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Preface

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, 5 and 6 added by Alice Keith, Lily Chadwick and Bridget Cox from June 2020 to April 2021.

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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.

CLB.1A, 0 [1720s]

Table of contents for Cosin Letterbook 1, compiled by Christopher Hunter.

2ff.

CLB.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 kindnesses over the years; with short poem of 24 lines.

Language: Latin

2ff.

CLB.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

1f.

CLB.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.

2ff.

CLB.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.

2ff.

CLB.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.

1f.

Location: Misbound with leaf from 1a/4

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1A, 12 11 October 1617

Letter from the Justices of the Peace (subscribed Hen. Anderson, William Belasis, Jo. Saliday, Ra. Conyers) to Richard [Neile], Bishop Elect of Durham.

Requesting his advice and assistance for Sir Timothy Whittingham, Sir Charles Wrenn, Sir Thomas Riddell and Ralph Fetherstonhalgh 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.

2ff.

CLB.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 emendation
- 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.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby i, 80-83

CLB.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.

2ff.

CLB.1A, 15 17 June 1626

Letter from Robert Claphamson to John Cosin, Archdeacon of the East Riding, and chaplain to the Bishop of Durham at Durham House, London.

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 Improvements and the owners live in the south; and how owners of Improvements, 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.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby i, 93-94

CLB.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.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

1f.

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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Commynes in return; and sending a K. Edward half crown as a token of his friendship.

2ff.

Printed: Darnell, 6-7

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1A, 25 5 December 1636

Letter from Nathaniel Ward to Isaac Basire.

Concerning changes to the Litany.

Language: Latin

2ff.

CLB.1A, 26 1636

"A particular note of parsonages and vicarages as they were taxed towards £2000 to the ship to be sett out Anno 1636."

Endorsed - Tax for building the Royall Sovereigne 1636.

A detailed account of the tax levied from each parsonage or vicarage arranged according to Ward.

2ff.

CLB.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 Prebendaries for ending the Fast; with postscript acknowledging receipt of £9.

2ff.

CLB.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).

CLB.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.

CLB.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)

CLB.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.

CLB.1A, 32 28 July 1640

Letter from Thomas Bury to Isaac Basire.

Complaining about the outcome of a law suit.

Language: Latin

2ff.

CLB.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

CLB.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)

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.1A, 37 26 July 1642

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.

2ff.

Printed: Darnell 43

CLB.1A, 38 13 January 1646/7

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

1f.

CLB.1A, 39 23 June 1646

Letter from Edward Sackville, 4th Earl of Dorset, Lord Chamberlain, to Isaac Basire.

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.

1f.

CLB.1A, 40 8 August 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

1f.

CLB.1A, 41 5/15 July 1647

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.

2ff.

Printed: Darnell 63

CLB.1A, 42 1 February 1645/6

Letter from H[] M[] from St. Germain 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. Germain) [L.K.: Lady Kynalmeaky? see Ornsby].

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby i, 230

CLB.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.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby i, 231

CLB.1A, 44 30 July 1647

Letter from Francis Dodington at St. Germain's 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)

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.1A, 48 11 August 1647

Letter from Francis Dodington at St. Germain's 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.

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.1A, 53 13 February 1648

Letter from Richard Steward at St. Germain to Isaac Basire in Paris.

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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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 Protestation 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.

CLB.1A, 57 4 October 1653

Letter from Ant[oine] Leger at Geneva to Isaac Basire at Constantinople.

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.

CLB.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. Turretin.

Language: French

2ff.

CLB.1A, 59 n.d.

English translations by Isaac Basire of 2 letters from Anthony Leger of Geneva, (CLB.1A 57 and 58).

2ff.

CLB.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.

CLB.1A, 61 n.d.

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

2ff.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.1A, 82 1649

Accounts of income and expenditure for Sherburn Hospital for 1649 with notes on economies and out of pocket expenses by John Fenwick, Master.

2ff.

CLB.1A, 83 19 December 1661

Letter from Isaac Basire to Bishop Cosin.

Commenting on propositions discussed in Convocation at York.

2ff.

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.1A, 90A n.d.

Report of a Council held by the King of Hungary entitled: *Postulata a R. Ma. Hug. a quibusdam secreti consensus Magnatibus. Proposita et responsa*.

Four questions and answers on political and religious issues including the struggle against the Turks.

1f.

Ownership history: Found in Cosin Letter Book 5.

CLB.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

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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 impropriations" "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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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: Ornsby ii, 101-2

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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: Ornsby ii, 106 (extract)

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 106 29 September 1663

Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Cosin.

Advising him to spend the winter in London for the sake of his health.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 109 7/17 April 1663

Letter from P[eter] Moll[en] 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)

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 111 15 July 1664

Letter from John Cosin to Isaac Basire.

Requesting names of persons in Stanhope or Eggescliffe 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

CLB.1B, 112 23 May 1664

Letter from Richard Sterne, Archbishop-elect of York, to Bishop Cosin.

Inviting him to the confirmation in Henry VII's Chapel and dinner at Goldsmiths' Hall the following day.

2ff.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 115 28 June 1664

[Copy] Letter from Richard Sterne, Archbishop of York.

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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 121 16 January 1665

Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Cosin.

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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 123 2 December 1664

[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.

2ff.

CLB.1B, 124 9 May 1665

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.

2ff.

CLB.1B, 125 15 June 1665

Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Cosin.

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

2ff.

CLB.1B, 126 18 July 1665

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.

2ff.

CLB.1B, 127 18 April 1665

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

2ff.

CLB.1B, 128 5 August 1665

Letter from Richard Sterne, Archbishop of York, to Bishop Cosin.

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.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 130

CLB.1B, 129 9 September 1665

Letter from Richard Sterne, Archbishop of York, to Bishop Cosin.

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

CLB.1B, 130 18 September 1665

Letter from Richard Sterne, Archbishop of York, to Bishop Cosin.

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

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 135 13 September 1665

Letter from Isaac Basire to Peter Mollen, Councillor to the Elector of Brandenburg 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)

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 138 29 January 1665/6

Letter from Richard Sterne, Archbishop of York, to Bishop Cosin.

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.

CLB.1B, 139 5 February 1665/6

Letter from Richard Sterne, Archbishop of York, to Bishop Cosin.

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.

CLB.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.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 143 (extract)

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 142 19 March 1666

Letter from Richard Sterne, Archbishop of York, to Bishop Cosin.

Conveying instructions from the Archbishop of Canterbury that they should attend the beginning of the next session of Parliament.

1f.

CLB.1B, 143 31 March 1666

Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Cosin.

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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 146 1 March 1666 or 1667

Letter from J[ean] M[aximillian] De L'Angle in R[ouen] 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 151 30 June 1666

Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Cosin.

Saying that he will not intervene further in the dispute between Cosin and the Earl of Pembroke concerning Durham House.

2ff.

CLB.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

CLB.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

CLB.1B, 154 22 August 1666

Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Cosin.

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.

CLB.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

CLB.1B, 156 1 September 1666

Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Cosin.

Regretting that Cosin is prevented by ill-health from attending Parliament and reminding him to send a proxy.

2ff.

CLB.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

CLB.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

CLB.1B, 159 24 January 1666/7

Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Cosin.

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.

CLB.1B, 160 2 February 1666/7

Letter from Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury, to Bishop Cosin.

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.

CLB.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

CLB.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

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 180 12 June 1669

Letter from Richard Sterne, Archbishop of York, to Bishop Cosin.

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.

CLB.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

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 189 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.1B, 192 undated [17th century]

Piece of paper found loose in volume

1f.

Cosin Letter-book 2

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 0 [1720s]

Table of contents of Cosin Letterbook 2 compiled by Christopher Hunter.

2f.

CLB.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 intitlle them to all the present profits and allso in case of opposition to inablle 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

CLB.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

CLB.2, 3 n.d. [July 1660?]

A note of the tythes and p[ro]fitts of Elwicke.

1f.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 5

CLB.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

CLB.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

CLB.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

CLB.2, 6A 11 October 1660

Letter from Christopher Mickleton to Dr Cosin.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 9 29 January 1661

Letter from Christopher Mickelton 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.

CLB.2, 10 15 February 1661

Letter from Christopher Mickelton 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.

CLB.2, 11 22 February 1661

Letter from Christopher Mickelton 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.

CLB.2, 12 23 February 1661

Letter from Commissioners to Treat with Purchasers of Bishops' Lands. C. Harbord, Denzel Holles, Richard Newman, Valentia Portland to Dr Cosin. Requesting Cosin to respond to a petition received by the Star Chamber from Thomas Lascells of North Allerton 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: Ornsby ii, 18

CLB.2, 13 n.d. [March/April 1661]

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.
1f.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 19-20

CLB.2, 14 8 April 1661

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.
2ff.

CLB.2, 15 10 April 1661

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.
2ff.

CLB.2, 16 19 April 1661

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.
2ff.

CLB.2, 17 21 May 1661

Letter from Christopher Mickelton 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.
3ff.

CLB.2, 18 21 May 1661

Letter from Christopher Mickleton to Dr Cosin. Informing Cosin that Sir Gilbert Gerrard appointed Mickleton 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.

CLB.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

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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 Saddle'. 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.

CLB.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

CLB.2, 27 23 January 1661/2

Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton (at Mr Farrer'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.

CLB.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 Eglington to accommodate Mr Burton; Captain Butteie asking for a poor cottage at Shadforth for Anthony Huntley; Johnson for Washington rectory on Dr Triplett's resignation.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby, footnote ii, 87

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 90 (partial extract)

CLB.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.

CLB.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 similiary 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Triplett'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.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 312-13 (extract)

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 46 11 [March 1662]

Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton at Mr Saunder's house in Colemans Street, LondOn.

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.

CLB.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 'implying 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.

CLB.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 'waspysh' letters to Bishop Cosin; Stapylton's letters will be left for him in York. 2ff.

CLB.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, imposts 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 56 n.d. [1662]

Letter from D[urant] H[otham] to Mr Jenkins at York.

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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 58 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 Staith 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.

2ff.

CLB.2, 59 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.

1f.

CLB.2, 60 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.

1f.

CLB.2, 61 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 Howdenshire, 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'.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 65 17 April 1661/2

Letter from Richard Neile, [London] to Miles Stapylton at the Half Moon, Howden.

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.

CLB.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 Kirlaw, 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.

CLB.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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CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 71 13 May [1662]

Letter from Richard Neile, [London] to Miles Stapylton at Mr John Farrer's house, Durham. A list of responses 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Caucasus 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) Pharoah'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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Lowthbury, 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 86 26 July 1662

Letter from John Farrer at Darlington to Miles Stapylton at Mr Hinds 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.

CLB.2, 87 29 July 1662

Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at Mr John 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 91 7 August 1662

Bill of Miles Stapylton for legal paperwork, receipt signed by Thomas Sclater.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

CLB.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 Mitchill'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.

CLB.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 sintructions for its packaging.

2ff.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 104 6 November 1662

Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton (incorrectly noted by Hunter as from 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.

CLB.2, 105 11 November 1662

Bill of Sergeant Turner for his standing fee of 20s as counsel to the bishop of Durham.
1f.

CLB.2, 106 9 November 1662

Letter from John Farrer to Miles Stapylton.
1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.[2, 110 20 November 1662

Letter from George Davenport to Miles Stapylton.]

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CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

Uupdate 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.

CLB.2, 114A 4 December 1662

Receipt for 20s from the bishop of Durham at Martinmas to John Mann.

1 piece.

CLB.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.

CLB.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, inclduign 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Spaikman's tax allowance for the queen's dower; waiting for an account of Midford's outlawry; desires the acquaintance of Stapylton's lady.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 100-101

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 127 1 January 1662/3

Receipt for £10 for the Lord High Chancellor of England as steward of the manors of North Allerton and Allertonshire. Signed by John ?Clutterbuck esq (Clotterbook).

2ff.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 132 18 January 1662/3

Letter from Edward Arden at Durham to Miles Stapylton.

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.

CLB.2, 133 20 January 1662/3

Letter from Gabriel Jackson at Durham to Miles Stapylton.

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 Stapylton and requests that they are not further troubled until Mr Arden comes up, Mr Jackson cannot travel due to his age and infirmity.

1f.

CLB.2, 134 20 January 1662/3

Letter from Edward Arden at Durham to Miles Stapylton 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 137 29 January 1662/3

Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Stapylton at Mr Saunders' 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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; acquittances 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.

CLB.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 G[ilbert] G[erard] 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.

CLB.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 Shircrope, 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 143 3 February 1662/3

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.

1f.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 102-3

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 145 20 February 1662/3

Letter from Thomas Young at Howden to Miles Staplyton 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.

CLB.2, 146 24 February 1662/3

Letter from Edward Arden at Auckland to Miles Staplyton 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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 inquisition 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 157 [1663]

Heighington Leases - queries to be resolved. Written in Cosin's own hand, according to Hunter.

2ff.

CLB.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 Staplyton delivers the enclosed.

Arden – adds details of their journey from hence and invites Staplyton 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 Staplyton 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.

CLB.2, 159 14 April 1663

Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Staplyton at Mr Scudamor's house in Pall Mall near Charing Cross, London.

They are at Stamford, tonight Bugden and tomorrow Hatfield; requests that Staplyton 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.

CLB.2, 160 1664

Petition from the inhabitants of Branxton to Bishop Cosin to have Mr Felbridge as their vicar. Signatures: James Carr, Robert Lass, George Nesbett, George Proter, Thomas Slater, Peter Mill, Oswald Bradge, Percival Robison church warden, Archealus Mill, Michael Mill, Robert Richison, George Sanderson, Adam Nicholson, John Dickson, John Mill, Robert Bouten, Richard Good, Raph Mill, Richard Watson, Thomas Barret.

1 piece.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 162 May 1663

Conditions for Mr Thomas Mascall's bond.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 boothers; jointure of the late Lady Vaux.

2ff.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.2, 168 [1720s]

Panel from the Waghorn binding from Cosin Letterbook 2.

1 piece.

Cosin Letter-book 3

CLB.3, 0 [1720s]

Table of contents for Cosin Letterbook 3, compiled by Christopher Hunter.
2ff.

CLB.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.

CLB.3, 1A [1660s]

Renewal of Ellis Cooper's lease.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.3, 3 27 July 1664

Anthony Pearson on Thomas Lascell's receipts for Allerton.

1f.

CLB.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).

CLB.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.

CLB.3, 6 19 October 1664

Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton, listing bonds received of Edward Arden at Catterick.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.3, 9 October 1664

Legal notes concerning dispute over living of Birkby, N. Yorks. and whether it may be held in plurality.

1f.

CLB.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] Driffeld, 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.3, 18 3 December 1664

Letter from Richard Neile to Miles Stapylton.
2ff.

CLB.3, 19 3 December 1664

Letter from Thomas Young to Miles Stapylton.
1f.

CLB.3, 20 1664

A valuation of Wheelehall.
1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Solicitor.
1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.3, 43 19 March 1664/5

Letter from Richard Neile, Durham Castle, to Miles Staplyton at the Black Lion 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 countrey and my Lord" on this account, warning Staplyton 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.3, 44A 27 February []

Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapleton. Not listed by Hunter, found between 3, 44 and 3, 45.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.3, 51B 13 August 1665

Letter from John Tempest to Miles Stapylton.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.3, 53 30 December 1665

Letter from William Blakiston to Miles Stapylton concerning the mills, and their dispute with his cousin Gerrard.

2ff.

CLB.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.

CLB.3, 55 [undated]

A list of leases and patents confirmed by the Dean and Chapter.

CLB.3, 56 n.d.

Durham Dean and Chapter

Acta: Extracts from Act Books relating to leases and decisions, 1624-1626.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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".

1f.

CLB.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".

2ff.

CLB.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".

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.3, 65 28 March 1666

Letter from Dean and Chapter to Bishop Cosin (Stronger draft version of CLB3, 64).

1f.

CLB.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 handwritting less crabbed.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 81-3

CLB.3, 67 [undated]

Verses and prayers for morning and evening prayer inscribed for the plague - the first Wednesday of every month.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.3, 72 [1720s]

Panel from the Waghorn binding from Cosin Letterbook 3.

1 piece.

Cosin Letter-book 4

CLB.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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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 Oxfangs 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)

CLB.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 from 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)

CLB.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 Lauderdale (his Majesty's Great Commissioner in Scotland) to London, passing through Durham. 3ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 215-16 (extract)

CLB.4A, 6 18 December 1669

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

CLB.4A, 7 21 December 1669

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Staplyton 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[urgesse]s including Cosin's praise for Staplyton's expression against the contributions encouraged by Mr Carr and the other men; comment on Ms 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 Staplyton by Sir Gilbert Gerard and signed by Richard Flower and John Sumner. 2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 217 (extract)

CLB.4A, 8 23 December 1669

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Staplyton 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 Staplyton 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.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 217-18 (extract)

CLB.4A, 9 25 December 1669

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Staplyton at his house or at the Bishop's Castle, Durham. Supports Staplyton having written to invite the Commissioner to Durham Castle; reiterates his belief that Staplyton 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; Staplyton and Mr Mascall let Douthwaite do what he likes; discussion of Mr Turner's bond; continued trouble of Mrs Fenwick's leases. 2ff.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 218 (extract)

CLB.4A, 10 30 December 1669

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Staplyton 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 Staplyton inform Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Deane and Mr Davenport. Letter would appear to have been cut down from original size. 1f.

1f.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 223

CLB.4A, 11 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)

CLB.4A, 12 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 Tractatum* for his library.

1f.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 224-5 (extract)

CLB.4A, 13 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.

CLB.4A, 14 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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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 Tractatum*; 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)

CLB.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]; asks for reports on the impact of the weather on the lead cover of the library; payment of Robinson and Shaw for Evenwood Colliery.

Postscript: concern at the lack of information on Sir Gilbert [Gerard] or Mr Wright's payment.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 228-9

CLB.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)

CLB.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 Tractatum*; 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).

CLB.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 Stapylton and Mr Kirby for their interference in Mr Place's lease.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 229-30 (extract)

CLB.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.

CLB.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: Ornsby ii, 230 (extract)

CLB.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)

CLB.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.

CLB.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[lakiston] to leave space in the Alphabetical Catalogue as he has left no room in the appendices.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 231 (extract)

CLB.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.

CLB.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 proviso 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 a 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)

CLB.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.

CLB.4A, 31 26 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 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. B[lakiston] 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: Ornsby ii, 232 (extract)

CLB.4A, 32 1 March 1669/70

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.

CLB.4A, 33 5 March 1669/70

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.

Postscript: financial business involving Sir William Turner.

2ff.

CLB.4A, 34 10 March 1669/70

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.

CLB.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.

CLB.4A, 36 15 March 1669/70

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop's Castle, Durham. Matter of recovering Cosin's money from Mr [William] London firmly handed over to Stapylton; 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.

CLB.4A, 37 19 March 1669/70

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton 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 Tractatum*, 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)

CLB.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.

CLB.4A, 39 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.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 233-4 (extract)

CLB.4A, 40 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.

2ff.

CLB.4A, 41 31 March 1670

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton 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.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 234-5

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Sedgfield.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 235 (extract)

CLB.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)

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 fotheres 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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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 arrear 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)

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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 Pitlington.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 242 (extract)

CLB.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.

