk of the Halmote Courts by John Hutchinson; dispute over the procuration money and the money for ploughing the commons involving Thomas Gibson; Robert Anderson at Sunderland writes that Sir Thomas Williamson (who married the daughter of Colonel George Fenwick and is co-heir of Monkwearmouth Hall) says he has a claim to [Bishop Cosin’s] royalties at Sunderland and ‘intends to build a ferrie boate in Monkwearmouth side and to take Ancorage Beaconage etc. on that side’; [Bishop Cosin] requests that Staplyton takes note of all his charters and grants of royalties from the crown which were entered in his books by Mr Thomas Blakiston ‘so we may seeke for the originals or records of them heare’; town of Candia surrendered ‘upon articles’ to the Turks; death of Doctor King, Bishop of Chichester.
2ff.

5A, 42  14 October 1669
Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
All things quiet in expectation of the meeting of parliament and talk of the king going to Newmarket; recent printing of a book entitled ‘The Judicature of the House of Peers’ in relation to Skinner’s case which Flower recites from memory the Latin title page as ‘Judicium Dominorum Spiritualum et Temporalum …’; no replacement yet for the late Bishop of Chichester but discussion of possible successors including the Dean of Durham; Dr Price presented by the college of Eton to the parsonage of Petworth, the Bishop of Norwich said to be dying or very sick; few books printed of late but some due shortly; the Lord Mayor goes out of his mayoralty soon and intends to move to his new house near St Paul’s church; discussion of business involving the deputy library keeper and Mr Hall.
Postscript: message for Mr Kirby regarding John Abbey’s board wages at Brafferton; what Philosophical Transactions [journals] are wanted; H[arry] Stubb writing his book against Dr Sprat and Mr Glanvill; Dr Sprat writing a history of the late war with the Dutch; 1 volume of Mr Poole’s synopsis is just finished.
2ff.
5A, 43 16 October 1669
Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
[Bishop Cosin’s] orders to be sent up a copy of the foundation of his library to be sealed, and instructions to Stapylton regarding a purchase; request that Mr Nichols and Mr Forster, organist of Durham, organise for a boy to play well on the organ for [Bishop Cosin] coming down into the country; discussion of the payment of John Abbey’s board wages for Brafferton; request that Stapylton speak to Mr Kirby and ask him to have an eye to Flower’s horse, which he supposes will be kept with the rest at Auckland, and to take his saddle and bridle to his house; due to be safely arrived in London Monday last. Postscript: [Bishop Cosin’s] request for updates on various estate business including the Stapyltons’ dining with Auditor Aldworth, Lady Davison’s accounts and her ‘course’ against Mr Church Pearson and Lowther, the payment to the Dyers and Mr Neile’s answer to the bill in Chancery; reminder to hasten in seeing that the alphabetical catalogue is fairly transcribed; goods are not yet arrived as there have been winds; Flower’s disagreement with Stapylton concerning the manuscript which should have been in [Bishop Cosin’s] trunk with the other which arrived and his ignorance of its having been taken out until it was opened; the king does not go to Newmarket next week; Dr Castle brought the second part of his Lexicon to [Bishop Cosin]; no news yet of the new Bishop of Chichester.

