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**23. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**  
Battle 8 July 1746

I deferd writing to you til now on acct. of the notice recd from Mr Bush of Yesterdays Proof at Woolwich where I proposed being and had got on my boots on Sunday to goe as far as 7 oaks that night but it raining very hard that afternoon prevented me setting out for Woolwich & brot me to a resolution of attending this market which gives me an Opportunity of acquainting you that I have seen Mr. Edmonds here who Informs me he has deliverd abt. 35 t of Shott at Woolwich & shall load abt. 22 t more this weeke which makes up more ye Quantity of 24 Prs. made last blast at Waldron, this dispatch I hope wil give Satisfaction to you & our Superiors

I wish I could give the same dispatch to those sent to Lewes but this I dispair off being Informed since the loss of the *Saltash* that Coast is very much visited by Privateers which must retard the delivery of all things from thence til a Convoy can be had, or a Man of Warr stationd in these pts.<sup>1</sup>

we shall labour under the same difficulty's at Rye where we now have abt. 300 t of Government Guns & more coming daily from our Works in this part of the Country which wil oblige us to apply for Convoy as soon as we can get vessels to carry them away Mr Smersall is going there today in order to fix these things and give me an acct. thereof at his returne of which you shall be advised by Yor most humble St ...

[P.S.] I hear you are now got through our last Blast of Waldron Shott must therefore desire an acct of the Charges attending that affair and what you propose doing with the refused

1. The *Saltash* was an 8-gun sloop; built in 1742 at Rotherhithe, it capsized off Beachy Head on 24 April 1746 (Lyon 1993: 54).

**24. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**  
Wadhurst 20 August 1746

After I had wrote to the Board abt. the 24 Prs of 9 ft. recd a Lre from Mr Bagshaw Informing me that 7 of those that came up in the last vessel from Rye & reported to Mr Hartwell to be 9 ft. proveing to be 9½ ft. am at a loss what to say now upon that Subject,<sup>1</sup> I have directed Mr Smersall to forward with all expedition those left at Rye and to have them marked to prevent any more blunders of that kinde have likewise sent a person on purpose to Branbridges to forward all of that nature to Maidstone by first & have wrote to Mr Edmonds to send them from thence to Woolwich with the utmost dispatch which I hope wil be done accordingly, but there is so little dependence upon these people have thot. propper to decline sending my Lre to you for the Board til some or all of these guns are delivered or til we have an opportunity of seeing each other at next proof by which I may be able to give a more certaine accot. of these things ...

[P.S.] I have had some thots. of begining to Blow soon at Brede to make some of these Guns If we can get them carried & can depend upon the water to blow which wil put a stop to the drawing of the Pond as proposed but of this more in my next or at your next meeting with Yors. etc. ...

1. Robert Hartwell, principal modeller, and proof officer, at the Board of Ordnance.

**25. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**  
Wadhurst 29 October 1746

At my return from London I found such an Increase of Water in the ponds & other places by the last Raine that I am under no apprehensions of wanting water at Waldron Shall therefore give orders for Blowing there as we can get ready, I have not seen or heard anything

lately from Mr Smersall abt. the Quantity of coals laid in there but by the last calculation I made of the wood Bought for that Worke last year I have reason to think we may make 200 t of Shott there this Blast and desire your orders for that Quantity by first that we may prepare for the same in time

after I parted with you in Town Mr Bagshaw Informed me you made a proposition to him for our makeing the Guns in your last Warrts. of 27 May 1746 at 20s. per Tun advance upon the 12 6 Prs & upwards which I directed him to acquaint you I accepted & shall not faile you in the delivery thereof next Sum. tho. in our present Situation I may lose money by it

I shall wait for your orders for Shott with Impatience ...

**26. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**  
Wadhurst 16 December 1746

The Bearer Rd. Tapsel having £500 to pay in Town for Mr Husseys Family & upwards of £200 to the Recevr. General of the Land for Sussex being money pd. to me by the Collrs in the County which being of great use & Service to us at this Season of the Year (when money is so much wanted), have directed him to repay the same in which I must beg your assistance chargeing the same to Mr Bagshaw by the Bearer

I shall not stop the Bearer to add more at present being in haste but refer you to him for your Information of our proceedings in the Country ...