CLB.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)

CLB.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: Ornsby ii, 242-3 (extract)

CLB.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: Ornsby ii, 243 (extract)

CLB.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 Brafferton.

1f.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 243 (extract)

CLB.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.

CLB.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; Staplyton'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)

CLB.4A, 65 7 June 1670

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Staplyton.

Mr Neile'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 Staplyton to search Bishop Neile's boxes and trunks and Mr Wright's memoirs for information concerning this pension.

1f.

CLB.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. 1f, left edge damaged with some text lost

CLB.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.

CLB.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)

CLB.4A, 69 21 June 1670

Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton 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)

CLB.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.

CLB.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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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.

CLB.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)

CLB.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 Pitlington, 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)

CLB.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)

CLB.4A, 79 7 August 1670

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Staplyton 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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; Staplyton 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 Biblothecae", 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: Ornsby ii, 249 (extract)

CLB.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 Staplyton 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.

CLB.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 'Ba[nk]' 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)

CLB.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 suing 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)

CLB.4A, 86 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 l[ett]er' 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)

CLB.4A, 87 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 m[atter]; 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)

CLB.4A, 88 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.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 252 (extract)

CLB.4B, 89 11 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 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 Staplyton'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 Staplyton 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.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 252-3 (extract)

CLB.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 fothers 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

CLB.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 Erzen 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 (*Sureteys*) 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)

CLB.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 Howdenshire 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 Howdenshire; 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)

CLB.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 attornies 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 fothers 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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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)

CLB.4B, 96 4 October 1670

Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton 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, Howdenshire 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)

CLB.4B, 97 8 October 1670

Letter from John Cosin in London to Miles Stapylton 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)

CLB.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: Ornsby ii, 256-7

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Sedgely, 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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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.

CLB.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: Ornsby ii, 258 (extract)

CLB.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: Ornsby ii, 258-9 (extract)

CLB.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.

CLB.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)

CLB.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 Grenville, 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.

CLB.4B, 109 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.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 259 (extract)

CLB.4B, 110 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 Tempest'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 arrearred 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.

CLB.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 Stapylton'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 concluded matters with Mr Davison and Sir Thomas Tempest; unhappy that 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 Grenville'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)

CLB.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 times 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)

CLB.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 Grenville 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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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 garet'; received Davenport's letter.

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

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 261-2 (extract)

CLB.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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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)

CLB.4B, 119 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.

1f.

CLB.4B, 120 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 Rebels 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'

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 263 (extract)

CLB.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 'Classicall 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)

CLB.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 'usurpeth 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: Ornsby ii, 265-6

CLB.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, Fowlers 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, Stapylton 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: Ornsby ii, 266-7 (extract)

CLB.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.

CLB.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

CLB.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 [Gerard], Mr Stapylton, 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)

CLB.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.

CLB.4B, 128 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.

CLB.4B, 129 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 [Gerard], 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)

CLB.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 cavill, 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.

CLB.4B, 131 9 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 4th; the abatement of Chilton lands; the collection of Cosin's royalties, 'the thorne sticking in my own heels'; comparing mortgages in the North and South and Sir Ralph Cole's honesty; the payment of Mr Farrer's £52; a 'jeering letter' from Mr R.B. [Robert Blakiston] to Cosin's daughter, concerning Sir Gilbert's charges against him in Chancery, and R.B.'s boasts of 'kindnesses' to Cosin's daughter Burton and her relations; concerning Dr Grenville's departure to spend more money in France, and his debts, reassigning the Welford mortgage, Mr Newhouse, and a trial in King's Bench.

Postscript: sending by post the lease of the half cavill in Chester as he did the lease for the whole cavill in the last post; no news of Mr Dodsworth coming to London this term.

Outside: 'answered February the 14th, 1670'.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 268-9 (extract)

CLB.4B, 132 11 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 5th and the lease for Mr Cuthbert Carr which he returns sealed by post, notes the absence of fees or the donation of a book for the library; Cosin will write no more concerning Mr Dutton, the Stockton tenants, Bradbourne trees, and Darlington House; instructions for Hugh Hutchinson for the placement of arms upon a square piece of crimson leather upon the back of every book, descriptions of book bindings in the library, and advice for the organization of the work; 'You give mee so much trouble about every thing that I write, that you discourage mee from writing any more...'

Postscript: Mr Eden's report on the negligent state of the courts and alleys at Auckland, Mary Wright's servant, and Moghun and Johnson; disagreement with Mr Eden, his father, and Mr Bryan Burleston over arrear rents [for Bedbourne?], denying Mr Eden's father trees from Bedbourne for building an 'out house' on copyhold land and the lease of the mines and quarries until rents are settled.

Outside: two circular stamps, 'My Lord February the 11th. 1670', 'answered February the 17th. 1670'.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 269 (extract)

CLB.4B, 133 18 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 letters of 11th and 14th, Mr Flower must reply to the first as Cosin was indisposed by a cold; the abatement of Chilton lands, Mr Hall's role, and concerning George Douthwait, Mr Blakiston of Pitlington, Mr Davenport, Mr Place, and Mr Stapylton; the royalty collection and if Mr Kirby and Young Mr Hilton are 'fitter and honester persons' than Mr Mascall; Sir Ralph Cole's mortgage and security for money in trust for the benefit of Cosin's grandchildren; Mr Newhouse, condemnation of the archdeacon's [Dr Grenville?] journey to France, the reassignment of Welford's mortgage at the 'Tale?', King's Bench and money, Mr Brigg's advice, and the living at Easington; Mr Eden, Mr Kirby, and the arrears books from 1663 'till this last yeare'; discovered rents in the arrears book from Mr Farrer for the 'Fryth' at Heighington; John Wren in arrears for his lease of the Kelps.

Postscript: 'It was well that the halfe Caville Lease came not to your hands before the old woman dyed'; Sir Francis Goodrick, Mr Arden, and their fear that Mr Neile intends to delay proceedings; Mr Arden's and Mr John Blakiston's friend Mr London ran away to Osborne, Cosin's hope and he left word regarding sureties for money owed Cosin, Cosin's cousin John Blakiston responsible for giving money to Mr London and Mr Shadforth in first place; update from Mr Brigg regarding the Court of King's Bench and the trial.

Outside: one circular stamp, 'answered February the 24th. 1670'.

2ff.

CLB.4B, 134 21 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 14th; Stapylton not to mention a book for the library when he delivers Mr Carre's lease for Thickley Quarrys; Cosin complains that the Library Keeper should have remembered the two books with arms upon them even if Hugh Hutchinson forgot; gravelling the walks in Auckland Court with gravel from the 'Were's side', seeking advice from Mr Swinbourne from Sunderland bridge, concerning Robin Mohun's groundskeeping responsibilities as agreed by Mr Stapylton and John Langstaffe; the matter of Mr Eden's rents, granting Mr Eden 'in the name of God' the lease of the mines and quarries in copylands once arrears are paid; the three leases Stapylton sent to be sealed for Mr Place and Sir Gilbert [Gerard]'s and Cosin's daughter's troubles with deceptions and concealments in two of them; concerning the Brompton waste lease; Sir Gilbert's question regarding the word 'demise' in all Cosin's leases; news from parliament including a subsidiary bill for the king's supply of £800,000 and concerns over popery 'which appears with too open a face over most parts of the Kingdom'.

Outside: 2 circular stamps, 'answered February the 25th. 1670'

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 269-70 (extract)

CLB.4B, 135 23 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.

Business with Mr Henry Barnes including the disagreement over Stockton demesne lease, Stockton tenants, Mr Stapylton, and the patent of the bailiwick and involving the archbishop of Canterbury.

Postscript: enclosed reply concerning Mr Rushworth ('my Ld Keeper's Secretary'), the coal-owners of Lumley and the River Wear, and Mr Henry Lamston; seeking clarification about John Wren's lease of the wastes, Stapylton's cousin Mr Weston; Cosin's daughter Lady Gerard and pots of baked salmon and 'double Kitts' of 'calvert' salmon pickled to be given to some lords who want more having liked them so much last year; instructions for sending Cosin's letter to Mr Lambton; Cosin's reply to Mr Barnes.

Outside: 2 circular stamps, 'February the 28th, 1670'

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 270 (extract)

CLB.4B, 136 25 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. 25 Concerning Mr Stapylton's letter to Mr Flowers, Cosin sending a lease for the 'half Cavill of Chester' and the letter of attorney, requesting Stapylton's declaration of trust; Mr Chancellor Goodrick inquiring about witnesses for his decree about 'Mr Neils wild Account'; discussion of the commissioners for the 'stock of the poore in Durham', Sir Ralph Cole, Mr Thirkeld, and the ill health of Mr Kirby and Mr Badley; seeks progress update on the Classical Catalogue 'whereof in your Office of Library Keepership you will have most use' and of John Langstaff's progress on the 'Additionall Rooms' and the 'Kitchen side Court' at Brafferton.

Postscript: the appropriate fine for the sale of a lease.

Outside: 'answered March the 3d, 1670'.

1f.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 270 (extract)

CLB.4B, 137 28 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 24th; issues concerning the sale of Chilton and 'Mr Hall hath proved himself to bee a K[nave]. & Mr R.B. [Robert Blakiston] little better'; the possession of Chilton farms; discussion of the letting and dispensing of Cosin's royalties, Mr Mascall, Mr Kirby, young Mr Hilton, and Sir Gilbert Gerard; the value and validity of Sir Ralph Cole's mortgage, lawyers of Gray's Inn; an issue concerning Mr Newhouse, D. Davyes, the archdeacon and trustees for his wife and the Welford mortgage, the misfortune of falling into Mr Newhouse's hands as attested by Stapylton's cousin Lady Malery, and Sir Thomas Stringer, Mr Clarke, and King's Bench; the rent for Mr Eden's slain uncle's land; Sir Francis Goodwick will give Mr Neile no more time [to pay]; the dean of Carlisle is content to receive his 'Quarter Parke Lease' and Alice Coulson's lease, questioning whether Baxton Bank is part of the '4 Quarters' in Wolsingham Park; Mr Hutchinson's renewal of the Brompton lease concerning Sir Gilbert and Mr Calvert of Boroughbridge.

Postscript: Mr Dodsworth's rent; reminding the dean of Carlisle of renewals and fees paid by Alice Coulson; the worth of Hutchinson's farm at Brompton; Mr Flowers, Sir Francis Goodrick, and the case against Mr Neile, Stapylton to subpoena Neile and the examination of witnesses for the April 10 sitting; Mr Stapylton's [writ] elegit against Mr Grenville; Cosin's addition of a saving to the bill in the House of Lords for Mr Henry Lambton's colliery on the River Wear, Mr Rushworth's advice to do as Mr Blackett and the Newcastle men do, and the taxation of coal mines.

From W.F.: 'My Lady' desires the return of Mr Cosin's £25 by Mr Major of Durham; received Mr Kirby's letter and bill.

Outside: 'answered February (cancelled) March the 4th, 1670', note concerning coal owners and houses of parliament.

2ff.

CLB.4B, 138 2 March 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 February 25th; Mr Carr and Auckland walks; business concerning Mr Place's unfit lease, the fishings Cosin gave his daughter, the receiver of Allertonshire and nonpayment of Moysier's lease, Cosin's daughter and the leases of waste at Brompton and the concealments and Mr Place; discussion with Sir Gilbert [Gerard]'s lawyers and Mr Stapylton about the word demise, 'for this threat to sue me in my Life time frights mee as all Lawyer Accounts and Bills doe', payments to Mr Dutton for the matter against Mr London and to Mr Brigg for the matter of the archdeacon, the Chancery bill against Mr Hall, Mr Blakiston, and Mr Morland and concerning Sir Gilbert and the bailiff, Mr Hall and Ellison's Farm; Cosin's annoyance over a matter concerning John Abbey, Stapylton, Dunsforth, Mr Lockwood, and Stapylton's brother Sir Harry, 'here at allmost 200 miles where I had rather attend my Booke & my prayers, then be put to study & say my mind as you would have mee in such matters as these are'; Mr Dodsworth not as honest a man as they thought, Tomlinson of York's encouragement and the issue of finding tenants; Cosin's opinion on Mr Davenport and Stapylton's request he write a letter of support to the Master of St Peter's College [Peterhouse] for a sizar.

Postscript: informing Mr Davenport concerning Mr Chancellor Burrell and the inhibition of the archdeacon; Cosin seeks £100 or £200 'for the Leasing of my Family'; sending Dean Carlton's lease of Baxton's Bank; great agitations in parliament about the 'Roman Recusants', inquiry into Mr Morland's conviction of 400 recusants, and the excepting of recusants from Cosin's royalties.

Outside: 'answered March the 7th, 1670'.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 270 (extract)

CLB.4B, 139 4 March 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 February 28, 'the folly and falsehood of John Wren' concerning his lease of the Sunderland wastes, the wastes betwixt the Tyne and Tees rivers, the validity of leasing the wastes to Sir Gilbert [Gerard] and Stapylton; Mr Barnes's 'insolent' letter, his lease, and the tenants; Widow Brass's lease and the return of postage fees, Cosin's preference for Widow Leemings lease at Cornforth or Mr Emerson's lease at Weardale 'for these would have afforded me better fines than any I have had of late'.

Postscript: further discussion over allowances for gathering royalties, the services of Mr Mascall, Mr Kirby, Mr Hilton, Sir Gilbert, Mr Stapylton, and Mr Wright the protonotary, and the fines of Quakers and Catholic recusants; a message for the old Stockton tenants concerning Mr Barnes's lease; clarifying particulars of Widow Brass's lease.

Outside: 'answered March the 10th. 1670'.

2ff.

CLB.4B, 140 7 March 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, the half cavil at Chester, concerning Fletcher, Winshop and a 'good Chapman', and conditions for tenants selling their farms; Sir Ralph Cole and the governors for the Commission for the Charitable Stock at Durham; payment of Mr T[oby] Blakiston for the catalogue, his turning against Cosin, and provision for his daughters; inquires how many 'yards high' the 'Additional Building to the Library' is, Todd and Hull to do the woodwork, specifications to prevent repeating the faults of the 'great rooffe of the Library', John Langstaff's work on Brafferton Court additions and burning more bricks; stopping the Cornforth Mill lease; the passage of 23 bills in Parliament, a potential recess, preparation of bills including one against the spread of popery; Dr Grenvyle does not write to his wife and forbids her to live with Cosin's family, being 'unreasonable & very ungratefull both to her & to mee'.

Postscript: drama over the admittance of Davies to be a doctor before he is a master, and he has now left Oxford with his debts as a 'Doctor Bullati'; potential legal difficulties in prosecuting Archdeacon [Denis Grenville]; further business concerning the collection of royalties; looks for an update on Stockton demesne tenants 'now we are rid of Mr Barnes'; Sir Thomas Lyddell's possible intention to sink a colliery within Cosin's manor of Gateshead and Cosin's opposition; Sir Gilbert to give Cosin £40 and the fees for the lease of the half-cavill in Chester, instructions for Fletcher.

Postscript by W[illiam] F[lower]: enclosed letter to Mr Davenport includes the 'Act of Parliamt about Sr John Coventry' [22 & 23 Charles II, c. 1] (see 4B,120), providing Stapylton with a printed version of the act '& the rest' when available if desired.

Outside: 2 circular stamps, 'answered March the 14th. 1670'

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 271 (extract)

CLB.4B, 141 9 March 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 4th, the dean of Carlisle's quarter, Peet Carrs and Alice Coulson's leases and fees; concerning the collection of royalties and arrears, 'The Popish Recusants excepted'; 'we are severily used' by the two new doctors, D. Davie's response to Mr Newhouse dependt on the unlikely receipt of a letter from France, Stapylton's *elegit* and the [rectory] at Easington, and whether the Archdeacon [Dennis Grenville] is protected by privilege 'when hee is out of the Kingdom and cannot attend the Convocation at York'; inquiry regarding who succeeded into Mr Ralph Eden's land upon his death, 'certainly the Land did not dye with Mr Ralph Eden, nor fly away from the place where it lay'; the subpoena against Mr Neile and Mr Chancellor's comments on the case; Hutchinson's lease; concerning Mr Lambton, 'the rest of the Cole owners upon Were', and Mr Rushworth.

Postscript: Mr Davenport's letter; concerning Mr Dodsworth, John Abbey's letter, and letting land at Dunsforth.

Outside: 2 circular stamps; 'My Lord March the 9th. 1670' 'answered March the 14th. 1670'.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 271 (extract)

CLB.4B, 142 11 March 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 7th, the dean of Carlisle's fines and £10 for the Library; business concerning the Howdenshire fishings and 'my Daughter here', disagreements over Mr Place's leases, finding Cosin's daughter's lease for the fishings; Moyside's lease of the wastes at Brompton; concerning taking a bond from the tenants of the bishop's lease 'to secure me & my Executrs from trouble'; business with the bailiff, Sir Gilbert [Gerard], Mr Morland, the 'injurys & abuses' of Mr Lod. Hall, Mr R[obert] B[lakiston]'s delayed answer; John Abbey's letter and Brafferton, Mr Dodsworth's proposal concerning gathering farming profits and managing the fields, Cosin's wishes for gathering the rents of Brafferton, Dunsforth, and Crayke; consulting Mr Chancellor Burwell 'the chief person that hath the ordering of Seats in Churches' regarding Madam Salvin's letter; Stapylton to consult with 'my Daughter here' about the baked salmon and black cocks, not Cosin. Postscript: enclosed reply to Madam Salvin's letter and a letter to Mr Wrench 'the Surrogate in the Consistory' regarding the 'Excommunication of her Sonnes Tenant', recommending her solicitor to Mr Wrench and Mr Rowell.

Outside: 2 circular stamps; 'answered March the 17th. 1670.'

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 271-2 (extract)

CLB.4B, 143 14 March 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, Wren's lease and Stapylton; increasing Stockton rents in preparation for the next year's assessments; Mr Emerson's lease renewal, Widow Leeming's lease and 'if I live to that time'; the disposing of royalties put in Stapylton's care; inquiry into what processes were and should be followed concerning the 'List of the Convicted Recusants' returned to the bishop of Durham's Exchequer; a matter concerning Alderman Duck, stolen beasts, Captain Widdrington, and Lord Widdrington's involvement in the issue with Mr London; Cosin's daughter and the salmon; informing Mr Davenport and Mr Lockwood that Cosin wrote to Dr Beaumont about the vicar of Myton's son's admission to Peterhouse; the visitation of the diocese and the related Book of Articles.

Postscript: Cosin 'in great pain'; Stapylton does not send a Bill of Exchange for the upkeep of his house and daily expenses; assurance from an 'eminent Lord of the Parliament' that the archdeacon [Dennis Grenville] cannot be allowed his privileges for suits of law concerning debt if he is out of the kingdom, the archdeacon's wife is without news or monetary provision.

Outside: 1 circular stamp; 'answered March the 18th. 1670'

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 272 (extract)

CLB.4B, 144 21 March 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 17th, concerning the disposition of seats in Sedgfield church, comparing present arrangements for Cosin's daughter Grenville to those made for Ms Naylor; Cosin not to be troubled any more with the fishings in Howdenshire, Mr Place's lease; Sir Gilbert [Gerard]'s letter to John Abbey concerning the management of Dunsforth and the articles sealed by Mr Dodsworth; reimbursing Mr Wharton for the £100 given to Cosin now and the £500 to come in April; Cosin 'little beholden' to Daughter Burton for speaking for W[illia]m Luxton, who is 'troublesome & ill naturd', has a 'rugged & drunken carriage', and is 'not fit for any honest Housekepr to entertain him'.

