

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
at his House in new Bond  
street near Pickadilly  
London

Worfield 9<sup>br</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 720

Sr

According to y<sup>e</sup> last letter I gave 6 guineys (w<sup>ch</sup> I rec<sup>d</sup> of Robt Barret) among y<sup>e</sup> serv<sup>ts</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> I distributed to 8 of y<sup>m</sup>, of w<sup>ch</sup> Ile give y<sup>u</sup> an acc<sup>t</sup> w<sup>n</sup> ever y<sup>u</sup> please. I was in great hopes, dear Sr upon y<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> letters & my answering it again I shou<sup>d</sup> hear from y<sup>u</sup> pretty often, & therefore am a little uneasy least there shou<sup>d</sup> be something in my long scrambling hasty letters y<sup>t</sup> shou<sup>d</sup> give offence, I hope there was not, if there was (w<sup>ch</sup> I can't recollect) I am sure it was without design: you'l oblige me therefore Sr to let me hear from y<sup>u</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> convenient opportunity y<sup>u</sup> have I have sent Sr this week by y<sup>e</sup> Wolverhampton farrier who inns at y<sup>e</sup> Ram in Smithfield a box directed to y<sup>u</sup> w<sup>th</sup> a spiritual goose or 2 in, & a few potted woodcocks; w<sup>ch</sup> I had very much ado to procure being very scarce w<sup>th</sup> us etc I hope they'l come safe & sweet & y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup> good Lady & y<sup>u</sup> will be pleased to accept of y<sup>m</sup> & command anything at any time y<sup>t</sup> is mine, or any way hes in my power; no one l'le answer y<sup>u</sup> Dear Sr shall serve y<sup>u</sup> w<sup>th</sup> greater cheerfulness, sincerity, or secrecy in any matter y<sup>n</sup> myself, y<sup>r</sup> relations Sr not excepted: I am invited tomorrow to Old Swynford (where they are all well) to keep as usual y<sup>e</sup> young gentlemans birthday, but cannot at y<sup>s</sup> time a'while to go. Having several in my parish at y<sup>s</sup> time out of order either w<sup>th</sup> ye smallpox or some other indisposition. I hope Sr to hear in y<sup>r</sup> next y<sup>r</sup> self, y<sup>r</sup> good Lady, masters & misses, are all in perfect health, & y<sup>t</sup> you'l all be pleased to accept of my sincere & humble service & must beg y<sup>e</sup> favour of y<sup>u</sup> Sr to make y<sup>e</sup> same acceptable to my Lord Sussex. Mr Whitmore & his Lady & derivatives are all well, & send y<sup>eir</sup> humble service to y<sup>u</sup> & y<sup>r</sup> Lady & took very kindly y<sup>r</sup> standing so readily & are willing I find to make y<sup>e</sup> same return w<sup>n</sup> y<sup>u</sup> have occasion. His widdow sister at Shrewsbury is now ill of y<sup>e</sup> smallpox, w<sup>ch</sup> is still very brief w<sup>th</sup> us: my father & Uncle Sr send y<sup>eir</sup> humble service to y<sup>u</sup> & y<sup>r</sup> Lady & my Uncle Sr desires y<sup>u</sup> pay to my Brother Jos: who y<sup>u</sup> saw[?] w<sup>th</sup> me in y<sup>e</sup> Country, y<sup>e</sup> sum of one pound twelve shillings for things he bought for my Uncle, I have not yet wrote to him to wait upon y<sup>u</sup> for it; y<sup>r</sup> Gardiner Sr has had £46 more & may have w<sup>t</sup> he wants, he is concern'd Sr if y<sup>u</sup> have sent him down no forrest trees according to promise, w<sup>ch</sup> he wants much. We have not yet Sr any account who's like to be Sheriff 'tis generally thought 'twill be y<sup>u</sup>, if y<sup>u</sup> are Sr I wish y<sup>u</sup> joy of it & as little trouble as can be. I am Sr in great hast Y<sup>r</sup>  
Obedt Humble servt D Adamson

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
at his House in new=Bond Street  
near Pickadilly  
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Sr

I rec<sup>d</sup> & read y<sup>r</sup> obliging letter w<sup>th</sup> a great deal of satisfaction, till came towards y<sup>e</sup> conclusion of it, where I was very much concern'd to find y<sup>r</sup> good Lady had miscarry'd, w<sup>ch</sup> must needs occasion weakness; yet I can't but say I was reviv'd to hear y<sup>t</sup> she began to come out of her room again, hoping it to be a good omen of her strength & health speedily returning to her, for w<sup>ch</sup> my sincere prayers & good wishes shall not be wanting; y<sup>e</sup> same Sr shall likewise be ever offered up by me for you Sr & all y<sup>r</sup> derivatives w<sup>th</sup> great heartiness & sincerity. I had not deferred answering y<sup>r</sup> letter so long Sr not only on account of going to Aply every day, & other constant business, but at y<sup>s</sup> time y<sup>e</sup> preparing a sermon ag<sup>st</sup> y<sup>e</sup> last fast, & being appointed likewise a Commissioner by our Bishop to wait on y<sup>e</sup> rector of Stockton on acct of dilapidations etc has straitned me very much in my time; & al y<sup>e</sup> same time Sr has given me a flagrant instance in y<sup>e</sup> Rector y<sup>t</sup> our function is liable to y<sup>e</sup> same passions, infirmities etc w<sup>th</sup> other men: but y<sup>e</sup> institution being of divine appointment, under y<sup>e</sup> evangelical as well as legal dispensation, & consequently y<sup>e</sup> orders sacred; & y<sup>e</sup> account y<sup>ey</sup> must give (if negligent in y<sup>eir</sup> duty) so dreadful & terrible; y<sup>t</sup> I am so charitable as to hope (setting aside party heats) y<sup>ly</sup> are not such an abandon'd sett of men, as y<sup>s</sup> Censoring age wou'd have y<sup>m</sup> to be, but y<sup>t</sup> abundance of y<sup>m</sup> are not only morally honest, but just & charitable, pious & religious too; if otherwise, y<sup>eir</sup> high calling will be of no service to y<sup>m</sup>, but to aggravate y<sup>eir</sup> torments in another life! I can't pretend Sr to contradict w<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> have lately experienc'd, but heartily wish Sr it may be y<sup>e</sup> last time y<sup>u</sup> may meet w<sup>th</sup> any such treatment from y<sup>e</sup> Cloth; for my part, I shall be always ready to serve y<sup>u</sup> Sr heartily & honestly too, & can't but own my self ever concern'd to hear of y<sup>e</sup> misbehaviour of any of my brethren, being sensible of y<sup>e</sup> influences of bad examples in general, but more particularly of those of my own order. But I am afraid Sr you'll think I dwell too long on y<sup>t</sup> part of y<sup>r</sup> letter, & therefore I shal say no more at present; & indeed I have y<sup>e</sup> less reason to do it, because y<sup>u</sup> therein express y<sup>r</sup> candid & good opinion of me, w<sup>ch</sup> I hope I shall ever take all y<sup>e</sup> care I can not to forfeit. Y<sup>r</sup> kind acceptance Sr of y<sup>e</sup> small, insignificant, present, I sent y<sup>u</sup>, is an acknowledgement more y<sup>an</sup> it deserves; neither do I, l'le assure y<sup>u</sup> Sr desire anything further, y<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> honour of y<sup>r</sup> favour & good word; (particularly, if y<sup>u</sup> please Sr in y<sup>e</sup> affair y<sup>u</sup> generously promised to speak to my Lord Sussex about, to whom my humble duty & service) w<sup>ch</sup> will be ever Sr highly esteemed by me & for w<sup>ch</sup> Sr you shall ever find me grateful & obliging. My father & Uncle St send y<sup>eir</sup> humble service to y<sup>u</sup> & y<sup>r</sup> Lady & I must beg y<sup>e</sup> favour of y<sup>u</sup> Sr to make mine acceptable to y<sup>r</sup> Lady (& her brother, if y<sup>u</sup> please, thoon known) to Master Shell, misses & young masters, for, I won't not willingly lose master Harry's favour. & particularly to y<sup>r</sup> Brother in Ireland w<sup>n</sup> y<sup>u</sup> or y<sup>r</sup> Lady write to him, for I want much to hear how he Does, & whether he has yet quitted y<sup>e</sup> state of Celibacy: I have not yet been to wait on y<sup>e</sup> Doctor, nor any of y<sup>r</sup> sisters since y<sup>u</sup> left y<sup>e</sup> Country. But hear y<sup>ey</sup> are well & hope somew<sup>t</sup> cooler in y<sup>eir</sup> temper y<sup>n</sup> y<sup>ey</sup> were some time since: tis said m<sup>r</sup> Child & Sr Jn Astly have laid aside y<sup>e</sup> thoughts at present of standing for members of P. For any place in y<sup>s</sup> neighbourhood & y<sup>e</sup> latter & m<sup>r</sup> Whitmore are grown very great & are very often now a fox hunting together. & poor Sr Jn Woolriche too, not willing to

be behind hand w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>m</sup>, has lately bought a pack of fox hounds; for w<sup>ch</sup> & other extravagances y<sup>e</sup> reversion of Dudmaston must goe & w<sup>n</sup> it does, I hope you'l be fair for it Sr for really 'tis a sweet seat: y<sup>e</sup> family at Aply are all well & y<sup>e</sup> rest of our neighbours gentle & simple; & Franc. Pool to his great joy (& master Shell's misfortune) is at last bless<sup>d</sup> with a son & heir: y<sup>e</sup> Gardiners nurseries of all knids, whether vegetative or sensible are well, I mean his pigs, pullets, fox, pheasants, doves etc as well as his trees. W<sup>ch</sup> last are a little to be wondered at considering y<sup>e</sup> violent tempests & hurricanes we have had of late in y<sup>e</sup> Country & w<sup>ch</sup> I suppose y<sup>u</sup> were not wholly free from in Town. Y<sup>e</sup> Canary birds are Sr likewise well, but my Father Sr is in hopes you'l bring down some hens w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>u</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> spring, y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> may come into a better breed for these he says are very indifferent. I have nothing further Sr to acquaint y<sup>u</sup> w<sup>th</sup> at y<sup>s</sup> time; unless y<sup>t</sup> now, even y<sup>e</sup> Country people are as hot ag<sup>st</sup> y<sup>e</sup> South Sea directors as y<sup>e</sup> Parlim<sup>t</sup> can be; whoever has incensed y<sup>u</sup> ag<sup>st</sup> y<sup>m</sup> give me leave Sr to break off n<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> old Shropshire compliment, y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> & y<sup>r</sup> good family Sr may enjoy a merry Xmas, a happy new year & many many of y<sup>m</sup>, w<sup>ch</sup> will ever be y<sup>e</sup> hearty & sincere wish of Sr

Y

Most obedt Humble Servt  
Danl Adamson

in looking over my letter Sr I found a great many faults, but tho' it is prolix, it was hastily wrote, & therefore hope you'l be so candid as to pardon y<sup>m</sup>.

Y<sup>r</sup> Gardiner Sr has been lately laid up w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Rheumatism, but begins now to hop about again w<sup>th</sup> a staff; he beg's y<sup>u</sup> Sr to accept his humble service, & y<sup>s</sup> having been a dear winter w<sup>th</sup> him, hopes you'l be pleased to advance his board wages a little.

No 3

To  
Henry Davenport Esq att  
His house in new Bond street  
Near St Jamsesx  
London

Honred Sr

I reseved your Letter y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> whear I find you are Pleased for To Lay your Command Conserving Madam haleifax which you shall find imedatley obayd as whatever you are pleased for To Command shall be but I must Confes I ham very sarey Thay Shold be So mutch To blame as To Show your hon aney manar of Slitt To you and Hartley wish hit was in my powr To muk hit other wais I ham afraid if Thear be so mutch in y<sup>e</sup> one you will find y<sup>e</sup> same in y<sup>e</sup> other prohape not Soplain To you I ham very well Satesfied hit is more other wais which you will find To Soone withowt a sarvant medling with hit and Doo ashewr your hon as you Shall find in That or what ever els you are pleased for To Lay your Command as To be a secret hit shall Sertenley be So, I Sent To your hon Sum Time ago Consrning a sarvant as butler and a man for To wait upon your hons own parson but Sence I See That man we have a sarvant Cume in To y<sup>e</sup> pareth as hase been a sarvant upords of 20 years To one mastr which is Latley Ded and has Saved a hanson Sum of Money he Shefes very well and Lays a

Cloath verely well he is a very Sobr Dilegant man and one as is a clean servant as you Shall See aney wher a man Commended by all his acquaintans for a very Diligant Good manegen Servant his Lat maste when he Dide Left him very Good morning and Sum muneys his mastr was a most Cenrior man a Clergey man and one verely mutch in favour with y<sup>e</sup> Lord Goor So I ondley Desire your hon To Considor of hit and Lett me know your hons mind in hit for I ham by all his acquaintans Throwley Satesfied he is a verely Good Servant and one as you may Depend one he is I Sopose not 40 yers of age he is now with a brother in y<sup>e</sup> parish but is Reshaletley bent for Serves whitch he will not want Long and will wean a Liverey and I Doo believe will be had att Resnabl wagses and if your hon hire him I hope he is one as will keep your hons mutch bettr Then Thay as you had Down Last for by Thair Laying So mutch owt nighte when Down Las is Like for To make hit a verely Erley Spring with us in Worfeild amongst y<sup>e</sup> wimen y<sup>e</sup> woman as used for To help y<sup>e</sup> Cook Sum Tims has Layd one upon y<sup>e</sup> butcher Clackman all Reday and y<sup>e</sup> Good Wimen Talke of Sum more Cuming which I for will fall upon y<sup>e</sup> Butcher for want of Sum of his old frends to take as hard with him, and Sum of them say if he deneyes hit Thay will hange him and I believe hit will Cum owt how your Bear att haland want for I ham fulley purswaded as hit went by Sum of your servants as you Brought with you which Sum Speak very freely of now you have parted from them, your hon never Lett me know how you Liked y<sup>e</sup> pars and appls I sent you last To Towne your Last Letter To Mr Barrett Concerning y<sup>e</sup> horses has not mended his opinion of me me But Whatever I Send you word of as Conserning your horses or hedging or anything Els I Doo not Do hit owt of aney predegges but Look upon hit my Duty for To mind you of hit for in shart hit has Been verely fine winter for your horses Liien owt and had hit been So Tell Candelmas hit wold have been for Theair helth and for all y<sup>e</sup> work Thay or y<sup>e</sup> man as Goos with Them have Dun hit mit have Been Soo for Tho: Bradney I believe your hon knowt him So well as you Canot Take him for a man as will ever Doo him Self aney harm with hard work and one y<sup>e</sup> other hand Mr Barrett all has had verely bad helth and Sum Time away 4 Days or a week att a time and I ham Shewr The mentime we have poor Days works Dun Then for he will not Give me aney acownt of his work he Complains To his mastr Barrett if I ask for him in y<sup>e</sup> Gardin and tell him as y<sup>e</sup> heges hear and Thear are owt of order So he has his Libitey and yet y<sup>e</sup> hedging is every whear owt of repare and Sefrall other – Things as a dilegant man wold not Lett be So for I know when you Cum in To Shropshir wher you will find Things as I say and as no- Dowt But Sum of your frend will Be telling you Then you will Say why had not you known of hit Before So I wold have you gently Send Mr Barrett your Command for To mind Sumthing more Them under him I have reseved your hons Letter one y<sup>e</sup> 16 wher I find your Command for To have a quantity of Stock for y<sup>e</sup> propegatting of your best kinds of fint which is undeniably a very Good way and I have Taken Care for sutch as shall Be wanting which Dowt but you will approve of very well I have verely well filled all your Selars I hope with Good drink but we have yet Left To hogSheds of very Good Strong Bear un Botled verely well Desarvs Botling and will not be So good if Cept Longer and we have not Empty Botls for to Do Exept you boy now which we canot Do with out your hon ordrs all your Phesants are alive and fine Burds and as Larg as y<sup>e</sup> old ons and all y<sup>e</sup> Living Stock as fowls and pigs are all well and your Duf hows is very well furnished and a full Stock I have if we happen To have mutch hard wether I have Bought Tars for Them but hit has Been So mild a winter we have had very Small acashon of feeding Them Mr Adamson desirs your hon To send him Sum Burd Seeds by y<sup>e</sup> next return and both your Burds are well y<sup>e</sup> hogs as we have killed for backon are fattr and Larger Then Thay was y<sup>e</sup> Last year but mutch Dearer as is all Purnshone with us The list you was Pleased for To Send Down is of very Great yews To us and y<sup>e</sup> Time yu are in Town I hope you will Send Down for y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> midsumbr pruning

