

[Note: Exchequer Court case brought by Humphrey Wharton contesting the right claimed by Sir William Blackett to mine lead in certain upland pastures in Weardale. Wharton brought the case immediately after the death of the first Sir William, and therefore while his young successor had just taken charge of the business.]

**7 Aug 1680 Humphrey Wharton**

Interrogatories to be Administered unto such Witnesses as shall be P[ro]duced Sworne and Examined on the part and behalfe of Humphrey Wharton Esq Compl[ainan]t Against Nathaniell Lord Bishopp of Durham Robt Dormer Esq William Blackett Barbara Sand[er]son John Mowbray John Westgarth Richd Mowbray and Christopher Copperthwayt Def[endan]ts

Imprimis Doe you know the p[ar]tys Compl[ainan]t and Defend[an]ts or any of them? and which of them by name And doe you know the two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and the Forrest of Weredale in the County Pallatine of Durham? and how long have you knowne the same?

Item Doe you know have credibly heard or believe that the p[re]sent Lord Bishopp of Durham and his p[re]decesso[rs] have time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary beene siezed in Fee of A County Pallatine and of all Jura Regalia Libertyes and Franchises to a County Pallatine belonging and Auntient other things <found> in the Two Manno[rs] or Lordships of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale aforemenc[i]oned And of and in diverse and sundry Lead Mynes Groves and vaines of Lead Oare or Ure lying and being within the said Two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale Declare y[ou]r knowledge herein

Item Doe you know believe or have credibly heard that there now is and time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary there hath beene an Officer called or knowne by the name of the Mooreman or Mooremaster of the Lead Mynes Groves and Ures within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale which said Officer and Officers have from time to time beene made and constituted by Grants and Lett[re]s Pattents of the said Bishopp of Durham for the time being And that all the Lead Mynes wrought within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest that belonged to the Bishopp of Durham have from time to time beene wrought ( when the same were opened and wrought by the severall Mooremasters or by Tacks or Grants und[er] them as Incident and belonging to the said Office

Item Doe you know believe or have credibly heard that in the Raignes of Queene Elizabeth King James King Charles the First and King Charles the Second Mr Francis Pilkington Sr George Bowes Mr Wm Bowes Mr Edward Suertyes Mr George Wythers Mr Humphrey Wharton Mr Thomas Wharton Mr Richard Hutton and the

Compl[ainan]t have all of them Enjoyed the said Office of Mooreman also Moorem[aster] and the said Lead Mynes within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale or which of the s[ai]d p[er]sons have you knowne to Enjoy the said Office? And what p[ar]ticular p[er]sons have you knowne Employed as Deputy or Deputy[s] und[er] the said Mooremen or Moorem[aster]s to Grant or Lett Tacks of any Mynes within the said Parrishes and Forrest? have you taken or knowne any others take any such Tacks or Grants of any Lead Myne or Mynes from any Moorem[aster]s or such Deputy or Deputy[s] and of what p[ar]ticular Lead Myne or Mynes. Declare y[ou]r whole knowledge herein.

Item Doe you know have credibly heard or believe that the s[ai]d Officer called the Mooreman or Moorem[aster] have always had full power and Authority by vertue of the said Grant or Lett[res] Pattents to hind[er] and stopp all p[er]sons whatsoever from digging sinkeing working and opening any grounds within the said Two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale for the getting and winning of any ore or ures of Lead within the same or any p[ar]t or p[ar]cell thereof Except such p[er]son or p[er]sons soe workeing and sinking were lycensed and Admitted thereunto by such Mooreman or Moorem[aster] or his or their Lawfull Deputy or Deputy[s]? Declare y[ou]r whole knowledge herein and how you know soe to Depose

Item Doe you know or believe that within the said Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale there are certain Lands Fells Hooppes Moores & Grounds called or knowne by the severall names of Bollihopp Westenhopp Swinhopp Dadrysheid Harthopp Ireshopp Burnehopp Welhopp Kilhopp Heddryclough Sedlinghopp Middleblack:deane East[er]black:deane Middlehopp Rookehopp Stanhopp:hopp Crawley Billing Westgate hight Newlandside & Peakeside or which of the said Lands Fells Moores Hoopes or Grounds Doe you soe knowe and how long have you soe knowne the same.

Item Doe you know believe or have credibly heard that within the said Lands Fells Moores Hoopes or Grounds called Bollihopp Westenhopp Swinhopp Dadrysheid Harthopp Ireshopp Burnehopp Welhopp Kilhopp Heddryclough Sedlinghopp Middleblackdeane East[er]blackdeane Middlehopp Rookehopp Stanhopp:hopp Crawley Billing Westgate hight Newlandside & Peakeside there now are and time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary have beene severall Mynes or Vaines of Lead ore opened and wrought by severall Mooremasters or by Tacks or Grants und[er] them as Incident and belonging to their said Office? Are such Mynes Groves or Vaines of ure knowne by severall distinct name or names? And what p[ar]ticular Myne or Mynes and by what p[ar]ticular name or names now are or were the same called or knowne w[hi]ch lye upon or within any and which of the said Lands Fells Hoopes Moores and Grounds before in this Interrogatory menc[i]oned? Doe you know the p[ar]ticular Fells and Mynes in the Schedule or Mapp hereunto annexed or w[hi]ch of the same doe you soe know and how long have you known the same By what

p[er]son or p[er]sons were such Mynes wrought and und[er] w[hi]ch of the Moorem[asters] in the Fourth Interrogatory menc[i]oned or their Deputys to the best of y[ou]r remembrance? Declare the whole truth thereof and what you can further say concerning the same.

Item Doe you know or believe that severall of the Mynes or Vaines of Lead lying within the Lands Fells Moores Hoopes and Grounds called Bollihopp Westenhopp Swinhopp Daddrysheild Harthopp Ireshopp Burnehopp Welhopp Kilhopp Heddryclough Sedlinghopp Middleblackdeane Easterblackdeane Middlehopp Rookehopp Stanhopp hopp Crawley Billing Westgate hight Newlandside and Peakeside have beene Aunciently wrought out or soe thought to be by former Mooremasters or by Tacks und[er] them What p[ar]ticular Mynes or Vaines of Lead Oare lying within any the places Lands or grounds last menc[i]oned and which of the said Lands Fells Moores or Grounds are Auncient Mynes and in all probability wrought out as above said? How long & for what number of yeares have you knowne such Mynes ly unwrought And if such Auncient Mynes or Vaines of Lead were openned or wrought in what part thereof were the same wrought whether att the East or West End or what other p[ar]t thereof And were not the said Mynes or Vaines wrought by the Mooremasters or by Tacks or Grants und[er] them Declare y[ou]r whole knowledge herein.

Item Doe you know of any and what Lead Mynes by name which ly within any the Lands Closes and Enclosed grounds of any the Coppythold[er]s Leasehold[er]s Tennants for yeares and Customary Ten[an]ts of the said Bishopp of Durham within the said Two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham Doe you know the Lead Mynes within the Billing and Westgate hight And the Mynes called Newlandside and Peakeside or what other Mynes doe you know within any Enclosed grounds within the said Two Parrishes? Were the said Mynes wrought by the Moorem[asters] or by Tacks or Grants und[er] them And did the said Mooremaster or his Tackers pay reasonable Dam[m]age to the Occupyers of the ground for workeing treading or spoyleing the grass when such Mynes were wrought within such Enclosures? And were as well the said Enclosed Lead Mynes as all the Lead Mynes within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale wrought by the Moorem[ast]er or under their Tythe and by noe other p[er]son whatsoever untill one Lease or Grant was obtained from the then Bishopp of Durham by one Alphonsus Bulmer? About what time was such Lease or Grant made? And what Lead Mynes did the said Bulmer worke or p[re]tend to worke by vertue of the said Lease? Were not the Mynes soe wrought or formerly wrought by the Moorem[aster]? And was the said Alphonsus Bulmer prohibited and stop[p]ed from workeing by the then Moorem[ast]er or his Tackers at the p[ar]ticular places called Cragg:grove lying within an Auncient Meadow close att the Myne called Peakeside and in the Billing or att what other Mynes did you know any by vertue of that Lease worke or Digg for Lead Oare without such Interrup[i]on of the Moorem[aster] Declare y[ou]r whole knowledge

Item Doe you know believe or have credibly heard that William Hall Esq on or about the yeare one thousand six hundred sixty fower p[re]tended und[er] the then Bishopp of Durham some Tythe to severall of the Compl[ainan]ts Lead Mynes p[ar]ticularly to Two Mynes called Allerclough (lying within Inclosed grounds) and another Myne called Howsyke lying within the stinted pasture called Ireshopp ? Doe you know or have heard that on or about Easter Terme w[hic]h was in the yeare one Thousand Six hundred Sixty Six there was a Tryall at the Excheq[uer]Barr Betweene the Compl[ainan]t then pl[ain]t[iff] and the said William Hall Def[endan]t for the said Two Lead Mynes? Were you p[re]sent in the Court att the said Tryall or att any other Tryall touching this Tythe or were you A Witness therein? Did the Compl[ainan]t after a long and <full> Evidence on both sides obtaine A verdict for the said Lead Mynes And hath the Compl[ainan]t ever since as well as before the said Tryall by himself or Agents wrought the said Lead Mynes and received and taken all Oare or Ure gotten out of the same and quietly Enjoyed them (till of late disturbed within Twenty <Months> by Sr Wm Blackett and those that claime und[er] him to reclaime Mynes in the Enclosed grounds) What did you observe upon the s[ai]d Tryall either upon the Evidence of the Witnesses or the Auncient Bookes and writeings produced upon the said Tryall on the Compl[ainan]ts behalfe? Declare y[ou]r whole knowledge herein.

Item What other matter or thing doe you know believe or have credibly heard which may any way tend to the Advantage of the Compl[ainan]t in this Suit Declare y[ou]r whole knowledge therein and the reasons that moves you soe to depose.