Postscript: inhibitions for two archdeacons and the dean and chapter; Mr Stoke's (who read at Lincoln's Inn) input regarding Sir Thomas Lyddell's claim.

Outside: 2 circular seals; 'My Lord the 21th. March 1670', 'answered March the 25th 1671'

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 273 (extract)

CLB.4B, 145 28 March 1670/1

Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton.

Received Stapylton's letter of the 24th, Dean Carleton's fees for Alice Coulson's lease; the dean's seeming reluctance to give £10 for the library for the purchase of the 'works of Galen and Hippocrates wch are prin[t]ed together solely at Paris', arranging for Mr Scot the bookseller to send it and many other books to Durham; discussion of the conflict between the undertenants of Gateshead manor and Sir Thomas Lyddell over a colliery, a previous suit between Lyddell and 'the Newcastle men', concerning also Sir James Clavering and Mr Stoke; Sir Charles Gerard, Mr Stapylton, and attempts to get a higher fine from Fletcher, 'all wch you might well enough have understood without any further explanation of mine'; Cosin's displeasure with Stapylton's letter to Sir Gilbert [Gerard] regarding Cosin's thoughts on royalties, 'if you take not the better heed what you write to him, you venture to put him upon a difference with mee'; the fee paid to the steward of the borough courts at Stockton, the roll of 1668, and Mr Gibson and perquisites; Cosin's hope that the additional rooms to the library can be finished now the frost and snow are gone and that the catalogue 'bee no longer delayed'.

Postscript: waiting on the king's proclamations against the 'Growth of Popery & banishing of the Romish Priests & Jesuits' in order to publish it over the country; Sir Gilbert, Mr Stapylton, Mr Wright to be called collectors of the royalties.

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Printed: Ornsby ii, 273-4 (extract)

CLB.4B, 146 30 March 1671

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 25th, lease of Howden fishings in Mr T.B.'s name for the use of Cosin's daughter, and Cosin's thoughts on Mr T.B.'s inability to find papers; concerning employing a man at Brafferton, Dunsforth and Crayke; Mr Flower, 'a few small crooked trees', and Mr Wharton's warrant; the shipwreck upon Easington coast, Vice Admiral Mr William Blakiston and officers of the royalty, and 'the Country people that ran away with the Deals [planks]'; Dr Wilson, Mr Davenport, Mr Stapylton visiting the ailing Mr [Samuel] Davison, Stapylton to help Cosin's daughter [Elizabeth] 'in preserving what hee hath in his House for her & her children's use' should Davison die, question about the number of lives in the patent of Frankland, and lamenting how Mr Davison could have assisted in the issue between Sir Thomas Lyddell and the undertenants.

Postscript: Cosin going to parliament being now free from strangury and 'troubled with nothing but the disorder of my water coming from me oftner than I would have it'; instructions for publishing the proclamations if they are sent to Durham rather than Cosin.

Outside: 2 circular stamps, 'answered April the 7th. 1671'

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 274

CLB.4B, 147 1 April 1671

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 March 26th; investigating the forfeitures of recusants paid to the bishop of Durham; confusion over the division of pastures at Newbottle; concerning the Halmote Courts; Mr [Samuel] Davison's health; no more on Sir Thomas Lyddell until Mr Stoke and Mr Stapylton speak together; Cosin's displeasure at Mr Beaumont's frequent absence from the Sedgely curacy, Mr Beaumont and the new doctor at Easington 'deserve to be punished for their presumption and carelessness herein'; the prosecution of the Archdeacon [Denis Grenville] for debts, provision for Cosin's daughter [Anne Grenville] unknown; refers Stapylton to a previous letter concerning the collection of royalties; Mr Neile's accounts and the chancery sitting, Mr Stapylton's and Mr Kirby's accounts; Mr Gabriel Jackson's ill health; concerning the deals of the wrecked ship [at Easington]; instructions if Mr Millbanke threatens Cosin with a trial to see if the bishop of Durham or the manor of Dawden has ownership of the wreck, an enclosed copy of Vice Admiral Mr William Blakiston's letter, Cosin's dislike of his officers clashing and concern over what the 'Country people' have taken without accounting for the profits due to Cosin; concerning Mr Wharton's desire that 2 of the 10 crooked trees granted to him from Bedbourne Park be saplings and Cosin's wish to maintain good relations with Mr Wharton; Cosin's account of travelling 3 miles by coach 'but when I travel I must have a Litter goe along with me to carry me the rough stony & rugged way'; 'The Dutchess of Yorke dyed yesterday at 3 of clock in the afternoone'; Cosin going to parliament at 9 in morning.

Postscript: desires to know the lives or life left in Mr [Samuel] Davison's patents of the Halmote Courts or Franckland; Stapylton to read, close, and deliver Cosin's letter to Mr Blakiston; 'I pray looke that Van Ersill draw all the pictures that I appointed before I come down; only let the Pictures of the Lawyers be put into the new additionall Roome.'

Postscript W.F.: Mr Foorder's business, hurrying Mr TB on the catalogues.

Outside: 2 circular stamps, 'My Lord the 1st. April 1671', 'answered April the 7th. 1671' 2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 274 (extract)

CLB.4B, 148 6 April 1671

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 1st, being in ignorance of the trial Sir James Clavering mentioned and of Mr Eden's rents; further discussion of the undertenants and a suit against Sir Thomas Lyddell regarding the colliery; Fletcher and the half cavill, the mark fee of the steward of the Borough Court; John Langstaff's and James Hull's progress on the Library, the missing £20 Mr Archdeacon [Denis Grenville] promised towards the *Tractatus Tractatum*, 'Strange Doings & Devices are used' and discovering from the 'Dr' of Easington what provisions are made for the archdeacon's wife (Cosin's daughter Elizabeth); on publishing the proclamations; further business concerning Young Mr Wharton, his father, and the demand for two trees; Cosin's plans to purchase [Acomb] manor worth £250 *per annum* in York, Sir Gilbert, Mr Richardson; an issue concerning the admission of Mr Hanby's son as proctor of the Consistory Court and Mr Gabriel Jackson resigning his place to his kinsman Gabriel Swainston before dying; concerning Mr Neile, a commission to examine Mr Arden, and Cosin's hopes that Mr Chancellor Goodrick will not allow a new delay.

Postscript: received a letter from Daughter Grenville, who is commanded by her husband (Archdeacon Denis Grenville) to head 'secretly' to Calice (Calais?) where he has apparently been residing, Grenville has not paid for the house in Threadneedle Street where his wife was staying, Cosin's suspicion that Grenville designs not to pay any debts and waits for 'his bosome friend D.D. (Davies?)' to gather money for him, 'I knot not what to thinke of all these mad doings', the £1000 to be repaid unto Cosin's daughter's trustees and instructions for Stapylton regarding the matter.

Outside: 1 circular stamp, 'answered April the 11th. 1671'.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 275 (extract)

CLB.4B, 149 11 April 1671

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 7th, Stapylton's letter regarding Mr W[illiam] Blakiston, Mr Matthews; further business concerning shipwrecks, involving the duke of York (the Admiral), questioning Mr [William] Blakiston's ownership and previous wreck leases to the mayor of Hartlepool and Mr John Tongue, the vice admiral's patent, discussion concerning the statute of 5 Richard 2 Cap 3, Mr Matthew, the differing views of the Lord Chief Justice and Chancellor Burwell on 'Common Pleas', investigating Ridley's views, Mr Milbancke's title, and Cosin's instructions if Mr [William] Blakiston 'bee so full of stomach that he will through up his Patent'; employing John Abbey to collect the money and rents for 'the 3 places' (Brafferton, Dunsforth, Crayke) and having assurance in case of his death; concerning proceedings against convicted recusants and the upcoming act to be debated in the House of Peers; Newbottle, Mr [Samuel] Davison, and Cosin's resolve not to entertain those seeking Davison's office while Davison is still alive; Mr Neile's 'obstinate wrangling' and delaying of his accounts 'in spite of all our Teeths', Stapylton's admission of not having managed the matter as well as he should have and Cosin's thoughts on the matter, Mr Wycliffe and Mr W[illiam] Blakiston, and Cosin's belief that further delay will indicate he has wronged the chancellor and that all other cases are preferable to his which should take priority; further business concerning Mr Wharton's trees; questions about a charter for the new corporation in Gateshead.

Postscript: Cosin's thoughts on Mr W[illiam] Blakiston's execution of the commission, 'Quemadmodum opertit'; Dr Grenville is troubled that his agents have not paid the money he directed them to, Cosin wonders why Stapylton has not discussed the matter with 'D.D. (Davies?) his Curate', and 'what a shame it is for him [D.D.] to misuse his Master & his Master's Wives Trustees as he hath done, so long a time together'.

Outside: 1 circular stamp, 'answered April the 15th. 1671'.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 275-7 (extract)

CLB.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.

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CLB.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)

CLB.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, called Dorothy, originally sailing from Norway with 3 others, was separated by foul weather, had been abandoned and had drifted ashore with 4,500 "Deales" on board which may belong to Splidt.

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CLB.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)

CLB.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.
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CLB.4B, 155 25 April 1671

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)

CLB.4B, 156 27 April 1671

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.

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Printed: Ornsby ii, 278 (extract)

CLB.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)

CLB.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)

CLB.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.

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Printed: Ornsby ii, 283 (extract)

CLB.4B, 160 9 May 1671

Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at the Bishop of Durham's castle.

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)

CLB.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 wordage 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.

CLB.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)

CLB.4B, 163 16 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.

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 fitts of the strangury upon" him.

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Printed: Ornsby ii, 284-5 (extract)

CLB.4B, 164 19 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.

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.

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Printed: Ornsby ii, 285 (extract)

CLB.4B, 165 20 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.

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.

2ff.

CLB.4B, 166 23 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.

Cosin has learned through Mr Deane, using Lord Coke's [book], that the parks of Franckland are being destroyed which has ruined the patent thereof; Cosin desires Stapylton to "better study the matter for the preservaton[sic]" of Cosin's "Right" to Franckland lest it be destroyed leaving Cosin with "neither office nor patent to bestow"; issue with tenants named Denneson at Stockton; Stapylton apparently expressed a fear of Cosin expiring before the next chapter day, which Cosin advises him to speak no more about; "briefes that were given out for the captives among the Turkes"; further discussion of patent writing.

Answered May the 27th 1671.

2ff.

Printed: Ornsby ii, 285-6 (extract)

CLB.4B, 167 25 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.

Negotiations for the lease at Howden; Cosin complains that Stapylton and Mr Kirby have not yet delivered their revised accounts for Cosin's review; mention of a James Whitson and recommendation to "leave to let the law runne upon him"; Mr Robert Eden and rents; leases at Fletcher's Farms, Stockton Demesnes and Tyler Close at Auckland; an additional room to the new library – Cosin is upset at the addition of a second door which has conflicted with the positioning of the "presses of the Greeke & Latine fathers"; John Langstaff involved in the construction of the library; the impending arrival of Van Ersell and Cosin's hopes that someone has been selected to "colour the rooffe & the presses themselves, together with the chimney piece" in the interim; more discussion of the Franckland patent; Mr Wharton's trial in Chancery; Mr Arden's deposition in Mr Neile's trial.

Answered May the 30th 1671.

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Printed: Ornsby ii, 286-7 (extract)

CLB.4B, 168 27 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.

Discussion of patent writing and examination of patents written by Bishops Booth, Matthews, James & Neile; Sir Ralph Cole's brother to pay fees for the patent; Cosin scolds Stapylton for supposedly bargaining the fees for leases.

Postscript: requires a copy of Mr Davison's copy; the new library room is finished but Cosin has heard nothing regarding the library catalogue assembled by TB; Cosin requests wine money from 1670 and Stapylton is instructed to chase up Sir William Turner and Richard Fooder's men regarding it.

Answered June the 2nd, 1671.

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Printed: Ornsby ii, 287 (extract)

CLB.4B, 169 30 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.

Cosin has received copies of patents for Franckland from various bishops minus Bishop Booth's, and needs a patent for "young Mr John Davison"; Cosin provides a list of 11 questions regarding accounts provided by Mr Kirby; Mr Nelthrop and the Howden lease; Stapylton's "Cosin Marwood" estate at Acham".

Answered June the 3rd 1671.

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CLB.4B, 170 17 June 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.

Argument between Stapylton and Cosin regarding their conduct with each other; discussion of Stapylton's yearly allowance; discrepancies in the accounts provided by Kirby and Stapylton; Mr Arden's deposition in Mr Neile's trial; Cosin offended by Stapylton's supposed reluctance to answer interrogatories; enquires about various accounts and rents due.

Postscript by William Flower on last leaf defective (1 quarter of sheet missing).

Answered June the 25th 1671.

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Printed: Ornsby ii, 287 (extract)

CLB.4B, 171 14 October 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.

Discussion of the trial involving Mr Neile; Mr Kirby's refusal to pay Mr Wharton; Cosin upset with his daughter Burton for travelling to London in his current state of health; Cosin instructs Stapylton to look again at his accounts regarding Chilton; Cosin has received Stapylton's transcriptions of Cosin's marginal notes in his Book of Common Prayer; an agreement made with Mr Trolley regarding Gateshead Bridge; Cosin anticipates Mr Bower and Mr Barnes being in London soon.

Answered October the 20th 1671.

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Printed: Ornsby ii, 290 (extract)

CLB.4B, 172 7 November 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.

Concern over lost rent from a Mr Bell; confusion regarding accounts made up by Mr Neile in which Sergeant Turner, Mr Davenport, Mr Chancelour, Mr Farrer, Mr Arden and Mr Morland are all mentioned; the improvement of rents at Chilton through the construction of two houses there.

Postscript: bill of exchange from Alderman Backwell; discussion with Mr Carter, an agent of Lord Lumley, about the lease of the fishings between Chester and Lumley.

Answered November the 14th 1671.

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Printed: Ornsby ii, 290-1 (extract)

CLB.4B, 173 9 November 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.

Discussion of Sir Gilbert Gerard's idea that property at Chilton may be greatly improved by the construction of two farm houses at Hutchinson's farm and Rickabyes, which Cosin requests Stapylton to consult with John Langstaffe about and arrange for wood to be cut from Bedburne Park.

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CLB.4B, 174 9 December 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.

Discussion of the patent at Franckland; a rumour of a servant running away with their lord's money, potentially Mr Kirby himself; inquiry into the existence of alum mines on Cosin's wastes; Mr Baddeley made a contribution towards the library.

Postscript: discussion of rents at Evenwood as well as a discussion between Sr Thomas Stringer and Mr Robert Blakiston regarding Chilton and charges in Chancery.

Answered December the 15th 1671.

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Printed: Ornsby ii, 291 (extract)

CLB.4B, 175 14 December 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.

A receipt from Mr Johnson; Richardson agreeing with Cornforth & Blakiston, being relieved of responsibility for the exchequer, which Cosin objects to; a debt owed by Mayor Andrews; Walkington property and its rent; a warrant which Cosin has signed and requests of donations towards Cosin's new library.

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CLB.4, 176 [1720s]

Panel from the Waghorn binding from Cosin Letterbook 4.

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Cosin Letter-book 5

CLB.5, 0 [1720s]

Table of contents of Cosin Letterbook 5 listing correspondents and dates, compiled by Christopher Hunter.

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CLB.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.

CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

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CLB.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 'blasphemers 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.

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Printed: Ornsby ii, 174 (extract)

CLB.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.

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CLB.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.

CLB.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.

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CLB.5A, 20 23 November 1667

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 k[nights] and b[urgesses] 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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CLB.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.

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CLB.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.
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CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.5A, 26 24 June 1669

Letter from Richard Weston to Miles Stapylton.

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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Stapylton 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 Stapylton about bringing water from the conduit to the Bishop's Castle'.

2ff.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Northerne 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 sorrel [horse], possibly to Mr Flower; death of Mr W[illia]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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Exchequ[er] and there obtaine a discharge upon the Auditor to put it out of his accompt'; 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Stapylton 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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

1f.

CLB.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.

2ff.

CLB.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 procuration 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 coche' and intends to buy a sedan for use in town; Arden's wife ill of a fever.

2ff.

CLB.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 experimentall 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.

CLB.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 fanatical are likely to be suppressed by unanimous consent in parliament.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Brouncker is committed to a sergeant for a parliamentary challenge.

2ff.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 – severall persons being employed & have severall Counties or places assigned then to gather contributions in'.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.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 Howdenshire, 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.

CLB.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.

1f.

CLB.5A, 60 8 February 1669/70

Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton.

Discussion of orders and sending of books including Lord Cooke's reports in French (with a note that 'I made searche for the best I could gett, and all the former bookes I did see were in some places noated on [the] margents, and some few leaves sullied, but meeting with one bound in a ii bookes fresh good and [the] newest to be bought, I was fond of them, and advisering w[i]th Mr Greane, I bought them for 4l:15s and my Lord Cooke's 12th report in English, w[hi]ch was never in frenche'); a parcel from Mrs Arden to Pegg Downes (Bishop Cosin's former maid who now lives in Arden's house in Auckland) enclosed with the books; discussion of accounts involving Mr Neile; future payment to be made to Mr Robert Blakiston; Prince Rupert 'hath been in danger of death by a feavour' but now recovering; Lord Lauderdale in town and sent the 'blew garter' by the king in honour of his good service in Scotland, discussion of union between the four nations including mention of the Duke of Albermarle and the Earl of Ogle; [Bishop Cosin] ill with a second fit of the strangury but well again, mention of William London's £200 involving Mr Johnson and Mr Blakiston.

2ff.

CLB.5A, 61 8 February 1669/70

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Mr Mascall's faculty enclosed, discussion of Flower's neglect in giving him timely notice and mention of Mr Mundy and Stapylton's books which Mr Scot has now returned; Dr Gunning (master of St John's College, Cambridge) to be bishop of Chichester and said that the bishop of Man is to be translated to St Asaph and that Dr Tillotson is to take Dr Gunning's place at Cambridge.

Postscript: thanks for taking care of horses; sending Philosophical Transactions involving Mr Colepit; the Lord Commissioner of Scotland's visit [to Bishop Cosin] and commendation of Stapylton's entertainment of His Grace.

2ff.

CLB.5A, 62 10 February 1669/70

Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey.

Confirmation of books and belt being sent by the Richmond carrier; discussion of payments involving Mr Jackson, Mr Robert Blakiston and [Mr] Trollop; request for money owed by Fisher ([Bishop Cosin]'s late cook); request for a release from Mr Kirby.

1f.

CLB.5A, 63 19 February 1669/70

Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey, Durham.

Discussion of the high cost of the book of Lord Dyer's report; hopes for a good end in the business between Mr Neile and [Bishop Cosin]; discussion of the proposition to Mr [William] London who is thought to be in Yorkshire; the king's speech and raising money for his majesty debated in the House of Lords, speculation that they will 'lay it upon wine and and severall forreigne comodities'; Mr John Swinbourne's 'misfortune'.

