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Introduction

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Contents

Bowes family papers: letters and documents, concerning the Bowes family of Streatlam, Co. Durham. The contents relate particularly to the 1569 Rising of the Northern Earls and more widely to the Bowes family and their estates. They include lists of the rebels condemned to execution before Sir George Bowes, several drafts of the petition from Sir George to Queen Elizabeth entreating a reward for his services and losses during the rebellion, 3 letters from Sir George as Marshal of Berwick in 1579, household accounts detailing purchases and other expenses, a draft of the indenture conveying Streatlam and other lands from Sir William Bowes to his nephew George Bowes 1611, rentals and other papers concerning the conveyance, administration and inheritance of the Bowes estates. Many of the items and the guards on which they are mounted bear notes and markings by Sir Cuthbert Sharp, the Durham antiquary, and there is an index by him on the two final leaves.

Accession details

This volume was eventually purchased by Durham University Library at Sotheby's, 22 April 1958, for £66. 6s. (with a contribution of £33 from the Friends of the National Libraries).

Previous custodial history

No. 12 of a series of volumes of Bowes family papers bound up at the instigation of the Durham antiquary, Sir Cuthbert Sharp, who discovered the papers at Gibside, another Bowes family house in Co. Durham, in 1833, and drew on them extensively for his *Memorials of the Rebellion of 1569* (London: John Bowyer Nichols and Son, and William Pickering, 1840). A few of the papers in this volume are printed in the *Memorials*. Most of the series were sold at Sotheby's on 28 March 1923 with the contents of Streatlam, when the house was given up by the Strathmores (the Bowes-Lyon family, Earls of Strathmore, to whom the Bowes estates had passed). The inclusion of the mss in the sale was apparently unintentional, and many volumes were bought back by the Strathmores, but a number were widely dispersed: other volumes are in the British Library and the Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle.

Arrangement

The original foliation is complex, as the old numbering proved hard to follow. All leaves bearing writing were numbered, along with contemporary blank pages conjoint with these. Many leaves and stubs of modern paper used for mounting were not numbered, and some items were loose. The index goes as far as 161, the old numbering to 181: some large folded leaves have been counted as two.

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To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

Processing

In the late 1990s this volume was taken down and the contents repaired, flattened and mounted in fascicules. The former binding has been retained in a separate box.

Detailed cataloguing was carried out remotely in June to August 2021, working from the then digitised images, by Lily Chadwick, Bridget Cox, Sheila Hingley, and Alice Keith, checked by Michael Stansfield.

Bibliography

B.L.H. Horn & F.J. Shaw "Bowes bound correspondence and papers", *Archives*, XIV, no. 63 (Spring 1980), 134-140 (an account of the mss and their migrations, and a list of the volumes with their then locations).

Papers

Add.MS.534/1 15 November [1569]

Two lists of names of esquires and gentlemen commanded to Barnard Castle in the Queen's Service, including John Conyers esq, George Bowes esq sheriff of the bishopric, Ralph Tailboys esq, Thomas ?Medlete esq, George Bowes gent under-sheriff of the bishopric, Robert Tailboys esq, and Christopher Hall esq bailiff.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/2 [January 1570]

Numbers of people to be executed after the 1569 rebellion:

At Durham, 4 January 1569/70: of the town 30, of the prisoners 30, of the constables 17.

At Darlington: of prisoners 2, of constables 23, of the town 'not yet taken' 16.

At Barnard Castle: 'that lape over the walles' 20.

In towns in the country where they dwell: 172.

Total of all persons to be executed by martial law in Co Durham: 305.

With a wrapper labelled: "Bishop of Durham 27 Decr, 1746"

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/3 23 April [later 16th century]

Ralph Sympson's survey of oaks in the Horseclose and in the Tyle banks, divided into the best sort, second sort, and the worst sort, total 160, and also elms, total 18.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/4 20 June 1579

Sir George Bowes's account with his brother Robert Bowes.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/5 [?1570]

A certificate to the note for enquiry to be made how certain appointed to be executed were delivered, detailing names and sums owed and paid, by [wapentake], and then place, so:

Hang West: Askrigg, Thoraby, Burton, Middleham, Carlton, Caldbergh, West Witton, Ellerton cum Stainton, Hunton, West Hauxwell, Finghall.

Hang East: Crakehall, Ellington, Bedale, Burrill, Well.

Halikeld: Melmerby, Middleton Quernhow, West Tanfield, Wath, Leeming cum Exelby, Balderby, Sutton Holgrave, Langthorne, Theakston.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/6 13-17 January [1570]

Names of rebels convicted before Sir George Bowes, Marshal of the Queen's Army, in sessions or marshal's courts held at [North]allerton and Thirsk on 13-17 January 12

Elizabeth I, and then executed, with notes of some 'stayed at the suit' of Anthony Wyclyff and Thomas Hayton, by [wapentake] and then place:

Allertonshire: Knayton and Braworth, Thornton le Beans, Romaldby, Holme and Howgrave, Brompton, [North]allerton town with also constables executed within Allertonshire and Cleveland, and servingmen.

Cleveland: Guisborough, Yarm, Kirkleatham, Kirklevington, Great Ayton, Hemlington, Marske.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/7 [?1570]

Notes of constables, serving men and townsment to be executed at Durham, Darlington, [North]allerton, Richmond, Barnard Castle, Ripon, in their own towns, Thirsk; also men to be committed to 'suer' prison, and the rest to be delivered upon bonds and to appear [at court] on days appointed. Endorsed as ' Endorsed orders to Sir G[eorge] Bowes'.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/8 9-12 January [1570]

List of names of rebels, with their origins, convicted before George Bowes, marshall of the Queen's army, in the sessions or marshall's court held at Richmond 9-12 January 12 Elizabeth [I], from [the wapentakes of]

Gilling West: Reeth, Forcett, Gilling, Richmond (some noted as ex[ecuted?])

Gilling East: Manfield, Templeton, Cleasby, Long Cowton, Eryholme, Great Smeaton, Danby, Yafforth, Newton Wiske, Maunby, Warlaby, Ainderby, Morton upon Swale, Thrinfot and Great Langton, Brompton upon Swale, Scorton cum Uckerton.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/9 [?1570]

Petition from Sir George Bowes to Queen Elizabeth I for recompense for losses suffered 'by the spoyles of his goodes and houses defaced' by the rebels by granting him the fee farm of rebels' lands with other crown lands amounting to £61 2s, the fee farm of crown lands worth £100 pa, and a grant of rebels' lands worth £100 pa.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/10-11 [April 1635]

Copy ordinance of the court of the Exchequer treasurer's remembrancer Easter 11 Charles I: Sir William Bellasis kt sheriff of Northumberland seized the manor of Streatlam including 6 messuages, 200 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, and 300 acres of pasture, held by Thomas Bowes esq, a surety of Edward Lopton esq, on 1 March 1 Charles I for a debt of £100, due for a recognisance taken before Sir Talbot Bowes kt, commissioner, on 3 April 20 James I, with the premises being leased to Christopher Barnes and others 9 July 6 Charles I for an annual rent of £10, which was being distrained for, but Thomas Brindley auditor of Northumberland and Co Durham has certified that the debt has been cleared.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/12 [?1570]

List of suspects from Richmond, Masham, Hornby, Bedale etc, to be ascertained if they were at Barnard Castle, many of them identified as [to be arrested] by the [constables] of Barnard [Castle], with those being identified with one or two dots near the names in the margins.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/13 [c.1600]

The estate of Streatlam as possessed by Thomas Bowes to be divided between Sir George and Sir Talbot. Includes lists of tenements, tenants, entry fines and annual rents, including a notice that "George Tailors farne must be divided in two equall partes."