**7 Aug 1680 John Fetherstonhaugh**

Deposic[i]ons of Witnesses produced sworne and Examined on the p[ar]t and behalfe of Humphrey Wharton Esq Compl[ainan]t Against the Reverend father Nathaniell Lord Bishopp of Durham Robert Dormer Esq William Blackett Gent and others Defend[an]ts Taken at Lynskarth in the Parrish of Stanhopp in the County of Durham upon Wednesday the seaventh day of August in the thirty second yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defend[er] of the faith &c. Before us Thomas Gyll and Simon Hutchinson Gent[lemen] <commic[i]oners> by vertue of a Comicon [Commission] Issued forth from the Barons of his Maj[estie]s Court of Excheq[uer] att Westminster to us and to Cuthbert Hawdon and Ralph Gowland Gent or to any Three or Two of us directed for the Examinac[i]on of Witnesses on the p[ar]t and behalfe of the Compl[ainan]t

John Fetherstonhaugh of Middleblackdeane in the Parrish of Stanhopp in the County of Durham Gent aged Fifty foure yeares or thereaboutes Sworne & Examined sayth

To the First Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes the Compl[ainan]t and severall of the Defend[an]ts (Vizt) Nathaniell Lord Bishopp of Durham John Mowbray Richard Mowbray and John Westgarth, And knowes the Two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and the Forrest of Weredale and hath soe knowne the same above Forty yeares last past.

To the Second Interrogatory hee sayth That the p[re]sent Lord Bishopp of Durham and his p[re]decess[or]s in right of their Bishopp[ri]ck are seised in Fee of and in A County Pallatine and of all libertys and Franchises thereunto belonging and p[ar]ticularly of and in the Two Mannors or Lordshipp[s] of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forest of Weredale And hee better knowes the said Bishopp to be soe seised for that hee This Depon[en]t was Bayliffe to the late Bishopp Cozens and now is Bayliffe and Constable to the p[re]sent Bishopp within the said Lordshipp of Stanhopp And sayth that the said Lord Bishopp[s] are so seised of and in all Mynes or Groves of Lead Ore lying within the said Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forest of Weredale.

To the Third Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth That there now is An Officer called the Mooreman or Moorem[aster] which Said Office is helde and enjoyed by the Compl[ainan]t by Lettres Pattents und[er] the Bishopp of Durham And this Depon[en]t believes that the Said Office has been time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary And sayth that the Said Officer by vertue of his Said Office did worke all Lead Mynes or Groves of Oare within the said Parrishes and Forrest and that noe person could worke any Lead Myne or Mynes within the Said Parrishes and Forrest without Lycense of the said Moorem[aster]: And hee better knowes the same for that both the Depon[en]t and his father (now Deceased) have taken severall Tackes or Grants from severall of the said Moorem[aster]s of Lead Mynes lying within their owne Auncient Enclosed grounds p[ar]ticularly of A myne called the Cragg:Grove and a Myne called Faw:Grove.

To the Fourth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes that Thomas Wharton Esq Richard Hutton Esq and the Compl[ainan]t have all enjoyed the Said Office of Moorem[aster]: And doth believe (for hath often heard his father declare the same) That Mr Francis Pilkington Sr George Bowes Mr Wm Bowes Mr Suertyes and Mr Wythers were all Moorem[aster]s and Enjoyed the Said Office And this Depon[en]t sayth that hee very well remembers that one William Key Robert Heslopp and William Blackett of Hoppyland were Deputy Mooremasters and did Lett and Grant severall Tackes of severall Lead Mynes belonging to the said Moorem[aster]s And this Depon[en]t took a Tacke of A Lead Myne from William Blackett called Elmeford and wrought and Enjoyed the said Myne by vertue of the said Tacke.

To the Fifth Interrogatory hee sayth That the Moorem[aster] by vertue of his Said Office hath full power and Authority to prohibitt stop and Lett all p[er]sons whatsoever from



workeing or sincking of any Lead Myne or Mynes within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest unless such p[er]son or persons soe workeing were lycensed by such Moorem[aster] or theire Lawfull Deputy or Deputyys And this Depon[en]t very well remembers that Thomas Wharton Esq Moorem[aster] did prohibitt and stopp this Depon[en]ts father from workeing in a certain Lead Myne called Allerclough untill such time as a Tack was taken thereof from the said Moorem[aster] notwithstanding the said Myne called Allerclough then layd within this Depon[en]ts father owne grounds att Middleblackdeane being an Auncient Enclosure And this Depon[en]t hath likewise knowne severall other p[er]sons take such Grants or Tackes of severall other Lead Mynes from the said Moorm[aster] or theire Deputyys within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale.

To the Sixt Interrogatory This Depon[en]t sayth That within the said Parrish of Stanhopp there are severall Fells Moores Hoopes and Grounds called and knowne by the severall names of Bollihopp Westenhopp Swinhopp Dadrisheild Harthopp Ireshopp Burnehopp Welhopp Kilhopp Heddryclough Sedlinghopp Middleblackdeane Easterblackdeane Middlehopp Rookehopp Stanhopp hopp Crawley Billing Westgate hight Newlandside & Peakside And hath knowne the same all the time of his this Depon[en]ts Remembrance.

To the Seaventh Interrogatory This Depon[en]t sayth that hee very well knowes that within the Fells Moores Hoopes and Grounds in this Interrogatory menc[i]oned there are severall Lead mynes or vaines of Lead called and knowne by severall distinct name or names (vizt) on Ireshoppfell hee knowes the Myne or grove called Fawgrove and wrought the same about fifteen yeares since by Tack from the Moorem[aster] the same being an Aunciently wrought Myne and lys within Enclosed grounds and knowes the Mynes called Fawheads Greenwellheads Greenwellfoote Barberrygrove Gravell Lodge Peiterclough Ernewell West of Ernewell Howlesike Waggan:grove Westgraine Bradesike Iresburnefoote and wrought the said Ireshoppburnefoote by Tack from the Moorem[aster] and knowes Groveheads and Cawdberry End And this Dep[onen]t knowes the Mynes or Vaines on Burnehoppfell called Greene Law End Langtayhead East and West of Langtayhead Berrywell Scrath:heads Springwells Cocklake Blacklaws East and west of Blacklaws Castenholes Hesleygill Sallagraine Wyndsike and Crooked Sike And this Depon[en]t knowes the Myne called Harthennes on Harthoppfell And sayth that hee knowes the Lead Mynes on Killhoppfell called Ellyclough Westrake of Green:feild Highbirkes Ellymay Snodbury clough Cowford Low birke and High grove And on Welhoppfell hee knowes Welheads and Cowhause On Heddrycloughfell hee knowes the Eastergreenefeild and Westergreenefeild the Easter Puddingthorne and West[er] Puddingthorne And knowes on Middleblackdeane fell the Myne of Allerclough which was wrought by this Depon[en]ts father and himselfe all the time during his this Depon[en]ts remembrance and knowes Greenhills and Elmeford which were wrought by this Depon[en]ts father about Forty yeares since the Stoupeheads was likewise wrought by this Depon[en]ts father above Forty yeares since And knowes the

Rakes and Cloughhead and the Cragg:grove which lys within a very Auncient Enclosure and was wrought by this Depon[en]ts father above Forty yeares since and knowes Lodgefeildslitt and Fawgrove all which Mynes above menc[i]oned when the same were opened and wrought were wrought by Tack from the Moorem[aster] as incident to there said Office of Moorem[aster] And knowes on Easterblackdeane fell the Mynes called Lawsgrove and Fairehills and hath knowne the same wrought by Tack from the Moorem[aster] which said mynes ly within Enclosed grounds which have beene Aunciently Enclosed And this Depon[en]t knowes the Mynes on Sedlinghopp called Broadmay Todstone East & West Burnegrove Bailehill Brakensike w[hi]ch said Brakensike was wrought above Forty yeares since by Godfrey Didsbury by Tack from the Moorem[aster] and knowes Whiterake Sedling grove and Reedgrovehill of w[hi]ch said groves this Depon[en]t had A Tack from the Moorem[aster] and knowes Barkerburne Arnegrove hill and Sedling great rake on Bollihopp fell hee knows the Mynes called Harnishaw and Ewtree And this Depon[en]t knowes on Middlehoppfell the Mynes called Earneclough Blackaxiltree West of Newmeadow dike Newmeadowheads and the Dowkes and on the Fell called Westgate hight this Depon[en]t knowes the Myne of Lead called Groverake which said Myne about Forty Five yeares since was wrought by one Jenkyn Myres by Tack from the Moorem[aster] and doth remember that the said Jenkynn Myres did often in this Depon[en]ts sight Accompt and reckon for the oare there gotten and digged with the then Moorem[aster] or his Deputy who paid him for the said oare and hee knowes the Lead mynes on the Sidehead which was an Auncient Lead worke which said last menc[i]oned two Lead Mynes lye within A very Auncient Enclosure which was Enclosed before the memory of man And the Depon[en]t sayth that on Rookehopp fell hee knowes the mynes called Garbutt May Langwell Foulewood Resby Myres and Lynskarth cleugh head And on Crawley fell knowes the myne called Crawley And knowes the Myne called Newlandside And knowes the Pickstone on Wolsingham fell And the Depon[en]t sayth that he very well remembers the workeing and sinking of severall of the above named Mynes by Tack from the Moorem[aster] And doth verily believe that all the above menc[i]oned mynes when the same were wrought were wrought by Tack from the Moorem[aster] as incident and belonging <themselves likewise>

To the Eighth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t saith That severall of the Mynes which this Depon[en]t hath named in the last menc[i]oned Interro:gatory are very Auncient Lead Mynes wh[ic]h have been wrought before the Depon[en]ts remembrance as appeares by severall Auncient shafts and greate heapes of Sparr and Vaine soyle drawne out of the same And sayth that att such time or times when any of the said Auncient Mynes were sett on or wrought dureing this Depon[en]ts remembrance the same were wrought by Tack or Grant from the Mooremaster or their Deputye And this Depone[n]t doth believe and hath heard the same soe reputed by this Depon[en]ts father and other very Auncient Myners now Deceased That all the Mynes wrought within the said Parrishes and Forrest were wrought by the Moorem[asters] or by Grants or Tacks under them as well within as without the Enclosed grounds

To the Ninth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth That hee hath heard of a Lease obtained by Alphonsus Bulmer of some Lead Mynes And sayth that by vertue of that Lease he the said Alphonsus Bulmer Mr Hall and one Mr Laton who was Steward to the then Bishopp Morton <came to> A grove called Cragg:grove being A very Auncient Enclosure and demanded possession of the same from this Depon[en]ts father who then wrought the same by Tack from the Moorem[aster] whereupon this Depon[en]ts father then Acquainted the s[ai]d Bulmer and the Bishopps Steward that hee wrought the same by Tack from the Mooremaster whereunto they replied they would not interrupt the Moorem[aster] in any of his workes soe this Depon[en]ts father and himselfe ever after quietly and peaceably wrought the said Myne of Cragg:Grove and other Mynes within Enclosed grounds under the Tythe of the Mooremaster.