Postscript: asks to give to Mr Adamson the attorney the letters to send to Mr Robert Adamson, baron's order obtained to remove the trial to York Assizes where it is hoped Crake will not be trouble.

2ff.

CLB.5A, 64 19 February 1669/70

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton, secretary and auditor to the lord bishop of Durham at his lordship's castle, Durham.

Discussion of Stapylton's recent letter with flowery references to Utopia and being 'mathematically affected'; bill of £10 which will enable the sending of books and paying off Mr Mascall's score to Mr Mundy; 7 Philosophical Transactions sent by Mr Colepit, attorney of Auckland; the king and 'my lord keeper's' speech sent by the last post and discussion of business in parliament including land subsidies and home tax, raising funds for the payment of the king's debts, and the bill of conventicles; sermon by the dean of St Pauls against conventicles; news to be conveyed to Mr Davenport including mention of Sir Andrew Henley, Dr Threscross who is to be a fellow of Eton College, the bishop of Man to be bishop of St Asaph, Dr Tillotson, Dr Gunning, and Dr Beaumont.

1f.

CLB.5A, 65 8 March 1669/70

Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton, secretary and auditor to the Bishop of Durham, at his house or at the Bishop's Castle, Durham.

Discussion of post including the posting of Philosophical Transactions; bill against conventicles to be read in the House of Commons; case in the House of Lords concerning Lord Roos's ability to marry again after his divorce; Dr Gunning is consecrated bishop of Chichester at Lambeth, Dr [Francis] Turner to be master of St John's College [Cambridge], the bishop of Bath and Wells is dead and Dr Creighton is to have that bishopric, the bishop of Man is to be translated to St Asaph and Dr Threscross is to be a fellow of Eton.

Postscript: Philosophical Transaction for December enclosed; cannot get [Ranulph de] Glanville['s *Treatise on the Laws* ...] but he can get the other two books.

2ff.

CLB.5A, 66 13 March 1670/71

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Discussion of estate business involving bargaining over the fishings involving Lady Gerard, renewal of Place's lease of Brompton 'gratis' involving Mr Sowry.

1f.

CLB.5A, 67 19 March 1669/70

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop's Castle, Durham.

Long debate in the House of Lords about Lord Roos's case which prevented him from replying to Stapylton's letter; discussion of a bill procured by Stapylton and repayment of Mr Mundy for buying books, and Mr Kirby; delay in receipt of Philosophical Transactions and a large catalogue of books printed for Mr Martyn; discussion of the king breaking up the parliament; discussion of the procurement of further books involving Mr Barkas including common law and canon law coming from the Netherlands including mention of 'Corpus Iuris Civilis' and how far £10 will go in terms of buying books; discussion of second marriage after a divorce in reference to the debate in the House of Lords about Lord Roos's marriage including mention that "all the Bishops were against it except my Lord who was stoutly for it & the Bp of Chester declared himself for it & made a speech to that purpose"; fear that the bill of conventicles won't pass in the House of Lords; Mr Arden sick of late and unable to write.

1f.

CLB.5A, 68 22 March 1669/70

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey, Durham.

Discussion of estate finances including arrears from payments and Fisher's wages; no trial at York assizes involving Mr Adamson and Crake; the possibility that Mr [William] London had been in town; the bill against conventicles prepared and passed by the House of Commons and sent to the House of Lords where there was much dispute about it but the king supported its passing; a great meeting at Dr Manton's of several Presbyterians and several members of the court but Dr Manton was carried away before a justice of the peace; the duchess's daughter and others will act the faithful shepherdesses at Easter at St James's.

2ff.

CLB.5A, 69 9 April 1670

Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton at the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Discussing a transaction he has given Mr Cradock one month to read; common law books and the entertainment of a steward in [Bishop Cosin]'s letters; the bill for Lord Roos's case (discussion of the implications of this for "polygamy and plurality of wives"), the bill of conventicles and money bill all passed; the delay in sending books as Glanvill still cannot be got; confusion relating to the return of the institutes until he can consult the book of precedents; [Bishop Cosin] to buy 'Criticks' as they are 'certainly excellent and useful books' but possibility that Dr Brevint might give them to Cosin's library as he has them in his study and they were in the Dean and Chapter's library, request that Stapylton remind him.

2ff.

CLB.5A, 70 14 April 1670

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

King [Charles II] at Newmarket; Glanville[is *Tractaus de legibus* ...] not to be got at the shop which was suggested, but a catalogue of all the common law books got from there according to [Bishop Cosin]'s order.

Postscript: the enclosed is to be communicated to Mr Davenport and Miles is to tell him that Dr Lloyd of Reading visited; passing of the act against conventicles.

2ff.

CLB.5A, 71 28 April 1670

Letter from Edward Arden to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Discussion of correspondence and hopes that Stapylton is not angry at the delay in his books which have been shipped; discussion of acquiring the books of Sir Walter Raleigh, Glanville, the 'Criticks' to be got by Dr Brevint and the law books and their catalogue; King [Charles II] has returned from [racing at] Newmarket; the Yorkshire [race]horse called Tankerd which beat Captain Belasis and two matches at Newmarket and is now considered the best horse in the south as lately in the north; duke of Albemarle's funeral next Saturday.

2ff.

CLB.5A, 72 3 May 1670

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Discussion of fines in the bill against conventicles and additional clauses to the advantage of the County Palatine; journey north dependent on [Bishop Cosin]'s health after a recent fit; the duke of Albemarle's funeral; sending Stapylton's books and printing H. Stubb's book; discussion of the possible appointment of a steward.

Postscript: sending of Acts of Parliament.

1f.

CLB.5A, 73 5 May 1670

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton at the Castle of Durham.

Discussion of Mrs Mary Hind's place in a coach for a journey on which Mrs Blakiston and a child, Mrs Rayne and a child, and Mrs Smith are to be her companions; report of a rumour that the [bishop] of Durham is dead.

1f.

CLB.5A, 74 10 May 1670

Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton at Durham Castle, Durham. Discussion of recent letters; catalogue of law books shown to [Bishop Cosin] and another with prices procured, no longer happy to buy the Glanville and happy to buy the 'Criticks' only once Dr Brevint has been asked about giving his; horses at Brafferton and discussion of future journeys dependent on [Cosin]'s health; Stapylton's 'Prinne and Rycant' sent and his copy of H. Stubbs to be sent; the narrative of the duke of Albemarle's funeral is not yet printed but will be soon, along with the sermon of the bishop of Salisbury preached at the funeral; Dr Creighton is the bishop of Bath and Wells and Dr Bathurst the dean. 1f.

CLB.5A, 75 10 May 1670

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey, Durham.

Detailed discussion of Dr Neile's account given in his answer to [Cosin] according to Arden's book of accounts ('w[hi]ch lies always in my Lords Chamber'); request for a favour of £200 for 'an oportuntie of disposing some money for a good advantage to myselfe'; account of recent news including that King [Charles II] has gone to Dover and Queen [Catherine of Braganza] will visit for a few days and then go back to France, 'prettie Nelly of the King's play' is delivered of a boy, Mr Grenville to fetch his wife who is well from Oxford, Mr Wharton endeavouring to arrest Mr Robert Blakiston on Mr Byerly's account, and Sir Jeffrey Palmer, the attorney general, died on Saturday and is possibly to be replaced by Sir Heneage Finch and Sir William Serogg is then to become solicitor general. 2ff.

CLB.5A, 76 21 May 1670

Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Discussion of the post and his fear of sending acts of parliament given the "great miscarriage in letters of late"; Stapylton received two books and H. Stubbs's book is to be sent; discussion of finances opining that 'if [Bishop Cosin] come not into the Country this summer it is more then probably wee shall be almost broke'; report of a visit to Kensington to view lodgings for [Bishop Cosin] who has a mind for his health, although he is currently well despite rumours in town of his death; a change of plan regarding a possible second steward; no news yet about Dr Brevint and the 'Criticks'; asks for information on Mr Wright's £25 for Mr Cosin; the king, queen, duke and duchess [of York] at Dover; the dean of St Pauls has taken a house at Kensington so that he could be company for [Bishop Cosin] if he goes thither. 1f.

CLB.5A, 77 28 May 1670

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey, Durham.

Arden's defence of his payment of Mr Neile in relation to Neile's disputed account; a further appeal to borrow £200 including discussion of his estate at Sunderland; account of recent news including the king and their royal highnesses at Dover, 'the meetings do still continue in this towne' but several of their teachers and many others have been taken according to the [Act against Conventicles]; Mr Grenvill brought his wife to town; speculation that [Bishop Cosin] will not travel to Durham this summer after a recent fit of the strangury on his journey.

2ff.

CLB.5A, 78 3 June 1670

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Submission to the advice to have the name of a third person in the lease involving [Lady Gerard] at Brafferton, Sowry and [Bishop Cosin]; Colonel Smithson and his brother Thomas both well after seeing them at Moulton near Catterick Bridge.

1f.

CLB.5A, 79 18 June 1670

Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Minutes of the collations and institutions enclosed in a letter to [Bishop Cosin]; discussion of the miscarriage of post; a further request for confirmation of whether Mr Wright paid his £25 to Mr Cosin; discussion of compiling and checking accounts; request from Flower's cousin Staines of Thirsk relating to the assignments out of the lease of Northallerton involving Sir Gilbert, Stapylton, Flower's uncle Williams and cousin Elizabeth Lumley; a new steward who formerly belonged to the earl of Carlisle is arriving next week; [Bishop Cosin] well of late and intends to go to Lambeth for the consecration of the bishop of Bath and Wells; the archbishop of Canterbury has been dangerously sick of late so [the bishop] of London is to perform the office; word that the bishop of Worcester is dead; orthodox ministers to officiate in their places where the conventicles were kept until the London churches be re-edified.

1f.

CLB.5A, 80 2 July 1670

Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Dating the subscription books; he defends his infrequent writing as a result of little news; Mr Cosin's £25 is paid; confusion relating to Flower's cousin Staines's request as Mr Wilson and Ms Lumley's surrenders sent to them; request for a surrender to be sent to Flower's mother who may sign a declaration of trust for his use; profits from his 'p. vicarage' to be paid to Stapylton; a transcript of accounts will be produced once Flower has organised his thoughts and papers.

Postscript: the catalogue of books printed last term is to be sent to Stapylton; H. Stubbs's book against Glanvill came out a while ago and now the second part against Dr Sprat is printed but there is no opportunity yet of sending them to Stapylton, *Purchasers Pattern* [Henry Phillippes] may be sent soon; great mourning at court after the death of madame [Princess Henrietta] and the act at Oxford is countermanded but it is uncertain whether the commencement be so at Cambridge.

1f.

CLB.5A, 81 19 July 1670

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house, Durham.

Discussion of estate business and correspondence including *Purchasers Pattern* to be sent shortly; books sent by the Auckland attorney were one Philosophical Transaction and a small book of improvement of heathy lands for Mr Davenport; the last catalogue of books is enclosed and Stubbs's books are ready.

1f.

CLB.5A, 82 25 August 1670

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey, Durham.

Arden's take on Mr Neile's pretence of £39 expended concerning a suit against the customary tenants at Weardale involving John Westgarth and Sir Arthur Hesilrige and proceedings in the courts at York and London involving [Bishop Cosin]; discussion of Mr Neile's salary; Arden is returned from the Tunbridge Waters and is in good health.

2ff.

CLB.5A, 83 29 August 1670

Letter from John Place at Northallerton to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

An offer of £160 for the fishings on behalf of [Lady Gerard]; the possibility of land charges involving Sowry.

1f.

CLB.5A, 84 30 August 1670

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey, Durham.

Mr Neile's demands; thanks for Stapylton's attempts to procure £200 for Arden; the duke of Buckingham is expected in London and is said to have been given 'a sword sett with diamonds to the vallew of Tenne thousand pistolls' by [Louis XIV] king of France while King [Charles II] has given the duke of Bellfont (who the French king sent hither to condole for the death of madame [Princess Henrietta]) jewels to the value of £5000; the court is expected to return to Whitehall this day and mourning hangings are to be taken down.

1f.

CLB.5A, 85 30 August 1670

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Castle, Durham.

Discussion of correspondence including sending *Philosophical Transactions* and a book about the 'improvem[en]t of barren and heathy lands'; [Bishop Cosin]'s business involving the Queen Mother's commissioners including an order for Mr Jenkins to receive the remaining £9 and [Bishop Cosin]'s grant of the release of the pension; King [Charles II] is at Windsor and the duke of Buckingham is ready to return from France having been nobly entertained and presented with a sword worth 40,000 livres; the Dutch are said to be 'a little of our siding with the King of France against them'; the earl of Lauderdale and other Scotch commissioners are said to be visiting next Saturday and the [archbishop] of Canterbury, bishop of Chester and three English commissioners are to treat of the union; not long before parliament will sit again.

Postscript: not yet known who is to be bishop of Worcester or dean of Norwich; asks for a copy of Grenville's answer in a recent letter from [Bishop Cosin].

1f.

CLB.5A, 86 12 September 1670

Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton secretary and auditor to the Bishop of Durham at his Lordship's Castle, Durham.

[Bishop Cosin] found in Mr Arden's book that the £20 given to Sir Robert Shaftoe as a fee was for the business about Tanfield Colliery; discussion of correspondence; English and Scotch commissioners at Somerset House; discussion of *Philosophical Transactions*; [William] Prince of Orange is expected and King [Charles II] intends for Newmarket.

1f.

CLB.5A, 87 17 September 1670

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Progression of the bargain for the fishings involving Mr Sowry and related discussion of 'bull' lands now in the possession of widow Nelly, the Barnley and Booth ferryboats; Place's lease for Brampton; request for advice about the receivership of Howdenshire involving Dunn's patent.

1f.

CLB.5A, 88 24 September 1670

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey.

Discussion of Arden's payments to Mr Neile; [Bishop Cosin] now better in health and goes to the sittings of the commissioners (of which he is one) for the union; King [Charles II] and [James] duke of York go on Tuesday to Newmarket to hunt, Queen [Catherine] goes to Audley End, and [Anne] duchess of York is to stay in London as she is with child; [William] Prince of Orange's journey to London is postponed as the States General are to meet about some great affairs.

1f.

CLB.5B, 89 1 October 1670

Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton secretary and auditor to the Bishop of Durham at the Castle, Durham.

Discussion of Mr Grenville's agents; disputed claims surrounding the £20 given to Sir Robert Shaftoe by Mr Neile and relating to Tanfield Colliery and the Weardale tenant business; copy of the king's letter to the commissioners enclosed and discussion of their slow progress on the union, also mention of a book in [Bishop Cosin]'s library on the subject of union by 'J.H. I conceive Sir J. Heywood though I know not what class for I miss it in my Class Catal.'; vicarage house likely to fall and the man living in it much afraid of the 'walls mouldring fast away'; discussion of Mr Blakiston's work on the Alphabetical Catalogue including its layout and the standards of the Classical Catalogue and books bought since coming to town enclosed; Mr Scott says that there is another volume of Dacherius's *Spicilegium* come out this year so Mr Blakiston must 'leave a convenient space for adding that at the end of Dacherius' 8th Voll. as I have noted in the enclosed Catalogue'; request for the date of Mr Lumley's institution as Flower is thinking of preparing the return of institutions; account of moneys received and dispersed for the two months in London enclosed.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 90 8 October 1670

Letter from John Place at York to Miles Stapylton at Durham Castle, Durham.

Discussion of the fishings involving [Lady Gerard]; Dunn's patent confirmed; rent dispute involving the tenant at Bishop Meadows; request for information about when Sir Gilbert [Gerard] will be at Brafferton and offer of service in persuading Dunn to part with his patent and to get 'pious Land (as they call it) from the ill wills of Barnley'.

1f.

CLB.5B, 91 11 October 1670

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Thomas Hatter has prepared the return of institutions; discussion of a recent account and omission of the books of H. Mores and H. Stubbs involving Dr Spratt and Mr Glanville (several pamphlets in vindication of the Royal Society have been written against Stubbs's books including by Mr Glanville) and *the Purchasers Pattern* [Henry Phillippes]; discussion of recent correspondence including the sending of £20, the vicarage house and J.H.'s Treaty of Union; King [Charles II] still at Newmarket, the ?Yorks (James) and [Thomas Butler earl of] Ossory went there on Friday last for [William] the Prince of Orange.

Postscript: speech of 'my Lord Commissioner' enclosed.

1f.

CLB.5B, 92 20 October 1670

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Discussion of financial matters in recent correspondence; efforts to procure Sir Walter Raleigh's book and send it and others including *the Purchasers Pattern* [Henry Phillippes] to Stapylton by some Northern attorney; discussion of repairing the old vicarage house; [Bishop Cosin] has gone to the commission about the union which has not yet made any great progress, discussion of J.H.'s Treaty of the Union, asks for an account of it and discussion of the ecclesiastical and civil laws of the kingdom.

Postscript: getting of 'Bishop Andrews' from Mr Baddley and involving Mr Hall; King [Charles II] is to bestow the bishop of Worcester at the beginning of parliament but it is not known who it will be; insists that the marginal notes and the 'markes of D. etc.' are included if a transcription of the private library catalogue is to be sent up as they will be of use.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 93 22 October 1670

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton at Durham Castle, Durham.

Discussion of the commission of John Dunn's patent involving Dr Brown and Mr Pearson; further negotiation of the lease of the fishings.

1f.

CLB.5B, 94 27 October 1670

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey, Durham.

Account books to be examined in defence of [Bishop Cosin] against Mr Neile's 'unreasonable and false accompt'; request to prevail upon Mr Kirby to recover the rents from Mr Robert Adamson etc. for the Anchorage etc. at Sunderland.

1f.

CLB.5B, 95 27 October 1670

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop's Castle, Durham.

The speeches of [Bishop Cosin] and 'my lord keeper' are not yet printed; France is preparing a 'numerous' fleet as is Holland so by necessity his majesty must preserve those alliances; parliament is adjourned; [Bishop Cosin] not at the House [of Lords] due to a fit of the strangury; the commissioners of the union have consulted parliament to see how they stand affected by it; [William] Prince of Orange has not yet arrived; Flower's cousin Staines of Thirsk has bought a farm from Mr Metcalf and wants to turn his 19 years [lease] into three lives; several books including Mr Glanville against H. Stubbs expected; the House of Commons voted King [Charles II] a supply for his fleet and 'occasions'.

1f.

CLB.5B, 96 1 November 1670

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Receipt of account of the *Treatise of the Union* and other papers recently sent including the title of Sully's, discussion of postage and entering them into the classical not the alphabetical catalogue; the return of Institutions not received and asks for the date of 'Mr ... Lumley's institutions; asks for an account of money returned to London; [William] Prince of Orange arrived at Whitehall and had the garter bestowed upon him; parliament adjourned and a vote was passed on consideration of whether King [Charles II] should be supplied with money for his 'occasions'; he cannot yet get a copy of the king's speech; the commissioners for the union met at Somerset House and discussed the proposal of the Scottish parliament sitting with 'ours'.

Postscript: please tell Mr Davenport that [the bishop of] Lichfield is dead.

1f.