[P.S.] I understand Mr Bagshaw has been drawn hard upon by Mr Smersall etc which occasions you this trouble

**27. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**  
Wadhurst 11 April 1746<sup>1</sup>

I have only time to request the favour of you to enable Mr Bagshaw to pay the following bills by the Excise when due which will very much oblige ...

10 April 1747	One bill on Mr Bagshaw pay. to	£700 0s. 0d.
	the Excise 28 days after date	
14 April 1747	Do. Do. Do.	£300 0s. 0d.
		<u>£1000 0s. 0d.</u>

1. This would seem to be an error; 1747 being intended.

**28. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**  
Wadhurst 3 January 1747[/8]

Arrears of guns on warrants to the following persons 26 December 1747

Nature	Length	H	L	R <sup>1</sup>	Total	Places where made and when finished
Prs.	Ft.					
32	9½	6	1	6	13	6 June 1748 at Brede
24	9½	19	16	16	51	12 March 1747[/8] at Gloucester
18	9	43	34	34	111	16 April 1748 at Gloucester and Brede
12	9	16	15	16	47	18 June 1748 at Gloucester
	8½	6	3	6	15	Made at Brede
9	9	6	6	6	18	23 April 1748 at Brede
	8	15	14	15	44	9 August 1748 at Gloucester
	7½	19	18	19	56	31 March 1748 at Waldron
	7	9	6	6	21	26 August 1748 at Gloucester
6	7½	3	2	3	8	Made at Gloucester
	7	6	6	6	18	Made at Waldron
	6½	3	0	0	3	Made at Gloucester
	6	16	15	16	47	11 January 1748[/9] at Waldron
3	4½	4	3	3	10	30 August 1748 at Gloucester

I am favoured wth yours of the 30th & 31st ulto. for which I returne your thanks, & have sent you, as above some materials for a Fresh scheme to lay before the Board which by your assistance in bringing into Form will I hope convince them of our sincere desire & endeavour to serve them to the utmost of our powers & Induce them to en-

courage us to pervevere therein, by granting us Warrts. to answer our stock provided for another year which I apprehend wil produce abt. 800 t of Guns that may be deliverd at Woolwich by Michas. 1749, without wch. I shall be at a loss to know how to proceed at Gloucester Furnace which I propose keeping in Blast til Michas next or longer, & you may see that our old Warrts. wil be all compleated by the latter end of Augt. next

I hope the above hints & remarks thereon wil be sufficient for your further proceedings so shall add nothing further at present but my Compliments for the season & good wishes for Mrs Remnant ...

N.B. I cannot tell what they have made at Brede or Waldron therefore do not at present send you the particulars of what is made at all places but you may have it in my next If wanted we are now on 24 Prs of 9½ ft. at Lamberhurst where 17 are made & 12 gone

1. H - Harrison, L - Legas, R - Remnant

### **29. Andrews Harrison to Samuel Remnant**

7 January 1747[/8]

I waited on Mr Bush with the Letter, which he approves of & desires to have it as soon as possible. Shall see Mr Legas this Week & will lose no time in forwarding it

I likewise delivered your Warrt. to Mr Backhouse ...<sup>1</sup>

1. William Backhouse, a clerk under the Principal Storekeeper at the Board of Ordnance.

### **30. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**

Wadhurst 12 February 1747[/8]

I have recd. Mr Bushes kinde Lre of the 29th ulto. for which I must beg you'll make my Compliments

By an accot. from Maidstone of the 3d. Instant (If Mr Edmonds do not againe deceive me) all the Guns at his Wharf wd be at Woolwich the begining of this Weeke wch I apprehend wil make up a No

Sufficient for a proof which wil shew the Gentln we have not been Idle in their Service There is 40 18 Prs. made at Brede but how or when we can get any to Woolwich I cannot say the Navigation from Brede Bridge to Rye being at present stopt I have orderd S. Smersall to go to Rye tomorrow to know when Slades Vessel was expected from London & to engage Mr Slade to carry the Guns wanting next Trip & if he could not get them down by water to get them down by land if possible, we have made 35 24 Prs. at Lambst. & they are all gone from the Furnace but 3 the rest I hope will be in the next proof the greatest part being gone to Maidstone

I should have sent you by this post a state of our stock at the makeing up of our last accot. as proposed, but have been prevented by Company til the post waits for my Lre, so must conclude in great hast but much truth ...