Further detailed are the demesnes as well as the division of the house itself, with the dividing point to be in the hall with specific rooms apportioned out to specific parties.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/14 6 May [1493]

Copy warrant of Henry VII, *sede vacante*, to Ralph Booth chancellor in Durham, appointing Ralph Bowes kt as sheriff of Co Durham and Sadberge, and warden of the gaol in Durham etc.

Date: 6 May 8 [Henry VII].

Language: Latin

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/15 31 May [1611]

Copy demise by Sir William Bowes to his nephew George Bowes, son of the late George Bowes of Biddick esq, of Streatlam, Cleatlam, Stainton, Barforth, Brownilaw, Bartfield and lands in Barnard Castle for 20 years rendering annually [sum blank]. With amendments.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/16 27 April 1635

Articles of agreement between George Bowes of Wolsingham kt and Thomas Ewrie of Bradley esq, for £900, that Bowes will make an estate of inheritance to Ewrie of his lands in Stainton and Broomelaw, bowes having cleared the inheritance of any claim by Matthew Hutton of Marske esq and Michael Hudson of London gent, with Bowes to provide collateral warranty out of other land if the title is disputed.

Sealed and signed by [?Bowes]; witnessed by (signatures): George Donnes, John Emmerson, Christopher Robinson.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/17 2 January 1570

List for Sir George Bowes of those to be executed in Northumberland, as appointed by Sir John Forster, knight and warden of the Middle March; at Durham.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/18 6 January 1570

List of names of constables executed [in Darlington] and divided into categories of 'constables executed', 'constables absent', and 'constables gyven' with a special bracket designating 'by Sr George' appointed(?).

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/19 [29 September] 1578

A note of [rents or receipts] against Michaelmas 1578 at Evenwood Park, [?]merwood Park & ?Thirsk (various parks and carrs).

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/20 14 November 1572

Receipt from Sir Richard Cholmley to Sir George Bowes for a half year's rent for his house in White Friars, total £7 10s.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/21-22 10 June 1569

Account of sums 'defrayed' by Robert Bowes to his brother Sir George Bowes knight, and vice versa, involving also Percival Bowes, William Bowes and others.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/23 [mid 18th century]

Rental of [Bowes] estates in the counties of York, Durham & Northumberland, including collieries and woodland let out, and the amount of money they are bringing in - much amended, different hands added at different dates.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/24 28 July 1625

Quitclaim by John Lumley gent and Talbot Ribden gent to Sir George Bowes of Biddick and Talbot Bowes son of Thomas Bowes esq of Streatlam, of their right to Streatlam Castle and the manors of Streatlam, Cleatlam & Barforth upon the Moor, with 40 messuages, 30 cottages, 30 tofts, 2 mills, 4 dovecotes, 70 gardens, 70 orchards, 500 acres of land, 500 acres of meadow, 700 acres of pasture, 260 acres of wood, 2000 acres of moor and 1000 acres of turbary in Streatlam, Cleatlam, Barforth upon the Moor, Stenton, Bromylaw, & Barnard Castle.

Signed by John Lumley, with the impress of a seal.

Witnesses John Hylton, John Rayson, Robert Hollansbye & Frances Reede.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/25 [?1570]

Petition from George Bowes of Streatlam, Co Durham, kt, to Queen [Elizabeth I], because of the losses he sustained to his goods and houses in serving the Queen against the 'ungodly and unnaturall attempt' of the rebels in the North, and to enable him to continue in that service, for him to be given in fee simple lands of the attainted rebels in the North to the annual value of 100 marks, and land of the annual value of £11 late of Fountains Abbey 'lying indevydeable' next to his own lands in Cowton manor and already occupied by him, for which he will pay 1900 marks in 4 years in equal portions, or for crown lands worth £100 a year for which he will pay £1400 in 4 years in equal portions along with the usual rent and farm.

Paper 1f.

Another copy: Add.MS.534/91.

Add.MS.534/26 14 May 1571

Account of the treasurer of Berwick, Sir Valentine Brown kt, recording money paid out (£50 per person) to named individuals for various services to Queen [Elizabeth I] and to compensate for losses during the action at Barnard Castle during the rebellion against the Queen in 1569.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/27 26 January 1625

Agreement of Sir George Bowes of Biddick, Co Durham, with Sir Talbot Bowes of Streatlam Co Durham, Thomas Bowes of the same esq and Talbot Bowes, younger son and heir of Thomas, that Sir Talbot, Thomas and Talbot jr should have George's estate, title and interest in his land, tenements and messuages in Streatlam, Cleatlam, Stainton and Bromelawe, all in Co Durham, for an annual rent or annuity of £100, and a sum of £800 to be paid before 24 June next.

Sealed and signed by George Bowes.

Witnesses (signing): Matthew Hutton, Henry Johnson, William Johnson.

Paper, papered seal 1f.

Add.MS.534/28 6 March [1568]

Acquittance by Michael Steelcrag (*Stelecragge/Steelecragge*) son of John Steelcrag of Whorlton discharging Sir George Bowes of Streatlam, having received £12 of him, part of a larger debt due to his father.

Papered seal.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/29 [later 16th century]

Winlaton. List of 10 people each ?paying 20s ?rent/tithe.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/30 [later 16th century]

Report of an inquisition by jurors Walter de Halvyk, Richard ? de Raby, Robert Menell, Thomas de Graystones, Richard de Mawburn?, and John Warde de Hilton, that William Bowes says he is in dispute with the men of Barnard Castle who claim common of pasture in the Butts [?part of] his manor of Streatlam each year.

Language: French

Paper, stained, right edge missing with some text lost 1f.

Add.MS.534/31 [c.1570]

Part of a copy of a deed, much amended, concerning the inheritance of the estate of Sir George Bowes. Mentions Sir George's father (also George) and his uncle Sir William Bowes, with notes on further documents needed.

Dorse: questions for a lawyer ("our laywer to alledge") including the following subjects: John Browne and a deposition on tithes; need for copies of warrants for musters on 19 and 24 November [no year]; query on the location of Sir George Bowes (Barnard Castle or not) when the deed was made; main person interested in the deed (Lady Bowes, mother of Talbot, Thomas and John Bowes). "Sir Geo[rge] himself beinge whollye busied with those troublesome affaires: & not any freinde to take care that the remainders should be according to his other deide."

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/32 [c.1570]

Account of Sir George Bowes comprising a list of "paymentes of rents to be defalked (deducted) for the halfe yeare at our lady day past" [no year], beginning with Sir George's half year's pay as £1,102, then detailing charges against that including: Mr Sutton for the fishing at Berwick, £41; Captain Rede for "The Ilond" and Beadnell tithe; Captain Brinkwell and Captain Carvell also mentioned and Mr Threash. Dorse: headed "Sum total of the sayde paymentes & rentes to be defalked" £1,265 23s.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/33 4 June 1578

Account of Richard Robinson [land agent] for detailing income from fines and rents for various places followed by deductions for such as fees for patents.

