

A WIRKSWORTH MINE AGENT'S LETTER  
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Sir

I have yos of ye 30th. last past & note ye contents . It was ye wantt of water in Trent yt hindered our lead geting to ye market in due time . This neither you nor I could helpe & as for Sir Jo . Curzons 500£ . bill you know I hinted to you 700£ . I was to ..... him but brought it to 500£ . & further Sir John had hopes till last weeke that he should have hadd money otherwares in London to pay Sir Ro . Carr . It was promised him but ye party faild otherwares . He had made noe use of my bill . I recd but 100£ . of him till now . I have sent up ye bill & most of ye money is yet behind but I may have it on demand . Sir John is a honest person & my good friend . & I am sorry you are straitened to pay that bill . I have today bought 10 p of lead at bawtry at 9£ . 10s . for a sow & 20 p fr mills at 9£ . per sow & intend to mark it on our partible account & shall buy more as you shall give encorragment . I perceive that state affairs are now at a great height . I hope in God a good issue will be to those high & wicked designs , if the people of this nation walk humbly & uprightly & ply ye thorne of grace with fervent prayer . In some haste I rest

Yr loving & obliged friend

Robt . Hayward

I have **NH** almost ready but do not perfect it till have an account from Hull which I hope will come shortly to me .