before you Cum Down Down which will be very Sernesabl To us in y<sup>e</sup> sumbr I have by y<sup>e</sup> bridgnorth Carer one y<sup>e</sup> 16 Sent your hon a hampr of Backon and hams and Tongs one flich of Backon and a gamon of another which is now y<sup>e</sup> best and 6 hams and 4 Tongs which are ondley To you in London I have all So Sent a larg hampor with 5 Dozson of very fine palt Been which is Derected To ye hon<sup>ble</sup> Benjamin Mildmay Esq in new Bon Street which I hope your hon will have safe one Friday next being y<sup>e</sup> 23 of Decembr y<sup>e</sup> pruning knif you was pleased for To Give me y<sup>e</sup> best I ever had I Shold be very Glad if your hon wold Do me y<sup>e</sup> favour To Send me one or Two of y<sup>e</sup> Same mans mak when you Send y<sup>e</sup> Burd Seed and Mr Rowley humbly Desirs your hon for To Send him Two bras needs for nitting fine Sillk work with all from your hons most

Obedant Servant  
Att Command  
Tho: Wooley

Worfeid Decembr ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1720

I have in my nusrey Sum Small room which if your hon will Send Sum forest Trees for or aney other kind of Trees as you have not will be Reday for improvement which when you Go To ye nusrey you may See a Deal of Chais as will be Bought Chep when Thay are yong

No 4

To  
Henry Davenport Esq att his  
house in new Bond street nr  
St James  
London

Honred Sr

I now have by me Three of your hons Lettrs by me one Jan: y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and one y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and one y<sup>e</sup> 12 which I Shall now answr in This in y<sup>e</sup> furst you was Pleased for To Give your Command for Sum milk water which I have Sent accord To your Command and along with hit I have Sent a smaall Box of fint y<sup>e</sup> water is in Box Thay Both way 0ll=3q=9p and will be in London one y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Instant in y<sup>e</sup> Same Letter I had your hons Commands Concerning y<sup>e</sup> Servant I Sent abowt which I hope you will find he will Deserve no wore a Carextar Then what I Gave him his wages has been for 23 years 7 Pownds pur year and his masters old Close but I Told him he must not expect So mutch of your hon upon y<sup>e</sup> account of his Liverye So he will Cum att 6 Pownd a year But will Rather Lone himself To your hon and is att your Command To Town when Ever your Plesher is y<sup>e</sup> other Servant from Mr Weaver will Cum To Worfeild Tomoro being y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of This present Instant and will Continew There Tell your farther Commands are in your hon Seckan Letter you was Pleased for To Speak of y<sup>e</sup> horses which I Shold be verey free To Do aney Thing for your advanteg in your abstans but Mr Barret Take That matter wholely upon him and will not Reseyn y<sup>e</sup> Care To aney Bodey without your hon Command and he has had Them in y<sup>e</sup> Stable Ever Since I furst aquainted you with fit but owt Sum Days which he make Tho: Bradnes busnes To Do So if you Pleas you new Servant: Rowland Harley Shold Tak y<sup>e</sup> Care of y<sup>e</sup> horses upon him you mus Send your Command Concerning hit y<sup>e</sup> Trees I have Reseved nerye Safe which ade nerye well To our Colexhon and you Shall find I will not be backward in y<sup>e</sup> propagating of Them as your hon

Ritley obsarfe hit has ben as mild a winter as Ever was was known and when you Cum in To Shropshir you Shall find as Stockall and me are not Lasey y<sup>e</sup> while your hon be away you was in your Letter Pleased for To demand acow<sup>nt</sup> what I Dun in y<sup>e</sup> Stable yard att Worfeild which I now Give as near as I Cane y<sup>e</sup> wall is Built from y<sup>e</sup> Stable To y<sup>e</sup> barn and a door for To Goo in To y<sup>e</sup> garding and Culred whit and y<sup>e</sup> wall Planted one y<sup>e</sup> Garding Side with what Trees fist wold Take but y<sup>e</sup> wall is not Coped with Stone nor brick yet y<sup>e</sup> hogg Stile are paved and y<sup>e</sup> Dors hanged and mad Redey for yows But we have never asest on for To hold hogs meat in and aplae for To be Rayled for servants to Goo Clean for To serve Them which ought To be Raised Since Then y<sup>e</sup> Reste of y<sup>e</sup> Dunghill Plas is y<sup>e</sup> wall by y<sup>e</sup> Street is Bilte and a good Larg Pare of Gatts hanged and Culred for Drifing in y<sup>e</sup> wagon and I keep Them Locked up Every night and a door for foot people To Goo in att and Culred and I have put one of y<sup>e</sup> Locke as Came from London upon That which I keep Locked Every night and y<sup>e</sup> fowls howses are Built and Dore hanged betwixt y<sup>e</sup> Seprat ofeses and Cope Sett up for y<sup>e</sup> feeding of Chickens or fowls and Gees and Ducks Thos are under y<sup>e</sup> Street wall acownt of what i wanting one y<sup>e</sup> Street Side To have y<sup>e</sup> Rubedg Leveled and a Good foot way mad by y<sup>e</sup> wall Side and a Sofe mad for To Carey y<sup>e</sup> water by Mr fletchers hedg Side and y<sup>e</sup> Street Rayled for a wagon or a Coach for To Goo owt and in Eseley y<sup>e</sup> Street wall is not yet Coped which ought To be very Good Ston or hansamley Dun with Brick for hit is avery hansam wall and gatt within y<sup>e</sup> yard Rubedg for To be Leveled and mad Clean nor y<sup>e</sup> Bulding is over and Worfeild Streets are now very mutch Brook up So if your have a mind I Shold have Thoes Thing Dun I I will as soen up Ever I have your hons Command Conserning hit y<sup>e</sup> Droying yard poste are Culred again

From your honre most  
Obedant Servant att  
Command Tho Wooley

Worfeild Jan: ye 15<sup>th</sup> 1720/1

No 5

To  
Henry Davenport Esq att  
his house in New Bond Street  
near S<sup>t</sup> Jamses  
London

Honord Sr

I Reseved your one y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Instsnt feb:y whear I find you have sent me Sum hansom furniture for y<sup>e</sup> Garding which I have not Reseved for owr Carers Day is not Tell y<sup>e</sup> Tenth of Thinstant as for y<sup>e</sup> hams and bacon what your honrs Judgment of Them is I Doo believe not Rong but y<sup>e</sup> Greatest falt is in keeping Them To Longe for when you Cum for To be mor Constant in y<sup>e</sup>

Country you may have Them Prepared Latter and yerler in y<sup>e</sup> year which will helpe y<sup>e</sup> age of hit verey mutch but what I have Dun This year I have not Smoked Soo mutch nor used So mutch Salt Peetr but what I went by Last year was Madam halefaxes Droxhore exackley we have now a verey Sharpe Time of frost which has hold for Sum Time which I Dout will verey mutch keep Back our Erley indefers but hit is verey Likley we may have y<sup>e</sup> beter Spring for y<sup>e</sup> frut your hon in your Last was Pleased for Speak of Tuby Roses if you Send Sum pray Lett Them be Strong Roots and fresh from abroad for y<sup>e</sup> Roots as have flowred in England will not Do well and may Commanly be had att half Price and your hon was pleased for To Send me y<sup>e</sup> wais of manedging: of Them and y<sup>e</sup> flowr Seed Thay and y<sup>e</sup> Seeds I know every Coynd of Them very well and you Shall have Care taken of every Semat kind as you have Sent you have now a very fine Parsell pf pheasants But when you will have aney Turned owt I shall Leve To your farther Command your hon was not pleased for To give your Command in your Last what y<sup>e</sup> now walls att Worfeild shold Be cooped with brick or Ston you will find Small defrans in y<sup>e</sup> price you was pleased for To demans y<sup>e</sup> purticklars Concerning ye Bear att haland y<sup>e</sup> man as Told you as my helth was Drank by him in his hearing Confeses Joseph Palmer bid him Say So being I had Complained of Theair drinking in y<sup>e</sup> Seler when Thay Came To have Theair Botols filled but I do Suppose if I Cane Gott hit owt of him he knows who Thay was as he hard Drinking he knows Them all he now works with Mr Back of Chestetun and Mr Back has promised me he will Do all he cane for To Gett hit owt of him Thear is y<sup>e</sup> milner of Worfeild See a Good quantity of Botls put up in Worfeild Barn by Charls and olover y<sup>e</sup> night before you went for London and hard Them name woine and Racke and adeal was Dranke That night in Sum verey bad Companey with sevrall Debitchres and vilenous axhove I hear now Dayley of now Theair frends find Thay are gone a way which if not Thay wold not been wiling for To have Dun for if I ham not verey mutch mistaken we have in worfeild Sutch people as are as Good att Spoyling of asomant as aney about London Posabley are Rowland Harley Came To worfeild one y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of Jan:y 1720/1 and has This Day being ye 6 of This presant Instant feb:y upon y<sup>e</sup> Soverety of y<sup>e</sup> wether he has Taken up y<sup>e</sup> horses all To y<sup>e</sup> Stable and he has mad all his Stabls in ordr and hansum So he Desirs your hon will Give your Command Concerning Them and ots you will alow Them and what you now Do alow your horses I hop Thay will honestly have Them and when you have your Servant I hope Thay will be all honest Diligent men and kep Theain Beds nights and not Drife Sutch a Life as Thay Did as was Down Latt. I have a very Good old mother in Worcester shir which Live but 14 mils from me and I have acownt of her not being well which forses me To Set owt This day To Se her and Shall Return y<sup>e</sup> next which will not be hard for a hors and hit will Be y<sup>e</sup> furst night I have Ben owt Sens your hon Left Shropshir and That night I shall be from home Roland will be in my bed and Cold I have Sent To your hon in Time hit Shold not have ben with owt your honors Leve from your obedant Servant att command

Tho:Wooley

Worfeild feb ye 6<sup>th</sup> 1720/1

No 6

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
at his House in  
New Bond street  
near Pickadilly  
These

London

Worfield February ye 15<sup>th</sup> 720/1

Sr

Yours I rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> about noon & had answer<sup>d</sup> it y<sup>e</sup> next post had not Rob<sup>t</sup> Barret prevented me by keeping it in his hands so long; however Sr I hope it will come time enough for your sending y<sup>e</sup> birds next return, if y<sup>u</sup> think it proper; my father Sr gives his humble service to y<sup>u</sup>, & says y<sup>u</sup> must send down a couple of better cocks then these as well as hens if y<sup>u</sup> design to breed good ones, & y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> grayish sort of canary birds are y<sup>e</sup> best to breed out of, as being healthiest & strongest & have often white young ones; Elk's hair will be wanting for y<sup>u</sup> to build w<sup>th</sup>. as for y<sup>e</sup> cage in y<sup>e</sup> garden, I suppose Sr y<sup>u</sup> have not forgot y<sup>e</sup> size of it & y<sup>t</sup> it is divided in y<sup>e</sup> middle, one half he says will be large enough for y<sup>e</sup> doves, & y<sup>e</sup> other for y<sup>e</sup> canary birds, for they must be, he says, kept asunder, & y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> present cage there fix'd will serve better then any y<sup>u</sup> can send down, only w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> addition of putting up a few boxes for y<sup>u</sup> to build in, as for y<sup>e</sup> money Sr y<sup>e</sup> Gardiner has had, or may have occasion for, 'twill be time enough to repay it, w<sup>n</sup> y<sup>u</sup> are pleased to honour us w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>r</sup> Company in Shropshire w<sup>ch</sup> I hope will be pretty early in y<sup>e</sup> spring, if we shall have ever a one, w<sup>ch</sup> seems to be very dubious at y<sup>s</sup> time, we having had sharp severe frosts for this fortnight or more, but being reckoned good healthful weather, I shan't complain, especially since it has put some stop to y<sup>e</sup> smallpox w<sup>ch</sup> has been very brief in y<sup>e</sup> Country y<sup>s</sup> winter; y<sup>r</sup> pheasants & other fowls are all very well; y<sup>r</sup> sow has lately pig'd 6 more & therefore y<sup>e</sup> Gardiner Sr desires to know whether y<sup>r</sup> Lady wou'd have y<sup>m</sup> all reared or some of y<sup>m</sup> killed & collared, & so sent up to Town: I think verily Sr (if I am not deceived) I may now congratulate y<sup>u</sup> upon having a good sett of serv<sup>ts</sup>, w<sup>ch</sup> as y<sup>e</sup> times go are rarities; but 'tis not only my self but others of our neighbours wonder Sr, y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> are not pleased to allow y<sup>r</sup> horses some corn, w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>ly</sup> seem to want very much y<sup>s</sup> excessive cold weather, besides being very ill look'd after both by Charles & y<sup>e</sup> person too y<sup>t</sup> has had y<sup>e</sup> care of y<sup>m</sup> till lately, 'tis a little discouragement to y<sup>r</sup> present serv<sup>t</sup>, considering y<sup>e</sup> pains he really takes w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>m</sup>, y<sup>t</sup> he can bring y<sup>m</sup> on no faster according to y<sup>r</sup> order Sr I acquainted Dorcas of y<sup>r</sup> recihier [?] letter & present & she seemed very well pleased y<sup>t</sup> you'd accept of it; but pretended to me to be very much concern'd at her son Ben's rude & unmannerly behaviour, & y<sup>t</sup> if you'l be pleased either to take him into y<sup>r</sup> service again, or give him a character or at least give y<sup>m</sup> leave to promise him a character from other hands, y<sup>t</sup> he may get into service again; they shall be very much obliged to y<sup>u</sup> & he shall make w<sup>t</sup> submission y<sup>u</sup> please. y<sup>e</sup> face of affairs Sr are very much changed in our parish since y<sup>e</sup> death of old Walker, neither do I find now there's like to be any more heats & animosities amongst us, no two in y<sup>e</sup> whole parish being so great together as Will Bell & Lawyer Walker: Dudmaston Sr is a fine seat, & w<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> reversion is sold, w<sup>ch</sup> every body thinks won't be long, I hope you'l come in for it. but it is y<sup>e</sup> opinion of another person as well as my self who knows Sr John's humours very well, y<sup>t</sup> it wou'd be a better way to furnish him w<sup>th</sup> some mony, & so come in w<sup>th</sup> him himself, y<sup>n</sup> by Hunt or others whom he has taken a disgust agst, & declared publickly no longer since y<sup>n</sup> last monthly meeting y<sup>t</sup> he'd sell y<sup>e</sup> reversion in a short time himself & y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Welds shou'd never be y<sup>e</sup> better for it. we have had a great many weddings of late, particularly among y<sup>e</sup> Clergy, so y<sup>t</sup> now there's scarce ever a single man left in y<sup>e</sup> neighbourhood besides Will Bell's son & myself & we begin to think y<sup>e</sup> time long, & y<sup>t</sup> if y<sup>e</sup> old saying be true y<sup>t</sup> marriages are made in heaven, we have y<sup>e</sup> ill fortune to have but few friends there I hope Sr you'l pardon y<sup>s</sup> rambling, hasty & yet prolix & ungentile way of writing, for I have got a habit of it, & y<sup>ts</sup> hard to be conquered: if any thing Sr happens to drop from