At the end: sum of £135 2s 7d, list of Robinson's fees to be paid for the half year; signature of Richard Robinson.

No 50 written at head. (534/32 has 49 written at head).

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/34 [?early 18th century]

"The picture of Sir Martin Bowes is at Mrs Buggen's at East Wickham in the County of Kent. The Alms House he built is in Woolwich: John Buggen Esq late deceased was descended from the said Sir Martin Bowes by the female side.
at the Creek: Mr Jones's house is at Blue Style"

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/35 [c.1570]

Notes on accounts endorsed as "Matters betwix Mr Cholmeleye and me."

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/36 27 July 1567

Receipt for £9 6s 8d from Sir George Bowes, knight, farmer at Dalton, for the half year's rent due to the Dean and Chapter of York at Pentecost. Signed by John Carlisle.

'...ship ...upon' – left edge missing with some text lost.

Dorse (contemporary): Christopher Askwyth

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/37 [1571 x 1572]

Notes relating to the account of the sheriffwick of Yorkshire under Thomas Fairfax (sheriff of Yorkshire 1571-1572), including the debts of Sir George Bowes, former sheriff (1562-1563), and Master Fanshaw, the Queen's remembrancer, to distrain Sir George Bowes to render an account for various issues of land including in Bramham formerly of Arthur Darcey.

Language: Latin

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/38 [later 18th century]

'Buckle and Bowes No. 12 Sub. Litera B'

List of cases concerning the Bowes family, principally Christopher Buckle against Sir Talbot and Thomas Bowes, and also concerning the jointure of Lady Jane Bowes, including: 'That Sr Wm Bowes left the key of his Evidence Room with Dept Jerome but that Mrs Magdalen Bowes got the Door open & carryed several of them away & Dept never see them again afterwards'.

Also 'wethers & ewes' (later 16th century) several times.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/39 3 July 1646

Rate assessment for the township of Stainton - List of those subscribed according to the terms of a warrant directed by Charles Vane and Thomas Bowes esquires with the assistance and consent of George Bainbridge, James Bayles, George Brownlees and George Alcock.

Signed and sealed by Charles Sanderson, John Raine, Robert Hutton and Antony Markendale.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/40-41 28 December 1568 - February [1569]

40. A 'general' account [of Sir George Bowes] made with 'his brother' Robert Bowes of various payments since 4 October of a debt made in various locations including York, London and Smeaton, and involving the accountant's wife, George Carter, John Moyser, and Mr Sygeswycke.

41. On the dorse, two further, separate accounts of more payments involving William Pepper, tithes at Gilling and Hartforth, silver ?huskes and dies, and Cuthbert Collingwood at Durham, 14 January and 2 February [1569], signed by Robert Bowes.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/42 6 July 1570

Receipt of Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, for £6 by the hand of William Pepper, Sir George Bowes's servant, in satisfaction of £100 he was owed by Sir George Bowes.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/43 [c.1580?]

Lands to be left to William Bowes and his heirs at the death of his father Sir George Bowes. Lands listed, with valuations: South Cowton, *Aklayecowton*, Greenbarn, Stabbed Newton, the manor of Streatlam, F[arne] Isle, and Bradbury.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/44 28 January 1577

Inventory, with valuations, of household and husbandry items belonging to Cennant Appelby, reckoned by Robert Cowert.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/45 [c.1800]

List of pictures of the Bowes family including: Sir Edward Bowes age 25 in 1574, Master Ralph Bowes (with a note that he is drawn with a lance and a favour tied on his right arm, said to have been a prize won at a tournament in France), Sir Jerom Bowes, Sir John Bowes and George Bowes Esq. (with a note that he married Mary daughter of Sir Francis Burdet by whom he had Mary, mother of Henry Bowes, earl of Berkshire.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/46-47 1574

Letter (47) from Peter Cook referring to remaining money and accounts with reference to the auditor's book, Mr Bowes letting of ground at "Isle" and the tenants of Bedburn, enclosing an account (47, Latin and English) of various fees including Cowton and Green Barn formerly of ?Fountains abbey, also parcel and demesne land of Barnard Castle, sundry acquittances, expenses of Robert Smythson and horses, George Hogge, Cuthbert Thursley and Christopher Harbottle.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/48 December 1573

[Draft] petition to the Council in the North by George Bowes of Streatlam in relation to the rebels at his manor house at the Isle: James Wood of [blank] in the county of York, John Billingham, Thomas Pearte, John Stokelde, John Dune, Marmaduke Chapman of Billingham, Christopher Coytte of Cowpon, Thomas Hicson of Morden and Richard Shipsen of Sedgfield.

With interlineations and cancellations, also some names marked with crosses.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/49-50 13 November 1579

Account of purchases of goods and services by a servant ?Ambrose for his master (?Sir George Bowes), including broadcloth for a footcloth, satin for doublet sleeves, ?'freis', points, 'a gilden raper', a velvet girdle, a trunk, boxes, 'baid's' for a gown, handkerchiefs, night caps, 'rash', silk for stitching the footcloth, buckram, a scarf, paper, wax, buskins, shoes, furring for gowns, a leather jerkin, buttons, quilt caps, depositions, his master's appearance in Star Chamber, marmalade, comfits, lace, crimson taffeta, holland and 'camerick' (?cambric), 'a hood cornet and byllyment', needlework, gloves, spectacles, canvas and his journey to London; with also payments/loans made to Mr Culpeper, William Dent, Mr William Bowes, Mr Frances, Mr Talbot Bowes, Robert Arderne, George Bainebrig, Mr Walunsley, Mr Popam, Mr Savile, Mr Peper, Leonard Beck, John Allen, the bailiff of Westm[ill]?, Mr Walunsley's man, Mr Fareley, Mr Mills, Mrs Crupton, and a note of some subsequent reconciliations up to 25 November including to Henry Rydbye. Paper, the lower right side of 50 torn off and missing 2f.

Add.MS.534/51-52 17 March 1575

50. Deposition of John Norton of Ripon in the county of York, gentleman, aged over 50, examined before L[awrence] Meres and Thomas Equus esquires on Queen Elizabeth I's part against Sir George Bowes, knight, concerning also Sampson Norton, responding to 6 questions, with mention of the Northern Rebellion, and that with Reynold Farlaie he was bound in trust for Bridget Norton, late wife of Sampson, and concerning Bowes's debts to Norton.

51. Deposition of Raynold Farlaie, aged 39, as in 50 with mention also of talk in Norton's house in Minster Garth, York, about what Bowes owed to Norton at the time of the rebellion, with John Norton also present.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/53 [?1570]

Memorandum of the constables and bailiffs in listed towns in the wapentake of Gilling West apprehended by Thomas Pudsay and William Wyclef: Barforth, Caldwell, Lartington, Cotherstone, Hunderthwaite, Hueton, Oventon, Bowes, Gilmonby, Brignall, Rokeby, Scargill, Barningham.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/54 13 September [?1570]

Information from the nurse of Andrew Davison's wife and child about the kidnapping of young Davison and the taking of 2 horses when Davison was slain at Haggerston.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/55 [1569]

List of names with staus, locations and sums of money, of those at Barnard Castle including 7 husbandmen, a tailor and a labourer.

Dorse: ?"John Catchside".

