

London, Building Book & accts Begun in the year 1747 by Matthew Brettingham.

***Notebook of Matthew Brettingham (1699-1769), Architect, comprising several building accounts (Norfolk House, St James's Square; a house in Euston for the Duke of Grafton; notes of meetings with a variety of wealthy clients or potential clients. Brettingham's father Lancelot had been a stonemason and builder and Matthew Brettingham the Elder, as well as his brother Robert, were apprenticed as bricklayers to their father, becoming freemen of Norwich in 1719. Matthew the Younger accompanies his father on numerous trips mentioned in this notebook Brettingham's architectural career followed on from his performing the role of Clerk of the Works for the construction of Holkham Hall after 1734.***

Matthew Brettingham the Elder (1699-1769) by Heins Senior, John Theodore (1697-1756).  
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***“Matthew Brettingham's transition from builder and craftsman to architect was gradual. Pivotal to this process was his appointment in 1734, at an annual salary of £50, as clerk of works for the building of Holkham Hall on the north Norfolk coast, a large Palladian mansion based on the designs of William Kent with a major input of ideas from the patron, Thomas Coke, earl of Leicester. Brettingham's work at Holkham, which included the design of a number of structures in the park and was to extend over a score of years, earned him the respect and friendship of his employer and provided him with contacts which were to prove critical in the development of his career. His public work at this time, all within the bounds of Norfolk, included: the construction, in 1741, of Lenwade Bridge across the River Wensum; the rebuilding of the nave and crossing of St Margaret's Church in King's Lynn, damaged by the collapse of the spire in 1742; the raising of the new shire hall at Norwich Castle in 1747-9 and, over the same period, repairs to the castle itself; and repairs to Norwich Cathedral. Brettingham received a number of commissions for the design and remodelling of country houses in the 1740s which were initially confined to the county of Norfolk: the halls at Hanworth, Heydon, Honingham, and Langley were altered, while the hall at Gunton was an entirely new structure. The outward extension of Brettingham's country-house practice in the late 1740s coincided, more or less, with his increasing presence in London which, as his surviving account books show, from 1747 and for most of the next two decades, was the centre of his activity. His first major London commission was, appropriately, the building of Norfolk House in St James's Square for Edward Howard, ninth duke of Norfolk. Other work followed in St James's Square, Piccadilly, and Pall Mall. Engravings for the house in Pall Mall, raised in 1761-3 for Edward Augustus, Duke of York, appeared in volume 4 of Vitruvius Britannicus, published in 1767. Brettingham's country-house work in these years included alterations to Goodwood, in Sussex (1750), Marble Hill, Twickenham (1750-51), Euston Hall, Suffolk (1750-56), Moor Park, Hertfordshire (1751-4), Petworth House, Sussex (1751-63), Wortley Hall, Yorkshire (1757-9), Wakefield Lodge,***

*Northamptonshire (1759), Benacre House, Suffolk (1762–4), and Packington Hall, Warwickshire (1766–9)."*

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## **Norfolk House, St James's Square**

Brought over for pulling down, Norfolk and Wm Read's house in St James's Square and carrying away rubbish ending ? 1749.

**To John Elliott for building the baulk next ye Square**

**To Mr Croucher for Tarras to cover the baulks**

To William Clark for Bricklayers work in laying the foundation and building the underground story of Norfolk House, ending April 1<sup>st</sup> 1749

To William Edwards for Carpenter work in the foundation, ground-story and baulks

Disbursement to Hugh and Moye for Labourers in cleaning old Brick and carrying out rubbish and pulling down the old vaults, ending Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1749

Mr Leoni my clerk for his trouble of attendance

To Mr Scott in part of brick delivered to Norfolk House £1000-0-0

To Mr Rondhead In part of Mason's work 1100-0-0

To Mr Edwards in part of Carpenters work £800-0-0

Mr Elliott in part of Bricklayers work £600

Mr FitzGerrald for Slaters work £126-0-0

To Messrs Clark and Marsdon in part **for lime and stone delivered to Norfolk House £300**