my pen y<sup>t</sup> is new or diverting to y<sup>u</sup> I shall be satisfied. my father & Uncle Sr joyn wth me in y<sup>eir</sup> sincere & humble service to y<sup>u</sup>, y<sup>r</sup> good Lady & all y<sup>r</sup> derivatives. & I own my self Sr extremely obliged y<sup>u</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> good opinion y<sup>u</sup> have of me, expressed in y<sup>r</sup> letter, w<sup>ch</sup> I hope will never be forfeited by Sr

Y<sup>r</sup> most obedient Humble serv<sup>t</sup>

Dani Adamson

as I remember Sr there's no difference in y<sup>e</sup> postage betwixt a whole sheet & a half one, if otherwise, I must contract next time.

No 7

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
Att his hous in new Bond  
Street ner Snt Jamses  
London

Honred S<sup>r</sup>

I have Reseved both your Lettrs in one Day from Bindnorth post ye 22 of This Instant ye furst Comme by Brudgwatter which was Dated ye 14<sup>th</sup> and ye Second Dated ye 18<sup>th</sup> Thay Come to Worfeild To me one ye above named Day in ye furst I find you are Pleased for To Command what a Cownt I Cane Give you of ye Bear att haland I have Taken all ye Care I Cane for To Gett hit owt ye man as furst Spook To your hon is now a workman To Mr Beach and he Tells him as he hard my healt Drank But I was not with Them So we Sopose being he knows I was not with Them he must verely well know who Thay was but will not Be Brought To aney Confeshon but That Joseph Palmer mad him Tell you of hit when you was with your hay makrs and Told Them hit was Long of me as They had not Strong Drink every Day olener and Charles pamor was Soon pack up Bear and wine and Rack in a hampr y<sup>e</sup> might as Thay went away and Thay Left one Botol of Rack in y<sup>e</sup> Straw behind Them y<sup>e</sup> milner Loked Throw ye Barndors and So Them att hit I find in your hon Last That my Constans old fiend Parrot have not forgotten how To Romans or anything Else as is Rong for To Grateyfoy his Roneng full Temper if your pleas To Remembr in my Last I Told your hon of my Jurney in To Worcestorshire which is 14 mile and I was owt Two nights and Returned hom me and ye horse very Safe and Exept That Time your hon may Depend of hit Let your informashon be what hit will I have never been a night owt of your hows nether have I ever had a horse owt but att Mr Jobbis when he Sent for me or att Bridgnorth for To boy him Things as I have wanted So your hon may believe me I have not exept That one Time with my mother have not bee away aney wher 6 mile from home Sens your hon Left Shropshe nether wold I be sutch a sarvant as Mr Barrett Conshars will Give him Leave for To Torme me if I was att his marcey and when you Com Down if he has Conserving me Rot anything els as is fals I hop you will Let me mak him ashamed of hit for what he has Rot Conserving horses Every Bodey as knows me knows hit is fals and had he and his man Bradney Taken ye Same caw as has been Sence Roland Came Thay might have ben mutch

Beter Then what They are for your Serves and aney mans Riding, we have had avery Sharp Time of wether and ye frosts are now Returned with us and as Sharpe as ever which keeps me verely mutch back in our Busnes for we have ben kept owt of ye Grownd for 5 weeks and ye ondley Thing we Cane Imploy owr Time in is pruning Elms and other forest Trees about ye farme att haldand When God pleses for To Send us Good warm wether we shall be Extremley Busey in ye Gardins for ye Losee of So mutch Time one Munday being ye 27<sup>th</sup> of This present Instant I shall Set owt for Mr Jobbis and my Return your hon Should know and will ashewr your hon for ye Time you are away you shall have no Room To Charg me with neglgans nor Latenes for I must Do Sumtlikng for I hat Latenes I Last night went for To meet ye Carer and was Thear half anowr be fore he Came in and when I Came for To ask for y<sup>e</sup> Canary Birds I fownd one Ded and ye other not well alive which Did after I had Delivred him To Mr Adamson and I must Confer Tak ye whole Damedg To be Dow To y<sup>e</sup> Carer for y<sup>e</sup> cage was very mutch Brock and nether meat nor water water which must be a very Great falt in y<sup>e</sup> Carer Every Thing Else That you was pleased for To Send Came very Safe Mr Adamson presents his Serves To your hon and hope you Reseved his Last Letter and he humbley Desire you will Bestow 2 pints of your Rasberey wine one him for a very Good frend of his as has Lane very pll half a yer hit is in Mr Baretts keeping Soo he weld not ask him Teeth he has your free Consent and If you Pleas for To Doo him y<sup>e</sup> favour in your next for his frend he shall Tak hit as Dun To him Selfe as for a Good Carfull man for aposttilan I Sopos I Shall hear of very Soon Mr John Mills will Set owt for Londn one y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of This p sount Instant feb:y and will be in Town one y<sup>e</sup> Thurd of march one as you will find very honest and very Sobber and not Subgext To [torn] from home but will be in y<sup>e</sup> way, I hop your hon will Give him Sum Small incuredgmentt att furst which Goos a Great way with a servat att furst, I hop my acownt as I have Gave your hon Conserving my old frend Baret Conserving y<sup>e</sup> horses will not prevent your inquivey in To y<sup>e</sup> Truth of ye mator none and when you Cume in y<sup>e</sup> Country for pf you Shold find me as I Doo not Dowt I hom Represented I shall Deserve your Displesher from your most obedant

Servant att Command  
Tho: Wooley

Worfeild feb: ye 25<sup>th</sup> 1720/1

No 8

To  
Henry Davenport Esq att  
His hous in new Bond Street  
near Snt James  
London

Honred S<sup>r</sup>

I reseved your Letter one ye Last Day of ye Last month febey whear I find a repeted kines from your hon mor Then I Cold posabley expeckt but sened hit is your hon Goodnes for To Shew me Sutch a faver as you have in making in a Sherifs man and not ondley That but a great meney more Great Coyneses as you have all wais be Stowed upon me Since I have Been your Servant macks me very Sensabley asshmed That in every Thing of my Serves That I posabley Cane mak aney manar of a return for your Goodne I Showl be ye most

ungestes Servant in being but upon y<sup>e</sup> other hand I hope your hon will find as I have nor will not Doo aney hing but what Shall be Dun To y<sup>e</sup> best of my knolog y<sup>e</sup> Chepest and y<sup>e</sup> most Covenant way and my Care and Dilegance Shall be imployd as mutch as posabl in Getting my busnes in as Good ordr as posabl before I Goo To Shrosbury and of my horse when I Cum Thear I in my Time never fownd So Sharp a time of frost So far owt of hits proper Time of ye year So This frostey wether we Can Do but very few Things in y<sup>e</sup> Garding I have Imployd ned [faint] Stockall for To Dres Trees about y<sup>e</sup> farme att haland and marey marall hur busnes has been Gathing Stons for ye paver for To pave be fore your Stable Gatts att Worfeild and wher hit is wanting as Sone as y<sup>e</sup> frost is Gone and every Thing as is not finished att Worfeild Shall as Soon as y<sup>e</sup> frost is Gone with as small a Charg as posabl I have mad a nend of Mr Jobbrs Trees your hon in your Last was was pleased for To Speak Sumthing of a postilion If you pleas Edward Stockall has a Sun as has Served Mr Jams Eykyn 5 years he is now 21 years of age and will not be but as small man he Drifs a teem as will his man Tell me as aney man in Shropshir and is as far full of horses which may be of Great servis to your hon: when in y<sup>e</sup> Cowntry and wold be To me now for when we have aney Small Thing for To Carey we have no bodey as Ritley understands Drifing a teem well and he is one as aney Spactime from y<sup>e</sup> teem Came hedy or help To Look To y<sup>e</sup> horses for y<sup>e</sup> Groom Rowland Harley is very nice in his horses and So Good Dresing is half as Good as meat To Them and when we had no bodey but brdney Mr Barrett Employed him and So he doth now which is not att aney Small Charg and The Cold wether keeps Mr Barrett very mutch att home So Bradney is his own man and if your hon: Thoat I have Shewn Mr Jams Eykyn will Spar his Servant before his year be owt for To Serve you, I have not Spok Conserning him tell I know how you approve of hit and if you Tak him now and keep him att Worfeild Tell y<sup>e</sup> horses Cum up I will hire him as Chepe as I I Cane and you put him To aney Thing as Bradney now dooth and Then you will know y<sup>e</sup> Charge you are att So I hope I shall have your hons Command for if you tak one man man more Shewr Mr Barrett Can have no farther Busne for a man Exept hit be for To Spend His Time To Carey him news when he Canot Cum himself Like his fals infarmastion Conserning my Los of Time and ye Taking owt your horses which upon in querey your hon will find males and no Truth all from you Most obedant

Servant att  
Command  
Tho Wooley

Worfeild march ye 4<sup>th</sup> 1720/1

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
at his House in new-Bond  
Street  
near Pickadilly  
London

No 9

S<sup>r</sup>

I had answered y<sup>r</sup> letter next post after y<sup>e</sup> receipt of it but y<sup>t</sup> there seemed nothing in it to me y<sup>t</sup> required a speedy answer besides I have been a little busy to oblige m<sup>r</sup> Whitmore in soliciting votes for Lord Newport & Sr Robt Corbet; & shou'd at any time be glad Sr to do y<sup>u</sup> any piece of service y<sup>t</sup> lay in my power either in y<sup>t</sup> or any other way; if y<sup>u</sup> have any thoughts Sr of setting up for a member of Parliament at any time, or are willing to avoid being made sheriff for another year, now I believe Sr wou'd be a very proper time to make interest, m<sup>r</sup> Weaver being very weary of it, & m<sup>r</sup> Whitmore I suppose wou'd not deny y<sup>u</sup> his interest, w<sup>th</sup>out w<sup>ch</sup> it wou'd be now in vain to set up for Bridgnorth, neither indeed shou'd I much care at any time to be a member for it, except I lived at a greater distance from it y<sup>n</sup> Worfield, but shou'd rather choose to get Sr Humphry Briggs to stand for Bridgnorth & give me his interest at Wenlock; y<sup>n</sup> be plagu'd as y<sup>u</sup> must often expect to be w<sup>th</sup> such sottish neighbours: I hope Sr you'l pardon these chimera's of mine, electing now being y<sup>e</sup> general topicks of all freeholders & Burgesses: y<sup>e</sup> Elk's hair & seeds came safe to Worfield, but y<sup>e</sup> birds Sr w<sup>ch</sup> I suppose y<sup>u</sup> have an account of before y<sup>s</sup>, in y<sup>e</sup> Gardiners letter died purely by y<sup>e</sup> Carrier's carelessness, having neither meat nor water by y<sup>m</sup> w<sup>n</sup> they were fetched, if y<sup>u</sup> send any more Sr, it wou'd I believe be a good way to get one of y<sup>e</sup> passengers (some coming down every return) to take a particular care of y<sup>m</sup>; my father S<sup>r</sup> (who w<sup>th</sup> my Uncle give y<sup>eir</sup> humble service to y<sup>u</sup> & yours) liked y<sup>e</sup> hens very well, & was much concern'd to find y<sup>m</sup> dead, but still says, he's satisfied y<sup>r</sup> cocks are too old to get young ones at all, but if y<sup>ey</sup> cou'd get some, yet never singing, or but a very little in y<sup>e</sup> sumer time & y<sup>t</sup> sorrily too, y<sup>r</sup> young ones under such cocks wou'd be good for nothing & y<sup>t</sup> both for cocks & hens y<sup>e</sup> grey kind are y<sup>e</sup> best to breed out of; w<sup>ch</sup> he has often experienced, having bred of all kinds; he says Sr if y<sup>u</sup> send down cocks & hens too, y<sup>e</sup> cocks must be kept asunder least they shou'd spoil one another, & w<sup>n</sup> y<sup>u</sup> come to have young ones he must have some Dutch biskett for y<sup>m</sup> sold by a man y<sup>t</sup> lives near St Margarets Church Westminster I believe Sr there never will be any harmony or good nature betwixt Barret & y<sup>e</sup> gardiner & therefore y<sup>eir</sup> complaints of each other y<sup>e</sup> less to be regarded; however upon examination I find y<sup>e</sup> Gardiner went one day to Old Swynford a good while since (before y<sup>u</sup> forbid him) & stay'd all night & called next day as he came home at Lord Stamfords & spent 2 or 3 hours there to see w<sup>t</sup> his Lordship had to say to him, having sent several times very pressingly to him to come over; w<sup>n</sup> he was there, his Lordship (like a great man!) sent several messages to him by proxy concerning some projects he had in his head of planting etc & w<sup>n</sup> had done w<sup>th</sup> him, sent him by proxy likewise £10 & a bottle of wine to drink his Cousin Davenport's, Lord Stamford's & his lady Countess's health, to use his own words: he has been once over at his mothers, where he stay'd 2 nights & has not as I can find been out a night any where else; he has been 2 or 3 times at Aston, & I believe about as many times at market to buy wheat for y<sup>e</sup> pheasants, & vetches for y<sup>e</sup> pigeons etc because he won't have it at y<sup>e</sup> best hand: I believe he may have several times since y<sup>u</sup> went walked in an evening after his work was over to see James Eyken & some others of his substantial neighbours, not caring to spend his time in an alehouse; he has some little odd humours w<sup>ch</sup> several of his friends advise him to strive to conquer, but no body I believe can justly charge him w<sup>th</sup> negligence in his business: had Robt Bennet been as careful & employ'd those about him y<sup>t</sup> had been as diligent in y<sup>eir</sup> way of business as y<sup>r</sup> Gardiner has in his; to my certain knowledge my dec'easd Patron had died in better circumstances: now I am writing concerning him I shall take leave to give y<sup>u</sup> one hint more; after Charles came up to Town, he must needs employ a fellow as lazy as he is lusty (whose name is Tom: Bradeny) to look after y<sup>e</sup> horses (but if y<sup>ey</sup> will but tattle to him no matter how much or little work is

