

EX51-19 Notes on Bl. Nicholas POSTGATE (1596-1689), and other Postgates, mentioned in contemporary source. They were made by Aveling in his research into northern Catholic history. They are given as they have survived among his papers.

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THE SIMPSON-EGTON BRIDGE COMPANY OF ACTORS

- (1) NRQS/ii/II0,II4 fined Jan 1616 for acting at Marske, Wilton, Stainsby, Smeaton; Horneby; Appleton Wiske; Lealholm.

4 Simpsons; Nicholas Poskett; Geo White; Robt Harbutt.

- (2) Sir John Yorke of Nidderdale, by Christopher Howard. (1939)

(gives a long detailed account, with full references, of the visit of the 'Simpson' Players to Gowthwaite Hall, Nidderdale, WR at Christmas 1609 - from the dpositions in PRO Star Chamber 8/19/10. Sir Thomas Posthumous Hoby had attempted to arrest them already on a process from the York High Commission, but they escaped thro' the connivance of the local gentry. One witness was Thomas Pant, formerly an apprentice to Christopher Simpson as a shoemaker. He was really an actor in the company & left it after the Gowthwaite case (NRQS i/204). At Gowthwaite they played before the Yorke family & Inglebys & 200 others the play of 'St Christopher', but with an interacte of an 'interlude' of a Dispute between a Priest & a Parson', ending in devils carrying off the parson to Hell. After the play, Sir Stephen Proctor, a Protestant JP and busybody, of Fountains Abbey, failed to arrest the players. (Chris. Simpson was a recusant in hiding in 1610 - NRQS i/204 - and in 1612 the players were accused of acting at Stokesley - NRQS i/154; ~~xxx~~ 260 - and - see above - were at it again in 1615-6)

The charges of Procter against the Yorkes & Inglebys led to a Star Chamber case in 1612-3. Christopher & Robert Simpson were co-defendants, but apparently not to be found. Charges of complicity in the Gunpowder Plot outweighed the play in the actual case.)

- (3) PRO Star Chamber 8/12/II

May 23rd 7 James I; Sir Richard Cholmeley knt of Whitby, on information of the Attorney General.

Cholmeley's answer - '..and for the Lycenssinge of the Staige players. This defendant saeth that he gave noe such Lycence as in the sd Informacion is mencioned neither doeth he knowe anie of the players of Egton to be popishe Recusants. and that he was soe farre from hindringe the apprehencion of the sd players as he hath furthred the same..'

(Attorney-General's case -)

'Sir Thomas Hobby having received notice that a sorte of obstynate ~~popishe~~ popishe Recusants dwellinge at Egton in the sd North Ryddinge aboute 4 miles from the dwellinge house of the sd Sr Richard Cholmeley, had taken upon them to become common Staige players & travailed aboute the Countreye as players of staige plays & had appoynted & were readie to playe at a place called Sneaton in the countye of Yorke 4 miles distant from their dwellinge & that the sd Sr Thos Hobby had sente forthe manye severall warrantes of sundrye townes in the countye for the apprehension of the sd players if they shoulde wander forthe of their parishe contrarye to your Maties Lawes, the sd Sr Richd Cholmeley, being then a Justice of peace in the aforesd Libertie & bearinge inwardly love & affeccion to suche as are popishe recusantes that depend on him wch dwell in or neare the Libertie of Whitby.. (Ch. gave them a sealed Licence..) ..But the sayd staige players comeinge untb his fathers (Sir Henry Cholmeley knt) howse at Roxby.. being within the constabularie of Thorneton.. Sir Richd.. beinge in his fathers howse, gave leave & lycence to the sd players to play divers staige playes containinge in them muche poperie & abuse of the lawe & Justice before his sd father, him selfe & others, making him selfe disport thereby & suffred them to departe.. whereby they played popishe playes uppe & downe the Countreye..'

(The above is all that survives of this case)

BL. NICHOLAS POSTGATE

- 29/5 Lancelot POSKETT yoman Grt Eaton, Cleveland I602/3
 31/83 Lancelot POSKETT yoman same place I608/9/and Kath POSKETT same place vid I608/9
 31/57I Wm POSTGATE Stainsiker c.I611
 Admons - Aug I603 Thos POSKETT Ruswap Whitby
 Jan I603 Jas do. Kirkdale ✓
 Aug I611 Wm POSTGATE Gysburn all CLEVELAND.
 35/332 Robt POSKETT Filing Rewe fisherman I617-I9
 32/229 Francis POSTGATE Huton Bushell yom I612
 36/312 Isabell POSTGATE Ruston in Pickering lithe vid I620
 38/357 John POSTGATE Little Ayton Laborer I625
 Admons - Oct I622 Cuthbert POSTGATE Ayton
 Edward POSTGATE May I625 Filingrawe
 Ap I624 Margt POSTGATE Kirkdale ✓
 26/487 Chris & John POSTGATE Filingrawe I596/7 (2 Wills)
 41/224 Jas POSTGATE Stanton Scalby I627-30
 Admons - Oct I632 Isabel POSTGATE Egton *
 Nov I630 Geo POSTGATE Newham
 July I634 Wm POSTGATE Robinhood bay - all CLEVELAND
 + April I641-2 John POSTGATE, Danby
 50/I83 Ellis Relict of Robt POSTGATE Eshdaleside buried EGTON I669 *
 58/277 Ralph POSTGATE yom Filingdales I680