To Mr Cook in part of Plumbers work £100

Norfolk House, business brought over

**For 32,000 white brick from Norfolk £48-0-0**

**Paid ship freight for the same £44-0-0**

**To Messrs Parker and others for land carriage £13-11-6**

To my own trouble, jorneys, Drawings and expences and attendance for building and covering in Norfolk House, ending Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1749 £300-0-0

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Mr Ludlow for sand and Brick carriage 24-0-0

Mr Leoni for his trouble to ditto at Norfolk House £21-0-0

Mr Rondhead in further part of Mason's work £200-0-0

Mr Edwards in further part of Carpenters work £200-0-0

To Mr Cook in further part of Plumber's work £200-0-0

To Mr Clark in part of Plaisterers work £100-0-0

To Mr Stephens in part of Smith's work £100-0-0

To Mr Airs in part of Glaziers work £50-0-0

To Mr Scott in further part of brick £100-0-0

More for my trouble, jorneys, Drawings and expences about finishing the inside of Norfolk House £100-0-0 to March 25<sup>th</sup> 1750

Paid to John Elliott's Brother there by his order £50 in further part of Bricklayers work done at Norfolk House.

£7111-5-6

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1750

Paid to Mr Stephens in further part of Smithswork £100-0-0

Paid Mr Edwards in further part of Carpenter's work £300-0-0

Paid Mr Clark in further part of his business £300

Paid Mr Roundhead in further part of Mason's work £300

Paid Mr Cook in further part of Plumber's work £100

Paid to Mr Elliott's Brother by his order of £50 in further part of Bricklayers work

Paid Mr FitzGerald in further part of Slating £20-0-0

More to Mr Clark on account of disbursements to Labourers £100-0-0

Paid to Mr Airs in further part of Glaziers work £30-0-0

Paid to Mr Broadbelt in part for Painter's work 20-0-0

To Mr Leoni in further part for his trouble £10-10-0

Paid Mr Scott in further part of Brick £100-0-0

Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1750 Paid Mr Goodge in full for carriage £130-0-0

More to Mr Clark on account of disbursements to Labourers £160-0-0

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> To Mr Clark on account of Plaisterers work £200-0-0

To Mr Edwards in further part of Joiners work £400-0-0

To Mr Stephens in further part of Smith's work £100-0-0

To Mr Cook (Cock) in further part of Plumbers work £100-0-0

To Mr Roundhead in further part of Mason's work £200-0-0

More for my trouble and journeys and attendance about this business until the present time £100-0-0

£9931-19-6

April 30<sup>th</sup> 1751

Paid cash to Mr Edward £600-0-0

To Mr Clark £600-0-0

To Mr Roundhead £200-0-0

To Mr Edwards alike for Lord Montague's house £119-15-7

To Mr Clark alike for ditto £19-6-2

To Mr Arag alike for ditto £4-14-5

To Mr Cook for Plumberwork in ditto £65-10-3

To Mr Davis for Paviour's work £17-11-3

To Mr FitzGarrald in part of Slating £10-0-0

To Mr Arag alike for the offices in Norfolk House £32-18-0

To Mr Roundhead alike of mason's work for Lord Montague's house £6-12-9

To Mr Mattsel (?) for brick £12-0-0

To Mr Broadbelt by the hand of Mr Clark £20-0-0

To Mr Stephens in further part of Smith's work £100-0-0

To Mr Cock in further part of Plumbers work £100-0-0

More for my own trouble to March 25<sup>th</sup> 1751 £100-0-0

£11940-3-11.

(Further large payments to the above)...

To Mr Griffon in part for Paving the Square £50-0-0...

To the Watchman from Augt 5<sup>th</sup> 1749 to April 27<sup>th</sup> 1751 £66-13-6  
To the Slater for the offices £59-0-3  
To Mr Elliott on acct of the Brick Cages (?) work including a £50 between him & Messrs Ludlow & Edwards £100-0-0  
This Acct settled with his Grace the Duke of Norfolk...by Messrs Metcalfe & Winsborough £18800-0-0

His Grace the Duke of Grafton

Said John Elliot at several times six hundred pounds to pay the Workmen's Bills

To Mr Ivory in part for the Sashes £100

Paid for 50 Tun of large Westmoreland Slate , ship freight and port Charges included to London 200-0-0

Paid for 80 Tun of Killen (kilten) Stone at 20/1600 foot at 18d £120-0-0

Paid more to John Elliot on Acct of the Workmen...