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/56 4 March 1577

Information of John Horner listing those [from Cleveland wapentake] at Barnard Castle who continued there from the beginning to the ending, by place and name, with some names variously marked with symbols: Eston, Normanby, Ormesby, Leventhop, Newby, Gisborough, Kirkleatham, Marske in Cleveland, Worsall.

Also a note that Sympson of Trowsbie killed a beast and that the four quarters were hung at Matthew Anderson's house and Christopher Richardson of Ayton had the skin.
Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/57 9 September 1579

Letter from G[eorge Bowes] at Berwick, sending a bow, and 'for our affaires the ?mouster is returned with what answere I knowe not', and reporting that James Fitzmaurice, the rebel of Ireland, is slain and that the 'sturr[ing]s' there shall shortly be quietened.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/58 10 July 1574

Information of Steven Whelpedayle of the parish of Danby giving an account of the skirmish occurred he was at Widow Eddrington's in Newgate, and Ralph Harbottle and Richard Inglyse rose and went to the Market Place, and hearing a noise at the Westgate, they came upon George Willance on the plain outside the gate, and took his ?mare (*meare*) which the steward of Allerton had by the head, and bringing it away they met Captain Robinson in the street who would have had the mare from them, saying his men were on watch, but he let them pass and they brought the mare to their lodgings.

Paper 1f.

Related material in other DUL collections: Similar statement: Add.MS.534/96.

Add.MS.534/59 February 1666

Copy quitclaim of Matthew Hutton of Marske, Yorkshire, to Ralph Bowes of Bradley, Co Durham, esq, for all actions, debts etc of Ralph and his late father Sir George Bowes.

Date: [blank] February 18 Charles II, 1665/6.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/60-61 [?1570]

List of constables and bailiffs appraised for various locations in Richmondshire in Gilling East [wapentake], with some noted as dead or wanting etc: Manfield, Cleasby, Danby, Eryholme, Smeaton, East Cowton, North Cowton, Danby Wiske, Yafforth, Ellerton Bolton cum Whitwell, Kirby Wiske, Newby Wiske, Maunby, Warlaby, Ainderby Steeple, Morton on Swale, Thrintoft, Great Langton, Little Langton, Kiplin, Brompton on Swale, Scorton cum Uckersby, Moulton cum membris, Middleton Tyas, Barton cum Brettanby, Newton Morrell.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/62 [c.1611]

Remembrances of documents to be investigated including the oldest deeds of Streatlam, deeds from Balliol to Tranier, and deeds [given by?] John Jerome; offices in Durham with list of deaths of R[alph] Bowes, Robert Bowes, Richard Bowes, G[eorge] Bowes and G[eorge] Bowes, the Rawlinson manuscripts; Ambrose Barnes's book for the rent of Streatlam, the patent of G[eorge] duke of Clarence, the Balliol lord of Barnard Castle who gave Streatlam to Tranier though the deed does not survive as sundry of Sir George [Bowes's] special evidence were spoiled in the rebellion; copy of Cuthorpe deeds; leases of tithes involving William Bowes, Lancelot Hilton, Richard Steele and Ralph Johnson and commissioners George Lightfoot, William Smith, Ralph Featherstonhaugh, John Burdon and Mr Hudleson; lease of the rectory in Gainsford, and a mortgage.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/63 21 January 1633

Articles of agreement between Sir George Bowes of Cleatlam, Co Durham, kt, and John Ewbancke, gent, of the city of Durham, for £1700 to be paid to the said Sir George Bowes knight, at Lady Day, whereby Sir George, with Dame Mary, his wife, Talbot Bowes, eldest son of Thomas Bowes of Streatlam, gent, and Sir Matthew Hutton of Richmond in the county of York, esq, shall enfeof and confirm to the said John Ewbancke the Cleatlam manor with its parcels (detailed), with warranty within 7 years, and with Ewbancke to pay £1000 on 1 May next and £700 on 1 March 1634/5.

Signed and sealed by John Ewbancke; in the presence of Nicholas Lodge, Robert Pleasaunce, Nicholas Tayler, Thomas Readshawe, Ambrose Myres (all signing).

Date: 21 January 8 Charles [I] 1632/3.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/64 4 April [1627]

Assignment of a lease by Thomas Aisley of Boweshouses in the parish of Wolsingham, Co Durham, yeoman, and Henry Jackson of Wolsingham, Co Durham, yeoman, originally made by Christopher Athie of Broadwood in County Durham, gent, to the said Thomas Aisley on 20 June 14 James I (1616) of two meadow closes called the Claverhill and Ewe Close, part of the manor of Broadwood in the parish of Wolsingham, totalling 30 acres, from May Day next for 60 years paying yearly to the said Christopher Athie during the first 40 years an annual rent of £6 at Pentecost and St Martin in equal portions, and thereafter 4d at Pentecost, for £80, from 3 May.

Signed by Thomas Aisley and sealed; witnesses Nicholas Maxton, George Wilson, Christopher Hodge (all signing).

Date: 4 April 2 Charles [I].

Paper, some staining 1f.

Add.MS.534/65 18 April 1577

'Saying' of William Trewhait and John Unthank of Hetton le Hole on the skirmish involving Ralph Hall of Shotfurth at Barnard Castle, John Madeson and others.

'Saying' of John Shawdfurth of Morton on the same.

[Saying] of Cuthbert Anderson of Durham, incomplete.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/66 [c.1582]

List of legal documents (1570-1582) including the entails of Streatlam, Lund and Cowton with a note that Sir George Bowes died in August 1580, the 'office' of Sir William Bowes which was found at York in 1582, and a 15 October 1580 deed made by Sir William Bowes about Bradley, Bradbury, 'Thistle' alias Isle, Fishburn, Collierley, Sunderland, Mackington, Bolton, Unthank and lands.

Paper, upper corners cut off and missing 1f.

Add.MS.534/67 [late 16th century]

Account of Stanton tithes received including from Matthew White and 16 others.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/68 22 January [1570]

Bond in £100 between John Same of Great Cattal Yorkshire and John Johnson of the same labourer before Sir George Bowes, for both of either of them to appear on [31 January] at York before Thomas [Radcliffe] earl of Sussex, lord lieutenant general in the North, or Sir George Bowes, knight, marshall to the earl, and not to depart without licence. Date: 22 January 12 Elizabeth [I].

Language: Latin and English

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/69 [?1570]

Orders for the camp

No p[er]son to spoile or robbe any p[er]son upon paine of deithe

No p[er]son to leave his watche scowting or scorage upon paine of deithe

No p[er]son to make any fwry w[i]thin the campe or any place where any of tharmy is lodged or nere to suche place upon pain of dethe

No horsman to be from his standard nor no foteman to be from his ensigne w[i]thowt lycence upon paine that may ensewe at the leuten[an]t pleasure

No p[er]son to take any victuels but for readye monye att the prices appon ^like paine

No p[er]son to take for any soldier above iiii foreverie meale and for that to delyver convenient meat drinke and breade

No p[er]son to take for a quart of ayle above --- obd q

No p[er]son to take for a quart of wyne above --- iiijd

No p[er]son to take for a pecke of otes above --- ijd

No p[er]son to take for two sheve of ots above --- ijd

No p[er]son to take for jlb of butter above --- ijd

No p[er]son to take for jlb of cheese above --- jd q

No p[er]son to take for jlb of beefe above --- jd

No p[er]son to take for jlb of mutton above --- jd ob

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/70 6 September 1579

Much amended 'copy' (?draft) letter to Robert ?Kirkyarrow concerning a possible delivery.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/71 4 September [later 16th century]

Survey on the depth and the breadth of the channel at low water in a 'haven' (?Berwick upon Tweed, ?Tweedmouth) with mention of the depths at Holman Cross and "Ollyvers Beemes".