CLB.5B, 97 8 November 1670

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Discussion of recent correspondence; renewal of Staines's (Flower's cousin) lease involving Mr Metcalf; catalogue for this term to be sent and Flower doubtful that he will find a Northern attorney or a copy of King [Charles II]'s and Lord Keeper's speeches; asks for Mr Lumley's christian name and the date of his institution (as Sir Gilbert [Gerard] has misplaced the return of institutions) and an account of the moneys returned to Flower September 1668 to May 1669; commission for the union going very slowly, parliament adjourned and several proposals made in the House of Commons about how to raise the supply for the navy and debts from every man's estate, linen, tobacco, sugar and other 'outlandish' commodities.

Postscript: several competitors for the empty bishopric of Lichfield, suggestion that Dr Wood stands 'as fair for it' as anyone else.

1f.

CLB.5B, 98 10 November 1670

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey, Durham.

Discussion of the opinions of Mr Neile; thanks for Stapylton's help in the dispute over Mr Adamson's rents and the lease involving Mr Kirby, discussion of forfeiture; Arden had a terrible fit of toothache and the duchess of York is "very ill w[i]th great paines from the wast downwards like the gout"; parliament to give King [Charles II] £2,000,000 but he has not yet heard how it is to be raised.

Postscript: [William] Prince of Orange is graciously received at court and lodged in 'the Cockpitt' with discussion of the young countess of Northumberland as a possible wife for him but Arden believes that the duke of Somerset will 'carry her' having already made his address.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 99 12 November 1670

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Enquiry after the whereabouts of Thomas [Coryate's] *Coryats Crudities* which Sir Gilbert [Gerard] says he gave to [Bishop Cosin] but it isn't in the library or the classical catalogue; Sir Gilbert to get the Counden lease finished next week; the commission of union is adjourned until the end of March and parliament considering in what way King [Charles II] shall be supplied with money; not yet known who will be bishop of Lichfield; the dean of St Pauls is in good health; difficulty getting an Auckland attorney or other near Stapylton but he has got Sir Walter Raleigh's *Prerogative of Parliament*, [Henry] Phillips' *Purchasers Pattern*, *The Causes of the Contempt of the Clergy*, Mr Glanville against Henry Stubbs which has just now come out, and a promise of two law pamphlets.

Postscript: [Cosin] is well despite what Mr Morland writes to the contrary and discussion of Mr Morland's letter to Dr Wharton enquiring when [Cosin] will next be in Durham which Flower believes is intended to report that he is exceedingly and very dangerously sick.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 100 19 November 1670

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle in Durham.

A lawsuit between Mr London and Lord Widdrington; Stapylton is involved in an audit on behalf of Cosin which Flower suspects has hindered Stapylton's ability to write; Mr Blakiston's progress on the alphabetical and classical catalogues; Robert Smith was in town and, having left earlier than had been hoped, Flower no longer knows how to send some books to Cosin - mentions particularly Sir W[alter] Raleigh's work as well as *an Argument About Law and Shipmoney*, and a bookseller ?Eustace Andrews compiling a catalogue of law books; Stapylton to send the return of institutions; parliament raising [taxes] on goods such as "beer & ale sugar tobacco currents etc".

1f.

CLB.5B, 101 24 November 1670

Letter from Edward Arden, London, to Miles Stapylton esq, at his house in the Bailey at Durham.

A lease renewal with Adamson despite some transgression and the involvement of Mr Geo[rge] Forster and Mr Kirkby; [William] Prince of Orange's travels around England - Audley End, Newmarket, Cambridge - before his return to Holland for Christmas; Sir John Goodrick has died; Mr Neile's business.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 102 24 November 1670

Letter from William Flower, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle in Durham.

Return of the institutions has been received; Ralph Beery's lease of Laurence Forster's tenement on Gateshead; Stapylton to provide an update on Blakiston's progress with the alphabetical catalogue; Mr Morland's report; Mr Breerton is in town and dines with Cosin; [William] Prince of Orange will go to Newmarket and Cambridge before returning to Holland.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 103 29 November 1670

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at his house, or the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle in Durham.

Discussion of some current legal case concerning the reversal of an outlawry; Flower is thinking of preparing a sheet of the classical catalogue with Blakiston; Flower is attempting to rectify records of his mother's accounts with Stapylton; deliver the enclosed to Mr Davenport; speculation about Cosin purchasing land if Dr Wood is made a bishop - discussion concerning the abundance of celery at the rectory; Stapylton has accused Flower of not including enough information in his letters to which Flower returns the accusation; parliament's dealing with the bill for the king's supplies, [William] Prince of Orange travelled to Cambridge and is next expected at Oxford and in Holland; Flower will send a catalogue of books "printed this terme" and has already sent some books by Dr Basire's son of Gray's Inn: Crooke and Hatton's *Arguments at Law*, Glanville against Stubbs, Phillips's *Purchases Paltrery*, *Grounds of the Contempt of the Clergy*, and Sir Walter Raleigh's *Prerogative of Parliaments*.

1f.

CLB.5B, 104 8 December 1670

Letter from John Place, at York, to Miles Stapylton.

Place desires the lease for fishings and has not had a response regarding the conclusion of matters.

1f.

CLB.5B, 105 17 December 1670

Letter from John Place, at York, to Miles Stapylton, at Durham Castle.

Place is upset regarding the acquisition of a lease to which he wishes his children's names to be fixed; discussion of some "dirty circumvention" committed by "Marshall and his friend the Pettifogger" who have somehow interfered in Place's acquisition of fishings; Place enquires about the lease of Walkington and a treaty with John Dunn; offering of a £5 gratuity to Stapylton to settle matters quickly.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 106 17 December 1670

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Flower has copied his accounts to discern the status of £20 from Flower's mother in March 1668/9 that had been misrecorded; mention of a Mr Alderman Hall and a "very evill person" named Mr Austin; Flower suggests Stapylton once again scolded Flower for providing little information in his letters, to which Flower says there is very little news to be told - parliament is preoccupied in allocating money for the king, the House of Commons discusses an [£]800,000 subsidy for the king's fleet; Flower says they have heard nothing yet about the attempt on the duke of Ormond's life, Sir Andrew Henley is alive but his brother John Henley is now dead.

Postscript: asks for an update on Blakiston's progress with the catalogue; the catalogue of law books by Mr Bassett has been printed; Flower requests Stapylton send up "my Lady"'s Martinmas rents.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 107 24 December 1670

Letter from John Place to Miles Stapylton, Durham.

Place has met with Mr Sowry and is now convinced of the opposing party's "intentions to circumvent me," about which Place is very upset; Place has nevertheless obtained a position as the lessee and desires either his own name or that of Jane Preston to be included as well as the names of his children, with Jane's son Christopher and his own son John Place aged 10 to be in the lives of the fishings lease.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 108 26 December 1670

Letter from John Place, at York, to Miles Stapylton, at Durham Castle, Durham.

Congratulations on the good health of "my Lord"; Place repeats his previous orders to "prevent former miscarriages"; mention of including Christopher Preston, son of Jane Preston included in the lease; extends his well wishes to Mr Davenport and Mr Blakiston. Postscript: asks Stapylton to get his lease of Brompton waste perfected.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 109 31 December 1670

Letter from John Place, at York, to Miles Stapylton, at Durham Castle.

Place is upset that he has not received answers to his letters of 24th and 26th from Stapylton, which Place assumes is because of the holiday season; Place requests Stapylton to respond to him quickly and wishes him a happy New Year.

1f.

CLB.5B, 110 7 January 1670/1

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at his house or at the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

More discussion of inaccurate records regarding £20 belonging to Flower's mother and other accounts; discussion of "4 Bookes unaccompted Hobbs or as you say Wallis.

Comnor. Epistol." and "Grotius de Jure Belli et Pacis"; Stapylton has received books by Mr Basire; Flower intends to send a "Catalogue of Law Books"; he has sent the first part of the classical catalogue with a note that any faults Mr Blakiston finds should be rectified by the alphabetical catalogue; Flower encountered Cosin who enquired whether his last Martinmas rent had been received and whether or not Stapylton was a trustee for him. Postscript: two men apprehended in connection with the attempt on [James Butler duke of] Ormond.

1f.

CLB.5B, 111 17 January 1670/1

Letter from Edward Arden, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey, Durham. Arden wishes Stapylton and family a Merry Christmas although Arden's wife has been sick; he has not heard any news regarding Sir John Coventry's business; he has delivered to [Cosin] Thomas Gibson's account of ploughing the commons and desires Stapylton's assistance in examining some accounts therein; he has "undertaken to accompt for the Tenths for one yeare more" and mentions a £500 bond; Stapylton may order Mr Kirkby to pay the tenths to Mr Jackson "when he calls for it".

2ff.

CLB.5B, 112 21 January 1670/1

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at the Castle in Durham. Flower is upset that Stapylton did not respond fully to his enquiries in the previous letter; further discussion of the missing £20 which Flower believes Stapylton may find the answer for in Flower's previous correspondence with him; Stapylton has received more books, Flower is struggling to obtain the "Arguments of Law" but has "employed a notable man" to search for it; the House of Commons is still debating its current bill, "J. Coventry is past the House of Lords," Flower hears of another bill regarding the Lord Ormond business in the House of Lords.

Postscript: Flower requests the "appendixes to the Alphabetical Catalogue" as well as the "lease of the classicall catalogue".

1f.

CLB.5B, 113 2 February 1670/1

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle in Durham.

Flower is pleased Stapylton has now answered his previous enquiries; the rent from last Martinmas has been received; Flower asks Stapylton to search his previous correspondence to answer the mystery surrounding the missing £20; "The Bill of the £100 upon Mr Austin is paid"; Flower is surprised Blakiston has not yet completed all the appendices; Flower is embarrassed regarding a letter from Stapylton to Cosin regarding money for postage; parliament has stalled regarding the king's business due to the bill about Sir J. Coventry.

Postscript: "Here dind to day severall north country gentlemen where you among others were kindly rememberd"; Flower asks to be remembered to Mr Davenport, to whom he is about to respond re his letters; mention of vacant bishoprics and a rumour that the Dutch have defeated the French.

1f.

CLB.5B, 114 4 February 1670/1

Letter from John Place, York, to Miles Stapylton, Durham.

Place has yet to receive the leases from Stapylton and desires Stapylton to expedite the process before Place travels again.

1f.

CLB.5B, 115 16 February 1670/1

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house of the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle in Durham.

Flower announces his resolution to interfere no longer in some unstated financial affair between Cosin and Flower's Lady; some mistake was made regarding the receipt of £100; another mistake was made regarding a letter which had been addressed incorrectly; Flower discusses the anticipated payment of £10 to Stapylton from Flower's mother and the involvement of Mr Austin and Mr Hall therein; the duchess of York gave birth to a daughter, [William] Prince of Orange was named as godfather and the queen and Lady Worcester as godmothers; the Prince of Orange has left for Holland; the Hayes have agreed on the bill for Sir J. Coventry, and the financial bill is nearly ready to be sent to the Lords; a bill against the growth of popery has been discussed; Flower wishes to be remembered to Mr Davenport and mentions that the disposal of the vacant bishoprics is being discussed; Sir Andrew Henley and Dr. Threscross send their regards to Davenport as well.

Postscript: [Cosin] received a letter from Davenport and Stapylton regarding the lease of the half cavill at Chester which has fallen void by the death of the third life - Flower suggests either fees be paid or the purchase of new books be made for the library in return for a new lease; [Cosin] Lord has been indisposed for a fortnight but is currently well; Thirkeld's son has brought a commission and mentions Mr William Bellasis, Mr William Blakiston, George Kirby and son, Sir Gilbert [Gerard] and Sir Ralph Cole.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 116 25 February 1670/1

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house of the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle in Durham.

Discussion of the completion of a lease and mention of Richard Fletcher and Lawrence Fletcher; a payment to Sir William Turner; Flower thanks Stapylton for his attention to the £10 from Flower's mother, which he anticipates she will pay soon; the House of Commons discussed a bill "for the additionall supply"; the House of Lords still discusses the bill for £800,000; no further discussion has been made regarding the bill to prevent popery.

Postscript: Flower asks for notice of Mr Blakiston's progress with the classical catalogue; Stapylton is also to send the appendices of the alphabetical catalogue; Flower intends to send the catalogue of the last term; the vacant bishoprics have still not been disposed of; Flower requests Stapylton to commend him to Davenport, who has not written in a while.

1f.

CLB.5B, 117 4 March 1670/1

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house of the Lord Bishop of Durham's Castle in Durham.

The House of Commons have "comitted the Bill for the prevention of the growth & popery" and have passed another bill on the excise of beer and ale; Flower encloses a catalogue of the books printed last term; receipt of a bill to Mr Kirby for £20 and an additional sum for Mr Forder and Monsieur Laville; Flower wishes to be remembered to Mr Davenport and reports that Sir Andrew Henley is well and will visit [Cosin]; the vacant bishoprics have not yet been disposed of but "Dr Wood may be faire for one"; King [Charles II] goes to Newmarket next month; Flower requests information regarding Mr Blakiston's progress with the classical catalogue.

Postscript: discussion of Mr Bigg's statement regarding Mr Grenville's business, and *sine facias* and *elegit* [writs], and the use of an *elegit* writ for seizing lands or a rectory.

1f.

CLB.5B, 118 13 March 1670/1

Letter from John Place, York, to Miles Stapylton, Durham Castle, Durham.

Place's journey to London "Is styed" at present; Place has not seen Marshall since Stapylton's last letter; Sowry is in London; Place writes that his "mony moulders" and desires Stapylton would tell him what to expect regarding Marshall.

1f.

CLB.5B, 119 16 March 1670/1

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton, secretary and auditor to the bishop of Durham, at his lordship's castle in Durham.

Ccorrespondence for Mr Humphrey Wharton and Mr Anthony Wharton regarding payments; order from Cosin to allow Mr Anthony Wharton trees from Bedbourne Park; the story about killing(?) was true - it is not safe to send information abroad regarding Sr J. Coventry; Flower will send the acts of parliament as well as the act about Coventicles; Flower is frustrated at Blackiston's slow progress with the classical catalogue; discussion about the character of Mr Bigg.

Postscript: Cosin has not received a letter from Stapylton but is in good health; parliament is still working on acts against popery; the bishopricks of Worcester & Lichfield are not yet disposed of, it is thought Dr Wood may receive one; Mr Marsh of Haughton is sick and weak.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 120 21 March 1670/1

Letter from William Flower, London, to Miles Stapylton.

Flower has sent 4 acts of parliament from this session; Lord Lucas was voted as libellous in the House of Lords; Flower has sent by Mr Wren a packet of September's philosophical transactions and a paper concerning registers; Mr Forder and the bailiwick of Auckland - arrangement of a deal regarding Mr Forder, Mr Wall and Mr Philip.

1f.

CLB.5B, 121 23 March 1670/1

Letter from William Flower, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or the lord bishop of Durham's castle in Durham.

Flower mentions books he had sent by Mr Wren as well as the philosophical transaction containing last year's books from which Stapylton can request certain items; Flower has included *The Prizes of Bullialdus*, Bishop Ward's *Astronomia*, and Hobbs and Wallis; Flower wishes to know if Blakiston has entered the appendices, and whether or not H. Hutchinson has made progress putting Cosin's arms to his books; Stapylton sent salmon which put Flower's lady to great charges; Lord Lucas gave a speech in the House of Peers which has been branded as libellous - several copies have been made, Flower knows of one bookseller who has been sentenced to the pillory for dispering such materials; the House of Commons is working on Coventicles, the bill against popery is now pending in the House of Lords; Stapylton should hear about Cosin's journey north after Easter.

Postscript: Flower again requests Stayplton to look into the bailiwick of Auckland for Mr Forder.

1f.

CLB.5B, 122 25 March 1670/1

Letter from William Flower, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or the lord shishop of Durham's castle in Durham.

Management of bills for Mr Anthony Wharton; Flower has called on Mr Bigg to discuss Stapylton's recent letter regarding Dr Grenville but has not been able to speak with Mr Bigg yet; discussion regarding a warrant to remove trees from Bedbourne; he will send the acts of parliament as well as February's philosophical transactions and other prices of books received but not accounted for; a bookseller was in the pillory beside the New Exchange for selling scandalous and seditious papers; Flower has received the writ for the return of institutions for the last half year; the proclamations for the banishment of popish priests has not yet come; the bill against popery has been read twice in the Lords' House, has been committed, and will be brought to a hearing next Tuesday; the House of Commons is amending the particulars of the act against Conventicles; parliament will not rise until near Easter; Flower is upset Stapylton has not responded to his interrogatories regarding Mr Marsh of Haughton's health or of Mr Blackiston's progress. 2ff.

CLB.5B, 123 25 March 1670/1

Letter from Edward Arden, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey in Durham.

Cosin is better in health and may be able to travel to Durham next summer; Arden was told by Mr Neile's man that Mr Neile had lodged at Mr Richardson's in Russell Street but Arden could not find him, Mr Neile then came to see Arden at Brooke House with Mr Ellis; Mr Arden then went to see Mr Neile at the ?Horseshoe (*Horshow*) Tavern in Drury Lane but found he had already left; the Lords have voted to have copies of Lord Lucas's speech burnt by the hand of the hangman; Arden enquires after the veracity of two ghost stories he had recently heard - one regarding a dead boxmaker, another regarding a maid who had drowned a collier.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 124 2 April 1671

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton at his house or the lord bishop of Durham's castle in Durham.

Flower has received the copy of the patent; 32 bills have been passed in parliament, 16 of which were public; parliament is prorogued until 16 April next; King [Charles II] thanked parliament for their supply and promised it would be paid towards his debts; the speaker recommended the payment of the Prince of Orange's debts.

1f.

CLB.5B, 125 6 April 1671

Letter from John Place, York, to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Discusses various scenarios for lands at the Fishings, Discoverys, Bull Lands, Bishop Meadows, and Booth Ferry, involving the Barmby men and the ferryman.

1f.

CLB.5B, 126 13 April 1671

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or the bishop of Durham's castle in Durham.

Flower requests assistance from Stapylton regarding funds before their journey north; Flower has gone with Stapylton's interrogatories for Mr Arden to consider before the commission with Mr Owen & Mr Big on behalf of Cosin (plaintiff), Mr Roger Turner & Mr Slater on behalf of Mr Neile (defendant), and mentions difficulties establishing the date of the commission.

Postscript: Flower inquires after a £500 bill from Mr Anthony Wharton; Mr Arden can say no more in his answer to the interrogatories; Cosin desires Stapylton to read over a letter from Davenport; Cosin thinks it fit that whatever money can be exacted from the [ship]wreck should be put towards the library.

1f.

CLB.5B, 127 6 May 1671

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or the bishop of Durham's castle in Durham.

Flower thanks Stapylton for his care in the bill of exchange for £10; no further word on when Cosin will be travelling; acts of parliament have not yet been printed; the Lord Chamberlain has died, reportedly of "gripping of the guts" - either Lord St Albans or the duke of Bridgewater may succeed him; no news regarding the chancellorship of Cambridge; Flower asks Stapylton to send confirmation of patents to Cosin.

Postscript: Cosin requests that Stapylton write regarding at what rates the demesnes at Auckland are let and at what time the rents are to be paid; Cosin requests especially information regarding George Douthwaite and his status, as he was in arrears; Cosin requests Stapylton concludes the business at Stockton as speedily as possible.

1f.

