

EXTRACTS FROM THE ACCOUNTS OF THE STEWARD OF  
SIR FRANCIS RADCLYFFE, BART., AT DILSTON, FROM  
JUNE, 1686, TO JUNE, 1687.<sup>1</sup>

1686.

*June.*—Given to a man that brought a young roe buck, per my master's order, 5s.—Mrs. Mary Brabant,<sup>2</sup> in full of her whole yeare's annuity, due at Pent., 2*l.*—Ann Muschamp [the like], 5*l.*—Richard Teasdale of Slealey, high constable, in full of ann assess for the militia for trumpetts, drums, &c., laid on by act of parliament in the 15th yeare of our late Sovereigne Charles the Second, att 3s. 4*d.* per *li.* on the lands of Dilston and for acquit., in all 7s.—Magnus Cuningham,<sup>3</sup> in full for a bay horse which Mr. Millor bought of him for draweing in the drought att Dilston, 3*l.* 10s.—Mr. George Forster of Bollam, one halfe yeare's rent due at Pent. last for Meldon Rectory, 6*l.* 13s. 4*d.*: more to him for the tenths of Meldon Rectory, as appears by John Mitford's acquittance, and allowed by Sir Francis, and for the parator and acquit., in all 11s. 7½*d.*—John Pigg of the Lynell Wood, for a bull bought of him to serve the cow stents att the High Wood, lett there this yeare, 1*l.* 9s.—Madam Mary Radclyffe, for the house use at Dilston, 20*l.*—Mrs. Eliz. Park, her whole yeare's wages, 4*l.*—Tho. Radclyffe,<sup>4</sup> for a letter for Sir Francis, 3*d.*—Mr. Wm. Radclyffe's nurse, in charity, by Sir Francis' order, 5s.—Mr. George Jordan, in part of money due to him for building the new bridge over against the Roe Park wall, 6*l.*—Four chistes for the young pheasants, and one chist for Hogort's firits, and other worke, 1*l.* 4*d.*

*July.*—Mr. Wm. Radclyffe,<sup>5</sup> his halfe yeare's allowance, due at Pent., 20*l.*—Mr. Athur Radclyffe [the like], 20*l.*—Madam Mary Radclyffe [the like], 20*l.*—Mr. Miller, for sythes, wayne-ropes, hallters, trases, ox-bowes, and weeding clipps, all belonging to husbandry, 1*l.* 5s.—In charity to 5 seamen, 6*d.*—Mr. William Widdrington, for out rents for Buteland and Bywell Castle, for one whole yeare, ending att Mich. last,

<sup>1</sup> These accounts have come into Mr. Fenwick's possession since the classified account for 1681-2 was printed at full length, in the Memoir of Sir Francis Radclyffe. They do not descend into the smaller items, and it is unnecessary to print them in extenso.

<sup>2</sup> Bequeathed by Sir Francis Radclyffe's mother, Lady Elizabeth, in 1668.

<sup>3</sup> The gardener at Dilston.

<sup>4</sup> A servant of the house at 4*l.* wages.

<sup>5</sup> The allowances to the two youngest sons and a daughter of Sir Francis.

17s. 8*d.*.—Given by master's order to Mr. John Collingwood, in charity, 5s.—Carriage of 26 futher hired coales, att 2s. 6*d.* per futher, 3*l.* 5s.—Mr. John Clenell, for one halfe yeare's rent, due at Mich. to Charles Duke of Somersitt,<sup>6</sup> for Midleton Hall, 12s. 1*d.*: more to him for one whole yeare's rent, called the vicandale rent, due Mich. for Midleton Hall, 10s.: more to him for a white rent due to the castle of Bambrough, for a halfe yeare, due at Mich., 6s. 6*d.*.—Edward Selby, his sister's halfe yeare's annuity, due att Whitsontyde last, which Sir Francis was pleased to give her in charity, 10s.—Mr. Roger Midford, as by his bill for to returne to Mr. Tho. Radclyffe<sup>7</sup> att Room, 8*l.* 4s.—Jos. Bittleston, for smelting of lead, carriage of lead-oare, chopping chopwood, and other things belonging to the lead mill, 8*l.* 19s. 4½*d.*: more to him for the carriage of 85 foder and 6 peece of lead from the Woodhall lead milne to Dilston, from June 28 till July 26, at 3s. 6*d.* per foder, 14*l.* 18s. 9¾*d.*