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/72 [later 16th century]

'Remembrances' on Sir George [Bowes] as the heir male, discussing the division of tenements, the demesnes of Streatlam and Barforth, as well as the house, buildings, stables, mill or the lands, the courts and royalties, the disputed inheritance from his grandfather of the entailed Mickleton, Holwick, Lowton and the forest of Lyme, involving Sir Talbot [Bowes] and Mr Thomas [Bowes].

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/73 [later 16th century]

[continuation of 72] Further notes on the inheritance of Sir George [Bowes] who will come of age on 29 May 1624, including the annual rent of Barforth and the charges of Sir Talbot [Bowes], Mr Thomas [Bowes] and Sir George [Bowes].

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/74 [later 16th century]

Lawyer's comments on the 'strengths' and 'defects' of the possible descent of property to Sir George Bowes's children with conditions for Thomas [Bowes's] wife's life.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/75 [later 16th century]

Copy directions from Queen Elizabeth [I] to Sir George Bowes, knight, requesting him to grant a lease in reversion for [unspecified] years in his grange of Ricknell and Coplaw, the demesne of Wolsingham and certain farms in Stanhope park, for a yearly rent of £82 8s 4d.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/76 13 May [1573]

Receipt from Robert Aske of Aughton in the county of York, esquire, to Sir George Bowes of Streatlam in Co. Durham, knight, for £50 for a marriage concluded and agreed upon between John Aske, son of the said Robert, and Jane Bowes, daughter of the said Sir George.

Papered seal and signature of Robert Aske.

Date: 13 May 15 Elizabeth [I].

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/77 15 April [1578]

Order from Queen Elizabeth [I] to Commissioners of the Council in the North, at the complain of James Trotter, James Maddison and 122 other poor men, to apportion fairly the damages recovered by Sir George Bowes, knight, against the rebels at Streatlam, in suits against James Trotter, John Maddyson, John Dobson and others for the wilful defacing and spoil of the house and taking away of his goods and chattels in the time of the rebellion in the North to the sum of 1000 marks, and in another suit against Richard Heighington, Christopher Lightfoot, Robert Corner, John Jackson and William Shereton and others for the like offences to the sum of 800 marks and 40s for costs, and in another suit against Lancelot Best, Christopher Hobson and George Mylner for the sum of £200. Arrangements detailed for the payment of the fines by the various offenders including greatest share of the money to be paid by the greatest offender.

Address on the dorse to Commissioners John Saire, Thomas Layton, Nicholas Birlington, Christopher Rokebie, Christopher Mandisford of Walburne and Henry Scrope esqs.

Date: York, 15 April 20 Elizabeth [I].

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/78 16 March 1577

'Information' of ?Lawrence ?Greswell that Thomas Symsons, James Sayer, John Ovyington, and Christopher Smith, all of Manfield were in the 'skirmish'.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/79 18 February 1574

Note of 'information' from John Hodgson at Bradley that George Wedderelt of Studley, Yorkshire, had *spoiled* iron stanchions from the windows at Streatlam and also a *sherpie* [sash?], as he said to James Gill and Thomas ?Tailor (*Tealler*) at Tanfield.

Date: 18 February ?1573/4.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/80 24 March 1654

Bargain and Sale from Talbot Bowes of Streatlam Castle, Co Durham, Esquire, and Thomas Bowes his brother, also of Streatlam Castle, Esquire, to Francis Appleby of Lartington, Yorkshire, and his heirs and assigns forever the Bargan Close, the two tenants and farms within the 'Lapp of Streatlam' occupied by Barbara Hutton and Margerie Hutton, widows, for a yearly rent of £40, that is 3 closes or parcels of pasture called the high pasture, the low pasture, the Spring; meadows called Great Lingbury, Little Lingbury, Great Birck Close, Little Birck Close, Bartle Close, Ackworthes, Bolton Close, West Close, Hollin Close, and Paddock Close; arable land called Ewe Close and Backhouse Close; and all the various structures, features, profits, appurtenances, etc belonging to them.

Talbot Bowes and Thomas Bowes shall also pay to Francis Appleby, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns the sum of £418 of 'lawfull monie of England' on the first day of December next ensuing.

Witnessed by: John Follansby, Robert Warcop (*Worcropp*), Robert Conyers, Francis Walker. Signed by: Talbot Bowes, Thomas Bowes.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/81 26 November [1575]

Receipt by Thomas Stanley and John Judson, servants of the earl of Northumberland, for £600 received from Thomas Bainbrig and Thomas Metheryck, servants of Sir George Bowes, knight.

Date: 26 November 18 Elizabeth [I].

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/82 [later 16th century]

'For Speech with Appleby', notes about goods to bestow on 'the wife', £3 for the booth, and debts.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/83 [later 16th century]

Council's opinion of Sir George Bowes's case regarding the lands at Streatlam, Barforth, Stainton, and Cleatlam, concerning the rights of Sir George Bowes and 'Young Talbot' son of Thomas Bowes to the lands; includes main questions and deliberations, and thoughts on Lady Evers' attempt to assist Sir George Bowes. Signed by John Astell.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/84 17 July 1579

Letter to Sir George, Mr Robert Bowes, or Captain Reed from Ralph Muir. Commission by George Bowes, knight, governor of Berwick upon Tweed, for *Owing* [Owen] Glenircay to fill a vacancy at the garrison under Captain Edward Wood's charge.

Date: Berwick, 17 July 1579.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/85 31 May 1579

Copy [draft?] of a letter to Mr Alexander Erskin. Received his letter of 22 May; concerns granting John Drew a safe conduct to court and obtaining a passport for him to leave the realm from his brother; renewing an old acquaintance.

Date: Berwick, the last of May 1579.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/86 [later 16th century]

'Remembrances: Streatlam', assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the legal rights of the heirs, children, and wives after the deaths of Sir George [Bowes] and Mr Thomas [Bowes].

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/87 [later 16th century]

Copy of an entry citing Bracton lib.4 ca. 3 19 E.4.f.9, concerning a Durham case of William Eure *miles* and his wife Catherine and an agreement with John Clark and Simon Myers about the manor of Streatlam and its pertinences at Cleatham, Barforth, and Stainton, with 100 messuages etc, and 10,000 acres of land etc.

Dorse: text cut off, lists names of Julius Cesar, John Benet, Thomas Ridley

Language: Latin

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/88 22 July 1637

Letter from Matthew Hutton at Marske to his uncle: fulfilling covenants for his estate in Streatlam manor, reviewing deeds, writing to the [bishop] of Durham to solicit him for the fines of his uncle's moiety, and arranging a date to meet in person.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/89-90 14 May 1591

Letter from Thomas Rolandson at Barnard Castle to Mr Robert Bowes, Esquire, at Raby [Castle]: totals of rents for Barnard Castle, Westwick, Whorlton and Marwood, with assessments for the 'house of correction' and 'common armour', and payments to Christopher Mayor; list of names of men appointed to have private armour some marked with crosses or dots or noted as deceased; list of names of men most fit to carry muskets; list of names of the Queen's tenants warned to be ready with equipped horses.