**7 Aug 1680 Thomas Greensword**

Thomas Greensword of Stanhopp yeoman Aged Ninety Eight yeares or thereabouts sworne and Examined sayth

1. To the First Interrogatory hee sayth that hee knowes the Compl[ainan]t and knowes John Mowbray Richard Mowbray and John Westgarth and hath beene the Steward of father in god Nathaniell Lord Bishopp of Durham and knowes the two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale.

2. To the Second Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that the p[re]sent Bishopp of Durham and his p[re]decessors are now and hath beene seized in right of their Bishopprick of and in A County Pallatine and of all priviledges and Franchises thereunto belonging and of and in the said Two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and of all and singular the Lead Mynes groves and ures of Lead lying and being within the said Two Parrishes and Forest of Weredale.

3. To the Third Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that dureing all the time of his remembrance there hath beene an Officer called the Mooreman or Mooremaster and hee believes there hath beene the like Officer time whereof the remembrance of man is not to the contrary which said Officer dureing the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance hath by vertue of his office held and Enjoyed all and every the Lead Mynes and groves of Oare lying within the said Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale and hath from time to time wrought the said Mynes eyther by themselves or by Tacks or Grants und[er] them as incident and belonging to their said Office of Moorem[aster] which said Mooreman or Mooremaster was from time to time made and constituted by Grants or Lett[er]s Pattents from severall Bishopps of Durham



4. To the Fourth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that hee very well remembers that Sr George Bowes Mr William Bowes Mr Suertys Mr Wythers Mr Humphrey Wharton Mr Thomas Wharton Mr Richard Hutton and the Compl[ainan]t were all Mooremasters and held and Enjoyed the same office by Lett[er]s Pattents as afores[ai]d by vertue of wh[ic]h Office they held and Enjoyed all and every the Lead Mynes within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest And this Depon[en]t sayth that one Mr George Hall and Thomas Tarne and Robert Heslopp were Deputy Moorem[aster]s und[er] some of the said Moorem[aster]s and did by vertue of such their deputac[i]on grant severall Tackes of severall Lead mynes and hath knowne severall persons take such Tacks or Grants from the said Mooremasters or their Deputys of severall Lead Mynes within the Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale.

5. To the Fifth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that the Moorem[aster] by vertue of his Office had full Power and Authority to prohibit Stopp and Lett all p[er]sons whatsoever from workeing winning or getting of any Oare or Ure within any Myne or Mynes within the said Two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale unless such p[er]son or p[er]sons soe workeing were Lycensed or Admitted thereunto by such Moorem[aster] or their Deputy or Deputys.

6. To the Sixt Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes all the Lands Fells Moores Hoopes and grounds in this Interrogatory menc[i]oned and hath soe knowne them above Eighty yeares last past

7. To the Seaventh Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that within the Fells Moores Hoopes and Grounds in this Interrogatory menc[i]oned hee knowes there are severall Auntient Lead Mynes or groves of Lead oare which hath been dureing the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster at such time or times when the same were wrought p[ar]ticularly hee knows that within the Fell called Bollihopp there were the severall mynes called Bollihoppgrove Mirkegill Harnishaw Shaftwell Cragg:grove Blackburne Eastgraine und[er] Cragg Bollihopp sheele nooke Ewtree Levyclough and knew the same wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster And knowes the place called the Billing and the severall Mynes therein called Drygill Birk:hill and Ludwell hills and knowes that Gamaliell Walton late of Stanhopp wrought the said Myne called Drygill about sixty yeares since by Tack from the Mooremaster And hee better remembers the workeing thereof for that hee this Depon[en]t was Employed as A Carriage man for carrying the Oare there gotten to the Smelt mills of the then Mooremaster And sayth that the said Myne called Drygill was wrought for severall yeares together and this Depon[en]t carryed very great quantities of Oare there gotten to the said Mooremasters or their Deputys to such place or places as they appoynted which said Drygill lys within an Auntient Enclosure and the Mynes have beene Auntiently wrought by the Mooremaster as well before as since the time that Gamaliell Walton wrought the same And sayth that hee knowes the Mynes on Westgatehight called Groverake and saith the said Myne was wrought by Tack from

the Moorem[aster] and the oare there gott above sixty yeares since was carried by Oare carryers to the then Moorem[aster] or their Deputys who Paid for the same And likewise knows Postwell wrought by vertue by a Tack from the Moorem[aster] which said Mynes of Groverake and Postwell are within very Auntient Enclosures which have been Enclosed dureing the memory of man And on Middleblackedeane fell hee knowes the Mynes called Allerclough Elmeford Stoupheads Rakes Cloughhead Cragg:grove and Fawgrove which said Mynes of Allerclough Cragg:grove and Fawgrove were wrought by Cuthbert and Ralph Fetherston by tack from the Moorem[aster] above sixty yeares since which said Mynes ly within very Auntient Enclosures and have dureing all the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance beene wrought by Tack or Grant from the Mooremaster And the Depon[en]t sayth that upon Ireshoppfell he knowes the Mynes called Fawheads Greenwellheads Greenwellfoote Claygrove Peiterclough Earnewell West End of Earnewell Howlesike Wyndsike Deepeclough head Bradesike Ireshopburnefoote Groveheads and Cawdberry End And sayth that hee hath knowne the said Mynes wrought by Tack from the Moorem[aster] and hee the better remembers the same for that this Depon[en]ts <grandfathers> were Employed in carrying of the oare there gotten in the said Mynes to the Smelt Mills of the then Mooremasters And this Depon[en]t knowes the Mynes in Burnehoppfell called Green Law end Langtayhead East and West of Langtay Berrywell Green grove Stonysike Stonysike foote Scraathheads Springwells Cocklake Blacklaws East and West of Blacklaws Hesleygill Sallowgraine and Wyndsike and hath knowne the same wrought by Tack from the Moorem[aster] And knowes the Mynes in Westenhopp (vizt) Paup[er]hills Eshclough East and West End Blaberryclough West of Blaberryclough Westgraine East and West Nicholsons grove Wolfeclough East and West End and East of Westenhopp w[hi]ch said Mynes were wrought by Tack from the Moorem[aster] And hee knowes the Mynes on Swinhopp fell called Berryclough Ramshawell and West of Berryclough On Harthopp fell hee knowes the Mynes of Allersikes and Harthennes On Daddrysheild fell hee knowes Allersikes East End and Harthe-nnes East End And on the fell called Kilhopp hee knowes the Mynes called Ellyclough Westrake of Greenfeild High:birkes <Bigg>:grove Hesleyhill Claygrove Cowford Low birke and Southgraine And hee knowes the Mynes on Stanhopp hopp called Reeburne And on Crawley fell hee knowes Crawley and Rogerswell And knowes the Mynes called Newlandside and the Myne called Peakeside And likewise knowes on Wolsingham fell the Myne called Pickstone Severall of w[hi]ch last menc[i]oned Mynes hee hath known wrought by the Moorem[aster]s or by Tacks or Grants under them And further sayth that all the Mynes within the said Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale were wrought by Tacks or Grants from the severall Mooremasters and that noe p[er]son or p[er]sons whatsoever could worke or sinke for any Oare within any Enclosed or not Enclosed grounds within the said two P[ar]rishes and Forrest without such Tack or Grant as aforesaid And this Dpon[en]t sayth that the Mynes wrought by one William Hall were formerly wrought by the Moorem[aster] or by Tacks from the Moorem[aster] and p[ar]ticularly knew the Peackside wrought by Nicholas Richardson by Tack from the Moorem[aster] above Thirty yeares since And

this Depon[en]t sayth that hee is the better able to Depose as he hath p[re]deposed for that hee this Depon[en]t was an Oare Carryer above sixty yeares since and carried oare from severall of the Mynes aboves[ai]d for aboute Three yeares together and carried the said oare to such place or places as the Moorem[aster] or his Deputy appoynted

8 To the Eight Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that severall of the Mynes which this Depon[en]t hath menc[i]oned in the former Interrogatory are very Auntient Lead Mynes and have layd unwrought for severall yeares as appeares by the Auntient greate heapes of Rubbish and Vaine Soyle that hath been gott out of the said Mynes And sayth that whenever the said Mynes were openned and wrought the same were soe wrought by Tack from the Moorem[aster] dureing all the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance And hath heard itt reported by very Auntient men that none could worke any Myne whatsoever within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest without Tack or lycense from the Mooremaster And hee this Depon[en]t very well knowes that Groverake Postwell and Newlandside have beene Auntiently wrought Mynes before this Depon[en]ts remembrance (as well as since his remembrance) as hee hath p[re]deposed And great quantityes of oare in probability hath beene digged and gotten Auntiently out of the same greate heapes of sparr and vaine soyle lying att and aboute the said Mynes Ever since this Depon[en]t cann remember

9 & 10th To the Ninth and Tenth Interrogatorys hee is not required to be Examined.

### **7 Aug 1680 William Hutchinson**

William Hutchinson of Greenhead in the Parrish of Stanhopp yeoman Aged Seaventy five years Sworne and Examined sayth

1. To the First Interrogatory hee sayth that hee knowes the Compl[ainan]t and hath seene Nathaniell Lord Bishopp of Durham and knowes John Mowbray Richard Mowbray William Blackett and John Westgarth And knowes the two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale and hath knowne the said Parrishes and Forrest above sixty yeares last past

2. To the Second Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that the p[re]sent Bishopp of Durham and his p[re]decessors have beene and <nowe> are in right of their Bishopprick seised among other things of and in the Two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale And of and in all and every the Lead Mynes and Vaines of Oare within the said two P[ar]rishes and Forest

3. To the Third Interrogatory hee sayth That for above Sixty yeares last past and by report time whereof the <memory of> man is not to the contrary there is and have beene an Officer called Mooreman or Mooremaster which said Office hath beene from

time to time made and constituted by Grants or Letters Pattents from the Bishop of Durham <and the said Officer> or Officers by vertue of their Said Office have held and Enjoyed all the Lead Mynes within the said two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale

4. To the Fourth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knew Mr Thomas Wharton Mr Richard Hutton and the Compl[ainan]t were all Mooremasters and hath heard and believes that Mr Francis Pilkington Sr George Bowes Mr William Bowes Mr Suertys and Mr Wythers were all Mooremasters and held and Enjoyed the Said Lead Mynes by vertue of the Said Office And knew Robert Heslopp <a Deputy Moorem[aster]> And knew severall p[er]sons take Tacks or Grants of severall Lead Mynes within the said Parrishes and Forrest from the said Moorem [asters] or their Deputyes p[ar]ticularly one Stubbing A Myner <payd> to Thomas Wharton Esq Moorem[aster] above Forty yeares since to Gillingwood in Yorkeshire to take A tack of A Myne in Rookehopp called Greeneclough which hee had Granted and wrought the same und[er] the Said Mooremaster.