*August.*—Mr. James Nicholson of Carlile, for one whole yeare's rent, due at Lamas, to the Dean and Chapter of Carlile, for the tythes of Lorbitle and Dilston, and for acquits. (8*d.*), 9*l.* 8*d.*.—Mr. Ashmall,<sup>8</sup> one quarter's salary, 3*l.*, and paid him more 15s. 10*d.*, which he hade laid out more then 40*l.* when the two young ladyes<sup>9</sup> went to Lovaine.—Wm. Smith, for 1,160 oysters, att 18*d.* per hundred, which he bought last Lent, 17s. 3*d.*: more for halfe a yeare's rent out of Scremerston, to Sir Tho. Haggerston, att St. Cuthbert day in March, 1*l.* 10s.—Sess for repairing the militia for the High Wood and Green Lands, in Sir Francis' hand, 9*d.*.—Mr. Gawen Preston, uppholsterer, for 2 dossen sett worke chaires, att 7s. a pece, at charges 2s., 20*l.* 10s.—Margret Browne, her halfe yeare's annuity,<sup>10</sup> due at Pent., 10s.—George Emerson, collector of the chimney money for 22 fire hearths in Dilston House, due att Lady-day, 1*l.* 2s.

*September.*—Lent to John Heron, Esq., 20*l.*, for which he gave his bond, and it is in my master Sir Francis his hand, and payable at Pent. next, 20*l.*.—Lent att the same tyme to George Jordan and John Whitfield, massons, 19*l.*, for which they gave their bond, and it is in master's (Sir Francis) hand.—Mr. Midford's charges and Tho. Errington's at Durham, when they paid the Dean and Chapter's rent for the corne tythes of Norham.—Mr. John Simpson, for one yeare's rent due to the Dean and Chapter, for the corne tythes of Norham parish, and for acquit., 6*d.*, 60*l.* 6*d.*.—Paid att Newcastle, by the appointment of my master Sir Francis Radclyffe, Bartt., to Mr. Edmund Aston of the city of London, 1,300*l.* for the morrgage of the lands of Old Bewicke, New Bewicke, and East Lilborn, and the writeings for these lands is in my master Sir Francis' owne hand.

<sup>6</sup> "And his Dutchess." (Next payment.)

<sup>7</sup> The Baronet's third son, "sometime a Colonel in the British service." At the date of the account he was 28 yeares of age. He died unmarried.

<sup>8</sup> Ferdinando Ashmall, a priest.

<sup>9</sup> Catherine, the Baronet's second daughter, who died 1746, was one. The other sister must have been Elizabeth, the third daughter, for the eldest was married, and Lady Mary, the youngest, was at Dilston.

<sup>10</sup> Bequeathed by Lady Elizabeth Radclyffe.