[P.S.] I hear Mr Jukes has orderd them to go upon 32 Prs. at Roberts-bridge directly by which I conclude his Warrts. are not recall'd

**31. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**  
Wadhurst 13 February 1747[/8]

[Table 1. see over]

I have as above sent to you the State of my Accot. to be allow'd to the Exrs of Mr Willm. Harrison, which being Examined and agreed to by Mr. Harrison and Mr. Bagshaw, I think they wd. not be improper witnesses to our signing the same, which I would have done in the most propper manner, for our Justification & to prevent any further trouble therein, I presume we shall soon have proof of Guns at Woolwich which I shall Endeavour to be at and will spare a few days to have the matter done in Town when you are at libertie to attend in the meantime my good wishes & best service attends Mrs. Remnant & self ...



1744	Dr.
Mr John Legas to the Sussex partnership	
To the Dead Stock left at the Works Xmas 1744	16294 17 8
To Cash due from the accountants	
to balance his General Account to do.	10630 0 0
	26924 17 9
 Mr Harrison's Exors to Mr Legas Dr.	
To Mr Harrison's proportion of the dead	
Stock Xmas 1744 as above	8147 8 10
To the Ballance of an Accot. Currant	
settled Xmas 1744 in favour of Mr Legas	27552 9 10
	35699 18 8

Table 1

**32. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**  
Wadhurst 24 February 1747[/8]

The badness of the Weather I conceive Sufficient without any other apology to excuse my attendance on the Proof which I proposed being at on several accots. particularly that of fixing a time for our meeting in Town to Settle my accots. as proposed in my last, but as that cannot now be done personally at Woolwich I thot propper to acquaint you that I intend being in town on monday night or soon enough on Tuesday morning to give you the meeting at your comeing to town to fix a time for the purposes aforesd. when & where it wil best suite you to give us your attendance, you'll see or hear of me at the Pennsylvania<sup>1</sup> to give your directions therein ...

1. The Pennsylvania Coffee House, Birch Lane, off Cornhill, London.

Contra	Cr.	£	s	d			
To Mr Legas's proportion of the Dead Stock at Xmas 1744		8147	8	10			
To Ditto's proportion of Cash due from the accountant to ballance Xmas 1744		5315	0	0½	13462	8	10½
To Ballance due to Mr Harrison's Exors. being their proportion of Stock in the sd. partnership Xmas 1744							
					<u>13462</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10½</u>
					<u>26924</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>

Contra	Cr.						
To the Ballance of the above Accot. being Mr Harrison's Exors proportion of Stock in the Sussex Partnership Xmas 1744		13462	8	10½			
Mr Legas's proportion of Cash due from the Office of Ordnance Xmas 1744	19934	6	9				
A moiety of which is		9967	3	4½	23429	12	3
To Ballance due to Mr Legas clear of the partnership at Xmas 1744							
					<u>12270</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
					<u>35699</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>

**33. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**  
Wadhurst 18 March 1747[/8]

I have been advised that 17 more of the 24 Prs of 9½ ft. & 9 of the 9 ft. 18 Prs. are now gone from Tonbridg to Maidstone which I hope will soon be att Woolwich haveing wrote to Mr Edmonds to forward them from thence by first

I have also been Informed they were loading Guns at Rye last Monday 7 night in a vessel belonging to Mr Lamb who had directions to take in 11 of the Brede 18 Prs 1 32 Pr. & the rest 12 Prs. 8½ ft to make up 30 t which he had promised to carry this voyage, we have likewise sent a few of the Waldron Guns to Lewes with orders to send them away as soon as they could conveniently but fear they will not be up in time for the next proof

I thot. proper to communicate these things to you that you may be prepared to give an accot thereof as occasion shall require