5A, 44 23 October 1669
Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Mr Blakiston writing the alphabetical catalogue, Hugh Huntington has not provided paper; the name of the Deanery of Heddon Wallon in Newcastle Deanery is already supplied; denies leaving the casement of his study window open and blames the wind for breaking it; work on the ‘monstrous syllogism’ and suggestion of a new title ‘Judicium dominorum spiritualum et temporalum …’; accounting of the Pentecost annuity from Mr Cosin and Mr Wenley (the Lord Mayor’s servant); order for payment to the Lord Mayor through Stapylton’s brother; discussion with Mr Richard about Colonel Tempest, Francis Anderson, Sir Ralph Delavall and Mr Cuthbert Carre who were expected in town and involved in the old business of the Knights and Burgesses, request for any information Stapylton or Mr Davenport have on them; discussion of correspondence with [Bishop Cosin]; the king’s speech is enclosed and Philosophical Transactions [journal] etc. to follow; Mr Mascall’s desire to be a public notary to be discussed with Mr Munday, request for a certificate of his qualifications; Mr Kirby’s need not to pay John Abbey’s board wages into the Brafferton account; Mr Davenport not to search fruitlessly for records relating to the particulars of the valuation of Mr Orwin of the First Fruits Office; no news from parliament yet as Flower has been focused on the classical catalogue. Postscript: instructions from [Bishop Cosin] to have Urbanus Rhegius rather than Oecolampadius’ picture on the side of the porch which is next to the Exchequer with directions to find the picture in his works amongst the Reformati or in Beza’s ?Cones.
5A, 45  26 October 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house on the Bailey, Durham.
Mr Davison’s approbation of Mr John Hutchinson as successor to Arden in his office; thanks for the copies attested of his several receipts for the procuracion money received for [Bishop Cosin’s] second visitation and request for the dates and sums received by Mr Newhouse for his first visitation; commissioners for accounts carried in the reports for the several accounts including those of Sir George Carterett and others for public money, and the king, the House of Lords and the House of Commons to be examined and the two houses to lay aside the dispute over Skinner and the East India Company; [Bishop Cosin] ill for a few days after ‘the gravill falling by the jogging of his coache’ and intends to buy a sedan for use in town; Arden’s wife ill of a fever.
2ff.

5A, 46  October 1669
Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Postal issues and Stapylton and Mr Davenport’s recent letters; [Bishop Cosin] gives permission for Mr Blakiston to buy the other half of the mill and agrees to renew the lease for his daughter; Mr Munday could not be found to discuss Mr Mascall’s desire to be made a public notary; H[arry] Stubb’s book ‘is printing as wee heare, but some say it is miserably queled by the License’ and talk that he fell foul with Dr Sprat’s dedication to the king as ‘whereas Sprat saith that the king was the greatest encourager of experimental philosophy &c. [Stubb] says otherwise, for Alphonsus King of Aragonia spent more in his elaboratory than was thought convenient for his government & Queen Elizabeth did more in causing the Bible to be printed & hindring the King of France from building of ships and by keeping out the Romish Religion’; Lord Lauderdale’s speech enclosed.
2ff.

5A, 47  6 November 1669
Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Discussion of recent correspondence and other business including the provision of Mr Blakiston with paper for the catalogue, a broken casement of a study window, Mr Abbey’s board wages, a certificate relating to K[night]s and B[urgesse]s, Stapylton’s doctrine about syllogisms, a matter relating to Mr Blakiston’s daughter, H. Stubb’s book, and reports that the fanaticals are likely to be suppressed by unanimous consent in parliament.
1f.

5A, 48  9 November 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house on the Bailey, Durham.
Thanks for advice on his lease at Sunderland and discussion of the patents and security money after sale of his office to Mr John Hutchinson involving Mr Gabriel Jackson and Lady Burton.
2ff.
5A, 49  16 November 1669
Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
Extensive somewhat unfocused discourse about the ‘abbot catalogue’, ‘monstrous syllogisms’, Quixote et al’; reflection on the previous discussion of H. Stubb’s book and a bill of exchange. Postscript: [Bishop Cosin]’s desire that Blakiston’s daughter rather than Mr Blakiston should purchase the other half of the mill; the duke and duchess of York’s youngest daughter has died; the House of Lords rejected the bill sent to them by the House of Commons on the ‘late matter of difference’ and preparation for an Act of Parliament against conventicles; Sir George Cartwright to go before both houses about his accounts; Mr Brouncher is committed to a sergeant for a parliamentary challenge. 2ff.

5A, 50  18 November 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house on the Bailey, Durham.
The progress of Mr [John] Hutchinson’s patent involving Mr [Gabriel] Jackson, the bond from Lady Burton, and an order to secure for Arden the Martinmas fee from his office as Mr Hutchinson is not due a fee from it until Pentecost. 2ff.

5A, 51  20 November 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house on the Bailey, Durham.
The interest on Arden’s £100 bond from Lady Burton and Mr [John] Hutchinson’s £50 bond; settling of the accounts with Stapylton and acceptance of Mr Kirby’s £14 bill. 1f.