*October.*—Mr. Serjeant Jefferson, for keeping courts and standing counsell, as by acquit. for his salary due at Michalmas, 10*l.*—Pd. Mr. Hayles,<sup>11</sup> which he paid to Tho. Heron of Corbridge for 2 baliffes' fees for a warrent concerning the highwayes between Corbridge and Dilston, which my master was fined for att Hexham sessions, 6*s.* 8*d.*—Ann Swinborn,<sup>12</sup> her halfe yeare's annuity, due att Pent., 2*l.* 10*s.*—Mr. Tho. Butler, his halfe yeare's wages, due att Lamas, 3*l.*—Sir Robert Fenwicke, one halfe yeare's rent for lands in Newlands and Farle, due to Catherin, Queen Dowager, att Michaelmas, 2*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.*—Mr. John Jenkins, for one halfe yeare's fee farme rent, viz., Whelpington rectory, 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, Spindlston tyth, 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, land in Spindlston, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Broxfeild tyth, 2*s.*, Shaftoe tyth, 2*l.* 10*s.*, land in Temple Thornton, 17*s.* 2*d.*, Abbey Side in Alnwicke, 3*d.*, Hartborn rectory, 5*l.*, Ambell Hall corn tyth, 3*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, Ambell cole mynes and Cunygarth, 1*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.*, land in Wooley, 1*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, Westwood, 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for rent due to Sir Samuel Dashwood, knt., Tho. Lewes, and Edward Neel, Esqrs., at Michealmas; in all, 26*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*—Mr. Ben. Carr, for Aydon Sheels and appurtenances, 2*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*, Coastley and appurtenances, 2*l.* 19*s.* 2½*d.*, Edsbush, 2*s.* 5*d.*, Gare Sheel, 2*s.* 6*d.*, Turfe House, 2*d.*, Whintley Mill, 13*s.* 4*d.*, for halfe a yeare's rent due to the Queen Dowager att Michealmas, 6*l.* 7*s.* 3½*d.*—Thomas Heron, taylor, for a pair of britches for my master Sir Francis, 2*l.* 14*s.* 2½*d.*—Mrs. Margrett Gaire, her halfe yeare's wages, 2*l.* 15*s.*—My Lady Radclyffe, for her 3 nursery maids' wages, being 3 quarters of a yeare, 1*l.* 10*s.*—Mr. John Pearson, his two whole yeares' wages, 12*l.*<sup>13</sup>—Robert Wood, to buy bease with, att Midleam Moore faire, for wintring att Dilston, 140*l.*—John Forster of Whittall, his halfe yeare's annuity,<sup>14</sup> due att Pent., 10*s.*

*November.*—Mrs. Fenwicke, for the poor people, 1*l.*—Mr. Richard Featherstonhaugh, his whole yeare's salary for setting out a militia horse and man for all Sir Francis' lands in Cumberland, due 23 Sep., 5*l.*—Madam Mary Carnaby of Halton, for a brawne bought of her, 2*l.* 10*s.*—Mr. Rich. Thornbrough, his halfe yeare's annuity and his wife's, due Pentecost, 4*l.*<sup>15</sup>—John Hogartt, warrener, his halfe yeare's wages, due att Mart., 3*l.* 6*s.*—Mr. Alexander Millar, his halfe yeare's wages, due att Mart., 5*l.*—Mr. Francis' man, Thomas Butler, for 2 doss. cass [case] knives bought att London per Madam Selby, 2*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*—Cuthbert Stobert of West Wood, by my master's order, for 2 mares taken from [him] by Cuth. Studdam and Edmond Gibson, two of the Sheriff's bayliffes for an arreare of rent, which they had a warrent for from the High Sheriffe, Sir Marke Milbankes, but did neither mention who it was due to or in what yeare, and the said two mares was sold to one Wm. Robson of Hexham by the said two bayliffes, 3*l.* 15*s.*

<sup>11</sup> The steward of 1681?

<sup>12</sup> *Qu.* Ann Blenkinsop, an annuitant of 5*l.* under Lady Elizabeth's will.

<sup>13</sup> The other wages are much the same as those of the account of 1681.

<sup>14</sup> Bequeathed by Lady Elizabeth Radclyffe.

<sup>15</sup> He was an annuitant of 5*l.* under Lady Elizabeth's will. Ann Ridley had 4*l.*, but we do not find an annuitant of 3*l.* to answer to his wife.