With a note of money received for Long Newton.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being the certificate for the bailiff of Barnard Castle for private armour 15 (*sic*) May 1591.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/91 [?1570]

Petition from George Bowes of Streatlam, Co Durham, kt, to Queen [Elizabeth I], because of the losses he sustained to his goods and houses in serving the Queen against the 'ungodly and unnaturall attempt' of the rebels in the North, and to enable him to continue in that service, for him to be given in fee simple lands of the attainted rebels in the North to the annual value of 100 marks, and land of the annual value of £11 late of Fountains Abbey 'lyinge indevydeable' next to his own lands in Cowton manor and already occupied by him, for which he will pay 1900 marks in 4 years in equal portions, or for crown lands worth £100 a year for which he will pay £1400 in 4 years in equal portions along with the usual rent and farm.

Paper 1f.

Another copy: Add.MS.534/25.

Add.MS.534/92 18 July 1631

Memorandum that whereas Talbot Bowes of Streatlam, Co Durham, gent, had bargained and sold to Thomas Tothall of Romalldkirk, clerk, for £100 land at Unthank with a yearly rent of 26s 8d on 31 March 7 Charles I (1631), Tothall will return the land on repayment of the £100 by Bowes in one payment at Tothall's 'dwelling house' within 7 years.

Witnesses: Thomas Tothall, John Walker, John Follansbye, Ralph Fissher. (Seal missing)

Dated: 18 July 7 Charles [I], 1631.

Paper, bottom right corner cut off and missing 1f.

Add.MS.534/93 13 August [1565]

Bond in £100 from George Bowes of South Cowton kt to Robert Foster of Tadcaster gent, for the payment of £5 at Foster's dwelling house at or before the Purification of the BVM next.

Signed by George Bowes and witnessed by Thomas Whartone, Charles Whartone, Richard Crosland.

Dated: 13 August 7 Elizabeth [I].

On the dorse an unrelated note to send £19 8s to William Wright for a farm.

Language: Latin & English

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/94-95 16 August 1598

Letter from ? at York to 'my loving Sonne' Timothy Hutton at Marske: concerning when the son will make his oath for his commission of the peace in the North Riding, there are few justices in the area, and there is danger posed by 'this time of infection'.

Postscript: perils about coming or not.

[Signature cut out and missing.] Unicorn watermark and papered seal.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/96 [?1574]

Information from John Lasynge concerning the 'Scrimyshe' (skirmish), mentioning Steven Whelpedeng of Richmond, and some were at Barnard Castle but he cannot say if they were at the skirmish, namely John Somersyde of Uckerby and John Smyth of Ellerton. and Allerton.

Paper, right edge torn off and missing with some text lost, repaired with paper c.1970 1f.

Related material in other DUL collections: Similar statement: Add.MS.534/58.

Add.MS.534/97-98 [c.1620]

Legal opinions on the Streatlam entails made by Sir George Bowes in 22 Elizabeth [I], concerned with evaluating ownership and inheritance claims of Thomas Bowes, John Bowes, Thomas' son Talbot Bowes, Sir William Bowes, and Sir George Bowes. Opinions given by John Astell (1618), Richard Godfrey (1609), William Noye (1611), Rowland Wandesford (1618), Jackson (n.d.), Caswell (1618), Nicholas Lowe (1611), Humfrey Dampart (n.d.).

Marginal manicules.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/99 [c.1600]

'Remembrance' concerning Streatlam and the lands due to Sir George Bowes by birthright, issues of entails and the various 'venters', how to make the divisions of the tenements of Barforth and Streatlam equal, and provisions in case of no male issue on one side, and in case of no agreement, arranging for 2 lawyers per side to argue their causes.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/100 [c.1600]

Valuation of property on the Bowes estate, 'belonging to my great grand father Sr Thos. Bowes'; lands descending to Talbot Bowes son of Thomas Bowes, including Streatlam Castle demesne, lordships of Streatlam 'in old rent', tenants in Stainton, and Bromlake, totalling £427; lands in lives, including a lease of 1000 years, a lease for Sir Talbot Bowes and Thomas Bowes, Thringarth park, Wermergill farms, the mill in Lyme, Unthank, and a forest, totaling £795.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/101 2 July 1570

Letter from William Breakes at ?Pall Mall ('Paimall') to Sir George Bowes, knight, at Streatlam: arranging payment via Mr Tanckard's servant of the bond for the 'spaire flatte' which Bowes bought from Breakes and his son.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/102 [c.1600]

Remembrance concerning the existing division of tenements between Sir Talbot and Sir George Bowes, including lists of specific tenements for each with values; includes how tenements belonging to Mr Thomas Bowes should be divided and a list of other properties appertaining to Sir Talbot; notes concerning the equal division of Streatlam estate wood and the Castle & related structures, or lands in lieu of half the castle; note to remember Streatlam Common.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/103 10 ?January 1579

Note of an ale house recognisance of George Snaith of Bradby, Co Durham, yeoman in £10, also of William Clarke of Shipley yeoman and William Hawdon of Bishop Auckland yeoman each in £5.

Language: Latin and English

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/104 17 February [1606]

Notes on and a copy recognisance of Edward Bray of Cowfield, Suffolk, gent to George Chowne of Oxenheath, Kent, *miles*, and his wife Mary, George Bowes of Bradby, Co Durham, gent and his wife Magdalene, and Edmund Gastell son of George Gastell of Sheere, Somerset, gent, in £1000 as his executors, over not altering the settlement of the manors of Sheer Vachery and Cranley in Surrey for 50 years.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/105 3 August 1618

Notes about varous deeds concerning Sir George Bowes, Talbot Bowes and Thomas Bowes, and lands at Streatlam and Stainton, detailing various family members and the descent of the estates, by Humphrey Davenport.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/106 13 May 1579

Copy letter from [Sir George Bowes] to David Hume, master of Oldhamstoke at Dunbar, discussing communication, apologising if his servant might have misbehaved, asking to hear from him more often perhaps by a better or more ssecret way than through his servant.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/107-108 18 February 1570

Letter from [Sir George Bowes] at the Isle (near Sedgefield) to ? discussing Lord Hunsdon, movements, involving Chester[-le-Street], and those of the rebels.

Paper 1f. + 1f.

Add.MS.534/109 12 October 1630

Grant by William Bowes of Barnes Co Durham esq to Ann Edmondson for the bringing up and apprenticing of her son Robert Edmondson of a cottage where she lives at Bishop Wearmouth Salt Pans, with Widow Harrison on the east, Thomas Lacie on the west, the river Wear on the north, and the Pan field so-called on the south, with free egress, ingress and regress etc, and he will do within 7 years whatever might be necessary at law for the better assurance of this provided he does not have to travel further than Newcastle or Durham to effect this.

Signed by William Bowes. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of John Lawson, Thomas Lambton (gives his mark as 'TL') and Gilbert Dyneley (gives his mark as a cross).

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/110 21 June [1579]

Passport for John Barde, lately come to Hull 'by passport from his captayne' from Flanders, to go from Kingston upon Hull to Berwick and into Scotland. Addressed to all JPs, sheriffs, bailiffs, constables, the Queen's officers, ministers and subjects.