CLB.5B, 128 11 May 1671

Letter from William Flower, London, to Miles Stapylton.

Stapylton may read of a late attempt to steal the crown out of the Tower in today's Gazette - 3 men have been apprehended and brought to Whitehall for examination and imprisonment in the Tower - the prisoners supposedly answered "very saucily & impudently" and are supposed to be connected to the earlier attempt on Lord Ormond's life; Flower sends the acts of parliament from this session as well as the latest Subsidy Act, the act upon Sir J. Coventry, an imposition upon ale & beer, and another against the burning of houses; Flower requests the bond of a tenant to be admitted to the vicarage of Strainton near Hartlepool; mention of a Mr Dodsworth; Flower requests the minutes of George Rowell's lease of Stockton demesnes; Flower has not received Stapylton's bill of £10.

Postscript: Lord Chief Justice Keifing has died; Lord St Albans is Lord Chamberlain; the duke of Buckingham will be chancellor of Cambridge; still no decision made regarding those who attempted to steal the crown from the Tower.

1f.

CLB.5B, 129 16 May 1671

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at Durham.

Flower is disappointed that Stapylton has not yet received the £10 that Flower had sent; Flower is uncertain when Cosin will be able to travel safely due to his health, although he has been well for some time - Flower expects a decision to be made sometime around midsummer; Flower has sent a box by the Richmond carrier containing several important documents including the articles and commissions for the visitation, about 10 acts of parliament regarding law matters, the charter for Gateshead, as well as James Moxon's lease for the old house at Stockton; Stapylton may expect an answer regarding the demesnes in Cosin's letter; Cosin requests his accounts from Stapylton and Mr Kirby.
1f.

CLB.5B, 130 20 May 1671

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton.

Received no letter nor bill of exchange; the Lord Chief Baron is to be Lord Chief Justice, the Speaker of the House of Commons is to be Lord Chief Baron, Mr North to be solicitor, and talk that Robert Atkins is to be Speaker of the House of Commons; please send the letter to Mr Bell, vicar of Darlington; discussion of Flower's late uncle Wilson's lease at Northallerton.
1f.

CLB.5B, 131 25 May 1671

Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Receipt of a bill of exchange involving Mr Mayor and Mr Austin, and asks that Stapylton keeps the particulars of sums he sends and receives from Flower in his notebook; discussion of paying postage and the printer; discussion of a st[atement] (?); Sir H[enry] Wood has died, King [Charles II] declared that Dr [Thomas] Wood is to be bishop of Lichfield and also to hold the prebend of Durham in *commendam* but the [archbishop] of Canterbury reminded the king of his promise of the prebend to Mr Davenport, stating that the bishopric of Lichfield comfortable enough not to need such a *commendam* which had never used to be granted to the bishopric; Lord Arlington promised to get Mr Durell's prebend exchanged.
1f.

CLB.5B, 132 1 June 1671

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton.

Further discussion of the will and lease of Flower's late uncle Wilson involving Flower's mother; discussion of Flower's recent opinion on the exception in the Subsidy Act concerning "money lying dead by one, and its being chargeable".
1f.

CLB.5B, 133 10 June 1671

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton.

Stapylton's receipt of three acts of parliament, catalogue of books to be sent if they are worth the postage and he has not yet heard if Mr Blakiston has entered the appendices to the Alphabetical Catalogue and he asks if he has yet begun the Classical Catalogue; Mr William Smith is instituted to the vicarage of Stranton, discussion of his payments and the 'Act of Imposition upon Law Matters' which requires that a register be kept by the ordinary or his officers of all the moneys to be recorded for nine years; King [Charles II] is still at Windsor and is likely to go either to Portsmouth or Plymouth next; Dr Durell is also at Windsor; tell Mr Davenport that Dr Brough, dean of Gloucester and canon of Windsor, is likely to die and it is believed that Dr Vyner (brother to Sir Robert) will succeed him in his deanery and there are several candidates for the canonry; instalment of the chancellor of Cambridge and the bishop of Worcester to be confirmed.

1f.

CLB.5B, 134 10 June 1671

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey, Durham.

Discussion of his 'sitting' of Mr Neile's commission and Arden's deposition; encourages Stapylton to hear favourably of James Wilson above John Sparks with discussion of their respective histories as tenants; [Edgar Stewart] duke of Cambridge died at Richmond, the queen is at Somerset House and King [Charles II] is at Windsor.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 135 1 July 1671

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey, Durham.

Discussion of financial evidence against Mr Neile; Arden is sorry that Stapylton will not favour James Wilson; Lord Windsor is in the Tower after telling Lord Barkley that he hoped to fight with him in Ireland; a rumour that the English freebooters in Jamaica have taken St Domingo but actually they have just taken 30 ships from the Spainards, account of (the governor) Sir Thomas Muddiford's journey with 12 men to some part of Mexico.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 136 16 July 1671

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Discussion of rent including mention of John Dunn.

1f.

CLB.5B, 137 July 1671

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton.

Sir Gilbert [Gerard] to 'set forward' for the North next week and asks that Stapylton preserves the wine that he sent and that he intends two bullocks or ?bovines to be 'spent' at the assizes; Mr Jeffrayson writes about a writ sent to the County Palatine from the offices of the Duchy Court of Lancaster; particular of fees agreed with what is wanting. Postscript: discussion of Mr Neile's business including Sir Francis Goodrick's message that he will bring it to a hearing at the next opportunity if matters in Stapylton's care and management are concluded.

1f.

CLB.5B, 138 August 1671

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Discussion of correspondence; sympathy for Stapylton's sickness.

Postscript: letter from [Cosin] to Sir Gilbert [Gerard] and Mr Davenport enclosed.

1f.

CLB.5B, 139 30 September 1671

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton.

Discussion of John Abbey's papers and accounts which have not been sent in full; receipt of Mr Kirby's letter and discussion of repayments involving the profit of the Protonotary Office; discussion of postage and debts; King [Charles II] intends to be at Cambridge Wednesday next; Flower to visit Dr Threscross who is said to be likely to recover before his next letter to Mr Davenport.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 140 7 October 1671

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop of Durham's Castle, Durham.

Explanation of the reason why Hugh Hutchinson could not set [Cosin's] arms upon the books being not because of the small cutting of the arms so much as because he used bad and greasy leather which would not easily receive the impression whereas if he had used fine 'Marochine' leather perhaps they would do well; the institutions' return for this month and Flower expecting to hear from Stapylton about them; can Stapylton find Origen's Commentaries upon 'the some parts of the scriptures' (Greek and Latin) set out by Peter Huetius in 2 folio volumes and see if the Greek Fathers are 'only sewed or but in pastboards' and if a quire or more is wanting as Flower is uncertain whether the defect was supplied or if Mr Scot, of whom the book was bought, must supply it; King [Charles II] was pleased with his entertainment and reception at Cambridge; a rumour that Mr Thomas Davison, vicar of Norton, is likely to die and the belief that that vicarage is worth about £80 or £100 *per annum* at most.

1f.

CLB.5B, 141 7 October 1671

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey, Durham.

Sympathy for Stapylton's being ill and congratulations at the birth of another son; discussion of fees and leases; discussion of Mr Neile's accounts; has Stapylton spoken with Mr John Hodgson of Fitches about the business of £50; Arden's debt to Stapylton and plans for repayment.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 142 16 October 1671

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Discussion of business and duties as instructed by [Cosin]; bargain for the lease involving Lady [Gerard] now fully agreed; fear of losing the old tenant Mr Ackroyd this winter.

Postscript: hopes that the new bargain will prove better than the Bishop Meadows.

1f.

CLB.5B, 143 14 October 1671

Letter from Edward Arden to John Place.

Discussion of the lease of the fishings.

Enclosure in 5B, 144.

1f. (incomplete)

CLB.5B, 144 21 October 1671

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Discussion of a lease and lands now in the possession of Nicholas Pedwardin and Edward Pedwardin; journeys to Hull and Howden and Sir Gilbert [Gerard] still at Durham.

1f.

CLB.5B, 145 25 October 1671

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

There is said to be one rood of land lying upon the Ferry Croft Hurne in the township of Barmby which is a parcel and appendix to the Bull Lands.

Postscript: the rood of land is in the possession or occupation of Anne Arlle, the ferryman's widow.

1f.

CLB.5B, 146 30 October 1671

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Discussion of Sir Gilbert Gerard's bargain in York; Place's nominations for the lease and lives for the fishings (Christopher Preston, son of widow Jane Preston aged 5; John Place, his son aged 12; Isabel Place, his wife aged 40) and the lives for Brompton Waste (Elizabeth Place, his daughter aged 18; Theodorus Place, his son aged 14; John Place, his son aged 12) and mention of the attorneys William Marshall and Richard Harrison of Barmby in relation to this "huge expected bargain"; Mr Ackoyd's lease.

1f.

CLB.5B, 147 November 1671

Letter from John Place to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Discussion of Place's bad legs, the lease of the fishings involving Lady [Gerard], and the ferry boat and house at Barmby.

1f.

CLB.5B, 148 2 November 1671

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey.

Thanks for Stapylton's help with £16 for paying off his £100 bond; cannot help Mr Neile with the £100 which he doesn't remember at all; recent dining with [Bishop Cosin] who complains he is short-breathed but Arden comments "I am sure his lungs are stronger than mine".

2ff.

CLB.5B, 149 14 November 1671

Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Dates of Mr Smith and Mr Mason's institutions and a request for the date of Mr Lumley's subscription; Mr Raine for Heddon Wallen, Mr William Davis's subscription and licence for the chapelries of Kylo and Lowick; not yet sure if the d[ean] of C[antebury] is coming to town and discussion of the vacant bishopric; £10 or £20 now in Flower's 'mother land' and request for a £10 bill; offers his sympathies that the 'disease' has got into Stapylton's house and infected Robin.

Postscript: Mr Davenport's cloak which cost £45 to be sent by the Richmond carrier; business of Wolsingham involving Dr Wood; Stapylton to tell Mr Davenport that Dr Threscross is still sick and is not likely to recover; the mayor of Charter House Sir ... Siddenham is dead and Mr Mat[thew] Clifford, the duke of Buckingham's secretary, is likely to have his place.

1f.

CLB.5B, 150 7 December 1671

Letter from John Place to Miles Stapylton.

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Thanks for his advice; discussion of payment and specifics of a lease; account of Place's recovery and pain.

1f.

CLB.5B, 151 9 December 1671

Letter from William Flower in London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the bishop of Durham's castle, Durham.

Discusses some business that Flower 'stood candidate' for; request for the £10 bill; glad that Robin has recovered from the 'infectious disease'.

Postscript: thanks for sending the dates of the subscriptions and a further request for the date of Mr Lumley's institution.

1f.

CLB.5B, 152 23 December 1671

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton.

Thanks for Stapylton's help in getting the bill of £10 and advice in matters concerning Mr Foorder and Monsieur Laville; Flower must be content to submit to £6 out of his £10 bill being allocated to Mr Austin as ordered by Mr Hall; discusses a passage in his letter with various plays on the words 'scribere'.

1f.

CLB.5B, 153 22 December 1671

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Discussion of the seal of a lease defaced in the post bag; £100 ready and hopes he can bring the rest of the money due to Durham around Candlemas; thanks from Mrs Ackroyd for Stapylton's assistance; Lady [Gerard] to send the other leases by some other way than the post.

1f.

CLB.5B, 154 9 January 1671/2

Letter from William Flower to Miles Stapylton.

Discussion of receipts for the fees of the ecclesiastical seal and the fees for the lease of Evenwood Colliery; discussion of the stopping of payments in the exchequer and the copy of King [Charles II]'s declaration upon that matter enclosed.

Postscript: £10 bill not yet received; has Stapylton received the payments from Flower's mother.

1f.

CLB.5B, 155 10 January 1671/2

Letter from John Place in York to Miles Stapylton in Durham.

Discussion of sending Stapylton the £100 by the drapers who have frequent occasion to pay money at Wakefield as Doctor Burrell has not yet returned; account of how Place's leg is mending.

1f.

CLB.5B, 156 16 January 1671/2

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey.

Aftermath of [Cosin]'s death; [Cosin]'s tenths due to King [Charles II] last Christmas to be paid to Gabriel Swainston.

1f.

CLB.5B, 157 16 January 1671/2

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the castle, Durham.

[Bishop Cosin] died yesterday between 4 and 5 o'clock (a fuller account of his death sent to Mr Davenport), the corpse is to be opened and embalmed this evening.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 158 18 January 1671/2

Letter from William Flower at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the castle, Durham.

Discussion of matters in recent correspondence; [Cosin] was embalmed last Tuesday and yesterday he was put into lead, with full details of the autopsy; nothing further heard of nominations for a successor; the will is to be opened before Sir Thomas Orly (one of the executors), Sir Thomas Turner, Sir Francis Goodrick and others, and the papers are locked up in a great trunk and the key in [Sir Thomas Orly]'s hands; consultation about mourning and other matters tomorrow.

Postscript: discussion of estate news, the vacancy and sending King [Charles II]'s declaration.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 159 20 January 1671/2

Letter from Edward Arden in London to Miles Stapylton at his house in the Bailey. Enquiry after the health of Stapylton's wife and children; Arden with Sir Gilbert Gerard, Lady Gerard, Sir Thomas Orpe and Sir William Turner and ordering [Cosin]'s lying in state here and asking for the presence of either Stapylton or Mr Davenport; not yet a certain successor of [Cosin] but the bishops of Lichfield, Salisbury and Chester have been spoken of with the latter thought to be most likely; further discussion of the payment of [Cosin]'s tenths to Gabriel Swainston; the duke of Monmouth is raising a regiment of foot made up of 24,000 men in 24 companies to carry into France and the electors of 'Collin' [Cologne] and Munster and the Duke of Luninburgh all joined with France to assist against the Dutch .
2ff.

CLB.5B, 160 22 January 1671/2

Letter from John Place, York, to Miles Stapylton, Durham.
Comments on information provided in Stapylton's last letter, which is that Dr Burrell had paid part of some £100 owed, for which Place is pleased; Place remarks on the death of Cosin and offers to send black cloth by the Darlington carrier to make mourning gowns for the poor men; he fears he will "be at a losse" regarding two leases of Brompton; he wishes to know who will succeed Cosin in the bishoprick.
1f.

CLB.5B, 161 25 January 1671/2

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or the castle in Durham.
Flower has sent the surgeon's report concerning Cosin's illness; Mr Davenport has arrived in London; Cosin's corpse is ready to be placed in the coffin and Flower writes that those in London are ready to go into mourning; Flower and others are waiting for Mr Dugdale to arrange the funeral; he further laments the loss of Cosin and hopes to commiserate in person with Stapylton soon; he discusses a legacy left to him by Cosin of £60 (*threescore*), as well as other assets which total around £100 in all; Flower has requested an advance on his legacy from one of Cosin's executors, Sir Thomas Erly; Flower requests for further financial assistance from Stapylton.
Postscript: Flower is confident Octavius's *Uranologia* is in the library *Inter Histor. Secul.* or else where.
2ff.

CLB.5B, 162 27 January 1671/2

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or the castle in Durham.
Discusses a successor [to Cosin], unnamed, and the vacancy; similarly, mention of a declaration which was not made public until after Flower had sent it.
Postscript: a fire at the King's playhouse which burnt entirely in addition to surrounding houses.
1f.

CLB.5B, 163 28 January 1671/2

Letter from John Place to Miles Stapylton, Durham.
Place has answered Stapylton's bill; mention of Thompson's son and Dr Burrell.
1f.

CLB.5B, 164 8 February 1671/2

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at his house or the castle, Durham.

Mr Austin will receive a bill for £20 from Mr Hall; Flower requests a further 20 guineas if possible; 6 yards of cloth have been provided for Stapylton's mourning, but Davenport has informed Flower that Stapylton has already gone into mourning; Dionysius Petavius's *Uranologia* cannot be found in the library, Flower instructs Stapylton to look again in *P. inter Histor. Seculares*; Davenport has gone to Stoke, Mr Forder and Monsr. remember themselves to Stapylton; the bishop of Bristol's consecration will be next Sunday at Lambeth; Flower hears nothing yet regarding the bishoprick of D[urham].

Postscript: Flower asks after the condition of his horse and asks for his saddle and bridle to be sent up from Mr Kirby when his horse comes.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 165 13 February 1671/2

Letter from Edward Arden, London, to Miles Stapylton, at his house on the Bailey, Durham.

Mr Davenport is in town and wishes Stapylton would come also to give advice on the executorship; Dr Burrell will return from France shortly; a new bishop of Durham has not yet been named but the bishops of Chester, Salisbury, Lichfield, Worcester, and Carlisle are reportedly being considered; Mr Robert Cole is very ill and likely to die of consumption, Mr Duke Darcy begs the reversion of his place if he should die; Arden discusses the collection of tenths under the circumstances; Arden begs Stayplton not to allow Mr Swainston to be threatened, troubled or sued; Mr Deane of Durham will give his Lent sermon at court next month; Cosin's funeral has been delayed until the "wayes" are good and passable, which Mr Dugdale says could be not until the end of March; Mr Davenport is not happy with his role as executor of Cosin's will; Arden saw Mr Neile at court.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 166 9 February 1671/2

Letter from John Place, York, to Miles Stapylton, Durham.

Thompson or Dr Burrell have likely acquainted Stapylton with a receipt for £100; Place's leg is in poor shape and he cannot travel; Place will ask W. Marshall to show him the rents for the Fishings; discussion of leases for Booth and Barmby Fishings, as well as the Brompton lease and Bishop Meadows.

1f.

CLB.5B, 167 2 April 1672

Letter from George Kirkby jr, Durham, to Miles Stapylton, at Sir Gilbert Gerrard's house, Pall Mall, London.

Discussing letting the Bishop Meadows, to be given up by Timothy Stott, and a vacancy at Stockton, the wishes of the tenants there; Mr Place to pay Mrs Carnaly at York.

2ff.

CLB.5B, 168 20 March 1672/3

Letter from John Place, York, to Miles Stapylton, Durham.

Stapylton's agents, Mr Dunn & Mr Marshall, have threatened Place with arrears of rent, Place discusses the arrangement of payment in Durham after Easter; Place mentions the settlement of the business of the Fishings.

1f.

CLB.5B, 169 29 March 1673

Letter from John Place, York, to Miles Stapylton, Durham.

Stapylton has acquitted Place of the threatened trouble, Mr Dunn has received money from the tenants but placed a fee of £12 for having to collect at Durham; Place has visited Mr Gardiner's wife who tells him of some business regarding Mr and Mrs Sheaphard.

1f.

CLB.5B, 170 26 February 1671/2

Letter from John Place, York, to Miles Stapylton, at Sir Gilbert Gerrard's house, the old Pall Mall, London.

Stapylton is now in London and Place desires to know when [Cosin's] corpse will be in Yorkeshire that he might attend it into the bishopric; Place further mentions the Fishings as well as Sr Gilbert Hall's farming of the Bishoprick; he asks Stapylton to give the enclosed to his daughter from whom he has heard nothing in over a month; Place is to have £30 abated and two leases renewed to the potential upset of "my Lady".

1f.

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CLB.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.