5A, 52  25 November 1669
Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop’s Castle, Durham.
[Bishop Cosin] unable to write as he is having a busy day out at parliament; Mrs Lumley and George Dunn’s leases enclosed; complains of ‘my lady’s legal matters’ including the cost; complain that Stapylton’s replies are not helping with his work on the ‘puzzlesome catalogue’ for which he needs the Alphabetical catalogue and Explanatory Records which cannot be dispatched; business in parliament including the Commons set to read the bill sent to them from the Lords, Sir George Cartwright’s doings not yet determined, motion in the House of Commons enquiring into those persons who are encouragers of the Palatinate, the Bill of Conventicles is prepared, Lord Overy is accused of high treason and the duke of Ormond is impeached, an ‘Alarum’ has been sent privately to the Commons. 1f.
5A, 53  30 November 1669
Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton, Durham. (Date ‘being St Andrew’s Day (and My Lords Birth Day)’).
Excuses himself from not fully answering Stapylton’s recent letter due to a delay in the post and its broken seal; receipt of Mr Mascall’s certificate which will be shown to Mr Munday with a commission to be sent down for his oath to be taken; Mr Blakiston’s business.
Postscript: [the House of Commons] laid aside the Lords’ bill; apprehensions that ‘phanatics in some places design mischief’ but hopes it will be prevented by the great wisdom and prudence of parliament.
1f.

5A, 54  4 December 1669
Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in Elvet in Durham.
Receipt of his bond; patent and agreement involving Mr [John] Hutchinson and Mr [Gabriel] Jackson; discussion of an account relating to Sir Francis Liddell’s interest and Trollop’s salary for Tyne Bridge involving John Carre and Ralph Fetherstonhalgh; sending books and a belt.
1f.

5A, 55  4 December 1669
Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton in Durham.
‘Mercurine Libralis’ enclosed for the last time; Philosophical Transactions to be sent by Mr Bell; request for an account of the books (including ‘Hoffmanus, Hon[ourable] Faber, Amyraldus Holtingrus, the Buxtor f. & some few more’) bound in leather and lettered on the back by Hugh Hutchinson so Mr Baddley can examine them as ‘the bookseller foolishly lost the note’; request for news on how far Mr Blakiston is gone; discussion of the Classical and Alphabetical catalogues and cataloguing procedure; Dr Floyd and Mr Munday dined here today, Mr Mascall’s certificate given to Mr Munday and asks for names of those to be put into the commission to take his oath.
1f.

5A, 56  11 December 1669
Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house in Durham.
Discussion of recent correspondence in very decorative language including some unknown incidence mentioning the Aeneid, classical winds and ‘discovery of those Riflers of secrets’; discussion of Mr Edward Arden’s debts to Mr George Kirby; prorogation of parliament contrary to expectation and with the ‘Bill for Moneys, against Conventicles, nor that City Bill’ concluded; receipt of £20 paid to Sir Francis Goodrick towards his subscription for a book; discussion of sending Philosophical Transactions and three books to Stapylton; reports on the matter of the K[night]s and B[urgesse]s of ‘a meeting at Durham about a weeke since & that they were getting subscriptions to carry on the worke – several persons being imployed & have severall Counties or places assigned then to gather contributions in’.
1f.

5A, 57  18 December 1669
Letter from John Place in Yorkshire to Miles Stapylton Esq. at the Castle of Durham.
Further discussion of business involving Lady [Gerard] including the ferry of Barmby.
Postscript: discussion of ‘the route allowing full interest for the 200l’.
1f.
5A, 58  28 December 1669
Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton.
Discussion of estate business including Ms Fenwick’s awarded rents and the renewal of her leases upon the forfeiture made of them for non-payment of rent, confirming and sealing of leases, Mr Henry Blakiston’s two oxgangs at Sedgefield, Mr Gibson slow in serving a decree upon the Norton tenants, account of Mr Dodsworth’s land at Dunforth due from Mr Lockwood, articles relating to Mr Holden’s Epistle, Bromley’s lease at Sherbourne, Mr Place’s deputation for the preserving of the game in Howdeshire, account from Mr Davison of Mr Flemming’s abusing Mr Wharton; John Langstaffe ‘to set pales cross from the old porter’s lodge to the old chapel buttresses, or within 2 or 3 yards of it leading to the Ally under the hither end of the Gallery’; petition received from Margaret Rippon; Sir William Turner and his men looking out their accounts for the £70 paid to Mr Mickleton; instructions to call on Sir Gilbert [Gerard] to assist with the visit from the Lord Commissioner of Scotland to Durham.
1f.