done) & sadly y<sup>e</sup> poor horses were look'd after; & tho' he has now nothing to do w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> horses, yet he is still kept on in constant pay, to do one little charr or another; but sure Sr w<sup>n</sup> y<sup>u</sup> have a postilion, there will be no occasion for such lazy hangers on; I assure y<sup>u</sup> Sr I have no spleen ag<sup>st</sup> Barret, but I take y<sup>e</sup> liberty to acquaint y<sup>u</sup> as well as I used to do y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> w<sup>n</sup> I saw him imposed on. I am afraid Sr I have as usual trespassed upon y<sup>r</sup> patience, I beg leave to mention one thing more & I have done: y<sup>e</sup> serv<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> hired in London has been uneasy for some time, & had like to have hired himself lately to a neighbouring gentleman, but I by chance heard of it & prevented it. I talk'd to him about it, & he pretends he expected you'l have sent for him long before y<sup>s</sup>, & have given him a livery etc he had he says a good livery w<sup>n</sup> he left his master w<sup>ch</sup> wou'd have given him mony & now he has almost wore it out & love it to pieces, Barret having set him to draw thorns w<sup>ch</sup> he grumbled at; he says besides, he has seven horses to look after, w<sup>ch</sup> considering y<sup>e</sup> condition he found y<sup>m</sup> in, is more y<sup>n</sup> he is able to do, how he nothing else to do & therefore expect some assistance; some other objections he made but I thought y<sup>m</sup> too frivolous to trouble y<sup>u</sup> with; I believe Sr he's a pretty good servant as times go, & therefore if y<sup>u</sup> have a mind to keep him, it may be proper, to give him some encouragement as to these two complaints. Y<sup>e</sup> post is just agoing & therefore Sr after my sincere & humble service to y<sup>r</sup> good lady & family I must beg leave Sr to conclude my self yrs

Most obedt Humble servt

Dani Adamson

No 10

To  
Henry Davenport Esq att  
his hous in new Bond Street  
near Snt James  
London

Honred S<sup>r</sup>

I Res<sup>d</sup> your hons letter one y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> wher I find you are att y<sup>e</sup> same admirashon why M<sup>r</sup> Baret and me canot be more agree which I canot but own is very Rong in aney fameley but when you Cume into y<sup>e</sup> Cowntrey I hope I shall Give you no other Reson but you will find hit ondley y<sup>e</sup> unesey yumbrs of Mr Baretts old age for he is verey Tedous and Trublesum and as posabl a man Can be att every Thing as aney Servant dooth be side him Self he has had y<sup>e</sup> horses all ye winter doing nothing and now I have Them Caring Stoon for y<sup>e</sup> Street and have a paver Gooing one he has twenty Things for Them To Do which was y<sup>e</sup> way as he yewsed y<sup>e</sup> Last year when he Shold have Got on Them in hart for Theair Cumming up to London for in ye Long Last Time of frost if he had not Tok upon him for To Do y<sup>e</sup> Stable yard and y<sup>e</sup> Street and Cope y<sup>e</sup> walls I Cold have had my naibrs Teems So To Carey all ye Stoone I shold have wanted but now y<sup>e</sup> farming part of y<sup>e</sup> kingdum was never busir being Cropt So Long Back by a lot winter I have agreed with willam Stockall for 4 pownd Ten Shilling a year he Goos owt with a Team his mastr Eykyn as howrs mear well as ever a Sarvant in ShropShir and is a modest Sobr working man and his mastr M<sup>r</sup> Eykyn Told me had hit not ben To your hon<sup>l</sup> he wold not have Relesed him but he is free To Lett him Cum one Ladey Day To Serve your honr and I have and will Tak all ye Care imagenabl in ye Time of working

ye horses as Thay are not worked Long att a time and Then hit will never Do Them aney harm and had Thay a few more att when thay work hit bee well ant what ever I Doo in your honre abstane hit shall be as nesacarey and Dun as Chepe as posabley Can from your obedant Servant

Att Command

Tho: Wooley

Worfeild March ye 20<sup>th</sup> 1720/1

I shall sett owt To meet y<sup>e</sup> boy Sherof one Thursday being y<sup>e</sup> 23d of This present Instant march

No 11

To

Henry Davenport Esq<sup>e</sup>

Att his hous in new Bond

Street Near S<sup>t</sup> James

London

Honred Sr

I Res<sup>d</sup> your Letter one y<sup>e</sup> 21 when I find you have had a Letter from Rowland Harley which is very Soprising To me I find he is of a Changabl temper being he had no Reson for To Give So I Beleve he Thinks he has now ben att att Worfeild Long anuf But I Do ashowr your hon That nether upon his fathers account nor aney Thing as he Cane find falt with is y<sup>e</sup> moning So mutch as his Inclinashone for To go to Serve S<sup>r</sup> Whitmor Ackton for I find ether S<sup>r</sup> Whitmor or Sum of his servants have purswaded him he shold have y<sup>e</sup> Grooms plas att adman which I Sopos he taks to be mutch Eager then his old master or your home But Sence he is of So wandng a tempr I hold hit very mutch his Desact for To have his Desireus Defeted in Sum methors So I hop you have ye Letter by By you Tell your Coming for I have in y<sup>e</sup> mind I shall find hit Rot by one of owr naibrs as Sutch un Level Temperd men never want Sutch members about them So if your hon pleses I look upon hit y<sup>e</sup> best way for To keep him tell you Come Down and if he Goos of Thou Willam Stockall with y<sup>e</sup> Rest of your Servants will Doo y<sup>e</sup> Busnes in y<sup>e</sup> Stable So well as I look upon a Groom To be ye ondley Servant as you may Spare for your Coach man and postilian and Brought hit up to work and with a small incurdgment you may keep Them To hit and To men Servants in ye hows So I hope your hon will take no notes of him Tell you See him Tomaw I set out for Shresbury and old Mr Adamson has mad me a promise he will meet y<sup>e</sup> canary Burds him self I have mad all y<sup>e</sup> proper asbou for my Gooing in my Busnes I Can

All from your most obedant humble

Servant att

Command

Worfeild ye 22<sup>d</sup> 1721

Tho Wooley

I hope by Easter To have fineshed all ye work about Worfeild as Chep and as well as Can be we have in Shropshire frosts yet every night

No 12

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
at his House in new Bond street  
near Pickadilly  
London

Worfield March 28th

Sr

I return y<sup>u</sup> & y<sup>r</sup> good Lady hearty thanks for y<sup>r</sup> raspberry wine, of w<sup>ch</sup> I presumed to take 4 pint bottles, tho' twas not for my self, but for a sick neighbour y<sup>t</sup> has layn a long time in a languishing condition & was informed it wou'd certainly restore her & therefore took a great deal of pains to send, all over y<sup>e</sup> neighbourhood for some; & not hearing of any in y<sup>e</sup> Country but w<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> had made, press'd me often before I mentioned it to y<sup>r</sup> Gardiner, to beg some of y<sup>u</sup>, & w<sup>s</sup> transported & overjoy'd w<sup>n</sup> it came & prays very heartily for y<sup>u</sup>; but I think now for all her faith in it, is little y<sup>e</sup> better & therefore begins to despair of a recovery: I had several more y<sup>t</sup> were sick since y<sup>u</sup> left y<sup>e</sup> country Sr but they were most of y<sup>m</sup> poor old women & I have now not only buried y<sup>m</sup> but married several young ones in y<sup>eir</sup> room all of y<sup>e</sup> ordinary sort, to keep up a succession of workmen & servants for y<sup>u</sup> Sr & y<sup>r</sup> Posterity. & now I have mentioned y<sup>m</sup> I hope Sr I shall hear in y<sup>r</sup> next they are all well (particularly my little favourite) as well as y<sup>u</sup> & y<sup>r</sup> good Lady & m<sup>r</sup> Ivory in Ireland, whom y<sup>u</sup> were never yet so kind as to give me a hint concerning, w<sup>n</sup> y<sup>u</sup> wrote to me; to all whom Sr as well as to my Lord Sussex I must beg y<sup>e</sup> favour of my most sincere & humble service: tho' y<sup>r</sup> last letter Sr does not seem to require any answer, yet I shall beg leave to take notice of some hints in it: 1<sup>st</sup> as to y<sup>e</sup> affair of Parliamentering, I was very busy Sr w<sup>n</sup> I wrote last to y<sup>u</sup>, but at present we are very quiet in y<sup>t</sup> affair; Bridgnorth Sr is indeed very near y<sup>w</sup> & from thence y<sup>u</sup> might (may be) sometimes be troubled w<sup>th</sup> a few scotish Burgesses (tho' m<sup>r</sup> Weaver kept y<sup>m</sup> pretty well at a distance) but y<sup>n</sup> if y<sup>e</sup> neighbouring gentlemen wou'd give y<sup>u</sup> y<sup>eir</sup> interest either at Wenlock & Bewdly etc you'd do pretty well on y<sup>t</sup> score; & really Sr considering to w<sup>t</sup> a height bribery & corruption is arrived! 'tis pity but some such gentlemen as y<sup>u</sup> y<sup>t</sup> can afford it, wou'd stand up for members & exert y<sup>r</sup>selves for y<sup>e</sup> publick good, tho' y<sup>u</sup> shou'd suffer some small inconveniences thereby in y<sup>r</sup> family; w<sup>t</sup> is y<sup>t</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> restoring publick credit, commerce etc & y<sup>e</sup> general good of mankind? But y<sup>s</sup> being an affair out of my sphere, I shall say no more concerning it; but observe Sr another hint in y<sup>r</sup> letter, w<sup>ch</sup> I concur w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>u</sup> in, y<sup>t</sup> I think y<sup>r</sup> man Rowland has a mind to shew himself a slippery gentleman, as y<sup>u</sup> say Sr but I hope Sr you'l not discharge him yet & so baulk him of his intention. W<sup>ch</sup> in short Sr find to be y<sup>s</sup>, he has a mind to be groom to Sr Whitmore Acton, some of his relations being tenants under him & his servants & he old acquaintance; w<sup>ch</sup> w<sup>n</sup> I first understood I sent word to Sr Whitmore by Inglesfield who often does work for him, y<sup>t</sup> he was y<sup>r</sup> hired servt & y<sup>t</sup> he had given y<sup>u</sup> no warning, neither had y<sup>u</sup> any thoughts of parting w<sup>th</sup> him & more to y<sup>e</sup> same purpose; upon w<sup>ch</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Inglesfield told

me Sr Whitmore design'd to have no more to say to him; but I find y<sup>e</sup> place is not yet disposed of, & y<sup>r</sup> man to day (as at other times) is gone over w<sup>th</sup> a pretence to see his old father, but I believe its only to endeavour to prevail w<sup>th</sup> Sr Whitmore to stay a little longer in hopes you'l discharge him, w<sup>ch</sup> [torn] Sr you will not, for I remember my deceased patron once trod on his toes. for tempering w<sup>th</sup> a gen[torn] of his & very much frightened him; he is a gentleman beloved by none of his neighbours, nor one [torn] a good servt & therefore I hope Sr you'l baulk him of y<sup>s</sup>, who I believe were he frustrated at y<sup>s</sup> time, will not w<sup>th</sup> standing prove a good serv<sup>t</sup> to y<sup>u</sup>, but y<sup>r</sup> coachman Sr who was so long a fellow serv<sup>t</sup> w<sup>th</sup> him can give y<sup>u</sup> y<sup>e</sup> best account of him. Y<sup>r</sup> gardiner Sr went on Thursday to Salop & returns I suppose today, for y<sup>e</sup> judges never stay less y<sup>n</sup> 5 or 6 days there y<sup>e</sup> town always bearing y<sup>eir</sup> charges etc y<sup>r</sup> horses Sr now ought really to have year full allowance, being work'd (I think) too hard every day thro' some body's ill contrivance; y<sup>e</sup> gardiner says 'twas long of Robt Barret, for he having orders to pave y<sup>e</sup> street, he took no notice expecting him to order it to be done, so y<sup>t</sup> now y<sup>ey</sup> have a great many loads to carry of pebbles for paving, & clay & other stones for y<sup>e</sup> masons, w<sup>ch</sup> are heavy carriage & constant & forced to carry y<sup>m</sup> a great way too; w<sup>ch</sup> had they been got together in or before y<sup>e</sup> frosty weather, any of y<sup>e</sup> neighbours wou'd have helped; but now are so busy they can't possibly come & therefore it hangs very heavy upon y<sup>e</sup> horses, w<sup>ch</sup> Stockall's son is now come to help to look after as postilion, but having so much stone to carry Bradeney is still kept on & for ought I see will be till y<sup>u</sup> come down, w<sup>ch</sup> I am now Sr in great hopes won't be long: my father & Uncle Sr beg y<sup>e</sup> favours of y<sup>u</sup> & y<sup>r</sup> Lady to accept of y<sup>eir</sup> humble service, & my father says these last canary birds came safe & well, only y<sup>e</sup> cages a little damaged, w<sup>ch</sup> I suppose signifies little  
I am Sr yr most obedient Humble servant

Dan<sup>l</sup> Adamson.

No 13

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
att his Hous in the new  
Building in Bond Street  
Near S<sup>t</sup> Jamess  
London

March y<sup>e</sup> 29 [1721]

I do sopose you don't expect to have a Letter So soon from a Sister, whom God threw his inffinit mercy has rased from the Grave I all ways put my trust in him when I was in my greatest Sorrow & throw his great mercy has brought me safe throw all my afflictions, I thank you my Dear Brother for your kind wishes in my Sisters Letter I do not desior to Live to be old, I hope when I leave this world, I shall go to a better, I wold not have you be in to Great a fear a bout the dear Children if the have the small Pox while the ar young the may do much beter ther when the gron up all the Children that have it in this Town do very well, but for the gron up it is very mortol to them you said after the Turm we shold see your Account I cannot ges what the Turme is to you or us in that afare, I desior in your next to tell what you mean, you told me a Lady day I shold receivd 25 pounds which som, I have hear sent of bill & desior you to pay, I hope when I tell you th greta expence I have bin at in D<sup>x</sup> and Pothycary & a nurSs you know ar very Chargeable it will plead my excuse for my hasty demand your

Speedy dispatch of this Bill will very much oblige dear Brother your affectinate Sister & Servant

L Davenport

My servis to my Sister & thanks to her for the Favour of her Letter I am very Sorrer to hear that She has had so bad a winter of it & has had so long Confinement to the House, I hope mastor Talbot illness dos prove nothing but his Teath I do desior you will let me know how he is

To

M<sup>r</sup> John Wishah Messer Jn Lad Lane near St Lalvrents Church. Please to Pay upon y<sup>d</sup> arrelemt off Robert Adams off, Woolverhampton; twenty ffive Pounds.