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According to Challoner Nich Postgate was born at Kirkdale House, Egton.
 PRO E. 377/I9 I610-II James POSTGATE nuper de Danby rect 2/3 mess. called Kirkdale
 in Egton par. siezed to Crown Sept 43 Eliz. (I601)
 Douay Diary i/I85 July 4 I621 arrived Nicholas Postgate (hic Whitmore) s. Jas P 2I;
 parents passi sunt multi pro Cath fide.

ACCOUNT OF THE YORKS. BRETHERN FUND

(transcript by Fr Vincent Smith, from Hogarth MS, Leeds Dioc. Archives)

1st General Assembly was at Botham Bar, York Aug 29 1672 ..

absent members..Mr Postgate sent his vote by Mr Banks.(NB.This was Xper

Banks, then Vicar-General, and, I think at Everingham, or least in the ER)

2nd G.Assembly at Peaseholme Green, York Nov 22 1676. Mr Postgate was present & voted for himself & Mr Alenson.

3rd G.Assembly held at Mr Hunter's in Petergate, York Sept 10th 1678.-23-4 present - no note of names. A month later 'the fearfull noyse of ye pretended popish plott' came - all in confusion.

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Precis of Ven. Nicholas Postgate's examination

in Surtees Soc. 40/231-2 from NE Circuit Assize Records - he says he was 'with Lady Hungate to her death'. This was in 1642 - CRS 14/322.

Then he was 'with old Lady Dunbar to her death.' According to CEG Complete Peerage (under DUNBAR) her will was made April 8th 1659 and proved June 24th 1659. The will is listed in Yorks. Arch Soc. Record Series vol. I as amongst the Yorkshire Commonwealth wills at Somerset House - Register Pell f. 369, Mary Viscountess Dunbar, resident at Halsham, Holderness; will made Nov 7th 1653 (sic), proved 1659 by Hon. Henry Constable.

BL. NICHOLAS POSTGATE.

- RVI/A/10 I590 Archiep Visitn -
Whitby - Edrus Poscatt obst rect
Eshdaile - George Poscett & wife rectx.
- RVI/A/13 I594 Arch Visitn.
Eshdaile - Isabel Posket not to service
Ugglebarnby - Wm Posket junior; James Posket; Margaret Posket rectx
Edward Posket, Eliz Posket servien' Wmi Posket sen. non-cts
Whitby - Edward Poskett rect
- RVI/A/16 I596 Arch Visitn
Whitby - Edward Postgate rectx rectx at his house.
Eshdaile - Isabel wife of George Postgate rect
Danby - James Postgate & wife Margaret obstinate rectx.
Ugglebarnby - Wm Postgate junr de deane hall; Isabel wife of Wm Postgate senr
Eliz Postgate eius filia rectx.
Guisbrough - Alice Postgaite vidua rect
- RVI/B/2 I600 Archiep Visitn.
Eshdailesyde - Geo Postgaite & wife Isabel; Wm Postgaite obstinate rectx
Ugglebarnbie - James Postgaite & wife Margery; Isabel wife of Wm Postgaite
Eliz Postgaite there daughter; James Postgaite & wife Margaret
Robt Postgaite; Ann Postgaite obstinate rectx.
- RVI/B/3 I607 Archiep Visitn
Egton - Margaret Postgate vidua rect
Ugglebarbie - Wm Postgaite & wife Isabel; James Postgaite & Margery his
reputed wife/ Jas P. had a childe secelie baptised.
Eshdalesyde - Wm Postgate jun; Geo Postgate; Isabel Postgate rectx.
- RVI/A/18 I615 Archiep Visitn.
Danby - George Postgate 60 & wife 60; Geo P. his son 20; Bartholomew & Francis
Postgate aged thone I6 thother I2 yeres olde rectx and soe have bene
since his Maties cominge to the Crowne.
Egton - Margery Postgate 35, recusant I2 years.
Eshdaleside - James Postgate & wife Margaret; Wm Postgate popish Rectx.
Whitby - Edward Postgate rect
- RVI/A/19 I619
Egton - Margaret Postgate vidua 40; Wm her son 30 (sic) rectx.
Eshdaleside - James Postgate yeoman & wife Margery; Wm Postgate rectx
Westerdale - Geo Postgate & wife Isabel 60; Bartholomew his son 20; Francis his
son I8; Kath Jeffreson his servt rectx.
Whitby - Edward Postgate rect.
- RVI/A/20 I623
Egton - Margaret Postgate vid. rect
Eskdaleside - James Postgate; Francis, Bridget, Mary his children; Wm Postgate &
wife Frances rectx.
Marton - Geo Postgate & wife; Jas Postgate & Francis P. non-cts.
Whitby - Edward Postgate rect.
Westerdale - John Postgate & wife Ann rectx./ he buried his wives mother
of Easter day att morninge a Recusant.
- RVI/A/21 I627
Egton - Matthew Poskett & wife; Geo Poskett; rectx
Eskdaleside - Jas Postgate; Bridget P; Mary P popish Rectx.
Marton - Jas Poskett; Geo P; Isabel P rectx
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Postgate/2