5. To the Fifth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that the said Officer or Moorem[aster] by vertue of his Office hath full power liberty and authority to Prohibit Stopp and Lett all p[er]sons whatsoever from workeing or digging of any Lead Myne or Mynes within the said two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale unless such p[er]sons were lycensed by such Moorem[asters] or their Deputyes

6. To the Sixt Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes all the Lands Moores Fells Hoopes and grounds in this Interrogatory menc[i]oned and hath knowne the same above Fifty yeares last past

7. To the Seaventh Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that within the Fells Moores Hoopes and Grounds in this Interrogatory menc[i]oned there are severall Lead Mynes or vaines of Lead ( vizt) on Ireshoppfell hee knowes that Fawgrove was wrought aboute Fifty yeares since by Tack from the Mooremaster and Fawheads Greenwellheads Greenwellfoote Barbergrove Peiterclough Earnewell Holesike Deepe:clough head Westgraine Braidsike Arnegrove Ireshopburnefoote and Groveheads On Burnehopp fell hee knowes the Mynes called Langtayhead East and West of Langtay Stonysike Stonysikefoote Scrahhheads Cocklake and Flask on Westenhopp fell hee knowes the Mynes called Blaberryclough Nicholsonsgrove and Wolfeclough East and West End On Swinhopp fell hee knows the Myne called Broadmayfoote On Kilhopp fell hee knowes the Mynes called Ellyclough Westrake of Greenfeild Moss:grove Highbirks Bogg grove Hesyley hill west End Ellymay Clay:grove Southgraine and Hilhagarth and hath knowne the Said Mynes in Kilhopp fell wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster and this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes the Mynes on Welhopp fell called Cowhause On Heddryclough fell hee knowes the Mynes called Heddryclough Heddryclough East and West Greenfeild Greenfeild East

and West and Puddingthorne East and West On Middleblackdeane fell hee knowes the Mynes called Allerclough Greenhills Elmeford Stoupheads Rakes Clough head Cragg:Grove Lodgefeildslitt and Fawgrove w[hi]ch said Mynes of Fawgrove Cragggrove Allerclough and Stoupheads lye within Auntient Enclosed grounds w[hi]ch have been Enclosed before this Depon[en]ts remembrance And sayth that the said Mynes have been wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster And hee is the better able to depose herein for that hee the Depon[en]t carryed Oare severall times from the said Mynes to the Smelt mills of the Mooremaster att Wolsingham On Sedlinghopp:fell hee knowes the Mynes called roadmaygrove Toadstone Brakensike Whiterake Sedling grove Reedgrovehills Broadmeadows and Sedling great rake On Bollihopp fell hee knowes Bollihopp grove Harnishaw Shaftwell Ewtree Bollihopp sheele and Levyclough On Billing hee knowes the Lead Mynes called Drygill Birkehill and Ludwell hills And knew all the said Mynes on the Billing Auntiently wrought by the Mooremasters or by Tacks or Grants under them and this Depon[en]t hath carryed severall quantitys of oare gott att the said Mynes in the Billing to the Smelt mills of the Mooremasters which said Mynes in the Billing lye within An Auntient Enclosure which was Enclosed before the time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary On Westgatehight hee knowes the Mynes called Groverake and Postwell On Rookehoppfell hee knowes the Mynes called Wolfeclough Highgrove Gorbutt:May Greenclough Dixons grove Reedburne Langwellsike Foolewood Barkshawmeadow Wolfecloughfoote East of Wolfeclough Langwell Arnehill Newgrove Groverake Thornegrove Scarsike Southgraine Thornybray Resbymyres Lynskarth clough head Hinging wells Smaleburneside Reedburnegraines and Upp[er] Skarsike West & East End On Stanhopp hope fell hee knowes the Myne called Reeburne On Crawley fell hee knowes the Mynes called Crawley and Rogerswell And knowes the Groves called Newlandside and Peakeside and hath heard Robert Fetherston this Depon[en]ts Grandfather say that he wrought the said Peakeside above Fifty yeares since by Tack from the Mooremaster And this Depon[en]t sayth that dureing the time of his Remembrance all the Mynes wrought within the said two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale were wrought by the Mooremaster or by Grants or Tacks from them as incident and belonging to their s[ai]d Office as well within as without Enclosed grounds.

To the rest of the Interrogatorys hee is not required to be Examined



**7 Aug 1680 Thomas Emerson**

Thomas Emerson of Ireshoppburne in the Parrish of Stanhopp yeoman Aged Seaventy six yeares Sworne and Examined sayth

1. To the First Interrogatory hee sayth that hee knowes the Compl[ainan]t and Nathaniell Lord Bishopp of Durham John Mowbray Richard Mowbray and John Westgarth and hath knowne the two p[ar]ishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale dureing all the time of his remembrance

2. To the Second Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that the p[re]sent Bishopp of Durham and his p[re]decessors in right of his and their Bishopp[ri]ck amongst other things are seised of and in the Two Mannors or Lordshipps of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale and of and in all and every the Lead Mynes within the said two Parrishes and Forest of Weredale

3. 4. 5. To the Third Fourth and Fifty Interrogatorys This Depon[en]t sayth that dureing the time of his remembrance there hath beene an Officer called the Mooreman or Mooremaster and by report time out of memory of man there hath beene such Officer or Mooremaster who by vertue of their office have full power liberty and Authority to Prohibitt Stopp and Lett all persons from workeing any Lead Myne or Mynes within any place within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest unless such p[er]sons were lycensed by such Mooreman or Mooremaster or their Deputys And this Depon[en]t knowne Mr Thomas Wharton and the Compl[ainan]t Exercise the said Office of Mooremaster

6. 7. To the Sixt and Seaventh Interrogatorys this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes all the Moores Fells Hoopes and Grounds in these Interrogatorys menc[i]oned and hath knowne them dureing all the time of his remembrance within which said Fells Moores Hoopes and grounds are the severall Mynes hereafter menc[i]oned (vizt) on Ireshoppfell hee knowes Fawgrove Fawheads Claygrove Greenwellhead and Greenwell foote Barberry grove Gravel Lodge Peiteclough Earnewell West of Earnewell Howlesike Deepecloughhead Waggan grove Westgraine Bradesike Arnegrove Ireshopburnfoote Groveheads and Cawdberry End severall of which said Mynes this Depon[en]t hath wrought himselfe and hath knowne wrought by others by Tack from the Moorem[asters] as incident and belonging to their said Office On Burnehopp fell hee knowes the Mynes called Langtayhead which Myne hee wrought above Fifty yeares since by Grant from the Mooremaster East and West of Langtay Berrywell w[hi]ch said Myne aboute Forty yeares since <Bur..... ..> and knowes Greengrove Stoneysike Stoney sikefoote Scratheads Springwells Cocklake Flaske Hesleygill Wyndsike On Kilhopp fell hee knowes the Mynes called Ellyclough Moss grove Hesleyhill West and East End Highbirke or Southgraine On Welhopp fell hee knowes the Myne called Welheads wrought by Rowland Natrresse und[er] the

Moorem[aster] And the Myne called Cowhause On Heddryclough fell hee knowes the Myne called Heddryclough East and West and Greenefeild East and West and Puddingthorne On Middleblackdeane fell hee knowes the Mynes called Allercrough Elmeford Stoupeheads Rakes Cloughhead Cragg grove Lodgefeild Slitt and Fawgrove severall of w[hi]ch said Mynes hee hath knowne wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster And this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes upon Sedlinghopp fell the Mynes called Broadmaygrove Toadstone Burnegrove Baylehill Brakensike Whiterake Midgepitts Sedlinggrove Reedgrovehills Barkerburne Arnegrove hill Sedling greate rake And this Depon[en]t sayth that hee hath wrought severall of the last menc[i]oned groves und[er] the Mooremasters Tythe On the fell called Middlehopp hee knowes the Mynes called Dowkes and Newmeadowheads And this Depon[en]t sayth that hee hath beene A Myner or workeman for aboute Sixty yeares last past and hath taken severall Tacks or Grants from the Mooremaster and knowne severall others take such Tacks or Grants and dureing the time of his remembrance all groves wrought within the said Parrishes and Forrest were wrought by Tack from the Moorem[aster] as incident and belonging to the said Office.

**7 Aug 1680 William Bainbridge**

William Bainbridge of Easterblackdeane in the Parrish of Stanhopp yeoman Aged Sixty Five yeares Sworne and Examined sayth

To the First Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth That hee knowes the Compl[ainan]t And John Mowbray Richard Mowbray and John Westgarth And knowes the Two p[ar]ishes of Stanhop and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale and hath soe knowne the same for Fifty six yeares last past

To the Second Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth That the now Bishopp of Durham and his p[re]decessors in right of his and their Bishoprick amongst other things are seised of and in the Two Manno[rs] or Lordships of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale and of and in the Lead Mynes Groves and Ures within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale

To the Third Fourth and Fifth Interrogatorys this Depon[en]t sayth That dureing all the time of his remembrance there hath beene an Officer called Mooreman or Mooremaster And by report time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary there hath beene such Officer and Officers who by vertue of their said Office have full Power Liberty and Authority to Digg and worke all the Lead Mynes within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest And to prohibitt Stopp and Lett all others from workeing for any Lead Oare within the said Parrishes and Forrest unless such p[er]sons were Lycensed or Admitted thereunto by such Mooremaster or Mooremasters or their Deputys And this Depon[en]t sayth that hee hath knowne Mr Humphrey Wharton Mr