No 14

To

Henry Davenport Esq  
att his House in the new  
Buildings in Bond Street  
Near S<sup>t</sup> Jamess  
London

April y<sup>e</sup> 1 [1721]

Dear brother this Post I have received your Letter & ham Concerned to see that you do make a Scrupel to pay the Bill for me becaus I did not Signed, the man that drou the Bill dos not youst to have them as the Bill is for, to Sine ir is not the may hear, my recqittianc to you will Safe you from Dangor as for sending to Barrett I will not for I know his ancor to me will be as it was at Mickelmas at a Month end after I Sent to him for my money & he Sent me word he had non for me you had ordor mox ways for him to pay then he had money to do it with I know that will be his ancor now So I do desior if you will have pity for a Sister that is in great need for money as I one that I ham at this time, I hope you will pay next week to M<sup>r</sup> Hishall & send me doun his discharge that I may receive my money hear, you most belive that we Cannot keep house with out money or run in Det which is what I hate & it wold not be for my Credit nor yours for then ye world wold know what Poor fortins we have had from the Eastate I am Shur the men of the fameley have Delt hard-ly by us, a father to leave us So Littell & not to get so much as Morning by a Brother that had non So near him to be taken Care as us Sisters, who with out vanety has not Desarved the onkind youseg we have found, I have By my orders Purg often for the Safety of my Health, my Servis to my Sister I am to you

Dear Brother  
Affectanat Sister  
L Davenport

I desior you to pay the 25 pounnds to the man

[draft reply]

Yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant I have received, ~~and don't wonder~~ pray w<sup>t</sup> reason have I to trust w<sup>any</sup> ones honesty, more then they do mine, to show you there is no eva-tions in paying the money inclosed you have a bill, what should the drawer Create tomorrow, I must loose the money, having no acqittance from you, or order for payment, I have found so many scrupells raised in the family of as little consequence, that you must excuse me if I take care of myself, and desire in your next a lect for this money and upon what account; I suffer enough by Barretts management not to answer for his carriage to you, ~~he squanders away~~ when he has orders to pay you there must be time allowed for tenants payments. I am sorry to find you have ~~so just~~ such complaints against the men of your Family I will joine with you and say had I<sup>f</sup> renousised it when I first left England, I had been a ritcher man then wills an nominate Eitale I have upon such tonnes, which all the world will see, and be judge, I have had as great hardships as any of you all, tho that is nothing † you may have the same notions as others I was borne to work and to provide for all, no matter what difficultys I may labour under I am

Dear Sistr  
Yo<sup>ur</sup> most affect Broth

London 6<sup>th</sup> April 1721

No 15

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
Att his hows in new Bond  
Street near Sant James  
London

Honred Sr

I find by Mr Baret as your hon have Rott Lattley to him and soone for to be verey mutch Soprired as I shold Go for to Consern my Self in any of his Busnes and Tell me as you ashewr him as his is all Contrarey To your Command which if your hon please for to Remembr you Rot Concerning ye Strets which I have almost fineshed I Do believe att acheper Rate These ordneroy and had mutch adoo for to Gett apaner in so short atime I have all so mad Good ye Rood by Mr fletchers yard as your hon Rot Concerning and have Goton Stoon anuf honr for y<sup>e</sup> Coping of y<sup>e</sup> Street wall and will be all layd This week I have soon fineshed y<sup>e</sup> hoge houses and fowl houses and y<sup>e</sup> Stows mended in order for you to Draw them when you pleas I have mad a sestone for ye hoges washe to be kept in and put up Coops for Chikens and mad a body for to keep Ducke or Goos upon y<sup>e</sup> Lowr Stone and sefralt other Things as I know you Canot be with owt and have verey Shewe nothing but what your hon will aprove and when you See Every Thing I have Dun and have very Showr I have had ... Dun mutch Cheper Then if you had bene in y<sup>e</sup> Cowntrey with your Seller Dore open as your Commanded me in a Lettr Sum Time agone to have Everay Thing Completed in ordr for your Cumming in To Shropshire but my of frend Seems upon your Last Letter To

Exalt him Self verely mutch and Lett his Friends know as what I have Dun is all Drecklen  
Contrarey To your Command and shold hit be so I must own my Self Ignorant in your Letter  
and in y<sup>e</sup> knolog of Them for I find in my first Letter letter as I Reseved aney Command from  
your hon afer your Going owt of y<sup>e</sup> Countrey he Toled you he had Got Stone for y<sup>e</sup> Strets  
and for y<sup>e</sup> Coping y<sup>e</sup> wall which find was all fals and after Sefrall Commanding Leters from  
your hon I under Took hit apitickeler one you wold have everey Thing in a bowt worfeild That  
you may not have y<sup>e</sup> Truble of Them in y<sup>e</sup> Countrey and I according To all your Commands]  
have with in one week finished everey Thing as is wanting which after Mr Baret had Lett y<sup>e</sup>  
Dooing of hit Slipp so Long he told not have Dun hit in y<sup>e</sup> Time not her wold Stone have ben  
had so Chepe To plas nor so chep Dun and for ye hors everey man in your naibrwood will  
tell your hon thay are y<sup>e</sup> Better for hit and for my pard Late and Erley has not Been wanting  
in your abscans for what favers I have Retened I Looked upon hit my Dutey So To Do and I  
have had severall of your naibrs as have Cared me Stone as I have verely well as hewred  
wold not have Dun hit for my frend Brott who your hon Told me in one of your letter you Cold  
not depend of him be Cous of y<sup>e</sup> infermetes of old age which was Ritte but Sene he for bid  
me medling with his busnes and Told me he had your Comand for hit I have desisted and  
DisCharged y<sup>e</sup> pavor and Stone Cuter from my Care tell That I find Sum farthe Comand and  
when he so so had Dun So he Desired me for To Go one Tell tell he was more able to Cume  
him selfe So i humbly Desire for To here from your as sone as posable may be for Tell M<sup>r</sup>  
Barett had Cowntermanded me I had orded y<sup>e</sup> more for To finesh This week which is att  
astand tell farther or dis att present from your hons most abedant

Servany att

Coward

Tho Wooler

Worfeild

~~March~~ April ye 10<sup>th</sup> 1721

No 16

To

Henry Davenport Esq att  
his hous in new Bond Street  
near St James  
London

Honred Sr

I Reseved yours one 10<sup>th</sup> Whear I find hit averey hard Thing for aney man Let his indefis be  
ever so Just to Live Sum Time in y<sup>e</sup> Cowntrey from a master with owt having Sum  
Reflexhons or other Cast upon him for I have nery Shewr I have To y<sup>e</sup> Best of my knoledg  
Dun nothing Sens I sed your hon But What has ben reley nesacarey and wanting and in ye  
Doing of hit have yewsed all y<sup>e</sup> frogalety imagenably I have in ye furst plas in ye working  
your horses what Stone we have yused have ben Cared a few in a day and Sum naibrs have  
Cared him for us So we have mad Theair work no more Then helthey exercise That is beter  
for all horses Then non att all in ye next plas I find my old frend Mr Barett has in formed your  
your hon I have ben att a very Larg Expens in paving I must Concor I have had adeal Dun  
for I fownd That all ye Graverling as we Did y<sup>e</sup> Last Sumber in y<sup>e</sup> Stable yard in y<sup>e</sup> winter was  
of no Servos but when y<sup>e</sup> horses Came for To Goo upon hit y<sup>e</sup> plas was To Durtey as a man

Cold not Goo Cloase him Self nor with a hors and y<sup>e</sup> whole of a wagon Cut in To y<sup>e</sup> Sofe we mad for To Carey y<sup>e</sup> water a long and I having as you will find a good Correndancy of having Stone att achep Ratt have paved away from y<sup>e</sup> Stable Dore To y<sup>e</sup> Great Gatte which is seven yards wid and is very Clean and hansum and I have paved from y<sup>e</sup> peard of y<sup>e</sup> Great Gatte next y<sup>e</sup> mill up by y<sup>e</sup> Barn which Cums To y<sup>e</sup> plas wheare y<sup>e</sup> Street was Left of and has mad hit now nerey hansum going owt or in for in one of your honis Leters you was pleased for for to Command as of mad by Mr fletchers hedg side for to keep That part of y<sup>e</sup> Street Droy and when I came for to have sum Descors with Stephen powle I fownd y<sup>e</sup> Charghe of a parsol of quarry Stone and y<sup>e</sup> workmanship wold Cum to more Then paving and not so Durable nor So Clean y<sup>e</sup> man I have imployed in paving is recommended to me by Mr Stubs he has lately paved all Beckbury Strets y<sup>e</sup> man your hon Treted with I Cold not Gott him for To Do hit so what now work he has Dun is att Two pence a yard y<sup>e</sup> Same as Mr Stube gave him and I have agreed with him for to make all y<sup>e</sup> Street in very Good Repair for £50 and y<sup>e</sup> man as furst Layd Them wold not Do hit under 5 pownd and y<sup>e</sup> now work he has Dun Cums To 4 pownd 10 Shil which Every bodey will alow to be as Good apees of work as has ever Ben Dun att Worfeild and to Lett your hon know as what Mr Baret Tells you of me is ondley males word Then water all y<sup>e</sup> Stons I have and shall mak yous of will Ley you in but £7 y<sup>e</sup> picking for I have had y<sup>e</sup> Greatest part of Them Gave me Redey Gathered in y<sup>e</sup> farmes feilds in y<sup>e</sup> paresh and as for Bradney he near has Gone with y<sup>e</sup> teem Sovie Stockall Came which I hope will mak a very Good Servant and as for Bradney pruning of Ealms I sett him as maney as he is for To have 4p Shiling for y<sup>e</sup> Doing of them and had he bene all wais kept To his Busne as he is when he is with me he shold not have had So maney Lasey days worke as he has had and as for y<sup>e</sup> Coping y<sup>e</sup> wall y<sup>e</sup> Stone is Cut and y<sup>e</sup> men are laying hi and when madanend of you Shall have y<sup>e</sup> purticklers of hit which which will be but a small Charg I Cold not have Thought Mr baret Cold have bene Sutch a nilen as To prefers your hon with aney Extraveygans in me and all along Comand hit So to me and as I rot your hon in my Last I wold have nothing To Do with y<sup>e</sup> work with owt your hon Command Mr Baret has Desired for To Se what is wanting fineshed and Cumends y<sup>e</sup> Setting of y<sup>e</sup> Streets and all my proseedng and tell me he is not able for To Cum once a day for To Tend workmen upon which Request Sence I Rott To you I Thought proper to agree To and shold he Right aney Thing for y<sup>e</sup> Sewter of my neglect or Extraveygans in your hon Busnes I hope you will mak Remarks of hit and Lett him ansur hit when you are in y<sup>e</sup> Country and not by y<sup>e</sup> way of Letter have Room to Do as he now Doth Speek me fa..[torn] my fase and Say he has Dun my buene To your hon bhind my Back for I must needs own as in my mind Thear is no unhape away of being Then To Serve a nobleman in his abstans and To Lay under y<sup>e</sup> Sevcher of bad minded men but when you Cum I hope you will have no Just Caus for to Charg me with Latenes nor negleckt, S<sup>r</sup> John Woldredg Tell me as your Hon was pleased for To Desir him To boy you a Good hors and That he now has one in his eye So if you pleas he will boy him and shold you not Like him when you See him he will have him him self he Desire your mind inhit your Dufhous is now verey full pray will you have aney of y<sup>e</sup> youg out put To aney Serten yuse Thay may be spared all from your obedant Servant att your Command Tho Wooley

Worfeild ap: y<sup>e</sup> 15 1721

Worfeild June ye 10<sup>th</sup> 1721

No 17

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
att his Hous in the new  
Buildings in Bond Street near  
S<sup>t</sup> Jamess  
London

April y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> [1721]

I had writ to you my Dear Brother be for this to return my thanks for the Payment of the money to Mr Wisher, I have received your letter & the Bill, I have bin onder so much affliction a late that, I was not able to rite to you befor this, my dear nephew Hallifax Died on Easter Day of the Smal Pox he fel sick the Sunday before, & we fached him to our House the next day before it broke out he was lapt in a blanket & Carred in a mans arms he was put in to a warm bed, & all the Care we cold take of him we did, we sent for his Fathear & a D<sup>r</sup> in mediantly which Cam to him, as S.. as the D<sup>r</sup> Saw the Small Pox Com out he was in great fear that ir wold prouf a unkindly Sort, as in deed hit was to all our great Sorrow it was the flucks Pox in a very onkindly mannor, the first D<sup>r</sup> we sent for was in the House to attend him night & day & we had two mor D<sup>r</sup> with him to Consult & the did all the Cold but in vain, God had desined to Call him to happiness out of this trobilsom world, he has left two afflicted Parianc behind, I am afraid that it will Shorten thar days, he was a Child to be beloved & admieard, by all that knew him, I do think as you & we that ar her Relations shold for get all ingerys & look on it as the affect of Passion & not mallis, we ought to love one a nother & to Comfort the afflicted I am shur if I Cold a ney way oblidg her I wold I pity his good father & tender Mother his death is a great Concur to me my Sister bell dos go to them to day the have sent for her, I darnot go to See my poor afflicted sister tell the Spots of the Small Pox is out of my face it dos war out by degres when, I do See you, I will pay 4 Shillens & 6 pence back to you a again, I do desior you to be as good as your word in haveing our beggarly in Anvetys Settel on us as you prommesed me it should be don befor you canedown, I have hear Sent you a discharg for the money I had from you, my Servis to my

Sister I am to you Dear brotheat  
A most affectanat Sister  
L Davenport

April y<sup>e</sup> 5 1721  
Received of my Brother Davenport the Sum of 25 pounds  
I say received by me Lettisia Davenport

No 18

To

Henry Davenport  
Esq<sup>r</sup> At his house in  
New Bond Street  
neare S<sup>t</sup> James  
London

Arleton Apill y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1721

Honord Sir

In obedience to yours; wee weard at oaken yesterday to see y<sup>e</sup> timber which I Like veary well, wee bid thirty eight shillings per tun for it, but y<sup>e</sup> gentleman wd not make a positive bergin till an answer from your acquaintance in London; so I tould him y<sup>t</sup> you & y<sup>e</sup> Gentleman may bargain for it your selves; & he seemed to be satisfied with y<sup>t</sup>; & tould me he wd write by this very post; so y<sup>u</sup> must aply your selfe to y<sup>e</sup> Gentleman as soon as this comes to your hands; for Mr Hickman at oaken is unesey to be satisfied about it upon y<sup>e</sup> Amount of geting men to fall it; & making y<sup>e</sup> best of y<sup>e</sup> barke, which if not fallin in a fortnights time will be to late for pilling there is eighteen trees in all & about 14 of them Charming pritty ons, & they Ly in a Little pene of Grounds very well to Geather as y<sup>u</sup> may make a Coupple of pits & saw them without being at Charges of pulling them to geather, y<sup>u</sup> may venter to give him y<sup>d</sup> tother 2 shillings a tun Rather then part from it; as to y<sup>e</sup> Roads it is well enough; & I suppose we may get leave to Come thro ron one pene or two of Lands y<sup>t</sup> will save a mile of y<sup>u</sup> worst out from Sir