York High Commission Act Bk I599-I603

- f.73 May 20th I600 James Postgate & wife of Ugglebarnby summoned./summons was not properly served on them.
- f.I78v. Oct I2th I60I James Postgate..parish of Egton resusant summoned/no sign that he appeared.
- f.I98 Jan I8th I60I/2 John (sic) Postgate par.de Egton..Willm Postgate de Whitby (in list of recusants summoned)/did not appear/arrest ordered.
- f.238 July 9th I602 in list of recusants summoned - James Poskett & wife de Egton; William Posket de lez Moreside;James Posket & wife de Deanehill.
- f.253 Sept 27th I602 similar list - James Postgate capellanie de Egton rec.;James Postgate dea Deanehall he and wife rectx.
- f.263v.Nov I5th I602 the Deanehall couple in a similar list.
- High Comm.Bk I607-I2. (Bk I603-7 is missing)
- f.48v.June 2nd I607 long Egton list - Margaret Postgate fined £3-6-8 for contumacy.
- f.49. same date/Ugglebarnby; James Postgate & wife fined £10 for contumacy.
- f.49v.same date/Ugglebarnby;George Postgate & wife fined £3-6-8 for contumacy.Wm Postgate ditto.(recusants)
- f.63v.June 29th I607 James Postgate & wife of Ugglebarnby rectx/above fine now certified to Exchequer for renewed refusal to appear/arrest ordered.
Geo Postgate & wife ditto.Wm Postgate ditto.
- f.7I July Ist I607 Margaret Postgate of Egton ditto
- f.72v. same date/Ugglebarnby Postgates still not brought in.
- f.92 August 29th I607 Margaret Postgate of Egton,apparently fined again for not appearing & fine cert to Exchequer.
- f.92v. same date/ditto for Geo Postgate & wife;Jas Postgate of Ugglebarnby
- f.I06v. Nov I7th I607 summonses for last renewed.
- f.I69 July 5th I608 ditto (Geo P.and wife;Wm P;Jas P and wife of U.)
- f.I88v. Oct 4th I608 Wm Postgate of Uggleb. recusant/arrested by Blanchard the pursuivant & left in the local constable's custody to bring in.
Wife of James Postgate of same/ditto;left in churchwarden's custody.
(they were due to appear this day but nothing is said of appearance)

High Comm Bk I6I2-25

- f I27v.July IIth I6I6 Margaret wife of James Postgate de Whitby rect/did not appear/bond to appear forfeited.
- f.23I July I6I9 2 Egton lists - no Postgates.
- f.276 ult July I62I Esndaeside - James Postgate;Margery his wife;Wm Postgate rectx/ attachments viis et modis under pain of £10 fine/processes not yet served

High Comm.Act Bk I626-3I

nil

High Comm.Act Bk I63I-4

nothing to I633.

POSTGATE(I) RECUSANT ROLLS

GRS 18/Rec.Roll 1592/3.

p.88. Eshdaleside - Isabel Postgate owes £120
 wife of Geo Postgate £120

William Poscat de Uggleberby junior debet £120..but see case concerning
 him in Roll of 9 James I.

Wm Poscatt & James Poscatt of the same.

PRO E.377/19 Yorks. 1610-II

Tenants of lands of James Poskett (no address) owe £4-8-10 p.a.for
 2/3 of 1/4 of the manor of Deanehall als.Ugglebarbye in the tenure
 of the same James and of William Poskett,siezed for the Crown
 April 26th 40 Eliz.(c.1598).No payment recorded.

(next entry) Tenants of the lands of James Postgate nuper de Danbye recusant
 owe 40/- p.a.for 2/3 of a messuage or tenement called Kirkdall in
 Egton parish & 2 parcells of land called broade Inges & divers
 other parcells of land there;siezed by Crown Sept 26th 43 Eliz.(c.1601)
 No payment recorded.

(later) James Postgate recusant owes £14-10 the price or value of his goods
 & chattels siezed for the Crown 26 Sept 43 Eliz.No payment.

(later) The tenants of the lands of William Poskett owe £8-17-9 for 2/3 of
 a moiety of the manor of Deanehall als Ugglebarby in the parish of
 Snaynton in the tenure of the same William & of James Poskett;siezed
 for the Crown April 26th 40 Eliz.

(later) Convictions for recusancy July 8th 1612 (10 Jas I) at the General
 Sessions of the Peace held at Helmsley.