CLB.6, ii 22 February 1927

Note from Herbert Wood, Alnmouth as executor of J. Crawford Hodgson, to the Master of Peterhouse College, Cambridge, enclosing some letters from Bishop Cosin and Miles Stapylton for Peterhouse, requests college bookplate.

1f.

CLB.6, iii 27 February 1927

Note from Herbert Wood, Alnmouth to the staff member at Peterhouse, thanks for Peterhouse bookplates, comment on Bishop Cosin's influence allowing 'country lads' to attend Peterhouse, concerning a Rudyard Kipling bookplate, genealogy of predecessor William Hodgson, concerning an admission book and part II of Mr Venn's work.

1f.

CLB.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.

CLB.6, 1 13 February 1667/8

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

Cosin questions why Stapylton has not written about the 'good deal of plotting among some men in the Country ... against me and the Rights of the County Palatine which I Labour to defend', the dean and prebends, an 'old petty canon', and subscriptions against the bishop, accounts complaining to the king and parliament that the bishop keeps the 'country-mony' to himself and also concerning knights and burgesses, Cosin's annoyance over rumours and Stapylton's inaction against them; concerning Joplin who is 'caresst as much as ever he was', an individual in the foot regiment who 'most shamefully abused' the king's and queen mother's persons, and an assessor who was let free because he was related to Mr Tempest; Mr Morland, Mr Jefferson, sending the reconveyance and deeds of Chilton; concerning the right to present to the church at Elton and whose turn it is, Mr Errington's or Mr Jefferson's.

Outside: 1 circular stamp

2ff. Some damage and text loss

Printed: Hodgson 173-5

CLB.6, 2 12 March 1667/8

Letter from John Cosin to Mr Stapylton & Mr Neile (opening paragraph only, rest to Stapylton).

[to both] enclosed proclamations to be published in the County Palatine of Durham; [to Stapylton] concerning Mr Rymer's objections against the articles of the Brafferton purchase, which ones Cosin will yield to, concerning the brew-lead and purchases of vessels and tubs, Mr Rymer's brother and Mr Weston at Lancaster, Sir Francis Goodrick's brother Sir John does not intend to buy the manor.

Postscript: concerning a writ from the Exchequer (First Fruits Office) and Stapylton to direct Mr Flower in the matter; Dr Grenville's resignation of his prebend and return to Dr Naylor's prebend 'according to his owne and my daughter's desire, to whom I trow now he is sufficiently beholden as he is likewise to her sister here'; 'I had the duplicats sent up by Mr Morland, etc', Mr Francis Hall, John Hall, Christopher Hall, and receiving 'nothing from Chilton but trouble'; Sir Robert Carr appointed Cosin to receive the £55 bill.

Printed: Hodgson 177-9

CLB.6, 3 4 May 1668

Letter from William Flower, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the Bishop's Castle in Durham.

Received Stapylton's catalogue of books received and hopes they are in good condition, will continue to seek 2 books, recommends the 'Civill & Cannon Law' which he bought from Mr Scot, via the Richmond carrier; received no reply from Archdeacon Grenville, Mr Monday's payment for 'writing his instruments'; account of purchasing the 'Advices to a painter' for 18d for Stapylton; one of the 5 horses which Flower recently bought has died, arranging a meeting place and time with Stapylton and Cosin, instructions for sending letters; concerning Mr Wivall and the payment of Mr Nicholls's salary; 'no newes stirring now'; will obtain the 'Philosophicall Transactions viz March & May' for Stapylton and any other commissions; requests a full account in Stapylton's next letter of the 'suprising' country news; business concerning Chilton, Mr Deane, Bedley, and Mr Hall, question concerning the cancellation of bonds Mr Robert Blakiston left with Mr Newhouse; Cosin seeks advice on Mr Shaw in the Shield's request for a charter for a new market; Sir Gilbert's instruction to preserve the woods and pheasants at Brafferton; news for Mr Davenport concerning money laid out at [St?] Paul's [cathedral London] for a 'making a convenient place for the quire, but very unhappily one pillar fell downe which pul'd downe a good deal more'; discussion whether Flower is to purchase a horse for himself, Cosin's expectations for his chaplains, and Flower's description of his income; Acts of Parliament not yet printed, the City bill and the bill against Conventicles were not passed.

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 179-82

CLB.6, 4 19 September 1668

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

Received a 'great packet' from Stapylton with 2 letters from Sir Thomas Clifford and Sir William Coventry, Commissioners for His Majesty's Treasury; the first concerning non-payment of tenths from Cosin's diocese in 1667 and £300 in arrears to the king, Mr Jackson and Mr Arden to resolve the issue, Cosin believes Arden is 'weary of the office' and 'negligent' in his duties and Mr Kirby or Stapylton should replace him; the second concerning a petition from the Collector of the King's Excise and complaints and affidavits made before Mr James Mickleton regarding a verbal altercation between Mr Humes (the jailer), his wife, and his son, and some officers of the Commissioners of the Treasury, requests that any three or more of Sir Nicholas Cole, Mr William Blakiston, Mr Samuel Davison, Mr Cuthbert Carr, Mr John Morland, and the mayor of Durham should investigate the matter; Stapylton and Mr Arden's accounts; expects an account of works done at Brafferton under John Langstaff, estate business concerning Brafferton and Mr Rymer and his brother; enclosed copies of acquittances that Stapylton requires; concerning rents for the Easington windmill, Shotton watermill, Hetherington's offer for them, and Newbottle mill; an issue with Mr Jennison and his forfeited mare; Cosin troubled by Mr Robert Blakiston's delay to join Stapylton and Mr Hall in securing the £500 which 'they have wrung from me'; Mr Hall (merchant) of Durham, copying the lease made to Mr Kennitt or Mr Bierly for the payment of £100 *per annum* for 9 years from Chilton, concerning Mr Hall's peppercorn rent, 'You cannot be too vigilant in these matters nor too earnest in pleading the justice & equity of my cause, the neglect whereof heretofore hath brought all this following loss & trouble upon me'; Van Ersell's plan for 'ovall garlands in the panels all the Hall over', and James Hall to do the wainscot work on the east side of the Hall.

Postscript: enclosed copies of documents concerning Mr Humes's case; Stapylton's cousin Mr Weston's advice concerning the £1400, Mr Rymer, and the clearing of judgements and incumbrances upon Brafferton, acknowledgements by Sir Thomas Osbourne and others who had hold of the estate, Sir Gilbert Gerard and Stapylton to write to Mr Rymer; Cosin wonders why Stapylton writes nothing of Mr Mascall's proceeding against Mr Grenville, claims his daughter, himself, and the trustees have all been 'abusd'.

Outside: 1 circular stamp, 'My Lord September the 19th. 1668', 'answered September the 25th.'

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 182-6

CLB.6, 5 8 December 1668

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

Discussing a case in Chancery concerning R.B. [Robert Blakiston]; concening Mr Deane, 'the seven yeares Tenants', and a minute from the Chapter; a misunderstanding concerning Mr Rymer and £14; seeking clarification regarding a £5,000 bond; Mr Rymer, John Langstaff, Mr Lockwood, and putting the house in 'Tenantable repair'; Lord Mellasis, Cosin and the division of the common, need for an agreement with inhabitants at Faldingston before Cosin can 'have the moor free to my selfe'; Mr Lockwood, Mr Stapylton, Mr Rymer, Sir Gilbert, and rents, including Brafferton.

Postscript: two acquittances from Mr Ralph Rymer for £1,400 and £14 'are neither of them full enough'; concerning the 'late Numerous Assemblies of the Factious people of Newcastle', and the king, the dean of Carlisle, Dr Basire, Chancellor Burwell, and the mayor, aldermen, and justices of the peace in Newcastle; complains he has heard nothing of Mr Hall's answer to the Chancery bill or the Chilton receipts; desires Mr Jeffrayson to have a 'zealous care' of Cosin's affairs and Mr Neile's accounts; desires bills for money as soon as possible.

Second postscript in a different hand which Hodgson identifies as Cosin: concerning Lord St John, Mr Hall, and the sale of Chilton.

Outside: 1 circular stamp, 'My Lord December the 8th. 1668', 'answered December the 12th.'

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 186-9

CLB.6, 6 17 December 1668

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

Received Stapylton's letter of 12th; desires particulars for 3 leases mentioned there: Sir John Jackson's lease of a water gate upon the Bishop's waste near Washington, a quarry in Plawsworth Moor, and certain fishings near Chester; concerning Brafferton articles and the £5000 bond with Mr Rymer 'a meer Chimæra'; disagreement over whether Cosin or Stapylton is mistaken in the numbers for the last half year's rents; concerning the rates of the assessments; Mr Lockwood to sell the hay from the great ings to neighbours at Helperby, nearby, or, as a last resort, to innkeepers in York; Mr Lockwood, leasing the great ings and 'Cunny Garth', and commentary on how threats of war from the Dutch and others impacted past rents; Brafferton's value, Cosin's frustration that Mr Rymer and family 'enjoy all the benefit & conveniences' of Brafferton and its gardens, stables and yards, without paying rent or intending to make repairs, and Cosin's desire that Stapylton, Mr Lockwood, or 'any other Friend' find an honest gentleman to live at Brafferton and pay rent; provisioning a horse for the militia, the deputy lieutenant, and rates for a footman or musket; Cosin requests that Stapylton and Mr Lockwood provide all the circumstances when enquiring of Cosin's mind on estate business 'for otherwise it is not possible for me to give any direct Answer without fear of being mistaken & deceiving my selfe in it', Mr Barnes cheated him early in his role as bishop; concerning 'my Lord Bellasis' and the division of the common, the tenant of the glebe, the agreement with Faldingston, Mr Rymer, Mr Thomas Rymer, and old Mr Rymer; the acquittance of Mr Rymer upon payment of the £1400, Mr Weston's advice, and Cosin 'love no suites at Law more then needs must..'; entering a suit against Dr Broom & 'his deputy or Kinsman Mr Belt' for £152 before the Statute of Limitations runs out, concerning also Mr Pearson, Mr Dunn, and Mr Mickleton; Stapylton succeeded the late Mr Anthony Pearson in office; Mr Wycliffe's and Mr Hall's bills; discussing the revenue due from tenants of the bishopric due to Sir Harry Wood and other commissioners, and tenths from the clergy; Mr Arden and Mr Jackson's lease; 'My Lord Mayor' received Stapylton's bill of £200, Mr Matfin's lease, deliberation in parliament over postal rates, especially for letters with leases, Cosin belives charges to be paid by tenants 'who save a journey hither by it'; John Langstaff's travel, Cosin desires Van Ersell to redo the faces in the Library because visitors from Durham say the paintings are 'ugly & unworthy of the Room' and look like 'Saracens'; the letting of Brafferton and Mr Rymer's valuation of the land.

Postscript: obtaining Dr Broom's answer; Mr Thomas Rymer's report that his brother [Mr Ralph Rymer?] and Mr Wilson intend to leave Brafferton, Cosin's intention to find furniture for the house and have 'my Daughter here' or another stay there; Mr Arden and the money that Mr Farrer owes Cosin, the judgments of Sir Francis Goodrick, Mr Shafto, Mr Stote on paying back the fine.

Outside: 1 circular stamp, 'My Lord December the 17th. 1668', 'answered December the 24th.'

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 189-95

CLB.6, 6A 17 December 1668

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.

Instructions for John Wren to have two tradesmen appraise in writing 'the 6 pieces of the forrest verdure Hangings with borders about them' which Cosin remembers hanging in the parlour next to the hall in Durham [Castle]; Cosin's daughter at Darlington to sign the appraisals.

Enclosed in 6, 6.

1f.

Printed: Hodgson 195-6

CLB.6, 7 16 February 1668/9

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

Received Stapylton's letter of 12th, questions regarding accounts and arrangements for Bishop Langley's two schools, Mr Martin and Mr Elias Smith, the Archdeacon's house, the Dean and Chapter's Receiver's Book and the Archdeacon's rents, Stapylton's findings at the Augmentation Office, question whether John Pearson, Thomas Harrison, and John Rangall were song schoolmasters or grammar schoolmasters during the bishoprics of Pitlington, Barnes, Hutton, and Toby Mathews, Robert Maland in Bishop Howson's time, Mr Aldworth the Auditor and Mr Dean of Durham say second schoolmasters were ushers to grammar schoolmasters rather than teachers of song, Robert King is old enough to know who Rangall and Maland were; the house on Palace Green and lodging for schoolmasters in the school 'built upon the Churchyard with incroachment upon my Ground' in Dean Barwick's time, what happened to Mr Martin when Mr Smith let the schoolhouse to Jonas Moore, where money from dissolved chantries went and how the schools of Bishop Langley's foundation were funded; lease of Urpeth colliery; the miscarried matter at Chilton concerning taking possession of the estates and the baileys, the judgment against Mr Hall and his removal of property, and trespass action, the recovery of rents, Stapylton's letter to Cosin's 'daughter here' and Mr Hall's flight, in the matter of lending Mr Hall £700 Cosin feels he has been used by Stapylton, his lawyers, Mr Blakiston, and Mr Hall, and grieved for the colleges and hospitals, leasing and farming the land and John Abbey; George Douthwaite owes £86; the suit for Mr Belt's arrears; considering a suit against William Jackson; inquiry as to Mr Hall's whereabouts; Mr Davenport and Lance Ettis's lease at Cornforth; returning Mr Ralph Cole's deputation by Mr Humes the gaoler and a lease to Robert Jackson for a parcel of overflowed ground at Stockton, Mr Brabant's lease for his farm in Middleham made in Hugh Robinson's name; the division of the close at Auckland and £10 for the library; Mr Dalton's letters to Mr Dean opposing ground levelling work in the churchyard and Palace Green, and the middle gate of a new wall, concerning also Miller, John Langstaff; inquiry into rents for Mr Barkas's lease of a garden on Palace Green and Wren's lease for 'Sea Rocks & Kelps' near Wearmouth; money Farrer owes.

Postscript: the king and charges for great packets sent by post; Mr Kirby and the rent of Bishop Meadows; Cosin cancelled the £5000 bond Mr Rymer sent; Cosin's daughter Burton and Robert Moghun's wages; returning the £25 from Mr Wright.

Outside: 1 circular stamp, 'My Lord Feb. the 16th., 1668', 'answered February the 20th.' 2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 196-200

CLB.6, 8 2 March 1668/9

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

Received Stapylton's letter of February 26; a bill of exchange, Mr Flower, Mr Cosin, and the Dean of St Pauls; Mr Lassells and the tenants of Allerton Demesne; difficulty getting Lord Gerard's seal on surrenders and leases, including Richard Merrington's; discussion of Bishop Langley's schools including Cosin's frustration over the Dean of Durham's obstinacy over when the school was founded and over the stipends from Kaverdley Manor, the bishop's auditor, the founders of the chantry, money allotted to the grammar school during different monarchs' reigns; he hopes Stapylton, Mr Jeffrayson and Mr Davenport can 'prevail upon' the dean when he arrives in Durham, discussing the king's grant during the vacancy between Bishops Howson and Morton, the dissolution of the chantries, and the vacancy between Bishops Tunstall and Pilkington, 'Morall Death makes a vacancy as well as a Naturall'; Stapylton to present written arguments to the dean so he can respond in writing and so avoid the 'noise & Scandall' of a lawsuit, comment on lawyers; the dean believes Bishop Morton was mistaken in giving Mr Martin the grammar school; Mr Adamson's information about the ferryboat and meetage at Sunderland came too late for Mr Ettericke's lease; Cosin discusses altering the 'Great Deed' in his custody and the omission of Mr Thomas Blakiston's name; the continued delay of the suit against Mr Bell and the prorogation of parliament; Mr Place, the Chilton accounts, and the price of corn; Mr Dean, the lease of Counden Grange, and hopes that Thomas Bullock and his two partners will make a better offer, Bullock's insolence, taking his wife's annuity from Chilton rather than Nusham as Mr Hall did, desires Mr Robert Blakiston's response to Mr Bullock's & Mr Kennitt's demands.

Postscript: further comments on Lord Gerard and the surrenders.

Outside: 1 circular stamp, 'My Lord March the 2d., 1668', 'answered March the 6th.' 2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 200-4

CLB.6, 9 11 November 1669

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton.

The patent of the clerkship of the Halmote Office, the money due to Cosin's daughter Burton, Mr Arden's bond, and the purchase of a house for Cosin's daughter; the leases of Howden and Gateshead, confirmations from the Dean and Chapter, and the 'King's Mandatory Letter'; Stapylton and Mr Kirby to send the account of rents due from Chilton and unlet land including 'the Gates, the West more &c', payments for the hospital, 'the Keeper of my new Library', the colleges in Cambridge (Caius and Peterhouse) headed by Sir William Turner, and to 'My Daughter here' who should make an account book; desires John Abbey's accounts of Brafferton and Stapylton to relay directions; Mr Davenport's letter of 6 November concerning the lease of Mainsforth, the lease of Eastgate in Weardale to Mr Emerson the alderman of Newcastle whose sons Charles and George have died, John Marly and a payment of 2 fothers of lead for Cosin's chapel [at Auckland]; Mr Davenport and Stapylton's report concerning tenants.

1f.

Printed: Hodgson 208-9

CLB.6, 10 5 July 1670

Letter from John Cosin to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the bishop's castle in Durham. Cosin's recent dealings with Mr Grenvile, including Cosin's dissatisfaction over no visits, Grenvile's refusal to subscribe to the agreement Stapylton and Mr Jeffrayson made in the name of trustees, concerning Sir Thomas Stringer, Welford's £500, the interest due on Mr (William) Blakiston's money 'before Mr Greenvyle meddled with it', and £50 payments every Martinmas and Pentecost until £500 is paid from Easington profits, Mr Grenvile using the excuse of his wife's health 'whose madness must here be curd & for that purpose hee brought her up by the advice of Dr Tonstall & Dr Wilson who are here laught at for their paines, his wive's temper having been very good ever since he brought her from Yorkshire & hurried her to Oxford' and the refusal to have her come to Cosin, her sister, or Stapylton in Durham, Mr Grenvile considers Stapylton and Mr Davenport his 'greatest enemy', Stapylton's comment that Cosin married his daughter to 'a dirty debt', Sir Thomas Stringer to return an answer but Cosin expects nothing 'good and just'; concerning the division of Easington, Mr Chancellor, a clause concerning the indemnity of the Church, and Mr Ettrick's comments; Cosin's dissatisfaction with Mr Mascall's handling of fees and charges related to suing for arrears, accounts of Christopher Wren and Ralph Douthwait; the late tenants of Stockton, Mr Stapylton, Mr Barnes, Captain Ashmall and the 'unreasonable' demands of assessment from the tenants; the draught of the lease for miners at Newbottle, Sir Gilbert's travel plans, Dr Basire and the 12 leases secured in 2 bags whose names are enclosed.

Postscript: needs accounts from Chilton and Auckland for the hospitals; Stapylton's opinion on the enclosed account going back to May Day 1663; Mr Arden is sick.

Outside: 1 circular stamp, 'My Lord July the 5th. 1670', 'answered July the 12th. 1670'. 2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 209-12

CLB.6, 11 22 October 1670

Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the bishop's castle in Durham.