Signed and sealed by James Clark mayor of Kingston upon Hull and John Smith alderman of Kingston upon Hull.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/111-112 5 August 1579

Letter from Thomas Middleton at Durham to [George] Bowes, knight: unable to visit as he had intended as he had to attend the assize at Durham instead; Mr Barker of Newcastle asked him there about land which he had bought from Bowes but which he had still to receive; the curate at Barnard Castle and a case in Chancery at Durham about the parish clerk John Fyrd over ?hay tithe, involving also the vicar, the ?curate being a drunkard and beater of men's wills, and beater of poor men's children so that 2 or 3 are in peril of their lives as they are his scholars, and his is a suspect papist and very seditious and a caster of bills in the street railing against the minister but he was born forth by the vicar of Gainforth at the bishop's hands, and now Middleton has provided a young man who teaches his son Charles so he suggests that Bowes might provide letters of commendatory for him to be allowed to teach in Barnard Castle which Middleton could take to the bishop that would benefit the poor who are inclined to withdraw their children from the school, and Middleton is going to leave his son with his grandmother for a year before sending him to Cambridge; people intruding on the lordship of Barnard Castle, and the bailiff Gibson, whom Bowes once imprisoned, arrested Cranforth of Headlam to appear in the county court until Middleton with great threatenings promised to lay him fast.

Papered seal on the dorse, also some pen trials.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/113 [later 16th century]

Letter 'from my grandfather' to his 'sweetheart' (wife) discussing the celebration of the Lord's Supper and Christ's covenant, asking her to prepare their children for it by reading certain documents, citing Hebrews 1 and Psalm 51, and referring to ?themselves as 'the bonde slaves of Sathan'; ?incomplete.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/114 13 July 1579

Letter from G[eorge] B[owes] at Berwick to his brother [Robert Bowes], discussing of a letter from Mr Archer; mentions the great assembly at Edinburgh which has turned to nothing as James Murray said it would; John Eden reports that one of the earl of Morton's 'choice men' accompanied the defunct at his burial with John Slack, John Douglas and others; the earl of Morton was yesternight at Lowther and will be this night at Stirling with the earl of Angus is now at ?Copperspeth where his lady remains; Mr Porter and Captain Beale have returned.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/115 13 July 1579

Label for [114] describing it as a copy of a letter sent 'to my brother' Robert [Bowes].

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/116-117 28 July 1625

Copy deed to leads the uses of a fine with a grant of rent charge agreed between Sir George Bowes of Biddick, Co Durham, knight, and Sir Talbot Bowes of Streatlam, Co Durham, knight, with Thomas Bowes esq, brother to the said Sir Talbot, and Talbot Bowes son and heir of the said Thomas Bowes, reciting that at the Durham Assizes on 26 July [1624] Sir George Bowes and Talbot Bowes esq made a loan to John Lumley gent and Talbot Ribden gent of the castle of Streatlam and the manors of Streatlam, Cleatlam and Barforth on the Moor, with 40 messuages, 30 cottages, 30 tofts, 2 mills, 4 dovecots, 70 gardens, 70 orchards, 500 acres of land, 600 acres of meadow, 700 acres of pastures, 260 acres of wood, 2000 acres of moor and turbary, with Sir George Bowes also then making a common recovery with Lumley and Ribden being the tenant and vouchee, and the said Sir Talbot, Thomas, and Talbot, on 24 June 1625, granted an annuity of £100 from detailed closes in Streatlam, Cleatlam and Stainton John Lumley, to Sir George Bowes in 2 equal portions to be paid in the south porch of Staindrop church.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of Thomas Warcop, John Warcop, Thomas Taylor, John Thomson, John Mason.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/118 28 June 1579

Copy of a letter sent to Mr Alexander Hay from G[eorge] B[owes] at ?Berwick, discussing recent correspondence involving G[eorge] B[owes'] brother and asking if there might be any action expected on the death of the late earl of Atholl (John Stewart), reportedly poisoned, or not. With cancellations and interlineations.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/119-120 24 April 1580

Letter from George Hussey at Dalton to Sir George Bowes, reporting that he went to the Groves the day after he left him when Pearton found part of the sample at the north shaft, discussing also east and west shafts, a stone in the way, and the ground at the west shaft "is not to be trusted" and therefore needs good timbering, with mention of Streatlam.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/121 13 April 1578

Letter from George Graunt to Richard Robinson, concerning an escheat sent from Allerton. Graunt went to York with "Willie" the bailiff to collect the money due by this escheat but had only received 13s 4d of William Caplin of Cropton. Includes a list of men who wish to have the date for payments to be changed to midsummer "for that they have no present money": Richard Apleton the elder, John Collen, Richard Wall, Ralph Belwood, John Coote, William Tarrant, John Hutchinson, Henry Elstob, Thomas Elstob, Richard Flower, John Wearstun, Thomas Flower, Robert Crawfurth, Thomas Hutchinson, William Jackson, John Walton, William Lowson and others from Allerton.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/122 18 February 1577

Deposition ('Information') of William Hall and George Bell of Barton against John Jackson of Aldborough.

Bell said that Jackson had a ?grey ?stage from Barnard [Castle]. Hall said that John Robinson and Cuthbert ?Wilson went from Barton to Barnard [Castle] and that Henry Robinson of Barton was at ?Richmond with the ?earls.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/123 29 July 1579

Letter from G[eorge] B[owes] at Berwick to his "brother" Robert Bowes, concerning the Scottish Parliament to be held in Edinburgh in September (but in fact held in October) 1579. Mentions that a proclamation that was announced "by sounde of trompett" summoning all Hamiltons to appear at the Parliament. Amongst other things this Parliament dealt with punishments to the member of the Hamilton family and the destruction of the castles of Hamilton and Draffan which they had held against King James VI. This was in the aftermath of the murder of Mary, Queen of Scots' husband Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley in 1567. Transcript:

I herewith send you bothe your owne letter and a letter that should have come ye knowe from whom & the mischaunce of the retorne of it by your owne letter the comming of Dalbenye ys lykely which if he doe wille alter the stayt in Scotland or at least if yt be altered by others may yett be laide on him/ on Monday last there was a proclamacon by sounde of trompett that all the hameltones in Scotland or else where should appeare at the parlyament to be holden at Edenburghe in Sep next/ Nowe for my delivery from heare all my neadefull causes ar past till Bartilmewe tyde [24 August] & trewly myne absence hath bene no small hynderaunce, but till then or about that tyme I fourc? not and so wyth comendacons I commend you to the protecton of the allmyghtye Barwick the xxixth Julye 1679 yr loving brother G.B."

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/124 [November 1576]

[Draft] petition to the Queen and Council of the North of John Wilson of Hexham yeoman presented by his attorney, John Darley, claiming he had been wrongly imprisoned in Hexham common gaol 21 October "last past" to his "damage" by John Herington, in command of the gaol, Antony Hutcheson of Acton in Northumberland, and Robert Benjamin. Wilson's imprisonment means he cannot produce £100 himself. He petitions the queen for his release by letters *homine replegiando*.

Signed by Birkhead.

With much interlineation and cancellation.

Dorse. J[ohn] Wilson of Northumberland and Robert Baynam of the same county, homine repl', ?Westall, 1 November 1576, to answer 26 November 1576, to set the plaintiff at liberty and out of prison, on view of the cause as to whether he has been imprisoned for treason, murder, felony, or other cause, ?irreplevisible, or else to appear and show cause ?