Your humble servant to Command

James : Eykyn

If you please y<sup>u</sup> may write a Line by next post

[draft reply]

Mr Eykin

Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> Instant I received last night, and thank you for the trouble I have given you about the Timber you have seen, which y<sup>o</sup> were a little too hasty in offering 38 shillings a Ton, they had been offered but thirty three, and no body wd give more, but upon your seeing it, a neighbouring ~~w~~ man thereabout offers thirty five, and to take in some of the great Armes of the Trees into the messured qy, the incouragement you give me about them that they are good, lye convenient together, I have agreed with Mr Hickman here for thirty five shillings the Ton, and to take such parts of the Armes in measurage as the other man would, for if they are worth so much to him, they will be the same to me, the payments I am to make for them is according to Custom of buying timber in your parts, in the falling he desires the it may be in such manners to clear the ground of the Roots, by this Post there is orders gone to M<sup>r</sup> hickman for you to have them, so the management of this affair I leave entirely to you to set people about them, ~~the~~ to work them up in what will turn best to account, what I propose in this bargain is to get some good boards out of them for my own use, and the remaining part to sell, for your trouble herein when I know how much they will come to you shall have a part of the profit, ~~as you~~ in your next let me have your opinion of the bargain, and how much money you believe the eighteen trees will come to, I am

London 22<sup>d</sup> April 1721

yo<sup>r</sup> faithfull freind

No 19

To  
Henry Davenport  
Esq<sup>r</sup> at his house in new  
Bond Street near S<sup>t</sup> James  
London

Honord Sir

Yours of y<sup>e</sup> 22 Instant I Recd y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> wherein I find you have agreed for y<sup>r</sup> timber at 35 shill per ton; y<sup>u</sup> please to mention in yours Concerning y<sup>e</sup> failing y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Lands must be made fit for plowing, but when people buy timber by y<sup>e</sup> ton it is always butted & topt: & deliverd to them y<sup>t</sup> by it. so; I have been over at oaken with Mr Hickmans; & he has Recd a letter y<sup>t</sup> signifies to him y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> have bought y<sup>r</sup> Coardwood & Barke as well as y<sup>e</sup> timber which if y<sup>u</sup> have y<sup>u</sup> have not don Right for Coardwood is dropt four or five shillings a Coard. I tould him I thought there was some mistake, & tould him y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>d</sup> used to deliver it as I have mentiond to y<sup>u</sup> befor & he seems to be very well satisfied but desird me to get some people on to fall it & told me y<sup>t</sup> there should be no differene aboute it; for says he I am sure my Kinsman or Broo: (I cannot tell weather he Calld him) wd not differ with y<sup>u</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> value of y<sup>e</sup> timber; I have apointed men to meet me on Monday morning to begin to fall it & when it is buted & topt I will send you y<sup>e</sup> perticulars of it; he desird me to assist him Likewise in y<sup>e</sup> felling of y<sup>r</sup> Barke & man meets me there when the other men meet to fall it, if y<sup>u</sup> please y<sup>u</sup> may send me a Line by y<sup>r</sup> next post

ffrom your Humble Servant  
to Command  
James: Eykyn

Arleton Apill y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1721

No 20

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
at his House in the new  
Buildings in Bond Street  
near S<sup>t</sup> Jamess  
London

April y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> [1721]

Dear Brother

My poor sister hallifax as received yo<sup>r</sup> most seasonable Letter, but not being in a condition at present to thank you for it she as desired me to tell you she is oblige to you for yo<sup>r</sup> charitable concern for her great loss, which indeed is almost insupportable since God as

been pleased to lay his inflicted hand upon her & loaded her with this heavy yoke which she hopes will suffisantly humble her & make all things in this world sitt lose to her, & desires to contend for nothing more in it but to be one of y<sup>e</sup> number of Christ elect, poor woman amongst other things as she Charges her self with the fears she as been to worldly minded in providing for her Child, who now God as taken to his self & provided a inheritance for him, I always feared he would not live long for his sence was beyond his Age he desired all our prayers in his illness as much as if he had been a man & told us he was going to Christ, Brother hallifax his much afflicted but bares it of as well as he can before his wife, thay Both give their affectionate service to you & sister & desire yo<sup>r</sup> prayers to support them in this great tryall, & y<sup>e</sup> pray to God that nather of you may be afflicted as y<sup>e</sup> are in this way, thay desire nothing more now then that thay may live easie & quiate with their Relations as long as y<sup>e</sup> live in this World, & that all differances & anemosetyes may be Buried in their greif, y<sup>e</sup> whole Country is very sorry for them & have shoed it by their sending to inquire after them, y<sup>e</sup> good Child was Buried at Salop wheir y<sup>e</sup> Dr & my sister think to ly, sister Lett will come here as soon as she can for my sister had never more need of her freinds about her then now, I have just received a Letter from sister Davenport since I writ this far, which my Brother & sister take very kindly of her, pray give my service to her & tell her my poor sister wants Holy Daveds fath, for she is now in Tears, pray God give her pations & that you may Both keep from such afflictions his y<sup>e</sup> wishes of

Dear Brother  
yo<sup>r</sup> affectionate  
sister Ara Davenport

No 21

To  
Henry Davenport Esq att  
his hous in new Bond Street  
Near St Jamses  
London

Honred Sr

I Res:d you Last one ye 22d whear I find your Command Conserving ye Doing what may Be Relay nesasarey att Worfeild which I have Dun with all ye frugality I posabley Cane and have fineshed every Thing as was wanting To be Dun which I hope will be To your hons Content and what we have had for ye horses To Do I have Dun Every Day Sum So we have in no way Damneyfied Them for Thay all Look well and Theair heels are very free from aney Greasey yumbr and Mr Eykyn and ye farmrs of ye paresh Say Thay are more helth full Then if Thay had playd all ye Time I according To your hon Command have waited upon Sr John Wolryche and he Seems for To be very Selows in Serving your hon maney Thing he Cane Do and he Tels me he will help you To a very Good Servsable hors and is very Thankfull for your hons kind Remmbrans of ye India Rack and will be Glad for To have 30 Galans but he Told me he wold Royt To your hon him Self and Took DereckShons from me whear he may Royt To you in Town ye Rabbet Doggs are very fine ye one att Mr Eykyns and ye other att Mr pools and Theay are Likley ons and will be very fleet and Mr Eykyn Tels me as he Dont Dont but Thay may be Larned for To fetch and Carey by Them whoe Thay have ben Reared

Sooner Then for To put Them in ye hands of a stranr So Mr Eykyn and Mr pool will Tak Care as They are Larned and I had Coloars for Them according To your Command Sr John Sr john Tells me as hit is verey mutch ye natur of his Rabbet Doggs for To fetch and Carey with ye Least truble IMagonabl and he holds ye Same way of Living as he all wais has Dun and his frends in ye Cowntey Do believe he must part with dudmoston verey Soon which I wish your hon may Cum in for hit for Goo hit must very Soon Mr Adamson presents his humbl Serves To you and all ye Good fameley and desirs me for to Lett you know That ye muneey as you was pleased for To Loane old Sarah Lee is owt and he att ye ratte of Six pons per week desirs for to know whether you and your Ladey pleas for to have hit Continued To your Cuming Down or not, hear att Worfeild we have y<sup>e</sup> plage of a very unesey Groom Rowland harley for i find S<sup>r</sup> Whitmor acktune plas Stays for him and he is very unesey at not having a discharge which I must own I Do not Care for To Grateyfoy aney Runing wittid Rambling ming but If your hon pleases hit will be mutch y<sup>e</sup> best way for To DisCharg him for I must own I Cane not See aneyThing Extarordnerey in him and no Dowl but your Serves may be Soon Soployd with a honest man and one as may Do your busnes as well as him and if you pleas for To leas him you will Soon find whether S<sup>r</sup> Whitmor will Demene him Self So mutch as To Take another noble mans Servant or not not which is a verey Great Crime in a gentleman but what he has ben verey Gilttey of maney Time from your hors

Most obedant Servan  
Att Command  
Tho: Woley

Worfeild ap: Il y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1721

No 22

Aprill y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> [1721]

Dear Brother

I have been surprised this morning with being served with a surpeanue as well as D<sup>r</sup> Hallifax, which does occation me to write now although I writ two Post agoe to you, but now I want to know what is y<sup>e</sup> meaning of it & why you doe time it so when my poor Brother & sister are in such affliction, since you are resolved to bring sister Lett & I in & to appear so much against us we have a great deal of reson to take it very unkindly that we could not make it up amongst our selfs, pray Brother give yo resons for useing us in this manner, you may a put a stop to it a little longer for ye sake of two afflicted Parents, my Brother sister give their Service to you, & thay say y<sup>e</sup> may not be long for this World theirfore they desire that all differences will be made up in as peasable a manner as is can, & for my part I depend upon no one so much as upon God, which I hope will ever take care of yo affectionate

Sister Ara Davenport

[draft reply]

It is a very difficult thing ~~Dear sister~~ I find D Sister to please, everyone, formerly it was thought very hard and unjust in ..my Brothers accounts was not made up and delivered in, when I had pretty near finished them, I sent you all a short account that you may see how his affairs stood, afterwards to deliver you the pertiaclers with every ...nd Receipt for the same, this way of proceedings was not right, and therefore I lay under the most severest sinsure, to say no worse, the whole country rung of my usage to my sisters, that I kept ther just due from them and would coerce to no acct nay gave them none at all, when the better half of the Estate was theirs besides the Personall, now pray Sisters what must be done, I am the villain and have tricked you out of all, the world I say .ervures it and therefore let the world clear my innocence and see my honest intentions in the whole affairs, you say in this your last Letters you have a great deal of reason to take it very unkindly we could not make it up amongst our selves sure you have forgot what y<sup>o</sup> have all sayd upon it, and deliver upon y<sup>r</sup> request to me to give you my own bond & take upay dec<sup>d</sup> brothers how many .erupelty did you make to give a poor receipt at last you sayd you were advised ~~not~~ to take care how you ingurd your name, [*unclear where the following insertion is meant to be* w<sup>is</sup> I thank God was never doubted till it came amongst relations] w<sup>ch</sup> accordingly you practised showing the little order faith y<sup>o</sup> had in me ~~which you o have some reason for . an account that ... you nothing;~~ therefore to end all and that justice maybe down to all partyes the method I have cutored nite to clear up the whole my Lord chancelour will degree what is all yo right and nanry quietas from farther trouble and my Family after me, The suppene ~~you have~~ y<sup>e</sup> Doctor had was take reson ~~being~~ before I had any news of his sons death and is to be heard this terme for which I stay in London on purpose with some other affairs of my Brothers that I am applying to nig Lord Lieut of Ireland for justice ~~it is a very good you~~ I am sorry this affair comes on so unreasonably at the time of so much affliction, as y<sup>e</sup> say some of the concertre are not long for this world, God only know how short the time is for any of us to be here, ~~and~~ so the greater reason th.. four to be sooner ended, to defirr it and the doct<sup>r</sup> dyes his relations will ea<sup>ll</sup> think as others have done great is their due and therefore begin fresh trouble; my Service to them all and I am yo<sup>r</sup> most affect Bro

2<sup>d</sup> May 1721

No 23

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
at his House in new Bond Street  
near Pickadilly  
London

Worfield May y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> -721

Sr

Your's I rec<sup>d</sup> & tho' I have hitherto been debarred y<sup>e</sup> happiness of seeing y<sup>u</sup> & y<sup>r</sup> good family in y<sup>e</sup> Country, so soon as I expected yet y<sup>r</sup> resolution in y<sup>r</sup> letter of making a longer stay w<sup>th</sup> us, y<sup>n</sup> y<sup>u</sup> did last year, w<sup>n</sup> y<sup>u</sup> come down next, gives some small satisfaction & makes some little amends for y<sup>e</sup> loss of y<sup>r</sup> good company at present: I am extremely glad to hear y<sup>t</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Ivory is well & happy in his employes, & especially y<sup>t</sup> dear master Harry, y<sup>r</sup> good Lady & all y<sup>r</sup> derivatives are perfectly well & in health, considering y<sup>e</sup> small pox has been so thick & fatal