George Postgate of Danby yoman & Isabel his wife 1 yrs recusancy £240

John Postgate of the same yoman & wife Anne 1 yrs rec.£240

Margaret Postgate vidua of Westbankes 1 yrs rec £240

William Postgate yoman of Ugglebarnbie in parish of Whitby 16 years
 recusancy,owes to date £4,160;also Isabella his wife.

Anne Postgate servant to Margaret Postgate of Westbankes in the
 parish of Lyeth,Langbargh Wapentake;6 mths rec to date £120

James Postgate of Gothland in par.of Pickering,Pickeringlithe 2 mths £40

Edward Postgate of Ruswarpe in par.of Whitby 6 mths £120

Wm Postgate junior of Eshdaleside par.of Whitby 6 mths £120

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(2) SHERIFF'S ACCOUNTS

Hutton MSS,NR County Record Office,Northallerton.

Book of the Summons of the Pipe,of Sir Timothy Hutton knt,sheriff of Yks
 1606/7 (4 Jas I)

f.15v. James Poskett of Deanehall als.Ugglebarnby rect.owes £4-8-10½ and
 £26-13-4 of arrears.

James Postgate nuper de Danby rect,lands at Egton,owes 40/-

Wm Poskett of Ugglebarnby owes £8-17-9½ & £26-13-4 arrears.

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(3) North Riding Quarter Sessions. (ed.JC Atkinson - fairly accurate,but many details &
 a few persons omitted.I have only just started checking it with the original
 Books at Northallerton)

NRQS i/5. Eshdaleside - George Postgate & wife Isabel recusants convicted April
 11th 1605.

i/9 July 9 1605 James Postgate of Sleights has unlicenced alehouse.

i/10 July 1605 Henry Poskett rect convicted,at Hovingham,Ryedale.

- NRQS ii/36 Christopher Postgate yom. of G. Ayton juror I6I3
 52 James Postgate of Sleights juror I6I4
 65 I6I4 Egton - Margt Postgate vid. 40 rect I2 yrs; & her servant Thos Calvert 24. convicted as recusants again.
 66 I6I4 Danby - Geo Postgate husbandman 27 rect 3 yrs, and sons Bartholomew I6; Francis I2 & George above I7 rect 3 yrs; Eliz wife of above George the father over 27 & rect II yrs
 69 I6I4 Goathland - James Postgate & wife 4I rechs I4 mths.
 70 I6I4 Eskdaleside - William Postgate butcher 48 rect I4 yrs
 89 I6I5 Chris Postgate yom. of G. Ayton juror
 II0 Jan 9 I6I5/6 Geo White weaver 24; John, Richard & Cuthbert Simpson cordiners 25, 24, I8 all of Egton & recusants, Nicholas Postgate laborer I3; Edward Concett tailor 30, also of Egton; Robt Simpson cordiner of Staithes 70 and upwards & Robt Harbutt als. Cawdmer laborer of Goathland 70 and upwards as players of entertainments, vagabonds &c; Ralph Rookby Esq of Marske for receiving & feeding them. also for receiving them - Wm Stephenson of Wilton gent; Jn Wildon of Marston gent; Jn Gower of Stainsby Esq.; Wm Chaytor of Croft Esq; Marm. Vincent of Smeton Esq; Thos Best of Horneby gent; Richd Lodge of Appleton Wiske yom; Richd Stringer of Lealholm yom. p. III4 the players submitted - fined ~~102~~ x IO/- each.
 I40 July I6I6 Whitby - Edward Postgate laborer rect.
 I4I do. Eskdaleside - Jas Postgate yom. & wife Margery; Wm P. laborer rechs.
 I43 do. Egton - John Postgate lab. & wife Ann rechs.
 I44 do. Danby - Geo Postgate husb. & wife Isabel; sons George & John. rs
 I62 Oct I6I7 Eskdaleside - Wm Postgate yom. rect
 I8I Oct I6I8 Ughthorpe - Bridget Postgate spinster rect.
 Egton - Ann Postgate spinster rect.
 I82 do. Westerdale - Bartholomew Postgate tailor; Francis Postgate lab. rechs.
 I89 Jan I6I9 Chris. Postgate yom. G. Ayton juror
 I90 do. George Postgate Ruston juror
 2I6 Sept I6I9 Egton - Wm son of Margaret Postgate laborer rect.
 247 Oct I620 Westerdale - Francis son of Geo Postgate husb. rect.
 NRQS iii/64. I6II - Uglebarnby - Wm Postgate & wife Isabel; Jas Postgate & wife Margery Eskdaleside - Geo P. & wife Isabel; Jas P junr; Wm P; Geo P junr rs. 3 mths
 Ruswarp - Edward P laborer r. I yesr.
 7I. I6II Shortwaite, Egton - Margaret P. widoe & servts Robt Duckett & Ann Postgate
 77. I6I2 Danby - Geo P. yeoman 27; Jn P. yeoman 27; Francis son of Geo P. 9 & in his house; Isabel wife of above Geo P I7; Anne I7 wife of above Jn P. all rechs I yr;
 79. I6I2 Westbanks Egton - Margt Postgate vid; Ann P her servt.
 82. I6I2 Uglebarnby - Wm P & wife Isabel rechs I6 yrs;
 Ruswarp - Edward P. 66 laborer rect 6 mths.
 Esdelside - Wm P junr 40 rect 6 mths.
 97. I6I2 Danby - Geo Postgate 27 husb. & wife Eliz rechs 2 yrs; his sons Francis II; Bartholomew IO rechs from infancy; George over I7 rect 2 yrs
 98. I6I2 Goathland - Jas P. & wife 42 rechs I yr.
 Eskdaleside - Jn P yoman 30 & wife Ann 22 rechs 2 mths; Wm P lb 48 I yr.
 I49. I622 Marton Francis P yeoman son of Geo P rect.
 I76. I623 Lythe - Geo P yoman & wife Isabel rechs.
 Filingdale - Fras P yoman son of Jas P & Bridget sp his dau.
 2I0. I624 Marton - Jas & Francis P yeomen. rechs.
 244. I625 Oct. - Mires (Margt?) Postgate vid.