*December.*—Mr. Miller, his bill from 29 Nov. till Dec. 6, for threshing corne, mending the highwayes between Corbridge and Dilston, and the wrights making 4 stone carts and 1 stone sledd, all at Dilston, 1*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.*—Madam Dorothy Massey, halfe yeare's intrest of 1,000*l.*, 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—Mr. Marke Stokoe, halfe yeare's wages, due att Mart., 3*l.*—Tho. Grey, brasier, in Gateshead, for mending the great kettle in the brewhouse att Dilston, 2*l.*—Dec. 20. Mich. Robinson, which Sir Francis was pleased to give in charity to Mr. Thomas Tempest, in Durham goal, 5*l.*—Mr. Ralph Milborn, for malt, from 13 Mar., 1685, till 23 Dec., 1686, 153*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*—Mr. Roger Garstall, in full for all sorts of wine, and all other accounts whatsoever from the begining of the world, 36*l.* 7½*d.*—Mr. Richard Wall of Newcastle, his bill from 22 Oct., 1685, till 29 Dec., 1686, 169*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.*

1687.

*January.*—Wm. Wreight, porter brewer and baker, his halfe yeare's wages, due 11 Dec., 3*l.*; Mrs. Hellin Emerson, his wife, her halfe yeare's wages, due 28 June, 3*l.*—Rob. Wilkinson, collector of the chimney money, for twenty-two fire harths in Dilston House, for one halfe yeare, due att Mich., 1*l.* 2*s.*—Mr. Roger Midford, 10*l.* for a yearely annuity or rent charge, isueing out of Harborn Grange, and 6*l.* for the yearely consideration of 100*l.*, both due att Mart. last past.—Mr. Roger Midford, his charges from 25 Aug. till 22 Sep., when he went to Berwick and Norham to lett the tythes this yeare, 2*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*—Mr. Francis Radclyffe, his halfe yeare's allowance, due att Mart., 20*l.*; paid him more, for a night gowne bought by him att Newcastle att Lamas faire last, for my master, 1*l.* 8*s.*—Mr. Roger Midford, for to returne to Mr. Tho. Radclyffe at Roome, 80*l.*; more, to returne to Mr. Wm. Heath att London, 20*l.* [Other allowances as in July.]

*February.*—Hellin Forster of Whittall, widow, in full of her husband's halfe yeare's annuity, due att Mart. last, and he dyeing att Xmas following, 10*s.*—John Jopling, my master tennant att Whittall, for one cow stent for Jane Reed, Madam Mary's nurse, which my master was pleased to give her in charity for this yeare, 8*s.*—John Bell, in part of money due to him for building a house att the Highwood for Mr. William Stokoe, 3*l.*—Mathew Barron, as by Mr. Rob. Lorrain's acquit. for 5 yeares tyth rent, insueing out of Coastley to Sir John Fenwicke, att Mart., 5*l.* 5*s.*—Mr. Nicholas Ridley, for salt fish, viz., for 2 couple of codd, at 1*s.* 9*d.* per couple, and 1 couple of ling, 5*s.*, and 40 couple of codd, at 1*s.* 9*d.* per couple, and 15 couple of ling, at 3*s.* 6*d.* per couple, and 1 barrrell of white heron, 1*l.* 4*s.*, and 500 reed herring, att 2*s.* 6*d.* per lb., for cords and matt for packing up the fish, and 1 cast, 3*s.* 6*d.*, in all, 8*l.* 11*s.*—Mrs. Julian Skelton, for the use of Mrs. Eliz. Turnbull for the consideration of 800*l.* for one whole yeare, 48*l.*—John Heron, for bringing up 40 couple of codd fish and 15 couple of ling from Newcastle to Newborne, and his owne charges and his horse, 6*s.* 6*d.*—Mrs. Eliz. Fenwick, which my master was pleased to lend to Mrs. Margrett

Fenwicke her mother, 10*l.*<sup>16</sup>—My owne whole yeare's wages, due 22 Jan., 5*l.*

*March.*—Chimney money for the forge for one halfe yeare, 1*s.*—2 fire harths att the lead mill for halfe a yeare, 2*s.*, and for arreares, 5*s.*—Francis Addison,<sup>17</sup> which my master was pleased to give him, 2*l.* 10*s.*—Mr. John Page, as by his bill, for a deodand taken up within the manor of Warke, and charges att London aboute it, 4*l.*—The clarke's wife of Corbridge, for clarke's fees for the whole mannour of Dilston for 1686, due att Easter last, 12*s.* 6*d.*