To Mr Walton for hair £6-4-0

**To Mr Mason for Bricks and Lime £159-14-4**

To Mr Ivory in further part of Joyners work £80

To Mr Miles in part of Glaziers work

To Mr Marks in part for Glaziers work

The Smith's Bill

To the Slater in part for his work

More to Mr Ivorye in part of Joyners work done at Euston

More to Mr Elliot ...in part of work done at Euston

(More to all of the above)...

To Mr Johnsons for Stone for the New Building in the Stable Court £27-4-0...

...July 25<sup>th</sup> 1751

For 25 Tun of Slate, ship freight etc £100-0-0

(More to the above trades)...

More to Mr Marks in full of his Bill for Glass & Lead etc...

More to Mr Slingham for the Copper Vanes

For 1847 (ft?) 9 inches superficial Cornish round the house , Stone and Workmanship included at 2s 6d per foot **done by the Holkham Masons**

For 159 feet 5 inches turning of Portland Balastrade in the south and west Front and workmanship included at 20s the foot, ship freight and coming from London

For 187 feet 4 inches of Bathstone Balestrades at 15s per foot, Stone and workmanship included from Norwich £140-08-0...

Paid by myself to the workmen ending August 8<sup>th</sup> 1752 £77

Paid by myself to the workmen Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1752 £244-0-7

More to the Slater for slating

To Mr Ivory in further part of Joyners work

To Mr Bidwell in full for Carpenter work to Janry 1753

To Mr Hughes in full for slating the West front

To Mr Miles in full for Glaziers and Painters work

**To Jonathen Race for riving Lathes £6-12-6**

To Messrs Stedman and Stevens for Sawing £11-15-6

**To John Newell for Lime £22-0-0**

**To Nicholas King for Lime by the hands of Mr Mason £17-08-0**

**For the Console Doorfront on the East side the house (done by the Holkham Masons) carved Consoles of Bathstone from Norwich £15-0-0**

More in full for the Sashes at 1s 10d per foot £50-10-0

10000 Slate sent from London for the West front at 50s per thousand £25-0-0  
To Mr Clark on Acct of Plaisterers work £200-0-0....  
To Ben Adamson for cutting the Arches for the Kitchin wall  
To Mr Clark's Foreman Bedford for his extra: care in ye Gallery  
To Mr Ivorys Foreman Crockly for his extra: care and trouble and attendance this year.

The Duke of Grafton's Acct continued abd brought over £5073-11-7

May 1753

Paid to Mr Singleton....to John King for Bricklayers work...  
To Mr Jackson for Stone  
To Mr Singleton in full for Masons work to the 15<sup>th</sup>...**To Mr Race in full for lath riving to this day £6-6-0**  
**To Mr Clark in part of Plaisterers work£50-0-0**  
**To Mr King in full for Bricklayers work to Sept 1<sup>st</sup> £51-16-0**  
**To Mr Roundhead in part of Marble work**  
**To Mr Mixon of Lynn for Deals by the hands of Wm Williams £200-0-0**  
...To Mr Nast for carriage of stone £16-0-0  
To Benj: Adamson for Bricklayers work about the kitchen offices £20-13-0  
To Wm Roundhead in full for marble work £9-17-8  
More to Mt=r Micson in part for Deals...£100-0-0  
To Mr Bidwell in further part of Carpenter work £20-0-0  
More to Mr Micson in full for Deals etc from Lynn £121-15-0  
To Mr Clark in further part of Plaisterers work £50-0-0  
To Benj: Adamson in full for Bricklayers work to this day 18-12-0

May 8<sup>th</sup> 1759

To Mr Gage in further part of Plumbers work £50-0-0  
To Mr Mason for the use of Mr Clark £44-5-10  
...Mr Walton by the hands of Mr Mason, for hair £36-6-0...  
Mr Austin for brick £86-4-0  
To John Nuell...for lime £26-12-8  
To Mr Bidwell in full for Carpenters work £29-12-0  
To Mr Singleton in full for Masons work to December 29 1753 £92-2-11...  
Sawing  
To Mr Bidwell for Carpenters work to Christmas 1753 £25-16-0  
Total sum of the bills given in to Grace ending Christmas 1753...  
More bricklaying and carpentry, sawing and smithwork.