- Marton - Geo Postgate yeoman. rect
 245. Westerdale par. of Stokesley - Jn P. husb. & wife Anne rectx.
 273. Oct I626 West Banks, Egton - Matthew P yeoman; Jn P. yeoman & wife Margaret recusants.
 Eskdaleside - Bridget Postgate spinster
 295. Oct I627 Marton - a servt of Jas Postgate yom. rect.
 300. Sept I628. Egton - Eliz wife of Matthew Postgate yeoman rect.
 304. Oct I629. Lieth - Geo Postgate lab. & wife Jane rectx.
 Egton - Ann wife of Matthew Postgate lab. (sic) rect.
 305. Eskdaleside - Mary Postgate sp. rect.
 320. Oct I63I Eskdaleside - Jn Postgate yeoman rect.
 iv/4I. Sept I635 Eskdaleside - Jas Postgate yom. rect.
 8I. Oct I637 Ugthorpe - Thos Poskett tailor & wife Margaret rectx.
 I22. Oct I639 ditto. (laborer)
- MS Bk of Recusants I630. (Northall. Cty Rec. Office)
 May I64I - Gisbrough - Jas Postgate yom rect
 Ugglebarnby - Edward Postgate yoman rect.
 (here & Oct I64I - no Postgates given as rectx at Egton)
 NRQS iv/I55. Conveyance of Egton estate IO June I8 James I. (c. I620) by Ralph Salvin of Newbiggin to Sir Rāchd Cholmeley of Whitby - describes the farms -
 .. that messuage in, nigh or about the said Kirkdale-bancke, in the occupation of Margt. Poscatt. Nov 22 I620.
 (p. I53n. Atkinson suggests this is the modern Church-dale banks in Egton)
 vi/79. July I664 - James Postgate of 8 Gylingdales - Quaker.
 206 April I674 Mickleby - Bartholomew Postgate & wife Ann rectx.
- CRS vi/257 I664 Blackholme (Hemingborough ER?) Jn Postgate gen & wife Hester rectx
 277 I664 Harwood Dale - Matthew Poskett lab. & wife Ann rectx.
 Surtees Soc. 40/I40 I666 Harwood Dale - same
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 CRS I4/32Ia. Yk Wills - Jan 30th I603/4 admin of goods of James Postgaite nuper de Kirkdaille Yks to widow Margaret P.
 April I5th I624 admin of goods of Margaret Postgaite nuper de Kirk-daille widow ~~xxx~~ to Matthew Postgaite her son - over £40.

POSTGATE

Cecil MSS. Hatfeild House.

A true certificate..(of Yorks recusants)..mense Januarii 1595..
 Egton - no Postgates mentioned.

Ugglebarnby - Isabel wife of Wm Postgate of the Deane Hall is a recusant
 & her husb is worth in landes xls by yere.Eliz P.dau of the sd Wm of thage
 of 13 yeres rect & liveth by her fathers mayntenance.Wm Postgate kinsman
 to the aforesd Wm & dwelleth in the howse wth him an obstinate rect &
 hathe noe livinge.

Danby - James Postgate yoman with tenement of lease worthe 4 li.yerely;
 Margaret ~~XXXX~~ his wife

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58/38. Yorks.Fines.

Michaelmas Term 1615 - Richd Mone plaintiff;Wm Postgayt & wife Isabel;
 James Postgate & wife Margery defs - 3 messuages & lands in Whitby
 Deanehall;Ugglebarnby;Brucehouse & Landhouse.

58/232 Hilary 1623/4 - Jn Bolles Esq pl.- Wm Postgayt junr def - same
 lands.

Birdforth.

Sir Wm Bellasis of Newburgh knt £50
 The Lady Katherine Constable of Kirkby Knowle £50
 Thos Lascelles of Brackenbrough esq £25
 Ralph Tankard of Arden gent £25
 Brian Askwith of Osgodby gent £25
 John Clewge of Skipton gent £25 (sic)
 Rich Vaughan of Byland gent £25
 Raphe Westropp of Topcliffe gent £25.