**34. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**

Wadhurst 27 April 1748

The Excise not being pd here til after I set out for Woolwich, could not be informed what money Rd. Tapsell had drawn for, therefore could not advise you there of whilst in Town, which occasions you the trouble of this to acquaint you that we have drawn upon Mr Bagshaw for £2300 or something more which I desire you will accommodate him with to enable him to answer the same

I understand there are 20 6 Prs from Waldron on board a Lewes hoye, & abt. the same No loading at Rye aboard Lambs hoye, wch with what are daily goeing from Lamberhurst wil goe a great way towds another Proof, we are now upon 32 Prs at Lamberhurst wch. prove very good shall therefore keep them on upon those Guns there on accot. of their goeing away as they are made to clear up our Warrts for those Natures

I shall want all the money I can get together soon but cannot justly know where it wil be most wanted either Town or Country til I see the parties concerned ...

[P.S.] I should be glad of a Lre as soon as the Waldron Guns are up

**35. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich<sup>1</sup>**

Wadhurst 1 July 1748

After I had parted with you in London I recd. directions for paying the £1000 I mentiond to you in town, to have engaged to pay Mr John Marten & Co. at the Grasshopper in Lambert Street<sup>2</sup> for the use of John Bridger Esqr.<sup>3</sup> on or before Midsomr day which I now understand was to make up a larger sum for a particular purpose, which makes me fear it's not being pd in time may be of bad consequence to the sd Mr Bridger, must therefore desire the favour of you to direct the paymt. of it as soon as you conveniently can after the rect. of the money from the Office, I was in hope the money would not have been wanted til I came next to Town and altered the method of receiveing & paying the Partnership money (if Mr Bagshaw should refuse to do it),

as I cannot be in Town so soon as I intended shall write to Mr

Bagshaw to negotiate this affair as usual to prevent further disappointment. to the Gentn. and save the reputation of Yor most humble St ...

1. This letter is not part of Ms. 6482, but has been interleaved with Ms. 6483.
2. John Martin, the banker, of the Grasshopper, Lombard Street.
3. This may be John Bridger (1703-84), of Coombe, Hamsey, Sussex; Bridger was engaged as a merchant in overseas trade; *see* ESRO, Schiffner Archives.

**36. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**  
Wadhurst 6 August 1748

I have sufferd greatly with the Rhumetizen since last Proof, & am stil confinde with it, & am fearfull I shall not be able to be at Woolwich on Tuesday next which gives me concern as it deprives me of the pleasure of knowing when I may expect Mr Bush & you at Wadhurst, which occasions you this to desire you'll so far let me into your scheme (where fix'd) as to know when I send a person to conduct you to Wadhurst from Brightling, I am inform'd the Roads are now very good but conclude a person that knows the way may be of some satisfaction to you as wel as Yor humble St ...

[P.S.] A line by first will be very acceptable & if Messrs Harrison are not at the Proof should be glad of an abstract of it ...

**37. John Legas to Samuel Remnant [?Tonbridge]**  
Wadhurst 11 August 1748

Gentlemen, with pleasure I recd yours but with ye utmost concern to thinke I am obliged to informe you that the Honourable Mr Pelham has Engaged me to meet him at Lewes tomorrow on special affairs,<sup>1</sup> I thinke my self obliged to attend him according to his appointment, but shall return as soon as possible, & hope your affairs will permitt you to give me the pleasure you intend me some day before you Return, I shall send over for your Answer tomorrow & hope I shall not be disappointed, who am in great haste but much truth, dear sirs, ...

[P.S.] My service waits on Mr and Mrs Bowen.<sup>2</sup>

1. Presumably Henry Pelham (1696-1754), MP for Sussex, and first minister of the kingdom.
2. William Bowen, gunfounder, of Holden, Southborough, had furnaces at Barden and Cowden, in Kent, and a foundry at Marigold Stairs, Upper Ground, Southwark. Samuel Remnant acted as agent for Bowen, and their personal friendship extended to Remnant making Bowen a bequest in his will, and Bowen doing the same for Remnant's son, Stephen; PRO, PROB 11 794 f. 104; 973 f. 469 (Hodgkinson 1993: 96-7).

**38. Robert Bagshaw to Samuel Remnant**  
 Gun Wharf 16 September 1748

I have sent you by the bearer the undermentioned round shot viz.