Discussion of whether or not Mr Mickleton's employment against Mr Belt was at Cosin's express order; Stockton tenants' leases and past allowances of assessments; 'I have cast off my thought of having any doore left in the new-addition to the Library for a passage to the Garden'; a letter to Sir Gilbert concerning c Thomas Tempest, £300, and his mill, Cosin's advice, Cosin's daughter Burton to use the fine to buy the house, Sir Thomas Tempest and the renewal of his lease with the dean and Chapter, 'For the pleasing of my daughter and her husband, and for the saving of Sir Gilbert's word and credit' Cosin will not refuse his daughter £200 if there is a lease of 40 years, otherwise 'it were a madness to pay £400 for the house'; Bowry and Foster's fine of £20; Sir Edward Smith's steward's offer, making Dane and Simon Baily and other tenants see reason; Mr Cornforth's fine for Darlington Mills, renewing the moiety for the child; disagreement over Mr Cuthbert Carr's lease at Thirkley; the men of Gateshead and their new grant; received the catalogue Stapylton sent of Cosin's private library.

Postscript: synod; Cosin's 'speciall friend' (son-in-law of the last bishop of Ely) offered a commission from the king's officers of the Treasury for the measuring of coal boats at Sunderland and awaits counsel concerning various questions, including enquiring of Mr Davenport, Mr Ball, Lord Mordant's imposition on every cauldron of coals and facing opposition in Newcastle, consulting Mr Lambton; Mr Lodowick Hall's complaint of being turned out of his house; Sir Gilbert sends post regarding Sir Thomas Tempest.

Outside: 1 circular stamp, 'answered October the 28th. 1670'.

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 212-15

CLB.6, 12 1 November 1670

Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the bishop's castle in Durham.

Further discussion about Stockton tenants and assessments including Mr Arden's and Stapylton's differing opinions, Cosin blaming Stapylton's parole, Sir Gilbert, Mr Barnes, instructions for resolving the matter and cautions against going to law; Cosin's frustration that Stapylton did not send particulars regarding Sir Thomas Tempest's house and lease, Cosin describes his daughter and her husband as 'not caring what it cost or how unreasonably it shall be bought so they may have it' and is 'loath that any man should censure us and say wee are all mad'; Mr Cornforth's fine of £50, policy for fees on moieties, Mr Cornforth and 'Mr T[homas] B[lakiston] for his daughter' renewing leases; Mr Lodowick Hall's complaints are 'false & frivolous'; measuring Sunderland keels and questioning impositions on coal in Newcastle.

Postscript: the bishop of Lichfield died last Friday; Cosin's objections to a lease Stapylton sent to Sir Gilbert for the coal mines in Auckland Park, Coundon, Coundon Grange, '&c', John Langstaff, Robert Morley already possessing the lease of Coundon Grange, inconvenience of coalmines in the Park to Cosin's successor, doubts about authority without an Act of Parliament, Cosin 'beholden' to successors' kindness to renew leases of Crayke, Gateshead, Howden, and Northallerton to his children, desires Stapylton to send another lease without demesne lands; account of Chilton rents and last year's arrears, remaining bonds in Mr Kirby's hands; leases of Mr Carr, Gateshead bridge, and 'the other'.

Outside: 2 circular stamps, 'answered November the 5th. 1670'.

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 215-17

CLB.6, 13 2 February 1670/1

Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the bishop's castle in Durham.

Issue over paying postage, 'I have often told & I pray let me tell you now againe that by reason you doe not read over your Letters when you have written them you puzzle us to understand them'; Stapylton to write to Mr Dutton to learn of proceedings against Mr London and his 2 sureties so as to avoid errors, Mr Dutton does not understand the County Palatine or Newcastle, Mr London absconds himself in London, Mr Shadforth, Cosin's cousin Mr John Blakiston takes no responsibility as 'first author'; Stockton tenant rents and trouble over Mr Barnes's lease; Sir Gilbert Gerard reports 16 trees cut in Bedbourne where only 6 were requested for mill repairs, Stapylton blames directions Cosin gave John Langstaff; the declaration of trust for money lent to Sir Ralph Cole; Stapylton's unfavourable character of Mr Place makes Cosin 'somewhat afraid' to let Mr Place buy the patent of Mr Gill for the bailiwick of Coatham Mundeville or to make him housekeeper of Darlington in trust for Mr Charles Gerard's children and wife, issue with Mr T[homas] B[lakiston] and Mr Gill's declaration, requests a price for the bailiwick and housekeeping.

Postscript: Sir Gilbert complains Mr Jeffrayson 'did not draw the writing right', Mr T[homas] B[lakiston] does not look after their interests as promised, Mr John Tongue to surrender his trust in Darlington Mills, desire to prevent future mischief.

Outside: 2 circular stamps. 'My Lord February the 2d. 1670', 'answered February the 7th. 1670'.

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 218-20

CLB.6, 14 18 March 1670/1

Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the bishop's castle in Durham.

'In such a multitude & confusion of particular Affairs, it is not so easy for my Amanuensis or mee to recall what I have written halfe a yeare before: which might all have been mended if you had told me in your Letter what I had formerly written...', fees for Alice Coulson's lease; dispute concerning Sir Thomas Lyddell, a Gateshead colliery tenant, and men of Newcastle over the sinking of a coal pit and whether it lies on Lyddell's lands at Ravensworth Manor or upon the bishop's lands at Gateshead Manor, how to resolve it without going to law, Sir James Clavering and Mr Ladler, the trial the Newcastle men had prepared against Sir Thomas Lydell sixteen years prior; Fletcher, a lease of ejectment in the half cavil at Chester, description of his character; Sir Gilbert's proposition for royalties, Stapylton, and Mr Mascall; question about Mr Eden's lands, the steward of the Halmote court; Stapylton to resolve the business between Mr Neil and Cosin concerning a decree, Sir Francis Goodrick; Jack Wren brings Mr Gibson's patent; desires an update on the catalogue and library addition.

Postscript: Parliament's schedule, Cosin's travel preparations for returning to Durham, 'wherein I think I shall not be able to endure my Coach but upon very plaine & even ground...'; Mr Gibson's patent, fees, and Stockton court, Mr Richard Matthews, 'Feoda & Regarda' and the bishop's purse.

W.H: inquiry about a letter for Mr Anthony Wharton at Wolsingham, a bill for £100, and a warrant for small trees from Bedbourne.

Outside: 2 circular stamps, 'My Lord March the 18th. 1670', 'answered March the 24/9th. 1670'.

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 220-3

CLB.6, 15 23 March 1670/1

Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton.

No more to say about Stockton tenants and Mr Emerson; penalties owed by convicted recusants to the bishop of Durham; suing Alderman Duck; the 8 or 9 farmers at Newbottle and the value of divisions, advantages for leaseholders, freeholders, and copyholders; Mr [Samuel] Davison too ill to attend Halmote courts, Mr Eden's 12s 9d; Mr Stote, Stapylton, and Sir Thomas Lyddell's claims in Gateshead Manor and Franckland wood, Mr Stote's involvement with leaseholders of Gateshead and Whickham in a suit against Lyddell 16 years prior, Cosin feels used by both Lydell and under-tenants; sending 2 inhibitions concerning the dean and chapter and Cosin's visitation; Cosin hears nothing from France, daughter Grenville hears nothing from the 'Doctorated Curate' [Grenville], Grenville's neglect of his duties, Mr Bigg and a judgement of the King's Bench, keeping records of all expenses Mr Grenville puts them to.

Postscript: inquiry about Mr Beaumont's performance in his Sedgefield curateship, the substitution of curates at Easington; Mr Chancellor Burwell and appointing Mr Hilton's son and Mr Kirby collecting the royalties, the unwillingness of justices of the peace to set fines and amercements if Mr Mascall or others are involved; heard Mr Marsh of Houghton was deathly sick 'but I did not concerne my self in that report because I heard nothing of it from you or Mr Davenport'; wants Stapylton's audit finished before Easter and the new year; £20 from Davyes which Mr Archdeacon promised for Tractatus Tractatum.

Outside: 'My Lord March the 23th. 1670', 'answered March the 28th. 1671'.

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CLB.6, 16 10 June 1671

Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the bishop's castle in Durham.

The Act of Parliament for the subsidy, differing views of Stapylton, commissioners and Mr Attorney General concerning peers' personal estates, Cosin's money in Mr Blackett's, Mr Watson's, and Mr Carnaby's hands, assessing Cosin's personal estates; Mr Fetherstonhalgh's lease, 'but if men bee so greedy of Lives let them pay for them the more', Sir Gilbert's report; Mr Kirby to provide an account of unpaid bonds with reasons why they are unpaid, requiring men to pay all their fines before obtaining leases rather than accepting bonds to save trouble and 'depending upon their pleasures'; nothing more until Stapylton answers Cosin's letter; sending the king's proclamation against merchant ships without convoy; institution for Mr William Smith 'a Batchelour of Arts but ready to comence Master' to Stranton vicarage, Mrs John Dodsworth of Watlass in Yorkshire, Mr Flower; Sir Gilbert's postponed journey north; seeks advice regarding Mr R[obert] B[lakiston], Mr J.M., and Mr L[odovic] H[all]'s answers in the Bill of Chancery, Mr Stephen Thompson and £800 from Chilton or Newsham, Cosin's disgust over the business with Mr R.B., Mr L. Byerley, Mr Hall and Chilton, Mr Kennet's pretended debt and Sir Gilbert Gerard's warning of a trial at the next Durham assizes, London lawyers crying out against Mr Jeffrayson and Mr John Blakiston, Mr Hall, Mr R.B., the security of Newsham and incumbrances charged to Mr Morland.

Postscript: 'I have not yet got strength enough to resolve whether I can come into the North this summer or no', attendance at Exeter House and York House from 2 to 8pm regarding the investiture of the duke of Buckingham into the chancellorship of 'our university' with speeches by the vice-chancellor, orator, and duke, and a feast costing £400; trouble over bills of exchange concerning Mr Warton and Mr Mitford, Mr Anthony Wharton, young Mr Byerly's fine; Mr Davenport responsible for Mr Allison's bonds for Quarrington Grange; 'I am wearyed with expecting the rest of the Accompts'.

Outside: 2 circular stamps, 'My Lord June the 10th. 1671', 'answered June the 16, 1671'.
2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 225-9

CLB.6, 17 13 June 1671

Letter from John Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the bishop's castle in Durham.

Mr Nelthrop and Howden, leases, and Mrs Scott; Cosin's objections to Mr Kirby's accounts; Mr Grey's £15 for his fine, 'the colliery blowne up', Wren's assurance, Cosin's grandchild Fanny Hutton 'so much defeated'; Mr Allison's bond and delayed payment, Cosin's suspicion that Stapylton and Mr Kirkby did not demand the money, Stapylton's evasive tactics; Dr Carleton's late fine, 'All the way you have managd that business for him & not for mee'; Mr Kirby's account of unpaid bonds defective when compared to Cosin's enclosed note; matter concerning James Whisson; improved value of tenants' farms; 'You doe so puzzle me in describing the Presses & the Doores that open into the new Additionall Room to the Library that I know not what to make of it, neither shall I understand it p[er]fectly what you or John Langstaffe would have untill hee make a little draught & description of it in a piece of paper'; Sir Gilbert, Mr Morland's pretended lease, Mr Hall's acknowledgement; Mr Wharton, the attorney for the gentleman in Barbados, Mr Mascall, 'These short Answers that you make me are not at all pleasing to me'.

Postscript: Mr Crosby to add Henry Calverley of Littlebourne to the justices of the peace; Cosin instructed Mr Arden to keep Mr Farrer from writing or visiting Cosin 'But upon Witsonday immediately before we were goeing to receive the Sacrament, hee comes stealing into the House...', Richard Forder, returning Mr Farrer's letter to Mr Arden, Farrer's general release and two fines; desires information on the demesnes of Northallerton and Brompton, their rents and leases, trouble transcribing T.B.'s 'Paper of the Severall Termes', payment dates for freehold and copyhold rents.

W.H.: Replying to Stapylton's letter next post.

Outside: 2 circular stamps, 'My Lord June the 13th. 1671', 'answered June the 17th. 1671'.

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Printed: Hodgson 229-31

CLB.6, 18 15 June 1671

Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at his house or at the bishop's castle in Durham.

Cosin has received Mr Farrer's general release and thinks Farrer is impudent; a tenancy dispute between Whitsun and Sparkes; a patent has been made for Mr Samuel Davison, the reason for which Cosin could not remember; Cosin is upset with TB (Blakiston?)'s "negligence in the Catalogues" and asks Stapylton to "shame him" for his carelessness; £200 regarding Mr Watson and Mr Roger's executors; Mr Cole's patent; Cosin gave no order telling Mr Calvorley to write immediately to Mr Crosby about putting him into the next commission of the peace; Mr Eden and a rent dispute.

Postscript: Mr Scisson has written asking that his son may follow him in the proctor's place at the consistory court, which Cosin provides directions for if Mr Chancellor Burrell accepts; Cosin is frustrated that he has not received the accounts of the roll yet; Sir Gilbert cannot leave town until Monday next.

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 231-3

CLB.6, 19 20 June 1671

Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at his house or at the bishop's castle in Durham.

Cosin has not received the roll account nor the accounts of his private books; Stapylton's opinion regarding the peers is "point blank" against the Act of Parliament; the commissioners and assessors of the king's tax; Mr Fetherstonhalgh letting Stanhope Frith; Cosin is "ashamd" at Mr Robert Blakiston's answer about Chilton and mention of Mr Thompson and Mr Hall; Mr Kennit not satisfied with Mr Stott's opinion and Sir Gerard fears he will go to court; Bayly, Nixon and Huddrington leases; Sir Gilbert's journey has been delayed and Cosin does not know when he will set off.

Postscript: asks Stapylton to give Cosin's respects to Chancellor Burrell; a new consistory court, which has cost Cosin thus far some £26000; discrepancies in the previous year's roll accounts.

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 234-7

CLB.6, 20 29 June 1671

Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at his house or at the bishop's castle in Durham.

More pertaining to the recent Act of Parliament and the assessment of estates; Cosin wishes to speak no further regarding Captain Fetherston's lease; Cosin has left the account of arrears to Mr Flower; Cosin and Stapylton disagree regarding Dean Carleton's lease; Sir Gilbert complains of Mr Kirby who has returned a writ; Cosin expects Mr Kirby's accounts of his demesnes sometime that week.

Postscript: Stapylton does not mention Mr Allison's bond nor the dean of Carlisle's payments and securities; Cosin gives Stapylton leave to put their bonds in suit.

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 237-8

CLB.6, 21 4 July 1671

Letter from John Cosin, Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton, at his house or at the bishop's castle in Durham.

Cosin will not recompense Mr Farrer for the money he laid out on their lordship's behalf, and Farrer urges Cosin to send him a release; if Cosin were to grant Farrer a general release it would cut Cosin off from Farrer's rents given in arrears; Tanfield Colery; if Mr Rowell takes care of all proceedings in the consistory court then Mr Flower will acquaint Stapylton with all presentations, institutions and licences regarding payments due to the king as per the recent Act; Cosin hears of a great fire in Newcastle from Mr Chancellor, Sir Robert Shafto, Mr Stote, and his brother; Sir Gilbert yet delays his journey, for what reason Cosin does not know.

Postscript: £100 given to Sir Gilbert to be given to Stapylton, mention of Mr Wharton and Mr Byerley at Whitsuntide.

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 240-1

CLB.6, 22 19 October 1671

Letter from Bishop Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the bishop of Durham's castle, Durham.

Discussion of Chilton accounts including payments to the hospital and library at Durham and the two colleges at Cambridge; discussion of fines and leases; money due for the royalties collected by Mr Church and Mr Pearson; fines and fees for the Dyers' charter in Durham; discussion of Cosin's reputation for being loathe to go to law with anyone who won't pay him what they owe; John Abbey's accounts; selling of horses and grooms; matter of Mr Neile, Bainbrig and Mr Neile's accounts; discussion of estate business including Colson's lease for three lives of the moiety of the lands and pastures which belonged to the keeper of Wolsingham Park, the renewal of Mr Hutchinson's life, Alderman Duck's grasiers; neither Stapylton nor Hutchinson the book seller planning to set Cosin's arms on the back of his books unless the prints are better cut which Cosin is planning to have done in London; Cosin has heard nothing from Stapylton or Sir Gilbert [Gerard] on the matter of the *elegit* against Mr Archdeacon.

Postscript: Sir Philip Mockton's bond to pay his rent arrears; Cosin hopes that Stapylton and Mr Kirby will look at his procurations both at the last visitation and before; Mr Timothy Cummins was the auditor and Mr Hugh Wright the receiver of Mr Neile during his time.
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Printed: Hodgson 241-5

CLB.6, 23 2 November 1671

Letter from Bishop Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the bishop of Durham's castle, Durham.

Instructions to Cosin's daughter [Elizabeth, Lady] Burton and her children not to come to London until winter has passed, discussion of her husband Mr [Samuel] Davison's provision only for his son after her death and the confirmation of her son's patent by the dean and chapter; payment of money relating to Trollop's articles; discussion of estate business including Mr Ackroyd's two leases, Ms Ogylbye's expired lease, a mortgage made to Mr Thompson by Mr R[obert] B[lakiston] for £800 out of Chilton, lives of Bowes and Coates of Brompton, Mr Hutchinson's sealed lease, John Langstaffe's request for the freestone quarry at Counden, and Mr Bowser's request that George Donne's lease for years at Middridge be turned into 3 lives; demands of Mr Pearson of Newcastle on behalf of John Fenwick's son over sealing and renewing his leases.

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 245-8

CLB.6, 24 2 November 1671

Letter from Bishop Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton.

Discussion of the English Bill preferred in the Exchequer against Cosin and others by Henry Richardson which Cosin states "hath so many falsehoods in it"; praise of Stapylton's getting Cosin's money from Mrs Pearson by a bill in Chancery and instructions for getting Lady Davison's money paid to her husband by the Dyers; discussion of the "ill dealing of the Archdeacon" and the appointment of the curates of Easington and Sedgfield by Mr Chancellor and Mr Davenport; procedure for the collection of rents from freeholders and copyholders of Evenwood; Mr Wright's payment of the annuity out of Windlestow; Sir Gilbert Gerard returned and agrees with Stapylton and Mr Davenport that the slant should be continued in the passage between the greater library and the additional room; lease of Morg. and George Watson of Newbottle enclosed; notice to be given when Mr Lodington comes to pay Mr Joyce's money; nothing heard of Mr Duck's grasiers.

Postscript: request from John Lambert of Stockton to Sir Gilbert [Gerard] regarding his part of the lease there let to him; Mr Gill in a bad condition and instructions to ensure that his lease at Hallikeld Close, his collection for Coatham Mandeville and the house at Darlington do not suffer; financing of books for the library; request that Stapylton look after the extended value of leases in townships he holds for Cosin as Cosin's book is imperfect in that respect.

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CLB.6, 25 2 January 1672

Letter from Bishop Cosin at Pall Mall, London, to Miles Stapylton at his house or at the bishop of Durham's castle, Durham.

Discussion of financial business including £2000 Mr Kirby should have paid to Mr Johnson, and Stapylton's returns involving Alderman Backwell and Mr Humphrey Wharton; deaths of Mr Baddeley and Mr Cholmley which put Cosin "in mind of preparing for my owne departure out of this world, being now come to a great age of 76 yeeres at St Andrew's day last".

2ff.

Printed: Hodgson 251-3