Thomas Wharton Mr Richard Hutton and the Compl[ainan]t all Enjoy the said Office of Mooreman or Mooremaster and hath knowne Roger Bainbridge William Key and Robert Heslopp employed as Deputy Mooremasters and hath knowne them lett Tacks to severall persons And this Depon[en]t sayth that John Bainbridge this Depon[en]ts father and others tooke a Tack of Mr Humphrey Wharton aboute Forty or Forty nine yeares since of A myne called Allerclough and likewise sayth that his said father and George <Snodding> tooke A Tack from the said Mr Humphrey Wharton Mooremaster of a Myne called Gorbutt May in Rookehopp aboute forty six yeares since and that severall others tooke Tacks for without such Tacks noe p[er]son whatsoever could worke any Mynes within any of the said Parrishes and Forrest aforesaid

To the Sixt and Seaventh Interrogatorys this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes all the Moores Fells Hoopes and grounds in these Interrogatorys menc[i]oned and hath soe knowne them dureing all the time of his this Depon[en]ts remembrance <within> which Lands Moores Fells Hoopes and grounds there are severall Mynes and groves of Oare which have beene Auntiently wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster And this Depon[en]t is the better able to Depose herein for that hee hath beene a Myner and Workeman in and aboute the Lead Mynes within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest for aboute Forty nine yeares last past And hath wrought the Mynes hereafter named by Tack from the Mooremaster (vizt) upon Middlehopp fell the Mynes called Dowkes and Newmeadowheads on Rookehopp fell the Mynes called Wolfeclough Gorbutt May and Thornegrove on Middleblackdeanefell the Two Mynes called Allerclough and Cragg Grove which said Two last menc[i]oned Mynes ly within an Enclosure and now is and hath been dureing all the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster And this Depon[en]t sayth that upon the fell called Ireshopp hee knowes the Mynes called Fawgrove Fawheads Greenwell-heads Greenwellfoote Claygrove Barberry grove Gravell lodge Peiterclough Earnwell West of Earnwell Howlesike and knew the said Howlesike wrought about Thirty Eight yeares since by John Sheild by Tack from the Mooremaster and knows Deepcloughhead Westgraine Bradesike Arnegrove Ireshopburnefoote Cawd:berry End and Groveheads and sayth that the said Groveheads was wrought Forty yeares since by Tack from the Mooremaster by John Sheild George Lee and Cuthbert Watson On Burnehoppfell this Depon[en]t knowes the Mynes called Langtayhead East and West of Langtay Berrywell Scathheads Spring wells Cocklake Flask Hesley gill Sallowgraine and Windsike On Kilhopp fell hee knowes the Mynes called Westrake of Greenfeild Mossgrove Hesley hill West End Ellymay or Hesley hill East End On Welhopp fell hee knowes the mynes called Welheads and Cowhause on Heddryclough fell hee knowes the Mynes called Heddryclough East and West Greenfeild East and West and Puddingthorne on Middleblackdeane fell this Depon[en]t knowes the Mynes abovesaid called Allerclough and Cragg:Grove and likewise knows Greenhills Elmeford Stoupheads Rakes Cloughhead Lodgefeildslitt and Fawgrove On Easterblackdeane fell hee knowes the mynes called Laws grove and Fairehills On Sedlinghopp fell hee knowes the Mynes called Broadmay:grove Toadstone Baylehill Brakensike Whiterake Midgepitts

Barkerburne Sedling grove Reedgrovehill Arnegrove:hill and Sedling greaterake On Middlehopp fell this Depon[en]t knowes the Mynes called Dowkes and Newmeadow:heads as he hath p[re]deposed and likewise the Mynes called Broadmay Earneclough Blackaxeltree Bondgrove and Seinesike And hee likewise knowes the Mynes on Westgatehight called Groverake Postwell Westerlyhight:pitts and Sideheads and sayth the same are Auntient mines and have beene wrought before the time of this Deponents remembrance for that hee this Depon[en]t hath always observed greate old hushes and heapes of sparr and vaine soyle that hath Auntiently beene wrought out of the said Mynes lying on or neare the said Mynes upon Westerlyhightfell aforesaid On the Fell called Rookehopp hee knowes the severall mynes called Wolfeclough Gorbutt may and Thornygrove as hee hath p[re]deposed and likewise knowes the mynes called Greeneclough Dixons grove Langwell Sike Foulewood Barshawmeadow Wolfeclough foote Langwell Groverake East=Skarsike Southgraine Resby myres and Lynskarth clough head And this Depon[en]t sayth that hee hath knowne severall p[er]sons worke severall of the Mynes menc[i]oned in this Interrogatory by and und[er] the Mooremasters <style> And sayth that all Mynes wrought dureing all the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance were wrought by Tack or Grant from the Mooremasters as incident and belonging to their aid Office as well within as without Inclosed Grounds within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest

#### **7 Aug 1680 Marmaduke Trotter**

Marmaduke Trotter of Smaleburne in the Parrish of Stanhopp yeoman Aged Seaventy seven yeares Sworne and Examined sayth

1 To the First Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes the Compl[ainan]t and Nathaniell Lord Bishopp of Durham John Mowbray Richard Mowbray and John Westgarth and knowes the Two p[ar]ishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale and hath knowne the same for Sixty Five yeares last past and upwards

2 To the Second Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that the p[re]sent Bishopp of Durham and his p[re]decessors in right of his and their Bishoprick are seised in Fee of and in A County Pallatine and of all powers requisites and profitts thereunto belonging and of and in the Two Mannors or Lordships of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and of the Forrest of Weredale and of and in all and every the Lead Mynes Groves and Ures of Lead lying within the said Two Parrishes and Forest

3 4 & 5 To the Third Fourth and Fifth Interrogatorys this Depon[en]t sayth for and dureing all the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance there have beene an Officer called the Mooremaster which said Officer by vertue of his said Office wrought all the Mynes and groves within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale And had full Power Liberty and Authority by vertue of the said Office to Prohibitt Stoppn and Lett

all p[er]sons whatsoever from sinkeing or workeing for any oare or ure within the said two Parrishes and Forrest unless such p[er]sons were Lycensed by such Mooremaster or his Lawfull Deputy or Deputys And this Depon[en]t sayth that hee doth verily believe the said Office to be A very Auntient office time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary And this Depon[en]t sayth that he hath knowne Mr Humphrey Wharton Mr Thomas Wharton Mr Richard Hutton and the Compl[ainan]t Enjoy the said Office And knew Thomas Tarne Roger Bainbridge William Key and Robert Heslopp who were Deputy Mooremasters and hath heard and believes that Sr George Bowes Mr William Bowes Mr Suertyes and Mr Withers were all former Mooremasters And this Depon[en]t hath knowne severall p[er]sons take Tacks of severall Mynes within the said two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale And sayth that all the Mynes of Lead oare wrought within the said two parishes and Forrest of Weredale were wrought by Tack or Grant from the Mooremaster or their Deputys at such time as the same were wrought as incident and belonging to the said Office of Mooremaster.

To the Sixt and Seaventh Interrogatorys this Depon[en]t sayth That hee knowes all the Lands Fells Moores Hoopes and Grounds in the said Interrogatorys menc[i]oned and hath soe knowne the same for sixty five yeares or thereabouts And sayth that hee knowes the p[ar]ticular Mynes on the p[ar]ticular Fells or grounds hereafter named (vizt) On Ireshoppfell hee knowes the Mynes called Fawgrove Fawheads Greenwell heads Greenwell foote Claygrove Berbery grove Gravell:lodge Peiterclough Earnewell West of Earnewell Howlesike Deepclough Waggon grove Westgraine Bradesike Arnegrove Ireshoppburnefoote groveheads and Cawdberry Ends On the Fell called Burnehopp hee knowes the Mynes called Green Law End Langtayhead East and West of Langtay head Berrywell Greenegrove Stonysike Stonysike foote Scratheades Springwells Cocklake Flaske Black Laws East and West of Black:laws Castenholes Hesley gill Sallowgraine Windsike and Crooked Sike On Westenhoppfell hee knowes the Mynes called Pawp[er]hills Esh clough East and West End Blaberryclough West of Blaberryclough Westgraine East and West End and Wolfeclough East and West End On the Fell called Swinhopp hee knowes the Mynes called Broadmayfoote Berryclough Ramshawell West of Berryclough and Sparrgrove On Harthoppfell hee knowes the Mynes called Allersikes and Harthennes On Daddrysheildfell hee knows the Mynes called Allersikes East End and Harthennes East End On the Fell called Kilhopp hee knowes the Mynes called Ellyclough Westrake of Greenfeild Moss grove High birkes Bogg grove Hesley hill West End Ellymay or Hesley:hill East End Clay grove Cowford Low birke Hillgrove Southgraine or high birke West End High grove and Hilhagarth On Welhopp fell hee knowes the Mynes called Welheads Cowhause <Briansike> Reedhills <Stout>:grove <Kettgrove> Easterley clough and Westerley clough On Heddryclough fell hee knowes the Mynes called Heddryclough Heddryclough East and West Greenfeild East and West and Puddingthorne East and West On the Fell called Middleblackdeane hee knowes the Mynes called Allerclough Greenhills Elmeform Stoupeheads Rakes Cloughhead Cragg Grove Lodgefeildslitt and Fawgrove and sayth that Cragg grove Allerclough and Stoupeheads ly within Auntient