- III. Feb 24th 1608/9 Lord Sheffield to Sir Thos Fairfax of Walton knt.
 Appointing him Vice-President of the Council of the North, although Sir Thos' wife is a recusant. Thinks Sir Thos himself 'nowe free of that secte'
- II5. Sept 1st 1653. Warrant of the Committee for Compounding, to discharge the sequestration on Lord Faulconberg's estate at his petition. The sequestration was for the recusancy of his grandfather, the old Lord F, who died April 18th last, and, by the deposition of Chas Bellasis, it appears that the present Lord F is a Protestant, goes to church, receives communion, keeps a constant chaplain in his house & uses Prot. prayers in his house.
- II5. March 15th 1657/8 receipt by Thos Viscount Faulconberg of £15,000, dowry of his wife, Mary Cromwell, 3rd dau of the Lord Protector.
- II9. Feb 23rd 1662/3 - assessment (by Lord Fauconberg, Lord-Lieut of the North Riding) of estates of North Riding (Protestant) peers -
 Earl of Elgin £2,900; Visct Fauconberg £2,400; Duke of Buckingham £2,300; Lord Darcy £1,600; Earl Rivers £1,400. The estate of the Catholic Visct Fairfax of Gilling was estimated as worth £2,753 p.a. in 1641
- II4. Oct 16th 1666? John Bellasis, Lord Bellasis of Worlaby (a Catholic, Governor of Hull), Hull, to his nephew, Viscount Fauconberg.
 Affection & friendship.
- I30. Jan 2nd 1669-70 Fauconberg appointed Ambassador to Italian States.
- I64. Jan 26th 1673/9 Sir Joseph Cradock to Lord Fauconberg, Richmond.
 There have been some Romish priests in York and a gentleman desired Mr Elcock, an Alderman & JP, to give him a warrant to arrest one of them, but he refused. There are believed to be many of that temper in Yorkshire & the adjacent counties, & if more diligent search were made for the, many would be relieved of the fears they are at present full of. The JPs at the present sessions at Richmond have sent Mr Michael Pudsey to York Castle for trial. (enclosure -
 Certificate from the JPs that they proceeded thus at the Richmond Sessions - Being informed that the Justices at York, of the West Riding and of the North Riding at Helmsley have not proceeded further agt the papists than by binding them over to appear at the next sessions or assizes, they have thought it best to follow their example, and so have not, at this time, tendered the oaths. They send his lordship some papers found in a box at Ripling (sic) when searching for one Calvert Smithson, wth letters, Agnus Deis and beads, conceived as belonging to one John Smithson, a reputed Roman priest. As for Mich Pudsey, there was evidence that he did say these words, viz: If one should kill the King, the Pope could or would pardon it', and also that the two Lomases were found by the grand jury to be guilty of hearing Mass. Signed: Jos Cradock; Thos Cradock; Rich Granme; Wm Chaytor; Wm Robinson; Geo Smithson; Jas Clayton. undated.
- I65. Feb 8th 1678/9. Philip Lloyd to Lord Fauconberg.
 Council Chamber. The Lords of the Council do not think that the great number of papists in the North Riding of Yorks ought to be looked upon as any ground for their not being prosecuted according to the law, but on

the contrary that therefore the greater severity should be used in the execution of the laws, in regard that as the number, so consequently the danger must be great. Has sent down the orders in Council & the answers of the Judges for the guidance of the Justices.

165. Feb 8th 1678/9 Sutton Court. Fauconberg to Sir Jos Cradock.

Has sent his letter from Richmond to the Privy Council and herewith sends a copy of the Clerk of the Council's letter to himself.

166. Feb 8th 1678/9 Fauconberg, Sutton Court, to Sir Jas Pennyman.

Is proposing Lord Clifford for MP for Yorks.

166. same date. same to Conyers Darcy.

Has writ over 40 letters in Lord Clifford's interest for Yorks seat, tho' Clifford has not written to him.

181. April 17th/28th. 1719. P. to Viscount Fauconberg.

Brussels. The Dowager Viscountess F. has left suddenly for England wth Dr Mahar, ostensibly to prove your father's will. She is violebtly agt you. Has not pd any of late Lord Fauconberg's debts. Your sister fears arrest for debt. Your sister Penny is gone to Louvain wth Mrs Stapleton. Your mother entrusted the Lady Abbess wth her departure as a secret and made her enjoin it on the nuns under obedience. Dr Mahar is to return to fetch your sister to your mother. Good idea if your ordered Du Chesne, the steward, to let the great house for the 2 yrs left of the lease. All the goods your mother bought in Holland are secured to the monastery. She says she bought them of her own money. The poor nuns are not paid one farthing.