*April.*—Mr. Roger Midford, for cloathes and other things bought att Newcastle for the use of Edward Radclyffe, Esq.,<sup>18</sup> 23*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*—Mr. Pye, the clarke of the peace, for my master's comision<sup>19</sup> and his son's, and for letters and other small disbursements [this weeke], 11*l.* 2*s.*—Mrs. Alice Hudspeth, one yeare's prescribed custome money for the petty tythes of Dilston, due att Michaelmas, to the vicar of Corbridge, and 2*s.* for Easter reckonings, due att Easter, 1686, for the whole family of Dilston, 1*l.* 1*s.*—Mr. Urwin, for one yeare's fee farm rent, ended att Lady-day last, for Spindleston tyth, 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, lands in Spindleton, 6*s.* 8*d.*, Croxfield tyth, 4*s.*, Temple Thornton, 1*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*, Abey side in Alnwick, 6*d.*, due to the King's Majestie and for acquit. money, 2*s.* 8*d.*—Geo. Lee, smith, for miller's husbandry, 10*s.* 5*d.*—Mr. John Pearson, for all the 4 young gentlemen's<sup>20</sup> charges att Newcastle att Lamas, 1686, and for charges given to the servants att Capheaton, att a christning, 9*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*—Paid him another bill, for his master and Francis Radclyffe, Esq., and there servants, att Morpeth Sessions last, 5*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*—Francis Radclyffe, Esq., for to carry his brother Edward Radclyff, Esq. and there servants to London, 20*l.*—Mrs. Eliz. Nicholson, for holland for shirts, and dimity for wascoates for my master, bought att Newcastle, 5*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.*—Thomas Radclyffe, his whole yeare's wages, due 7 Apr. inst., 4*l.*

*May.*—Mr. Geo. Jordan and Mr. John Whitfeild, masons, in full for building the new stone bridge over against the Roe Parke wall, 10*l.*—Mr. Roger Midford, for the use of Thomas Radclyffe, Esq., to returne to him att Roome, 80*l.*—Mr. Wm. Widdrington, as by his note to be stated in the account of the morgage of Buteland, 6*l.*—Sir Wm. Creagh, for wines, 18*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*—John Heron, for 4 shirife's leveries, and 3 leveries for the grooms and footman, and other disbursements, 20*l.* 2*s.* 3*q.*<sup>d.</sup>—My Lady Radclyffe, to buy cloath att Whitson faire att Stagshaw, 10*l.*—Paid to my Lady Creagh, as by bill of exchange for the like value, received att London by Francis Radclyffe, Esq., from Sir Wm. Creagh,<sup>21</sup> 101*l.* 10*s.*—Mr. William Widdrington, for the morgage of Buteland, 600*l.*, and the writeings for the same is in my master's

<sup>16</sup> The Baronet's sister Margaret married Robert Fenwick of Wylam.

<sup>17</sup> A footman who went errands to Newcastle.

<sup>18</sup> The heir apparent.

<sup>19</sup> The reader must remember, in reference to the offices apparently exercised by the Radclyffes, that James II. was on the throne, using a dispensing power.

<sup>20</sup> Edward, Francis, William, and Arthur. Thomas was at Rome.

<sup>21</sup> Mayor of Newcastle this year.

own hand, 600*l.*—Mr. Wm. Widdrington, for  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a militia horse for 7 yeares, ended at Candlemas, 1679, for my master's part of Buteland, and paid him a small out rent, due to the Duke of Somersitt, and Bywell Castle, att Michaelmas, 9*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*—Mr. Roger Midford, to returne to Madam Catherin Radclyffe and her sister at Lovaine, 100*l.*—My Lady Creagh, as by bill of exchange for the like value, received att London from Sir William Creagh by Francis Radclyffe, Esq., 203*l.*

*June.*—Mrs. Jane Harris, her whole yeare's wages, due att Whitsontyd, 6*l.*—Ralph Reed, shirrif bayliffe, one yeare's vacandale rent for the whole mannour of Dilston, at Mich., 5*s.* 6*d.*