Enclosures which were Enclosed before the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance And knowes that the said Cragg Grove and the rest of the said Groves as well within as without the Enclosure were above Fifty yeares agoe and ever since wrought by Tack from the Moorem[aster] or his Lawful Deputy or Deputyes On Easterblackdeane fell hee knowes the mynes called Laws grove and Fairehills On the fell called Sedlingfell hee knowes the Mynes called Broadmaygrove Toadstone Burnegrove Slackgrove Baylehill Brakensike Whiterake Midgepitts Sedling:grove Reedgrovehill Barkerburne Broadmeadows Arnegrovehill and Sedlinggreaterake On the fell called Bollihopp hee knowes the severall Mynes called called Bollihopp grove Mirkgill Harnishaw Shaftwell Cragg grove Blackburne Eastgraine und[er] Cragg Bollihopp sheele nooke Ewtree and Levyclough On Billing hee knowes the severall Mynes called Drygill Birkehill and Ludwell hills And hath knowne all the said Mynes in the s[ai]d Billing wrought by the Mooremasters or by Tacks and Grants from the said Mooremasters On the Fell called Middlehopp hee knowes the several Mynes called Broadmaysike Earneclough Blackaxeltree Bullion grove Bondgrove Seinesike Dowkes and Newmeadowheads On the fell called Westgatehight hee knowes the Mynes called Groverake Postwell Westerlyhight pitts and Sideheads And sayth that the said Groverake was wrought above Forty yeares since by Tack from the Mooremaster by John Carnaby and others and hee likewise knowes the rest of the Mynes in Westgatehight wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster w[hi]ch said Westgatehight is an Auntient Enclosure and was soe Enclosed before the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance And the Depon[en]t likewise knowes the Myne called Newlandside which hath within the time of his remembrance beene wrought in severall places by Tack from the Mooremaster And this Depon[en]t sayth that the Myne called Peakeside was wrought about Forty yeares since by Gamaliell Walton by Tack from the Mooremaster On Stanhopphep hee knowes the Myne called Reeburne On Crawley fell hee knowes the Mynes called Crawley and Rogerswell On the Fell called Rookehop hee knowes the severall Mynes called Wolfeclough Highgrove Gorbutt may Greene:clough Dixons grove Laws leape Reedburne Langwellsike Foulewood Barkeshaw meadow Wolfeclough foote East of Wolfeclough Langwell Arnehill Newgrove Groverake East Scarsike Thornygrove Scarsike West side Picklaw carr Southgraine Thornybray Booteswell Resby Myres High and Low Resby Lynskarth clough head Hinging wells Smale:burne side Picklaw Reedburne graines Hawkhill Upp[er] Skarsike West and East End And knowes the Pickstone on Wolsingham:fell And the Depon[en]t sayth that hee hath wrought severall of the Mynes before menc[i]oned and hath knowne severall other persons worke severall Mynes all which Mynes so wrought were wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster And this Depon[en]t is the better able to Depose as he hath p[re]deposed for that this Depon[en]t for sixty yeares last past or thereabouts hath frequently used to bee upon the severall Fells Moores Lands or grounds in these Interrogatorys menc[i]oned this Depon[en]t being a Patten Officer und[er] the Bishoppes of Durham and Ranger of the Forrest of Weredale And this Depon[en]t further sayth That all the Mynes whatsoever which were wrought within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale were wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster And that the said

Mooremaster or his Tackers might worke in any Enclosed meadow or corne grounds within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest the said Mooremaster or his Tackers paying reasonable damages for treading the grass or corne within such Enclosures And this Depon[en]t sayth that hee hath heard that about Thirty five yeares since one Alphonsus Bulmer obtained a Lease from Bishopp Morton and wrought some Lead Mynes within some Coppyhold grounds and Stanhopp:Parke but this Depon[en]t sayth that the very Mynes which were wrought by the said Alphonsus Bulmer Master William Hall and und[er] that Tythe were all within the memory of this Depon[en]t wrought by Tack or Grant from the Mooremaster or their Deputy or Deputys as Incident and belonging to the said Office of Mooremaster

10 To the Tenth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that on or aboute the year one Thousand six hundred sixty & foure Mr William Hall did p[re]tend by vertue of A Lease from the then Bishopp of Durham some Tythe to severall Lead Mynes within Enclosed and severall grounds And aboute Easter Terme which was in the yeare One Thousand six hundred sixty and six there was A Tryall at the Excheq[uer] Barr at Westminster betweene the Compl[ainan]t who was then pl[ain]t[iff] and the said William Hall for Two Lead mynes called Holesike and Allerclough And the Depon[en]t sayth that hee was in the Court And A Wittness in that cause and that after a long and full Evidence on both sides the said Compl[ainan]t then pl[ain]t[iff] obtained a verdict for the said Two Mynes and hath ever since Enjoyed and occupied the said Two Mynes without any Interruption whatsoever (unless Sr William Blackett or some others clameing und[er] him within some few months last past hath p[re]tended some Tythe to some of the Compl[ainan]ts Mynes And this Depon[en]t sayth that att the time of the said Tryall att the Excheq[uer] Barr Ralph Bainbridge John Longdale John Westwood and John Gray being all very Auntient Wittnesses and severall yeares since deceased did all swear in Court there that they had not onely knowne the workeing of the said Two Mynes called Allerclough and Howlesike dureing all the time of their remembrance und[er] the Mooremaster But likewise that all the Mynes of Lead which were opened and wrought within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest As well within as without Enclosed grounds were wrought by Tack or Grant from the Mooremaster or their Deputys as Incident and belonging the said Office of Mooremaster and that noe p[er]son or p[er]sons whatsoever could worke any Myne or Mynes within any place within the said Forrest and Parrishes without a Lycense from the Mooremaster or his or their Deputys Except in the freehold grounds of the p[ar]ticular freeholds within the said two p[ar]rishes

**12 Aug 1680 Lancelott Chapman**

The further Execuc[i]on of the Comic[i]on hereunto annexed is Adjourned unto the Dwelling house of Lancelott Chapman att Bucklerscale in the Parrish of Stanhopp upon Thursday the Twelfth day of August in the Thirty second yeare of the Raigne of King Charles the Second

Lancelott Chapman of Bucklerscale in the Parrish of Stanhopp yeoman Aged Ninety eight yeares Sworne and Examined sayth.

1 To the First Interrogatory hee sayth that he knowes the Compl[ainan]t and knowes John Westgarth John Mowbray and Richard Mowbray And knowes the two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale

2 3 & 4 To the Second Third and Fourth Interrogatorys this Depon[en]t sayth that the p[re]sent Lord Bishopp of Durham and his p[re]decessors have time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary beene seised of and in A County Pallatine and of all the libertys and Franchises to A County Pallatine belonging and of and in the Two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale And of and in diverse and sundry Lead Mynes Groves and vaines of Lead Oare lying within the Two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale And sayth that there now is and time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary there have beene an Officer called the Mooreman or Mooremaster of all the Lead Mynes Groves and Ures within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest which said Officer and Officers have from time to time been made and appoynted by Grants and Lettres Pattents from the Bishopp of Durham And sayth that all the Lead Mynes which were and have been wrought within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale were wrought by the said Mooremaster or by Tacks or Grants from them And this Depon[en]t sayth that hee is the better able herein to depose for that hee this Depon[en]t hath knowne the said Offices held and Enjoyed by Sr George Bowes William Bowes Mr Suertys Mr Withers Mr Humphrey Wharton Mr Thomas Wharton Mr Richard Hutton and the Compl[ainan]t And hath knowne the said severall Mooremasters worke severall of the Mynes and groves within the said Parrishes and Forrest and Lett severall Tacks or Grants of severall Mynes to several p[er]sons for the workeing and getting of Oare and Ures of Lead within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale And hath knowne Thomas Tarne Richard Groswick George Emerson Mr George Hall Robert Heslopp and John Vasy who were all Deputy Mooremasters and by such Deputac[i]ons had power to Lett Tacks

To the Fifth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that the said Mooreman or Mooremaster by vertue of the said Office hath full Power Liberty and Authority to hinder and stopp all p[er]sons whatsoever from workeing sincking and getting of any

oare or ure within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale unless such p[er]son or p[er]sons soe workeing and sinking were lycensed and Admitted thereunto by such Mooremaster or Mooremasters or their lawfull Deputy or Deputyys And this Depon[en]t sayth that the said Mooremen or Mooremasters have full Power and Authority by vertue of their said Office to worke and sinke for oare or ure as well within all and every the Lands Closes and Enclosed Grounds of all and every the Leasehold[er]s and Coppyhold[er]s as of all other p[er]sons whatsoever within the said two p[ar]ishes and forrest (<Except> in the Freehold grounds of the p[er]mitted Freeholders) onely if any Myne or Mynes were soe sunke within Auntient Enclosed grounds by the said Mooremasters or their Deputyys or by Tacks or Grants from them such Mooremaster or Tacker did pay to the owner of the ground reasonable Damages for treading or spoyleing their grass by workeing or carrying away the said Oare there gotten And this Depon[en]t is the better Able to depose herein for that hee hath dureing all the time of his remembrance wrought and knowne others worke severall Mynes or groves of Lead Oare within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest by Tacks and grants from the Mooremasters or their Deputyys as well within as without Enclosed grounds

To the Sixt and Seaventh Interrogatorys this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes all and every the Lands Fells Moores Hoopes and grounds in these Interrogatorys menc[i]oned and hath soe knowne them for above Eighty yeares last past And p[ar]ticularly hath knowne the Mynes hereafter menc[i]oned wrought within Auntient Enclosed grounds by Tack from the Mooremaster (vizt) upon Billing hee knowes the Myne called Drygill which said Myne was wrought by Tack or Grant from Sr George Bowes by one Gamaliell Walton Upon Newlandside hee very well knowes the Myne or veine called Newlandside lying within Auntient Enclosed Coppyhold grounds and knew the said Vaine wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster either by Sr George or Mr William Bowes and within that p[ar]t of the said Newlandside vaine lying in the p[ar]ticular Enclosure now belonging to Widdow Whitefeild w[hi]ch said Enclosure in Sr George Bowes his time to the best of this Depon[en]ts remembrance belonged to one <..... halg> And this Depon[en]t likewise knowes the Mynes called Peakeside and Cragg grove both which said Mynes were wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster p[ar]ticularly Cuthbert and Ralph Fetherston wrought the said Cragg grove above fifty yeares since by Tack from the Mooremaster which said Cragg:grove lys within Middleblackdeanefell And this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes the place called Westgatehight and the Lead myne there called Groverake and other Mynes lying within the said Westgate hight all which said Mynes ly within Enclosures that have beene Enclosed before the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance and were wrought by severall Mooremasters or by Tacks from them or their Deputyys within the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance And this Depon[en]t likewise knowes the severall Mynes hereafter named which were likewise wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster (vizt) upon Ireshopp Fell hee knowes the Mynes of Hoesike Greenwell and Earnewell which said Earnewell was wrought above sixty yeares since by Tack from the Mooremaster In