	No.	
32 pounders	370	
24 pounders	41 @ 9/6	
18 pounders	12	
	No.	
32 pounders	400	
24 pounders	720 @ 10/-	
18 pounders	860	

[in red at the side]

32	370				
	400				
					770
24	41				
	720				
					770
18	12				
	860				
					872

Though I gave yr People strict orders to keep them separate they are mix'd all together. I hope you will find them all good ...

### 39. John Legas to Samuel Remnant

Wadhurst 14 October 1748

1748

16 September	One bill to the Excise 28 dys. after date	£66 0s. 0d.	
	One Do. to Slade 10 dys. Do.	£50 0s. 0d.	
20 September	One Do. to the Excise 28 dys. Do.	£75 0s. 0d.	
			£191 0s. 0d.
7 October	One Do. to W.Mitford Esq., 15 dys. after date <sup>1</sup>	£1200 0s. 0d.	
10 October	One Do. to Do. 12 dys. af- ter date	£1400 0s. 0d.	
			£2600 0s. 0d.
			£2791 0s. 0d.
7 October	One Do. to Do. 15 dys. af- ter date on Hamsell furnace ac- count	£800 0s. 0d.	

[the above in Richard Tapsell's hand]

Above is an accot. of the Bills drawn by me & unpaid at the time of Mr Bagshaws demanding £1000 of you for discharging what Bills were then due on my accot. which amount to no more yn £191 as above by which you may perceive he could have foundation for such an assertion, You have likewise an accot. of what money we have taken up of the Land Tax & how drawd for, I shall want to draw for more but of this more when I see you, which I hope to have it in my power to do the beginning of next week but must desire you'll send me by next post an accot. of what money you have pd. Mr Bagshaw since the 30th Decr. 1747 on your own & my accot. which will greatly oblige ...

[the following on a separate sheet in another hand]

Accot of cash rend of the Office of Ordnance since the 31 Decr 1747

on Account of Mr John Legas, Andrew [sic] Harrison etc. & paid to Mr R. Bagshaw

1747/8

2 March	Paid £1850 3s. 0d.	for 3 Debr. received of the Office 4 February
11 May	Paid £2469 0s. 0d.	for 1 d. received of the Office 12 May
15 June	Paid £2709 0s. 0d.	for 6 d. received of the Office 12 and 26 May
27 July	Paid £1722 10s. 0d.	for 2 d. received of the Office 12 July
13 October	Paid £3268 6s. 6d.	for 2 d. received of the Office 12 October
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	Paid £12,019 0s. 6d.	

11 January	£1500
3 March	£2450
17 June	£332

1. William Mitford, timber merchant, of Petworth; Receiver General of the Land Tax for Sussex.

#### **40. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich** Wadhurst 12 November 1748

Being Informed the remainder of our Brede Guns are all at Woolwich, & by what we have sent away from Lamberhurst & what have been dd by others etc. I conclude there may be sufficient for a proof in the W - - n If our L Guns are forwarded as they ought to be, but this I fear is not the case, therefore must desire the favour of you to send me a particular of what are now in the Warren that I may know where they lye & who to call upon to forward the same in order to Clear our Warrts. not compleated & making good our promise by Lre to the Board which when done I hope will be no disadvantage to us when we apply for fresh orders

I was Informed yesterday by a Gentleman of Credit that a person Employed by Mr Fuller to buy wood for him had been with him to purchase a small wood he had to sell & told him his Man had a great occasion for wood & wd give a good price for it having just made a

large Contract for Guns, I am not very forward in believing these reports but must conclude there must be some foundation for such a speech & should be glad to come at the truth there of which I am persuaded you cannot be stranger to therefore I should be glad to hear from you what there is in it, your compliance herein will greatly oblige ...

**41. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**  
Wadhurst 25 January 1748[/9]

Your saying Mr Bagshaw had not given you a paper sent him with my accounts made up to Michas 1746 I thot proper to give you the trouble of the Enclosed (wch is a Copy thereof) requesting your perusal of the same that If any mistake should appear it may be rectified before it is settled for good, being very desireous of haveing every thing adjusted with Mr Harrisons Family conformable to our articles of partnership.