as y<sup>u</sup> are pleased to say Sr in town, give me leave to add Sr y<sup>t</sup> it has been so in y<sup>e</sup> Country too, several of all ages having dyed of it; I doubt not Sr but y<sup>u</sup> have long before y<sup>s</sup> heard of y<sup>e</sup> death of Dr Hallifax's son, w<sup>ch</sup> (as it is said by y<sup>eir</sup> own family & all y<sup>t</sup> have visited y<sup>m</sup>) is an unexpressible affliction to y<sup>m</sup> both, & has made such an impression on y<sup>m</sup>, y<sup>t</sup> it is almost questioned whether they'l yet ever break thro' it; I have been indeed but once to see y<sup>m</sup> since y<sup>u</sup> left y<sup>e</sup> Country & it is a great while ago, but design, God willing, to preach for y<sup>e</sup> Doctor on Sunday next; I hear now Sr y<sup>ey</sup> desire to be very quiet & easy as to affairs be-twixt y<sup>u</sup> & y<sup>m</sup> & will entirely submit to w<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> think fit; & therefore Sr I hope (if y<sup>u</sup> have not yet done it) y<sup>u</sup> will write y<sup>m</sup> a sympathizing, condoling letter under y<sup>s</sup> y<sup>eir</sup> severe affliction; w<sup>ch</sup> I am apt to believe will be very acceptable & obliging; or if Sr you'd please to have me deliver any message, I shall be there on Saturday next, & glad to do any good offices I can, if y<sup>u</sup> Sr write to me by Thursday's post & direct for me at y<sup>e</sup> Doctors, it will y<sup>n</sup> come safe to me there; whether w<sup>t</sup> I have mentioned be proper or not, I leave Sr to y<sup>r</sup> much better judgment; no one I assure y<sup>u</sup> knowing or desiring me to give any such hint, nor do I do it my self but w<sup>th</sup> a good intent, of promoting untyy etc & therefore Dear Sr I hope youl pardon y<sup>s</sup> freedom. not being willing Sr to trouble y<sup>u</sup> w<sup>th</sup> a letter on purpose, I desire y<sup>e</sup> Gardiner Sr in his letter to y<sup>u</sup> to beg y<sup>e</sup> favour of y<sup>u</sup> to ask y<sup>r</sup> Lady whether she'd be pleased to continue 06<sup>d</sup> a week to old Sarah Lee till she came down, who is now in a very weak condition & therefore (she having been a good old serv<sup>t</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> family) twou'd be charity to continue it, I having given her all y<sup>r</sup> Lady gave me w<sup>n</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> Country & my Uncle Sr as well as my father give y<sup>eir</sup> humbe service to yu & yr Lady, he's often w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> canary birds & they are now very busy in building, but w<sup>t</sup> success you'l have time will demonstrate, I am glad to hear Sr y<sup>u</sup> like y<sup>r</sup> coachman, I hope our neighbour, Mills, proves a good servant too, as for Rowland (who's father is now dead) I know not w<sup>t</sup> to make of him, nor w<sup>t</sup> he designs, besides going to Audun. I was at Dudmaston not long since & Sr John gave his service to y<sup>u</sup> & spoke to me concerning buying a horse for y<sup>u</sup> but not having recd a letter from y<sup>u</sup>, I desired y<sup>r</sup> gardiner to mention it to y<sup>u</sup>, w<sup>n</sup> he wrote next w<sup>ch</sup> I suppose Sr he did by y<sup>e</sup> answer y<sup>u</sup> sent. I understand Sr (tho' y<sup>u</sup> are pleased to keep it as a secret from me) y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> are in a fair way of having y<sup>e</sup> reversion of Dudmaston, I presume therefore Sr it may be proper for y<sup>u</sup> before y<sup>u</sup> agree, to make y<sup>e</sup> following enquiry's, whether Sr John has set any other lease of late beside y<sup>t</sup> to Coll Weld; whether he has power to cut of y<sup>e</sup> entail; & whether, let who will have y<sup>e</sup> estate, there is not y<sup>e</sup> sum of £5000 to be paid out of it, to Sr John's sisters (w<sup>ch</sup> several say positively there is) if Sr John dies without an heir & y<sup>e</sup> giving y<sup>u</sup> a hint Sr in y<sup>s</sup> affair, I hope will not be thought impertinent, being done w<sup>th</sup> a design to serve y<sup>u</sup>, w<sup>ch</sup> I shou'd do heartily in any thing y<sup>t</sup> lies in my power, & may be w<sup>th</sup> more sincerity & secrecy too, y<sup>n</sup> some y<sup>u</sup> are pleased to truth. I beg y<sup>e</sup> favour of y<sup>u</sup> Sr to present my humble duty & service to my Lord Sussex & hope Sr before y<sup>u</sup> come down, you'l be pleased to use y<sup>r</sup> interest w<sup>th</sup> him (as y<sup>u</sup> are so kind to promise) in my behalf, concerning speaking to my Lord Chancellor for a place in his gift, in return for w<sup>ch</sup> Sr y<sup>u</sup> may always depend upon my most grateful services & acknowledgments etc w<sup>t</sup> fortune Sr y<sup>u</sup> may have w<sup>th</sup> canary birds I can't yet tell, y<sup>u</sup> have had but indifferent w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>r</sup> pheasants there's left only y<sup>e</sup> old cock & 6 or 7 hens, I believe there's 11 or 12 gone, off this spring almost together, fine birds, I can assure y<sup>u</sup> Sr, weighty & in good order, I saw t<sup>m</sup> my self, but w<sup>t</sup> can be y<sup>e</sup> reason we can't find out, y<sup>e</sup> old cock indeed had very much peck'd several of y<sup>m</sup>, & w<sup>n</sup> opened y<sup>eir</sup> livers were very naught; some y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> sent down last year went off about y<sup>e</sup> same time & after y<sup>e</sup> same manner, I can assure y<sup>u</sup> Sr y<sup>ly</sup> were lookd after very well. If not too well, & twas a great deal of pity they were not some of y<sup>m</sup> turned into y<sup>e</sup> Copse, y<sup>e</sup> Gardiner is very much concerned about y<sup>m</sup>, tho' they are now laying again apace; y<sup>u</sup> had best Sr I believe enquire whether y<sup>ey</sup> ought not to have some some particular food at y<sup>e</sup> time of ye year, I am afraid y<sup>e</sup> place y<sup>ly</sup> were

confined was too little, w<sup>n</sup> y<sup>u</sup> come down you'l better judge of y<sup>m</sup>. I am Sr most obed<sup>t</sup> Humble serv<sup>t</sup> D. Adamson

No 24

To  
Henry Davenport Esq at his  
house in new Bond Street near  
Pickadilly  
London

Sr

I should before this time have paid my Duty to you by Tre If I could have given you any good acc<sup>t</sup> of my proceedings ab<sup>t</sup> the pchase of the Estate at Accleton and Defer<sup>d</sup> it on noe other acc<sup>t</sup> than y<sup>e</sup> waiting for Success. The money was sometime since p<sup>d</sup> into the masters hands the writings are approved by him and I have them Down w<sup>th</sup> me – ready to be Executed and the profitts of y<sup>t</sup> part of the Estate will be Due. M<sup>r</sup> ffletcher comeing one Day to me ab<sup>t</sup> a fortnight since Told he had an offer of the other pte of Syrey Estate for his Bro<sup>er</sup> Dolman and Desired If he pchased It for him y<sup>t</sup> I would Lett him have my part. I told him I could not for that I had Engaged my Selfe to serve you both for y<sup>t</sup> I had pchased as well as to promise the other, and y<sup>t</sup> It was in ord<sup>r</sup> to accommodate him w<sup>th</sup> an Exchange therefore Desired him as I had Done sedall[?] all other before to Desist w<sup>th</sup> he very readily Comply'd w<sup>th</sup>. But afterwards Confiding that by securing the other yet I had in some measure prevented Byrer's having soe good a price for this the liveing being broke. And thereby Disobliged him and that sedall[?] all of my Endeavours – to come In for this pchase had been frustrated. I thought best to take this opportunity to get Mr ffletcher to act this affair since It was soe offer'd to him, In ord<sup>r</sup> to secure It the Cheaper w<sup>ch</sup> I think we have now Done. ... contract for It yesterday and articles are to be Executed next weeke and by that time you come Into the Country I hope I shall be able to give you a good acc<sup>t</sup> of this affair Soe as to bee Capable of Compleating your Desires. If you & Mr ffletcher will not stand in your own Lights but will be a Little open hearted and I cannot but Say he has been very obliging hitherto in acting this p<sup>t</sup> and I hope will Soe continue and my wishes be answ<sup>d</sup> at Least my Endeavrs shall not be wanting to serve you. My wife Joyn's w<sup>th</sup> me In humble Service to you your Lady & fir.side and we heartily wish you a good Journey into Shropshire and soon.

I am

Sr your most humble serv<sup>t</sup>

Wa: Stubbs

10 ° May 1721

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
at his House in  
New Bond Street  
near Pickadilly  
London

Worfield May y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> -721

S<sup>r</sup>

Tho' y<sup>e</sup> small pox has been very brief & pretty mortal this year in y<sup>e</sup> Country, yet now (God be thankful) we are free from it, except at Wolverhampton, where it is violent still, & where M<sup>r</sup> Whitmore's second son has lately had it very thick, having been but a few days recovered from y<sup>ms</sup>, I heartily wish Sr y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> rest of Mr Whitmore's children & all your's were as well past y<sup>m</sup>, for I am afraid Sr y<sup>e</sup> very thoughts of y<sup>e</sup> frequently mortal distempers, does often give some uneasiness to such tender & affectionate parents as y<sup>u</sup> both are; as for Dr Hallifax & y<sup>r</sup> sister Sr they are really under an unexpressible concern, & I think too much indulge y<sup>eir</sup> grief; y<sup>r</sup> letter to y<sup>m</sup> I find was taken very kindly; but however Sr I Shall never trouble y<sup>u</sup> w<sup>th</sup> a letter again upon a second hand report, except I am desired by y<sup>e</sup> persons y<sup>m</sup>selves, for tho' they are so extremely troubled for y<sup>e</sup> loss of y<sup>eir</sup> son, yet y<sup>ey</sup> are not so ready to submit, nor so inclinable to accommodate matters as I was inform'd they were; & therefore as to y<sup>e</sup> affair amongst y<sup>u</sup> Sr I am now of opinion y<sup>u</sup> take y<sup>e</sup> best course to have it decided in y<sup>e</sup> way it is begun, w<sup>ch</sup> may be a means (as y<sup>u</sup> say in y<sup>r</sup> letter Sr) to end all future complaints & disputes w<sup>t</sup> I wrote Sr upon y<sup>t</sup> head or any other either in y<sup>e</sup> last or any former letter to y<sup>u</sup>, I hope Sr you'll freely pardon (tho' it may look a little forward) being I assure y<sup>u</sup> Sr always wrote w<sup>th</sup> a good design & intention, & some way or other (according to my mean capacity) either tending to y<sup>r</sup> ease & advantage, & not in y<sup>e</sup> least degree communicated to any other person: & for these & y<sup>e</sup> like reasons I presumed Sr to give y<sup>u</sup> those hints I did about Dredmaston, not for any ambition I had to be admitted into y<sup>e</sup> secret, except I cou'd be serviceable to y<sup>u</sup>, but y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> might carefully examine into y<sup>e</sup> little etc y<sup>t</sup> if Sr y<sup>u</sup> chanced to purchase it, y<sup>u</sup> might have no occasion afterwards to repent of it etc 'tis no surmise or Country talk Sr I assure y<sup>u</sup>, of y<sup>r</sup> seeking for y<sup>e</sup> reversion of it, 'tis known Sr I believe, to very few, besides myself & y<sup>t</sup> not from me; but however y<sup>us</sup> far Sr he has often declared to his moths & all his relations & several others & y<sup>t</sup> often & publickly & seriously too, y<sup>t</sup> he will in a short time (being under a necessity as almost everybody knows) sell y<sup>e</sup> reversion but not to any of his relations (y<sup>t</sup> he is resolved on) & buy a post in y<sup>e</sup> army; upon y<sup>s</sup> consideration Sr two or 3 gentlemen are known to put in for y<sup>e</sup> reversion, & why it may not be as fair for y<sup>u</sup> to look after it as any of y<sup>m</sup> I know no reason at all; but am apt to believe y<sup>u</sup> might have come in first & w<sup>th</sup> less expence, had y<sup>u</sup> addressed y<sup>r</sup>self to Sr John himself & not made use of any Country Attourney or Farmer at all; but I submit y<sup>s</sup> & all other affairs to y<sup>r</sup> much better judgment & desire y<sup>u</sup> Sr not to give anyone y<sup>u</sup> write to in y<sup>e</sup> Country a hint again, (as y<sup>u</sup> have done) y<sup>t</sup> I write to y<sup>u</sup> about it; tho' I shou'd be really very willing Sr to write or act about y<sup>t</sup> or any other affair y<sup>t</sup> I was satisfied I cou'd be truly serviceable to y<sup>u</sup> in, & more Sr I suppose y<sup>u</sup> cou'd not expect or desire: & I am sure I ought in gratitude so much y<sup>e</sup> more to be ready at all times to serve y<sup>u</sup> &

y<sup>r</sup> good Lady for y<sup>r</sup> extraordinary kindness in jointly speaking to my Lord sussex on my behalf; I do not presume to dictate to a person of his quality, but if my Lord Chancellour had before promised it to another person of quality's friend (as is often done) my hond Patron my Lord Sussex (to whom Sr if y<sup>u</sup> please, my most grateful acknowledgments & humble duty & service) cou'd not expect y<sup>e</sup> Lord Chancellour to forfeit his word & honour; besides Sr if y<sup>u</sup> remember, I said I shoud rather choose to have y<sup>e</sup> refusal of one in y<sup>s</sup> neighbourhood, where are several in y<sup>e</sup> Lord Chancellours gift & if I had a friend to get a promise for me, I'de fix upon one & wait till y<sup>e</sup> incumbents death, & y<sup>s</sup> favours might be procured even by a person of less figure y<sup>n</sup> my Lord sussex; y<sup>e</sup> true reason of my being so pressing Sr is <sup>s</sup>y, Worvill really Sr is not a sufficient competency for a man y<sup>t</sup> has any generosity to keep house on; as for y<sup>e</sup> mony y<sup>t</sup> I let y<sup>r</sup> gardiner have last year & <sup>s</sup>y too, was my Uncles Sr & not mine, for If I had so much aforehand of my own I shou'd be very well contented etc neither do I want friends, I believe, to procure me a place in y<sup>e</sup> Lord Chancellours gift; but as I have hitherto had no obligations but to y<sup>r</sup> family; so I wou'd not willingly Sr be obliged to any other, y<sup>t</sup> I might continue (as I hope I always shall) grateful, firm & sincere in my attachment to it & no other; & to y<sup>r</sup> good Lady Sr & all y<sup>r</sup> derivatives as well y<sup>r</sup>self I beg y<sup>e</sup> acceptance of my humble service & sinc<sup>e</sup>re wishes & prayers for all y<sup>r</sup> good health: as does likewise Sr my father & Uncle. One of y<sup>r</sup> hen canary birds was killed by accident, w<sup>ch</sup> very much troubles my father, y<sup>e</sup> other is sitting but has not yet hatched; so y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup> fortune Sr w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>m</sup> is not extraordinary, no more then y<sup>r</sup> pheasants, tis y<sup>e</sup> master's eye make's y<sup>e</sup> horse fat; & y<sup>r</sup> horses Sr all are now in a good condition, but tis owing more to Stockall's son's care y<sup>n</sup> to Rowlands, who being indebted for his board or table to y<sup>e</sup> gardiner all y<sup>s</sup> while, y<sup>e</sup> Gardiner desires y<sup>u</sup> Sr before he is discharged to order Barrett to pay him for it, least he shoud loose it. I have no Country news Sr worth sending y<sup>u</sup> except y<sup>t</sup> we had a great cocking & race y<sup>e</sup> last week at Bridgnorth, where Sr John's money flew apace, he rid his own horse himself & made shift to save his distance. Y<sup>e</sup> parson of Clavelly is lately married to Mr Dovy's widow (a good fortune) I suppose Sr y<sup>u</sup> remeber her husband very well; & I am still a Batchelor, but I hope Sr in a short time now to have Y<sup>r</sup> good company in y<sup>e</sup> Country w<sup>ch</sup> will be more agreeable y<sup>n</sup> a wife to S<sup>r</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> most obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

Dan<sup>l</sup> Adamson

No 26

Dudmaston Sat y<sup>e</sup> 27

My very Good kinsman

Mr Woolly your Gardiner came here to acquaint me that you had a friend could help us to a quantity of arrac, & that you had an inclination to know what would serve my turn.

If it be to be had I beg the favour of you to secure me 25 gallons.

I have made strong enquiry after, but can meet with never a horse to my mind for you but I hope before Hunting comes in to meet with one to serve your turn.