Burnehoppfell hee knowes the Mynes called Sallagraine Langtayhead and Springwells on the Fell called Bollihopp hee knowes the Mynes called Bollihoppgrove Harnishaw Shaftwell Eastgraine und[er] Cragg Ewtree and Mirkegill on the Fell called Middleblackdeane hee knowes the Mynes called Allerclough Elmeford Stoupheads Rakes Lodgefeild Clough head and the before menc[i]oned myne called the Cragg grove On the fell called Middlehopp hee knows severall Mynes called Dowkes Newmeadowhead and Earneclough On the fell called Westenhopp hee knowes the Mynes called Eshclough Blaberryclough and Wolfeclough On Swinhopp fell he knowes the Myne called Ramshawell On the Fells called Sedlinghopp and Heddryclough hee knowes the severall Mynes called Greenefeild Toadstone <Burnegrove> Greenhills Brakensike Whiterake Midgepitts and Sedlinggrove On the Fells called Welhopp and Kilhopp hee knowes the Mynes called Mossgrove Puddingthorne Cowhause and Reedhills On Rookhopp fell hee knowes the Mynes called Wolf<clough> Gorbutt May Greeneclough Dixonsgrove Langwell Foulewood Groverake Resby myes Thornegrove and <Southgraine> All which said Mynes or Groves were wrought by Tacks from the Mooremaster or his Deputy att such time or times <the> said Mynes were wrought And this Depon[en]t doth very well remember that on the abovesaid Fells there are <severall> Auntient Lead Mynes which have beene wrought by former Mooremasters but for the certaine names thereof hee refers himselfe to the Mooremasters booke or Register for that purpose And this Depon[en]t is the better enabled to depose herein as hee hath p[re]deposed for that this Depon[en]t aboute Eighty yeares since and severall times since that hee hath beene frequently at the Chappell in Weredale at the Foure Quarterly dayes of meeteing between the Mooremasters and Myners vizt upon Allsaints day Candlemas day St Mark's day and Lamas day where the Myners usually met the Mooremasters deputy and Accompted for the Oare gott in each of the <respective> Mynes in workeing within the said Parrishes and Forrest att such time or times of their meeteing att the said Chappell in Weredale

To the Ninth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that hee hath heard of A Lease Obtained by Alphonsus Bulmer and William Hall from the Bishopp of Durham of some Mynes within some Enclosed grounds by vertue of which said Lease the said Bulmer and Hall wrought the two Mynes above menc[i]oned called Peakeside and Newlandside But this Depon[en]t sayth that the <said> two Mynes and all other Mynes which are wrought or p[re]tended to be wrought under the Tythe of the said <Hall Lease> have formerly within the remembrance of this Depon[en]t beene wrought by severall Mooremasters or by Tacks or Grants und[er] them.

To the rest of the Interrogatorys hee is not required to be Examined



**12 Aug 1680 Arthur Morgan**

Arthur Morgan of Frosterley in the Parrish of Stanhopp <Yeom[an]> Aged sixty seven yeares <or thereabouts> Sworne and Examined sayth

1 To the First Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes the Compl[ainan]t And William Blackett John Mowbray Richard Mowbray and John Westgarth and knowes the Two p[ar]ishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale and hath knowne the same dureing all the time of his remembrance.

2. 3. 4. 5. 6. & 7 To the Second Third Fourth Fifth Sixt and Seaventh Interrogatorys this Depon[en]t sayth that the p[re]sent Bishopp of Durham and his p[re]decessors have beene time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary seised in Fee of A County Pallatine and Franchises thereunto belonging and of the Two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale and of and in all Lead Mynes groves and ures within the said Two Parrishes and Forest And this Depon[en]t sayth that the Mooremaster by virtue of his Office had full power liberty and Authority to Prohibitt Stopp and Lett all persons whatsoever from workeing or getting of any Oare or ure within the said Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale unless such p[er]son or p[er]sons were lycensed or <admittedthere>=unto by the s[ai]d Mooremaster his Deputy or Deputys And this Depon[en]t doth very well remember that Mr Wythers Mr Humphrey Wharton Mr Thomas Wharton Mr Richard Hutton and the Compl[ainan]t have all Exercised the said Office of Mooremaster and hath heard and believes that Sr George Bowes and Mr William Bowes were likewise Mooremasters And this Depon[en]t sayth that the said Moorem aster by vertue of his Office had full power liberty and Authority to worke all the Mynes Groves and Vaines of Lead Oare within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest (Except within the Freehold Landes <or> severall p[ar]ticular Freeholds) And this Depon[en]t hath knowne severall Mynes and groves wrought under the Mooremaster within the said parrishes and Forrest both within and without the Enclosed grounds of all the Cobbyhold[er]s L<easeh>olders <Tenants> for yeares and Tenants for Lives and Customary Ten[an]ts within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale p[ar]ticularly hee knowes the Mynes of Lead on Bollihopp Fell called called Harnishaw Ewtree Bollihoppgrove Mirke gill Shaftwell and Levyclough On the fell called Middlehopp hee knowes the Mynes called Dowkes and Newmeadow head On Sedlinghopp fell hee knowes the Mynes called <Whiterake> Midgepitts Barkerburne and Brakensike On Rookehopp fell he knowes the Mynes called Gorbutt may and Greeneclough On Ireshopp fell hee knowes the Myne called Ireshopp burne:foote On Middleblackdeane fell hee knowes the Mynes called Allerclough and Cragg grove w[hi]ch said two Mynes ly within very Auntient enclosed grounds and the said Cragg:grove was wrought above Fifty yeares since by Ralph Fetherstonhalgh by Tack from the Mooremaster On the fell called Burnehopp hee knowes the mynes called Langtayhead Berrywell and Sallowgraine all which said Mynes were wrought by Tack from the Mooremaster And hee is the better Enabled soe to depose for that

this Depon[en]t aboute Fifty Five yeares since was Employed as an Oare Carryer and for aboute Twenty yeares together followed that Employment under the said Mooremasters and carryed severall considerable quantities of Oare from the Mynes above menc[i]oned to the Bayle hills and Smelt mills of the then Mooremaster And this Depon[en]t sayth that itt is above Twenty <nyne> yeares since this Depon[en]t gave over the Carriage of any Oare.

To the rest of the Interrogatorys hee is not required to bee Examined.

**9 Sep 1680 George Myres**

The further Execuc[i]on of this Comic[i]on is Adjourned to the Dwelling house of Mrs Issabell Gregory att the Kings Arms in Richmond upon Saturday the Ninth day of Septemb[er] in the Thirty second year of the Raigne of King Charles the Second

George Myres of Lynskarth in the Parrish of Stanhopp in the County of Durham Gent. Aged Fifty yeares or thereabouts Sworn and Examined sayth

To the First Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that hee knowes the Reverend father in God Nathaniell Lord Bishopp of Durham John Mowbray John Westgarth Richard Mowbray and Christopher Copp[er]thwayt five of the De[fendan]ts And knows the Compl[ainan]t and the two Parrishes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale and hath known the said Two Parrishes and Forrest for above Forty yeares last past

To the Second Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that the p[re]sent Bishopp of Durham and his p[re]decessors have time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary have beene seised in Fee of A County Pallatine and of all Libertys and Franchises to A County Pallatine belonging and amongst other things of and in the Two Manno[rs] and Lordshippes of Stanhopp and Wolsingham and Forrest of Weredale and of and in diverse and sundry Lead Mynes Groves and Vaines of Lead Oare lying within the s[ai]d Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale

To the Third Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that there now is and this Depon[en]t believes that time out of man's <memory> there have beene an Officer called the Mooreman or Mooremaster of the Lead Mynes Groves and Ures within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale which said Officer or Officers have from time to time been made or appointed by Grants or Lettres Pattents of the said Bishopp of Durham And that all the Lead Mynes wrought within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest that belonged to the Bishoppes of Durham have from time to time beene wrought when the same were openned and and wrought by the severall Mooremasters or by Tacks or

Grants under them as incident and belonging the said Office of Moorem[aster] until Mr Alphonsus Bulmer or one Mr Hall p[re]tended some Tythe to the same mynes within <some t... ..>

To the Fourth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that Mr Thomas Wharton Mr Richard Hutton and the Compl[ainan]t have within the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance held and Exercised the said Office of Moorem[aster] And this Depon[en]t verily believes that Mr Francis Pilkington Sr George Bowes Mr William Bowes Mr Edward Suertys and Mr George Wythers all of them held and Exercised the said Office for that this Depon[en]t hath beene credibly informed by Auntient Workemen that they took Tacks <... ..> under the aforesaid Mooremaster severall Mynes within the said Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale

To the Fifth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that the said Mooremaster by vertue of his Office hath full Power Liberty and Authority to prohibitt stopp and Lett all p[er]sons whatsoever from sincking workeing or opening of any ground or grounds for the winning and getting of any oare or ures of Lead within the said Parrishes and Forrest unless such p[er]son or p[er]sons be Lawfully Lycensed or Admitted thereunto by the said Mooremaster or his lawfull Deputy or Deputys

To the Sixt Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that hee very well knowes all and every the Lands Moores Fells Hoopes and Grounds in this Interrogatorys menc[i]oned.

To the Seaventh Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that within the Land Moores Fells Hoopes and grounds in this Interrogatory menc[i]oned there now are and time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary have beene severall Mynes or Vaines of Lead oare opened and wrought by severall Moorem[aster]s or by Tacks or Grants und[er] them as incident to their said Office and that the said vaines are called or knowne by distinct name or names And in p[ar]ticular this Depon[en]t knowes the severall mynes hereunder named all and every of which said Mynes have within the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance beene opened and wrought by Tacks from the Moorem[aster] or und[er] the Mooremasters Tythe by the severall workemen or Myners hereafter named (vizt) On Bollihopp fell hee knowes the severall Mynes called Shaftwell wrought by James Whittaker and others Harnishaw wrought by William Morley and others Ewtree wrought by Arthur Morgan and others Mirkegill wrought by Thomas Ireland and others Blackburne <... ..> :Harnishaw wrought by this Depon[en]t and others Levyclough by Thomas Elliott and others On Westenhopp fell two Mynes called Eshclough Eastside wrought by Robert Philippson and others <Upper> Eshclough wrought by George Emerson and others West of Blaberryclough wrought by Robert Philippson and others East of Wolfeclough wrought by Robert Phillipson and others west of Wolfeclough by Nicholas Nicholson and others Westgraine East End wrought by George Westwood and others West End of Westgraine wrought by Francis Dobson and others On Swinhopp:fell the Mynes

