1762 Agreement between Lord Mansfield and a group of men

to search for coal on Rilston Moor for ten years

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Memorandum of an agreement made the 10th day of April1762

Between James Collins on the one part & behalf of the Right

Honourable William Lord Mansfield Surviving devisiee under the

Last Will & Testament of the Right Honourable R.d Earl of Burlington

deceased of the one part and Thomas Barry of Layton in the

County of Lancaster gentleman and Thomas Richardson

of Wynnerdale in the said County gentleman on the part and

behalf of themselves and Mr Plover and Mr Hardman

of the other part as follows

The said Thomas Barry and partners are to have liberty to search

Sink and Dig for Coal within the compass of half a mile in

Circumferance from an [*Out breck*] supposed to be upon

or near to Rilston Moor , part of the estate of the said late

Earl of Burlington, for ten years to commence from the

first day of June next, and to pay for the same the clear

yearly rent of twenty pounds at such days or times in the

year to have all usual and necessary roads and frontages

to and from the same, and to have liberty to begin to make

trials individually and to build any Houses or Sheds as Occasion

may require to set up any fire or water engine and to make

ovens for the burning cinders and to have liberty to get stone

flags or sods within the district aforesaid for any of the

aforesaid uses and after a suficient trial in case the

said intended Coal mines should not be worth working that

then the partnership may upon giving three months

notice in writing to the agent of the said Estate in Craven

before the end of any one year of the said term determine

the said intended Lease they at the same time having their

works honestly open and properly secured and in case no

workable coal can be found to fill up and level the said

works and in which lease so to be made shall contain

all usual and necessary covenants In Witness our

hands

Two signatures