5A, 59  4 January 1669/70
Letter from John Place in Yorkshire to Miles Stapylton Esq. at Durham Castle, Durham.
Further discussion of business involving Lady [Gerard] including the propositions concerning the lease of the fishings, a lease in reversion of the whole manor of Howden, and a promise about Brafferton.
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5A, 60  8 February 1669/70
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton.
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5A, 61  8 February 1669/70
Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton.
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5A, 62  10 February 1669/70
Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton.
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5A, 63  19 February 1669/70
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5A, 64  19 February 1669/70
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5A, 66  13 March 1669/70
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1f.

5B, 141  7 October 1671
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5B, 142  16 October 1671
Letter from John Place to Miles Stapylton.
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5B, 143  14 October 1671
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5B, 144  21 October 1671
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5B, 156  16 January 1671/2
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5B, 158  18 January 1671/2
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Letter from John Place to Miles Stapylton.
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5B, 165  13 February 1671/2
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5B, 166  9 February 1671/2
Letter from John Place to Miles Stapylton.
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5B, 167  2 April 1672
Letter from George Kirby to Miles Stapylton.
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5B, 168  20 March 1672
Letter from John Place to Miles Stapylton.
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5B, 169  29 March 1673
Letter from John Place to Miles Stapylton.
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5B, 170  26 February 1676
Letter from John Place to Miles Stapylton.
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Cosin Letter-book 6

6, i  18 February 1927
Note from Herbert Wood, Alnmouth as executor of J. Crawford Hodgson, that he has
found some letters of Bishop Cosin which he offers to the College [Peterhouse].
1f.

6, ii  22 February 1927
Note from Herbert Wood, Alnmouth as executor of J. Crawford Hodgson, enclosing
some letters of Bishop Cosin for Peterhouse.
1f.

6, iii  27 February 1927
Note from Herbert Wood, Alnmouth to the staff member at Peterhouse, about bookplates
and about his predecessor William Hodgson.
1f.

6, iv  3 March 1927
Note from Herbert Wood, Alnmouth to the staff member at Peterhouse, thanking him
for the copy of New conceptions in science with Rudyard Kipling's bookplate.
1f.

6, 1  13 February 1667/8
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 173-5

6, 2  12 March 1667/8
Letter from John Cosin to Mr Stapylton & Mr Neile (opening paragraph only, rest to
Stapylton).
Printed: Hodgson 177-9

6, 3  4 May 1668
Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 179-82

6, 4  19 September 1668
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 182-6

6, 5  8 December 1668
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 186-9

6, 6  17 December 1668
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 189-95
6, 6A 17 December 1668
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
Enclosed in 6, 6.
1f.
Printed: Hodgson 195-6

6, 7 16 February 1668/9
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 196-200

6, 8 2 March 1668/9
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 200-4

6, 9 11 November 1669
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
1f.
Printed: Hodgson 208-9

6, 10 5 July 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 209-12

6, 11 22 October 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 212-15

6, 12 1 November 1670
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 215-17

6, 13 2 February 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 218-20

6, 14 18 March 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 220-3

6, 15 23 March 1670/1
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 223-5

6, 16 10 June 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 225-9
6, 17  13 June 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
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Printed: Hodgson 229-31

6, 18  15 June 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
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Printed: Hodgson 231-3

6, 19  20 June 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 234-7

6, 20  29 June 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
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Printed: Hodgson 237-8

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6, 22  19 October 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 241-5

6, 23  2 November 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 245-8

6, 24  2 November 1671
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
1f.
Printed: Hodgson 248-51

6, 25  2 January 1672
Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.
Printed: Hodgson 251-3