called Berryclough wrought by John Bainbridge and others On Daddrisheild fell the Mynes called Allersike East End wrought by Cuthbert Hall and others On Ireshopp fell the Mynes called Howlesike wrought by William Fetherston and others Groveheads by Cuthbert Emerson and others Bradesike by <George> Henderson and others Earnewellhead by John Rutter and others Ireshoppburnefoote by John Rutter and others the Fawgrove an Auntient Enclosure wrought by John Fetherstone and others Barberry grove by John Curtess and others Greenwell by William Westwood and others Waggangrove by John Emerson and others Deepecloughhead by William Harrison and others Cawdberry End by <T...> Robinson and others Westgrainehead by John Watson and others Peiterclough head by John Hall and others On Burnehopp fell the Mynes called Greengrove wrought by John Harrison and others Langtayhead wrought by Robert Bramman and others <....> wrought by John Robson and others Stonysike wrought by Thomas Fetherstone and others Crookedesike by <Thomas> <Dawson> and others Scrathhead wrought by Thomas James and others Blacklaws East and West End by John Nattriss and others <Casten...> wrought by Cuthbert Nattriss and others Hesleygill wrought by Cuthbert Nattriss and others Springwell wrought by William Fetherstone and others Greenlaw End wrought by Ralph Nattriss and others On Welhopp and Kilhopp Fells the Mynes called Welheads wrought by John Nattriss and others Hilhagarth wrought by Francis Little and others Briansike wrought by Mathew Blacklock and others West End of Kilhopp:Cragg by Mathew Boake and others Peitefell Edge by Thomas <...> and others Cowhouse wrought by Edward Stoute and others Greensike head wrought by Thomas Lawson and others Broad may wrought by Mathew Blakelock and others East Hesley hill wrought by Cuthbert Watson and others <...> =Hesley Hill by Francis Ibbeson and others Old Hesley Hill by John Nattriss and others Hillgrove by Thomas Watson and others West Hesley hill by Alexand[er] Ridley and others Eastgrove und[er] Edge by Mathew Boake and others <Westgrove> under Edge wrought by John Nattriss and others North Hesley Hill wrought by Mathew Blakelock and others Mossgrove wrought by George Emerson and others North Moss grove by John Kidd and others Kilhoppburne<...> East and West End wrought by Cuthbert Watson and others Highbirke by Cuthbert Rodham and others Southgraine wrought by Alexander Ridley and others Ellymay foote wrought by Cuthbert Rodham and others West Ellymay wrought by Hugh <Robinson> and others On Heddryclough fell the Mynes called Snodberry clough wrought by Thomas Barber and others Puddingthorne Eastvaine wrought by Francis Peart Kilhopp cragg East End wrought by Thomas Watson and others <Elmford> wrought by John Needham and others Burnthills by Henry Farawlay and others Greenefeild North Vaine wrought by John Needham and others Greenefeild South Vaine wrought by William Hackwood and others Greenefeild<greate>rake wrought by John Lonsdale and others On Sedlinghopp Fell the Mynes called Brakenside wrought by Godfrey Didsbury and others Broadmay wrought by Godfrey Didsbury and others Barkerburne wrought by Cuthbert Nattriss and others Sedlinggreaterake wrought by Francis Little and others Whiterake wrought by John Harrison and others Arnegrovehill wrought by John Nattriss and others Sedlinggrove wrought by Anthony <..lipp> and others

Burngrove West:End wrought by James Whitaker and others Reedgrove hill wrought by Thomas Norman and others Toadstone West vaine wrought by John Harrison and others Toadstone East vaine wrought by Cuthbert Watson and others Baylehills wrought by John Robson and others on Middleblackdeanefell the Mynes called Elmeford wrought by Thomas Allingam and others Allerclough wrought by Ralph Fetherstone and others Lodgefeild wrought by John Rutter and others Cragg grove wrought by John Fetherstone and others Stonyslitt wrought by Ralph Fetherstone and others all which said severall Mynes on Middleblackdeanefell ly within very Auntient Enclosures the Rakes wrought by George Whitfeild and others the Clough head wrought by John Rutter and others on EasterBlackdeane pasture the Mynes called Lawsgrove wrought by Richard Hall and others Faire hills was wrought by John Rutter and others On Middlehoppfell the Mynes called Newmeadowheads wrought by William How and others Dowkes wrought by Thomas Parker and others Broadmaysike wrought by George Fetherstone and others Blackaxeltree wrought by Richard <Blaine> and others Earneclough wrought by James Whittaker and others On Westgate hight being within the Auntient Enclosure of Stanhopp <Parrish> severall Mynes called Groverake wrought by John Fetherston and others Sidehead by William <How> and others On the Fell called Rookehopp the Mynes called Smale burne side wrought by Edmond <Bramman> and others Lynskarth cloughhead wrought by James Whittaker and others Foulewood wrought by Robert Trotter and others East Scarsike by John Evans and others West Scarsike wrought ny John Wilson and others Langwell wrought by this Depon[en]t and others West Langwell wrought by Richard Thorpe and others Wolfecloughfoote wrought by this Depon[en]t and others Wolfeclough head wrought by William Bainbridge and others Brakensike wrought by Thomas Hackwood and others Brakensike foote wrought by John Evans and others Dixons grove East vaine wrought by Thomas Ireland and others West Dixons grove wrought by Roger Bainbridge and others Greeneclough East End wrought by Richard Blacke and others Greeneclough Weste Side wrought by this Depon[en]t and others Gorbutt may wrought by Godfrey Didsbury and others Southgraine East End wrought by this Depon[en]t and others Southgraine West End wrought by Edward Stoute and others Whitesikehead wrought by George Emerson and others Barkshaw meadows wrought by John <Robinson> and others Groverake wrought by William <Pilkington> and others Picklaw carr by <William> <Pilkington> <and> others Picklaw wrought by Lancelott Robinson and others <Brakensike> East End wrought by <.... ....> and others Thornegrove wrought by Godfrey Didsbury and others West Resby Myres wrought by <....> Richardson and others Resby Myres wrought by this Depon[en]t and others <West> <Reedburne> wrought by Arthur Myres and others Swallow foote wrought by <Tobias> <....> and others Hawkhill wrought by <Robert> Trotter and others Reedburnegraines wrought by Richard Watkinson and others Booteswell wrought by Robert Trotter and others On Stanhopp fell the Mynes called Reeburne wrought by Ralph <Johnson> and others Crawley wrought by Godfrey Didsbury and others Rogerswell wrought by <one> <Harrison> and others All which abovesaid Mynes lying on the abovesaid Fells were wrought by the severall p[er]sons above menc[i]oned

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within the time of this Depon[en]ts remembrance und[er] the Tythe of the said Mooremasters And this Depon[en]t sayth that there are severall other Mynes rakes and hushes which have been Aunti=ently wrought but for the certaine names of the said mynes rakes and hushes and the <.....> wrought this Depon[en]t refers himselfe to the Mooremasters bookes or Regester for that purpose and this Depon[en]t further sayth that hee hath seene and often p[er]used two Auntient Moorem[aster]s bookes <.....> the Grants or Tacks of severall Lead Mynes which were Granted in the time and yeares that Sr George Bowes Mr William Bowes Mr Humphrey Wharton Mr Thomas Wharton Mr Richard Hutton and the Compl[ainan]t were Mooremasters and hath beene <Auntiently> Informed by by Auntient Myners that they wrought severall mynes by vertue of Tacks und[er] the said Mooremasters And this Depon[en]t sayth that the said Two Auntient bookes hath beene in the custody of the Compl[ainan]t for above Tenn yeares last past hee this Depon[en]t haveing upon severall occac[i]ons used the said bookes.

**9 Sep 1680 Mathew Smales**

Mathew Smales of Gilling in the County of Yorks Gent Aged Thirty eight yeares or thereabouts Sworne and Examined sayth

To the First Second Third Fourth Fifth Sixt Seaventh Eight and Ninth Interrogatories this Depon[en]t is not required to be Examined

To the Tenth Interrogatory this Depon[en]t sayth that on or aboute the yeare one thousand Six hundred Sixty and foure Mr William Hall by vertue of a Lease from the then Bishopp of Durham did p[re]tend some Tythe to severall Lead Mynes then in the Compl[ainan]ts possession And aboute Easter Terme which was in the yeare one Thousand Six hundred Sixty Six there was A Tryall at the Excheq[uer] Barr att Westminster Betweene the Compl[ainan]t who was then Pl[ain]t[iff] and the said William Hall who was Def[endan]t for some of the Lead Mynes within the said Parrish of Stanhopp and this Depon[en]t sayth that hee was in the Court and A Witness in the said cause and that after a long and full Evidence on both sides the said now Compl[ainan]t obtained A verdict and hath ever since enjoyed and occupied the Mynes then sued for to which verdict for this Depon[en]ts more certainty hee refers himselfe And this Depon[en]t sayth att the time of the last Tryall the Two Mooremaster bookes or Regesters now produced to this Depon[en]t att the time of his Examinac[i]on were then and there produced in Court and proved to be the Auntient Mooremaster books and allowed to be read as Evidence in the said cause and this Depon[en]t is the better able to depose herein for that hee this Depon[en]t had the said bookes at the time of the Tryall in his Custody (and did as there was occas[i]on to make use of them & turne to the p[ar]ticular places then read or produced in the Court And this Depon[en]t sayth that the p[er]sons hereafter named were Witnesses in the said cause on the

pl[ain]t[iff]s behalfe (and have beene dead for severall yeares last past as this Depon[en]t believes) vizt Ralph Bainbridge Ralph Fetherston John Lonsdale and John <Y.....rd> all of the said p[er]sons being then very Aged which said Witnesses did all sweare in Court upon the said Tryall that they had not only knowne the workeing of the two p[ar]ticular Mynes then more p[ar]ticularly <insisted> upon vizt Allerclough and Howlesike dureing all the time of their remembrance und[er] the Mooremasters Tythe but likewise that all the Mynes of Lead w[hi]ch were opened and wrought within the said Two Parrishes and Forrest of Weredale as well within as without Enclosed grounds were wrought by Tack or grant from the severall Mooremasters or his or their Deputy or Deputys And this Depon[en]t is the better able to Remember the same for that hee this Depon[en]t now hath and hath ever since the said Tryall had in his Custody A Breviate of what severall of the Witnesses then were Examined and Sworne to in the said Cause And this Depon[en]t sayth that hee this Depon[en]t and Mr Robert Wharton Examined the now page booke shewen to this Depon[en]t att the time of his Examinac[i]on bound in Vellun with the old mooremaster booke made in the ninth yeare of the Raigne of the Queene Elizabeth w[hi]ch this Depon[en]t believes to be A true cobby of the said booke save that some p[ar]ticular places at the blacke are unfilled upp in regard that the old booke in those places are soe torne and obliterated that the same cannot be read.

Capt et jurat die Anno et loco Sup[er]dict coram nobis

Tho Gyll / <S> Hutchinson [both sign]