My accots with Mr Husseys Family wil very soon be settled & then I shall be call'd upon to assigne over to that Family the securities made to me & Mrs Homesby,<sup>1</sup> of which Mr Harrisons Mortgage is a pt. wch. not being compleat without your signing a deed of Trust<sup>2</sup> to be provided for that purpose, must desire you'll be so good as to speake to Mr Warner to get it done that I may be discharged from that Trust, your complyanace herein will greatly oblige ...

[in red]		£	
	1747	7 May	500
		17 June	1000
		23 June	500
		2 September	500
	[1747/8]	20 January	1500
		3 March	2450
	1748	17 June	332
		20 October	1000
			<hr/>
			7782
		you say	7882
		26 October	4000
		3 December	100



1. Philadelphia Homesby, of Goudhurst, Kent; co-executor, with John Legas, of the will of Thomas Hussey, of whom she was also sister-in-law.
2. Vere Warner, of Chelsea, Middlesex, solicitor to William Harrison's executors.

<b>Money rec'd &amp; paid by Mr Bagshaw</b>										
<b>from the 3d. Jan 1744[5] to 31 Mar. 1747</b>										
							£	s.	d.	
To cash Dr.										
Rec'd of Mr Remnant what he rec'd of the Office							18886	1	7	
for Messrs Harrison and Legas							18885	17	0	
odd pence								4	7	
Rec'd of do. on his own Accot.							11901	16	9	
							30787	18	4	
To cash rec'd of Mr Legas and Smersall							555	5	0	
							31343	3	4	
Deduct										
To cash paid Mr Legas							15029	16	10½	
To do. paid Mr Smersall							15312	8	¾	
So rec'd more than paid in the above time							1000	18	¾	
To Merchant Guns etc. do. in the above time										
by Mr Legas's Accot							3311	4	0½	
To do. by S Smersalls Accot							2126	9	5	
Mr Bagshaw from 31 Mar 1747 to 24 Oct 1748 Dr.							6438	11	¾	
To cash rec'd of Mr Remnant on Accot										
of Messrs Harrison and Legas							18518	9	6	
To do. of do. on his own Accot.							7882	0	0	
Is Cr.							26400	9	6	
By cash paid to S.Smersall										
							4429	4	7	
Rec'd of do.										
							100	0	0	
							4329	4	7	
By do. paid to Mr Legas							17615	18	10	
By do. rec'd of do.							779	5	0	
							16836	13	10	
							21165	18	5	
Bills drawn and unpd. 24 Oct 1748							3237	0	0	
							24402	18	5	
Due from Mr Bagshaw for money rec'd more than paid										
besides Goods do.										
							1997	11	1	
29 September 1746										
Mr Legas to the Sussex partnership							JL	6899	9	¾
							SS	9161	19	¾
To the Dead Stock etc. left at the works at Michaelmas 1746							16061	8	11½	
To cash due from the accountant to										
balance his General Account at Michaelmas 1746							21598	7	¾	
							37659	16	¾	



**42. Richard Tapsell to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**

Wadhurst 4 February 1748[/9]

Mr Legas recd your favour of the 28th Ulto. and found Mr Bagshaws Accot. agreeable to your last Letter, we haveing charged the last £100 pd by you, in the Accot. sent and did not mention the time it was paid to, which makes in the whole paid him on your own Accot. from the 31st Mar 1747 to the 25th Dec 1748, £7882 0s. 0d. Exclusive of the £4000 paid the 26 Octr. 1748 Mr Legas is good deal indisposed otherwise would have Wrote himself but desires his compliments. ...

**43. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Woolwich**

London 3 March 1748[/9]

I was in hopes I should have seen you before you set out for Woolwich but was deprived of that pleasure though I endeavod at it, I went afterwards to the Tower where findeing the time for a proof not yet fix'd & uncertain when it wd. has brot me to a resolution to set outfor Sussex tomorrow

Mr Bagshaw told me that at Chainge there is abt. 100 Guns at Woolwich If so, I conclude one of the Maidstone Hoys has been up & brot some of our Guns which I hope will be brot upon the proof, which gives you the trouble of this to request it of you, the trouble of which I hope you will excuse ...