182. May 12/23rd 1719 same to same. Brussels.

My lady has written to me in a romantic style abt my friendship for her late Lord, asks me to arrange her affairs, send a list of her & her Lord's debts. I will do nothing unless she gives me power of attorney. Your poor sister and Du Chesne & her woman are left penniless; and not a farthing paid in the monastery. The change in her inclinations appears real & the young man is going away soon, but bot to your parts. Your sister expected Dr Mahar last night & says she will be glad to get out of this prison of a nunnery, but dreads her mother's whimsys and violent magots. She told me she should wish a thousand times to be wth you at Newborough, because she will not be able to support those airs of grandeur wch she must infallibly, since Lady F. received twice the King's and Lady Stanhope's visits.

182-3. June 1719 same to same. Angers. Madness of the Dowager. She had forged a letter from you to her, then sd it proved you were going to enter into rebellion. She then sent her footman Harry from Brussels to England wth a letter to Lord Stanhope, Secretary of State, enclosing your supposed letter. Stanhope replaid prudently that he could not judge the genuineness of the letter, that you had behaved well ever since you returned to England. There was no evidence that you were disaffected to the government. We got the writer of the forgery, a girl lodging in the nunnery, who knows no English and innocent, to make a statement before a notary. I send it you and Cole & I each have a copy, if it miscarries. Cole & I have have so preached the Gospel to a young spark whom you know that we have sent him packing into Spain, where, on his arrival, he is to have a commission as a captain of horse. I am sure he got no money from her because she loves it too well to part from it. He will do well there, because he has a great deal of honour and bravery. PS. I am assured that my lady has kissed the King's hand and assured him that she will breed up her family all so that they may be useful to his Maty & the government. None are left here but your sister Penny & cousin Biddy. (End. Lady F's scheme to accuse her son of treason.)

183. July 11th/22nd 1719 P. to Visct Fauconberg, Angers.
She has only sent power of attorney to Du Chesne. Represent this to your uncle, Mr Roland Bellasis. Will ask Lord Fredk Howard to carry your gun to England, when he comes back from Aix. Mons. de La Puente embarked at Amsterdam for Spain 6 wks ago wth a commission as capt to a troop of horse.
184. 1733 printed form of summons to Thos Visct Fauconberg & Catherine his wife to appear at the Archdeacon of Cleveland's Court of Correction at Thirsk parish church Tues Sept 25th 1733 to answer articles objected agt them for not frequenting their parish church, for wch they were presented at the archdeacon's late visitation.
187. Oct 7th 1734 Visct Fauconberg, Newburgh to his sister Hon. Mary Pitt, York.
I am equally surprised and concerned at your return to England in direct disobedience to your husband, who not only demanded you at Gand but came on the same purpose from England thither again. You then was flown to Brussels and now think yourself out of his power but until I hear from himself that living apart is agreeable to him I must ask you to pardon me for not sending for you here and, had you come, should have thought myself obliged to give the Colonel (Pitt, John) notice of it. I cannot think anything so advisable as your going to London where I hope matters might be arranged.
188. March 10th 1744/5 Lord Stair to Viscount Fauconberg, London.
Encloses report of court-martial on Cornet Henry Bellasis' behaviour at the battle of Dettingen; exonerated and restored after so long deprivation.
216. 1670 Lord Fauconberg's report on Italy to Charles II.
Italy is..so priest-ridden that I fear it will be impossible to obtain any exercise of religion for your merchants..wch exercise wld redound to your honour as a protestant monarch.
- 367ff. MSS of Mrs Wentworth of Woolley Park, Yorks.
368. June 12th 1604 Matthew Hutton, Archbishop of Yk to Earl of Shrewsbury.
Understands that S's steward for his honour of Pontefract has preferred an information agt my good friend Mr Wentworth of Wooly..in W's favour.
- 370-1. Sept 29th 1634 Dublin, Thos Visct Wentworth to his cousin, Mich Wentworth of Woolley...since you are the poor Papist you mention..gives some offer of help wth his recusancy composition, Very friendly.
- 371-2. Nov 28th 1635 same to same.
Thanks for his good affection.
373. Dec 2nd 1639 receipts for payts of rents under Michael Wentworth of Wooly's recusancy composition £26-13-4 for a half year; and £23-6-8 a half yrs arrears. Cert that he has given bond for 3 yrs arrears according to his composition.
374. Dec 11th 1647 Rouen. William Wentworth, 2nd Earl of Strafford to Sir George Wentworth of Woolley.
Estate business - Geo W is managing his estate for his cousin.
375. May 27th 1648 Rouen, same to John Wentworth.
Jo W's bro, Sir Geo, is managing Strafford's estate.
- 375-6. Dec 21st 1648 Gen. same to Sir Geo Wentworth.
Strafford's other cousin, Wentworth of Bretton, is also helping wth the estate.
- 376-7. 1653 & 377. 1656 Strafford's cousins still his 'commissioners'.
382. Sept 13th 1667 Privy Council to Justices of the West Riding.
Order to arrest Popish priests & Jesuits and diligently execute the penal laws agt Catholics. (recd Sept 16th at Ferrybridge & sent to Mr White at Wakefield.)