The services of this family wait on you and your<sup>s</sup>

Yr affectionate Kinsman  
& humble servant  
John Wolrych

[draft reply]

Last night I was favoured with Dear S<sup>r</sup> Johns Letters, which I have some time expected, my Gardiner writeing me you designed it, the 25 galls of arrack you want shall be bottled off and sent you as soon as possible it can be done, and hope when you tast it y<sup>o</sup> will find it quite different to any that can be bought here in Town, which generally is adularated with sperits by those who buy it as the Companys sales. I thank you for your promise of getting me a horse fit to carry me, ~~which~~ a hunting, which is so rare a thing that I almost despair of, My wife and all my Family are very much Humble Servants – to my good Lady Wolryche, yourself, & sister  
I am

Dear Sr  
Yo most affect kinsman  
& hum serv<sub>t</sub>

London 3<sup>d</sup> June 1721

No 27

To  
Henry Davenport Esq att  
his hous in new Bond Street  
near Snt Jamses  
London

Honred S<sup>r</sup>

I Reseved your hon Letter one y<sup>e</sup> 25 and find you hope verey Soon for To be in Shropshire and in your Last are pleased for To Command me for To See for a man as is very Carfull for To Cume up with your horses I hope I have Goten Sutch aman as will Do very well But when you are pleased for To Send for Them I hope you will be pleased for To Lett me know what Rode you pleas for To have Them Cum and what horses you wold have Them Lodg and Bait att and what hous They must Cum To in Town and how maney Days you pleas for To have Them be in Cuming up Willam Stockall I find will mak a verey Good Servant and y<sup>e</sup> yong man I Shall Send up is avery Sober Carfull Servant and one as Served Mr Eykyn 4 years which is aplas wher They will not be Let Groo Lasey nor Rewd and Mr Eykyn Gives him avery Good Carecter I hope your hon when you Send for your horses you will be pleased for To Lett me know whether your own Sadell hors and mes Davenports pad must Cum up or not I have Spook To Willam Stockall not To Trim aney of y<sup>e</sup> horses be fore he has Them in Town That y<sup>e</sup> horses you have in Town and Thos may be alike I hope your hon will Send me Down Sum more Li.t for ye wall Trees before you Leve y<sup>e</sup> Town and I hope I shall have every Thing in Good order for your Cumming I have ben with S<sup>r</sup> John Woolryche and

his ansur was was he never had ben Sobr anuf for To Royght To your hon Sence I was with him be fore but his valoyd Chambr Told me if S<sup>f</sup> John Did not Rite To you by This days post I shold hear from him for S<sup>f</sup> John is very Desire of ye Rack which makes me believe he has Rot To your hon This post I haveing herd nothing from his Servant when I was att Dudmarston I see y<sup>e</sup> very Good Ladey Woolryche and present hur humbl Serves To you and all your Good fameley and told me She Shold be very Glad of So Good anaibr more in y<sup>e</sup> Cowntry from your most

Obedant Servant  
Att Command  
Tho: Wooley

Worfeild May ye 29: 1721

No 28

To  
The Honorable  
Henry: Davenport  
At his house in  
New Bond Street  
neare S<sup>t</sup> James  
London

Arleton June y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1721

Honord Sir

I understand y<sup>u</sup> wonder that I have given y<sup>u</sup> no account of y<sup>e</sup> measure of y<sup>e</sup> timber which is 27 tun: 31 feet; the reason was this – the vearry biggest tree was not fallon when we measurd y<sup>e</sup> other, & I got a man to Climbe it & measueard it standing, & it happens to be y<sup>e</sup> very same measure, but I was fearfull Least it should err; it is a very fine tree & there is 3 tun & 11 feet in y<sup>t</sup> tree it is all butted & provds extorordenary sound, there is one peaire of sawers have been on this weeke & I do find to put on a nother paire this weake; as to y<sup>e</sup> paymnt of y<sup>e</sup> money its according as y<sup>u</sup> Articled or made y<sup>r</sup> bargin some times y<sup>e</sup> one halfe of y<sup>e</sup> mony is pd when they begin to fall & y<sup>e</sup> remainder when y<sup>e</sup> ground is Cleard; if y<sup>u</sup> pay him all now y<sup>u</sup> may tell him he oughts to alow y<sup>u</sup> yd 31 foot: which I suppose y<sup>u</sup> will Carrd differ aboute; Sir, if y<sup>u</sup> have not hired a servant in Rowlands place y<sup>e</sup> young man y<sup>t</sup> Comes up with y<sup>e</sup> horses I suppose will do your buisnes; he has been with me this three yeare & behaved him selfe as a servant ought to do; & is a milde good **yonmord** Lad as Lives; he had not parted from me but he has abrother in town & so hath a minde to goe into a Gentilmans fammely if y<sup>u</sup> please y<sup>u</sup> may speake to him when he comes up or if y<sup>u</sup> thinke it Convenient ille speak to him before he comes up; for he knows not of my writing to y<sup>u</sup>

ffrom your Humble Servant  
to Command  
I am Jam: Eykyn

No 29

To  
Henry Davenport Esq  
Att his hous in new Bond

Street near St Jamses  
London

Hon:d S<sup>r</sup>

I Reseved yours 9<sup>th</sup> Instant whear I you are Pleased for To Cowntermand your Cumming according To your furst apin upon y<sup>e</sup> accown of mis Davenport having y<sup>e</sup> Smale Pox whic which has Ben very mortal a long Time with us in y<sup>e</sup> Cowntry and his was Gods Great mercy She was not one y<sup>e</sup> Rode for hit is very Common for one as has y<sup>e</sup> infexhon upon Them for To have hit Cum owt upon Trafeling or aney other uncommon Exersis So Sence hit is Gods will She Shold have hit hit is Beter in To have hit in y<sup>e</sup> Town Then in y<sup>e</sup> Cowntry your horses are all very fine and in Good order But one as has Sum Time ago had a tutch of y<sup>e</sup> Grese and By making use of Sum of y<sup>e</sup> Stuf your hon Sent Down Turned y<sup>e</sup> yeumer To Sudenley So hit fell upon his eyes and Then M<sup>r</sup> Baret he wold imploy a grandsun of his for To fork him and blood him in y<sup>e</sup> Plat nain which he very indecantley preformed which Caused a verey Great Swelling in his Sholder which I do Think y<sup>e</sup> man now nothg of Then I believe M<sup>r</sup> Baret was angrey with him Selef as he had imployd Sutch a one and Did agree for To Send for M<sup>r</sup> Sheran from wolferhampton one of Judgment and he Ses y<sup>e</sup> hors will Do very well But not To Cum So Soon as you furst fixed To Town and had we had y<sup>e</sup> Same man att y<sup>e</sup> furst y<sup>e</sup> hors might have Been well presently I Desired Mr Baret for To Lett your hon:r know Sum Time a Gone of of ye hors being owt of order which I Thought my Dutey To Do now for when I furst See y<sup>e</sup> hors after I Sent for M<sup>r</sup> Eykyn for To See him and he Told me Thear was no Dangar But advised for Sheran To Be Sent for and M<sup>r</sup> Baret Sayd his GrandSun was very Capable of Sutch a Thing which happned past his Judgment But I doo not fear But herwill Be able for To Cum very Soon with y<sup>e</sup> other horses for hit is what has attended y<sup>e</sup> Same horse befor and I will Let you know how Doth as Constant as may be acashon we have not had aney Good wether for haymaking yet in Shropshire nor is hit very Likley att present ye yong mare I rot To your hon Concerning Cuming up with horses as Sone as Thay Cane have wether for haymaking will Be a haymaker Tell your farther Commands and is a very abledging Sober working yong man what your honr is Pleased for To Speak of y<sup>e</sup> Changses of your Things att Brompton Park I know very well but I have This your mad Sum mor Surngshon for Raising Seeds Then ushall and if you Doo not Cum very Soon all your Erley Crops of peas and Beans will Be Saved for Seed and I hop acording To ye Time of y<sup>e</sup> year To have Every Thing in y<sup>e</sup> Gardin as may be of Serves To you and your fameley I ham Infentley obledget To your hon for your Care in paying my Bill To M<sup>r</sup> Carpendr which was y<sup>e</sup> Right Sum and and full Contents of y<sup>e</sup> Bill I had Goton apromes from M<sup>r</sup> Smithey man aoyl mastr on owr paresh To return hit for me but he Cold not Do hit yet as for boying maner Ducks or Gees or Chickens Thay will not feed Long but will Groo po[.]e again and if we Boy Them from plases wher Thay are well Cept But aweek or 9 Days before your Cuming will Be y<sup>e</sup> best and a few of asort for when your naibrs hear of your being att worfeild you will have anuf ofered To you from your obedant

Servant att  
Command  
Tho: Woley

To Henry Davenport Esq  
At his House in new Bond  
street near Pickadilly  
These  
London

Worfield June 14<sup>th</sup> 1721

Sr!

I had y<sup>e</sup> honour of receiving a letter from y<sup>u</sup> w<sup>n</sup> I was last at Old Swynford, w<sup>ch</sup> I answered long since, & not hearing from y<sup>u</sup> again as usual, made me presume to think I shou'd have y<sup>e</sup> happiness of seeing y<sup>u</sup> in Shropshire w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>r</sup> good family in a short time: but to my great concern I heard by accident a day or two ago, w<sup>t</sup> prevented y<sup>r</sup> coming into y<sup>e</sup> Country: & really Sr 'twas very Unwelcome news to me to hear y<sup>t</sup> m<sup>s</sup> Betty was visited w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>t</sup> severe distemper, & my B[?]aths & Uncle S<sup>r</sup> as well as my self condole & sympathize w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>u</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> concern, we are sensible, y<sup>u</sup> must be under, till y<sup>e</sup> Doctor can give y<sup>u</sup> assurance, y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> worst is past, we all sincerely wish & heartily pray y<sup>t</sup> she at y<sup>s</sup>time & y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>r</sup> derivatives, w<sup>n</sup> God is pleased to visit y<sup>m</sup> w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>t</sup> distempers, may all come of as light & easy as is possible for persons afflicted w<sup>th</sup> it: I doubt not but y<sup>w</sup> & y<sup>r</sup> good Lady (to whom all our humble service) are under some apprehensions for y<sup>e</sup> rest as well as y<sup>s</sup> young lady now visited, I wish it were in my power any way to comfort or assist y<sup>u</sup> under y<sup>e</sup> concern I am satisfied y<sup>u</sup> must be in: in y<sup>e</sup> mean time our good wishes prayers shall not be wanting for all y<sup>r</sup> good healths, an account of w<sup>ch</sup>, Sr. as soon as y<sup>u</sup> conveniently can, will be taken as a great favour by Sr

Yr obedt. humble serv<sup>t</sup>

D Adamson

To  
Henry Davenport Esq att his  
hous in new Bond Street near  
Snt Jamses  
London

Honoured S<sup>r</sup>

I Reseved yours one ye 18<sup>th</sup> whear I find you are in very Great Care for ap<sup>l</sup>as for Miss Davenport to be att I Do believe Mr Back is avery honest Tenant and one as wold be very free To Serv your hon:r in aney Thing he Cane but he has y<sup>e</sup> hard fortun of having no wife To keep his hous but what he has Dun is by Two very yong Dughtrs and Thay have y<sup>e</sup>

Character of very indefrant manegers So That I don't Dowt but his hows is very full of fles and his Rooms So nastey She will not be esey Thear and upon ye other hand he is averey warm Desenter So mutch as he never Cumms To y<sup>e</sup> Church and has Constantley ons a week arepetishon Day and Shold She goo Thear y<sup>e</sup> people will say you are one That Doth espowe Theair cause and att y<sup>e</sup> same Time as ireseved your hon:s Leter after evenng prayer yesterday M<sup>r</sup> Eykyn was in with me and I was Speaking To him of hit and he Told me as That or aney Thing ahe as he Cold Serve your hon in Shold not be wanting and he desired me for To Lett you know as he Shold be very free Miss Davenpor Shold be Thear and That he and his wife wold be as Carfull of hur as posabl and if you pleas he told me She Shold hve hur pad Ther To Take aride owt Sumtime upon ye Command and That hur Servant Shold have his wifs pad and Sid Sadel and he wold Goo owt with Them him Self So he Thay having had y<sup>e</sup> small pox if your Please I look upon hit To be y<sup>e</sup> best plas and and one as I Do Beleve you will find averey hartey man in Every Thing for he has all wais ben Looked upon by y<sup>e</sup> fameley as afrend ever Sonce I Came in y<sup>e</sup> Cowntry and humbly Desire your hons pardon for being So bold in making Chais of aplas be for I Spok To M<sup>r</sup> Back if your honr plesses I will now his mind but when ever hit is Gods will She may be able To Cum Thear is in y<sup>e</sup> paresh howses anuf as will be very free To Serve your honour in Such athing as That, I Desired Mr Barett for To Lett you know how y<sup>e</sup> hors was Sum Time before I Did and he promeses me he wold but I find he Did not I hop he will Do very well but hit mite have ben a fewer mutch Sonde Then hit is Like To be had y<sup>e</sup> same man had him in hand att furst as has him now but y<sup>e</sup> man Told me he will be y<sup>e</sup> beter for Dischargin Sutch aquantety of fowl humbre as Long as he is a hort all from

your obedant Servan  
att command  
Tho:Woole

Worfeild June y<sup>e</sup> 19 1721

No 32

ffor  
Henry Davenport Esq<sup>r</sup>  
at his house in new Bond Street  
near S<sup>t</sup> Jameses  
London

June y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> [1721]

Deare brother

I atempted to writ to you Last post, but as I desired Sis Bell to writ for me and acquaint you that I was not able to compoes my self then, nor ended at this time, only I strive to let you know how much I praise god wi<sup>th</sup> you, for Miss Davenport's safe recovery from so fattall a destempor, fattall to me wi<sup>ch</sup> has robbed me of my Deare and only Child, by whose death part of the grettist comforts of this life is removed from me, and I may say wi<sup>th</sup>

good old Jacob, I shall go down to y<sup>e</sup> grave mourning, god has been pleast lay a great a very great afflictions upon us, wi<sup>ch</sup> I hope will be santefied to us hear after, but I fear for Justly desirved god<sup>s</sup> rod, for I valleded this world to much whilst my Deare Boy was in it, but now I hope my thoughts will be moer towards heaven whear I have all y<sup>e</sup> reason to believe he is now wi<sup>th</sup> his Saviour Jesus Christ, when he desird to go too, I pray god fit & prepaire me to follow him, and that whatsoever affletions or discouragements I meet withal in this world, they may only provoke me to give a greater proof of a constant adherence to my Duty, wi<sup>th</sup> being wholly resided to gods will, I hartely pray that all y<sup>e</sup> rest of your flock may get as well over this sad distemper, as Miss has dun, but at present I petty my Sistor and you, who must have trembling hearts tell you know how god will deal wi<sup>th</sup> yours, but I hope y<sup>e</sup> death of mine will be a ransom for y<sup>e</sup> whole family, I can go on, no farther till I have rested my self upon my bead for my head ackes so much & I have such trembling upon me that I can hardly hold my peen & I can truly say this is y<sup>e</sup> ffirst letter y<sup>e</sup> post has car<sup>d</sup> for me sence my Misfourun, I am returned to my paper again but so ill, that I can only desire you to give my servis to my Sister Davenport, and tell her I will endeaver to writ to her in a little time, all our Servises to you both & prayers for ther Deare Children, is all I am able to add, but that I am your

Affectionat, but much  
Afflicted Sis: and servant  
M Hallifax