[P.S.] I see Mr Allen at Chainge and told him what pas'd betweene Mr Fuller and us yesterday, which he seemed pleased with

**44. Richard Tapsell to John Whithead<sup>1</sup> at Samuel Remnant's, Woolwich**

Wadhurst 6 May 1749

If I had the Accot. of the ½ Poundrs. I have mislaid it therefore should be obliged to you for the same from Michas. 1746 to this time, the 3 3 Poundrs. were laid down in the Warren last Wednesday

1. Possibly one of Samuel Remnant's clerks. In his will, Remnant made a be-

quest to an Owen Whitehead, also one of his clerks, and perhaps a relation.

**45. Richard Tapsell to Samuel Remnant, Bread Street Hill, London**  
Wadhurst 10 June 1749

Mr Legas returning from London a good deal Indisposed, ordered me to Write to you to desire you will send him an Accot of what money you have paid Mr Bagshaw since the 15th Decr last, upon your own Accot., & what upon Accot. of the money recd from the Office on Accot. of Harrison and Legas, Mr Legas desires his Complimts ...

**46. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Bread Street Hill, London**  
Wadhurst 5 July 1749

I have had an unexpected demand for £300 since Rd Tapsell came from home wch. I must desire you'll please to pay to him upon his delivering you a Rect. for the same ...

**47. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Bread Street Hill, London**  
Wadhurst 16 August 1749

Your favour of the 10th Instant comeing here when I was from home could not acknowledge the rect. of it sooner & as the post is just goeing out have only time to Inform you that I shall be in Town next Weeke when I shall give you a rect. for the 2 debentrs mentiond in yors. & receive the Bal my self At my return likewise I recd. a Lre from Mr Heaton adviseing that Mr. Wally and Mr. Hays<sup>1</sup> were apoynted by Messrs Wadsworth & Hallet to Inspect our Partnership Books<sup>2</sup> & desired a time might be fix'd for their comeing down for that purpose wch. Mr Warner assured me wd not be Insisted on but I finde he is not a true profit in all things, I cannot conclude tho in fear of loseing the post without Intreating you to stop all money in your hands ariseing from Governmt. Guns til ye accots. are made up or til you see Yor most humble St ...

[on a separate sheet, in a different hand]

As Each Executr is accountable for his own action I cannot but think that Mr Legas's rect. to Remnant must be good altho' the money is paid out of the Trust Estate, whereby the action is Mr Legas and Con-sequently he is accountable.

1. Probably Charles Hay, who had been appointed in 1744 by Harrison, Wordsworth, Banister and Hallett to draw up accounts of the co-partnership.
2. Josias Wordsworth and Crowley Hallett, together with John Banister, London merchants, had been partners of William Harrison. Remnant and Legas brought a claim in the Court of Chancery against Wordsworth and Hallett, and Ann Smith, one Banister's executors, for £6000 which had been Harrison's capital share in the partnership, together with a further £6230 14s. 3d. for goods sold: Guildhall Library Ms. 6482A. John Banister (b. 1699) had been manager of the substantial iron manufacturers, Crowley & Co., from 1730-40, effectively running the company during the minority of Ambrose Crowley, the heir to the business (Flinn 1962, 77-80). Banister had purchased guns from the Fullers before the Crowleys had begun casting them at Ashburnham (Crossley & Saville 1991: 85, 95). Crowley Hallett (b. 1713) was cousin to Ambrose Crowley (Flinn 1962, 57), and had been apprenticed to Alexander Master, ironmonger of West Smithfield, in 1729; Drapers Company archives.

**48. John Legas to Samuel Remnant, Bread Street Hill, London**  
Wadhurst 25 October 1749

I rec'd last post a Lre from Mr Bush by order of the Board requiring fresh proposals for supplying the Office wth Iron Ordnance upon more reasonable & moderate termes than before otherwise they wd advertize without giveing further notice to the present contractrs. by which it appears to me they intend a sort of preference to the persons at present Imploy'd & wch I thinke concerns us to write in giveing in our fresh proposals, I shall be ready to joyne you in any method that shall be propper in order thereto & shall be in Town next Saturday to attend you on the sd accot ...

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