CONSTABLE OF EVERINGHAM MSS (County Record Office, Beverley)

.. 'Foul Draughtes' of Fr John Knaresbrough

(bound vol. of notes, letters etc used by Knaresbrough in writing his MS book
'The Sufferings of Catholicks' in York c.1710.

Letter from John Danby (no place) Feb. ye 17th 1707/8

Honrd Sir/ After my best enquiry into ye circumstances of Mr Postgaites death, all I can learn is, yt he was apprehended by one Reeves an Excise-man, formerly servant to Sr Edmund-Bury Godfrey & an implacable enemy of Catholicks as ye supposed murderers of his master. this fellow seised on him at one Matthew Lythes at Little-Beck 3 miles from hence, & had both committed, one for a priest, ye other for harbouring him. Ye witnesses were Elizabeth Wood, wife of Ralph Wood a seaman in Whitbay her maids name Gibson, this woman swore she had seen him marry, baptise, bury, & when ye Judge bid her mind whether he were ye man or not for she was upon her oath, & yt for life, she confidently answered she had known him from her childhood, and sure he was ye man. ye 2nd was Elizabeth Baxter who swore ye same a C too, & both of this parish; ye 3rd was Richard Morrice of Whitbay a Pr but marryed to Jane Coverdale a C, this mans Evidence was yt he has baptised one or more of his children. there was another though forced in against his will, who being asked by his Lordship whether he had seen ye prisoner say mass, answered, I can not say it, to which ye Judge replied, I suppose you mean you can not say mass, & without any further questions caused him to be set aside, is a sign of his nice notion to have saved if possible ye good old man. this ye man who is now dead told me.

Morrice is dead some time since, while he lived very poor abused by every one with ye odious name of Hang-Priest, Woods husband within a small time after was taken of all his limbs, & lay bedrid for severall years, but is now see well as to be able to goe to sea, his wife is living too. Baxter is living, near Scarborough, of whom I hear of no misfortune excepting poverty, & yt greatest of misfortunes, obduracy & impenitence.

Reeves as he was ye chief instrument, see ye Judgments of God were more signall on him then on ye rest, being found drownd in a small brook, where, I can not learn, my neighbours differing in ye particular place but all agreeing yt see he died. before his death he was in ye saddest torture poor man ever endured, as he himself complained in ye hearing of a sensible, credible old man now living, & who was forced to abscond from ye warrants he had to bring him in as an evidence. this old man was on his journey to York with an infirm child to take ye advice of Madame More then a prisoner, & calling at Fickering to refresh himself & child, Reeves came into ye same room, at a sight of whom, his heart rising (to use his words) he went into ye next room whence he heard ye poor wretch making his complaint to ye landlady of ye strange torments he endured, who asking him where his pain lay, he told her, every where, & yt he had not one joint free.

As to something of Mr Postgaites writing (which I remember you desired) I have sent you enclosed a MS, & his register, ye first you may keep, & ye other I can not promise, ye mans wife from whom I had it, telling me it was promised to Osmotherley, but I believe a small charity may buy it.

As to ye day of ye Martyrs death I can not be informed here, his servant who was with him yt day being in his dotage, but I hear there was one in Cleaveland who used to keep ye day holy now dead, yet I question not but some of his family which (God willing) within a week I shall see, can give me an account of it.

Thus (Sir) I have given you all ye information I meet with ye rest is to beg your commands in what you can farther be served by (Honred Sir)

Your humble Servant
John Danby

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same book of Knaresbrough's -
 memorandum in Knaresbrough's handwriting -

Mr Poskate M. Car: 2
 October 5 1705

Mrs Fairfax wife to Mr Charles Fairfax of York told me (note in the margin -
 'i.e. John Knaresborough) then that herself and Mrs Maynell of Kilvington went
 to Confession to Mr Poskate upon ye day of his Execution: that having don yr devot-
 ions they both went together to his Room, to take leave and have his last Bless-
 ing. Mr Poskate seeing ym in great Concern come up to ym with a Cheerful countena-
 nce and laying one hand upon the Belly of ye One, and ye other upon that of ye
 Other (they were then both bigg with Child) he spoke to them in these words. Be
of Good Heart, Children, you shal both be delivered of sons, and they wil be both say'd.
 - Immediatly after he was put upon ye Sledge & cary'd to ye Place of execution,
 where he suffer'd with great constancy - These two Ladyes were soon after both
 brought to Bed of sons, Both Baptis'd, both dy'd in theyr Infancy; and thus Mr Pos-
 kats Prediction verify'd - This was told me by Mrs Fairfax, one of ye Partys, the
 5th of Octob: Ann: 1705 at her own house, her Niece the widdow Brighton being pre-
 sent. At ye same time she was pleas'd to give me A piece of Cloth dipp'd in Mr
 Poskat's Blood by Thos Garlick (present at ye execution) a servant of Mr Tonstal
 of Myelif.

J: Kn:

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