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/125 [later 16th century]

List of actions for a lawyer involved in a probate/inheritance case beginning "The coppie of a commyssion directed to Mr Parkinson viccar of Grinton, Sir John Moore and others"; summarised as "Thinges that lacke for Swawdell [Swaledale] men." The subject of the probate is James Simpson, alderman of York, deceased. His heirs are described as "uncle and aunt children". Mr Thweng's counsel is also discussed.

"Thinges that lacke for Swawdell men

The coppie of a commyssion directed to Mr Parkinsone, viccar of grinton Sir John Moore and others with certificat of the same, which doth shewe who be the ['bruthere and sister' deleted] uncle and aunt children of James Sympsone ['late' deleted] of Yorke late

Alderman deceased

To seke for the exemplifycaciones ['hereof' deleted] whereof

It is also requisit to be lerned what billes ar paed parcell of the debttis being iiij c liiij li xijs

It ys to be remembred that ? suppose there was a decre made and ['at in' deleted] regestered at yorke, before thys comyssion went out, that ['the' deleted]

hys uncle and aunt children should be adjudged next of kynne and no others which decre ys to be sought for.

Things to be done

To intertayne mr Thwynge who was of there counsell before and to pray his advise howe to procede and to knowe hys opynyon whether the court may compell ? to bringe in ye obligacions & billes

['or' deleted] and the money that they have receyved and to deliver ye same ..."

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/126 14 May 1579

[Draft] letter from [George Bowes] at Berwick to [John Erskine] earl of Mar: [Bowes] knew the earl's grandfather and father rather than the earl, so this 'Imboldeneth' him to ask for a 'cast' of falcons ('soare fawcons'), or a falcon and a tercel ('tarsle'; a female and a male); he will offer any service in return and asks for the falcons to be given to his servant Thomas.

With cancellations and interlineations.

Dorse: note of letters to the earl of Mar, and parts of other names: Alexander Erskin captain of Edinburgh Castle, Ruthven, Erroll, Lyndsay.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/127-128 16 September 1629

Copy bargain and sale indenture relating to land within Streatlam from Sir George Bowes to Sir Conyers Darcy, his son Conyers, and Sir James Maleverer, concerning land etc. named as the Horseclose.

Sealed in the presence of witnesses: Thomas Bowes, William Bowes, William ?Doutht and Hutton Gregory.

Deed for the sale of land called the Horseclose at Streatlam from Sir George Bowes to Sir Conyers Darcy, his son Conyers Darcy and Sir James Maleverer.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/129 29 January 1570

Copy note from Sir George Bowes, Lord Lieutenant "of the north partes", to Sir Ralph Sadler, treasurer for the Queen "in the northe", claiming money (£29 5s) by a warrant to pay the wages of one captain (4s per day) and other light horsemen (12d per day) who had served under Bowes at Barnard Castle.

Dated 29 January 1569/70 at York.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/130 15 November [1555]

Copy of a receipt of a bill by Cuthbert Clyton who has received from George Bowes esq. of South Cowton and Christopher Fythson of Southmoor, yeoman, 4 marks. Brought by Willaim Gramesh?

Dated: 15 November 1 and 2 Philip and Mary.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/131-132 16 December [c.1570]

?19th century copy in an archaic hand of a letter from R[obert] Bowes to his brother Sir George [Bowes] congratulating him on his escape from his enemies and his recovery from a serious illness. He says that he learned of George's misfortunes from "my Lord" later named as my Lord of Warwick (Ambrose Dudley) and Mr Secretary (William Cecil). Queen Elizabeth and those of her Council with whom he "dealt withal on your behalf ... have been very carefull of your well doing". He hopes that George has met up with my Lord of Warwick, who is a "noble and worthy gentleman" well disposed towards George. Robert sends his commendations to him as well as to their 2 cousins.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/133-134 12 August 1570

Copy indenture by Sir George Bowes with Anthony Catterick (*Catherick*) and others that Catterick will be seised of the Isle in Co Durham, [land and a house near Sedgfield], for the use of Sir George for life, then Francis Bowes his 5th son for life, then Francis's heirs male, then Talbot Bowes another son of Sir George, then Talbot's heirs male, then the heirs male of Sir George and his wife Jane for life 'without impeachment of waste', then to the heirs male of the next male heir, then to the use of William Bowes the eldest son of [Sir George], then the right heirs of the said Francis, with the covenant that Sir George shall grant to Catterick or any other parishioner of Gainforth a 5s rent from the manor of B for 2 years, when this indenture shall be null and void, and Sir George and his heirs will remain seised [of Isle].

Further note that Sir George had issue William, Francis and Talbot at the time of the indenture, and Thomas afterwards, then Sir George died, then Francis died without issue and before entering into the lands, William entered into the lands whereas Talbot ought to have done so, then after 40 years William and Talbot conveyed the lands to Buckle of London, then William died, and 8 or 9 years later, Buckle 'assured' the lands to T and T 'for a valuable consideration in money', then Thomas died and the lands ought to be his son Talbot's but Buckle has enjoined the lands.

With interlineations and cancellations.

Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/135 11 November [1567]

Receipt by Thomas Clerk of Brancepeth gent to Sir George Bowes of South Cowton in the county of York for £130 in part payment for lands of Thomas Clerk and his wife Mary, as in a bargain and sale for £800, now fully paid, of 19 September 8 Elizabeth [1566].

Signed and sealed (seal no longer present) by Thomas Clerk.

Date: 11 November 9 Elizabeth [I].

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Add.MS.534/136 [before August 1580]

Petition to Sir George Bowes and the rest of the Council [in the North] from Christopher Booth asking for more time to pay debts owed to Lancelot Woodward (69s 10d) and the Mayor (£4 10s), for which non payment he has been arrested.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/137 25 May 1680

Receipt signed by Richard Alibond for £30 paid by Sir William Blakiston to Mr Benson as interest for the 2nd and 3rd years of a mortgage due for £250 on Ravensworth lands; the first year's interest of £15 has already been paid.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/138 [c.1700]

Petition to the Earl and Countess of Strathmore by Ralph Simpson of Cotherstone asking for charity as his father sold Shipley to the Bowes and he is now lame, almost blind and deaf; Mr Bowes had given him several contributions from the Colpit charity.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/139 [c.1630?]

Directions by Sir Talbot Bowes (d.1638), son of Sir George Bowes (d.1580), to his son Talbot Bowes (d.1634) concerning the inheritance of the manors of Mickleton and Streatlam. This document deals with just Mickleton. Places mentioned include: the Lune Forest, Bowbank, Thringarth, Wythes, Kelton Thirsham, the two Wemmergills, Turnerholmes and Colsetts. Describes the history of the Mickleton estate bought by Sir George Bowes c.1555 from the Marquess Parr (William Parr Marquess of Northampton 1513-1571) who was attainted by Queen Mary I and forced to sell land in the south and in "northern partes". The town of Lonton was bought of Mr Rookby of Maske. The Mickleton estate was first bequeathed to Francis Bowes, eldest son of Sir George Bowes, who died without issue. It was then inherited by the next son, Sir Talbot Bowes (d.1638), then his sons, Talbot (d.1634) and Thomas, who survived till at least 1655.

Paper 1f.

Add.MS.534/140-141 [1830s]

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Paper 2f.

Add.MS.534/142 [1830s]

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