The underwritten payments for the work done in the east and north Court, new Bridge, ?, new ? and offices and Kitchen, garden and ?

Augt 31 1754.

More to Benj: Adamson in full to Christmas 1754

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1755 To Mr Cole...for pavements delivered at Euston

...John Newells for lime £52-0-6

Other trades paid in full. ...

My own trouble, jorneyes and travelling expences to Christmas last £17-5-4

To Mr King on acct for bricklayers work £20-0-0

120 feet Block Stone in the ? next the new part  
246 feet of new Block Stone about the Iron, Pallisade and Peirs in the East Court  
£28-12-055 feet new stone in the north court  
to Mr Sparkle in full for Smiths work £15-19-0...  
To Mr King in further part for Bricklayers work £20-0-0  
To Jones Shad on acct of Carpenters work £25-0-0  
For four jorneyes in a Post Chaise to the Lodge in Withwood (?) forest about the alterations, new room and repairs there including expense of the Chaises, trouble....

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1755

Paid to Mr Singleton on Acct of Mason's work done at Euston £40-0-0  
To Mr Crockley on acct of his attendance about the Stables and New Bridge...  
Paid lodging for him...  
More to Mr King on acct of bricklayers work 20-0-0  
To Mr King on acct of bricklayers work £30-0-0  
To Jones Shad on acct of Carpenters work  
To Robt Offord and Partener for Sawing £28-2-2  
To George Mast by the hands of Mr Mason, for water carrage of Stone £16-16-0  
To John Hocking, labourer 28 weeks allowance 1-8=0  
To Mr Singleton in full to Christmas last £46-15-0  
To Jonathan Race for lath riving £4-10-0

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1755 641 feet cube of freestone about the Bridge and other works this year at 2s per foot, land and water carridge, post chaises etc £64-2-0...  
To Mr Singleton on acct of Mason's work £40-0-0

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 1756 To John Neal for gilding the Dining Room £24-0-0

**To Mr Dade in London on acct for lime to Euston £48-12-0**

To Mr Shade in full of his last year's bill  
To Mr King in full to Christmas last 22-13-0  
Jonas Shade in full to Christmas last £14-15-4...  
To Jonas Shade in part of Carpenters work 10-10-0  
To Benj: Burrell for Smiths work at ye stables £8-12-0...  
To Seventy-four large Blocks of free-stone, containing 508 feet at 2s per cube feet, carridge included £50-17-0...  
To Mr Chapman on acct of painting £10-0-0  
...To Robt Offord and Robt Whaits for sawing in full £24-12-0  
To Jonas Shade in further part of Carpenter's work £21-0-0  
...April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1757 To Mr Crockly in further part of work...  
To Painters and Linnon (?) for repairing the cielings in the Great Dining room, StairCase and State Appartment £100-0-0  
For my own trouble & several jorneyes to Euston £25-0-0  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 1756 To Mr Singleton on acct of the Mason's work at Euston

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1758. His Grace the Duke of Grafton for a jorney, Plans and Drawings of the house and new office at Euston.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1759 For a Plan and Drawings of the intended alteration at Wittlebury Lodge delivered to his grace in Towne £21-0-0

Augt 5<sup>th</sup> 1759. Sir James Lowther Bnt Debtor to Matt: Brothingham

For Plans and Drawings for a new house and offices in Westmorland and a journey to Lowther in Company with Mr Devall and his son, in Post Chaises to Lowther Hall £100-0-0

Note the expences of the two Post Chaises only to Lowther Hall and back again to Town, was sixty pounds (it being 280 miles to that place), Post Boys and Turnpikes included.

We got to Lowther Hall tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup> and staid there till Sunday Augt 5<sup>th</sup> 1759, at which time we returned to Town by the way of Lancaster and Preston, Wigan, Warrington, Newcastle-under-line, Lichfield, Coventry etc etc

June 12<sup>th</sup> 1763

Sir James Lowther for a large sett of Plans, Ellevations and Designs for his intended New house in Westmoreland, being ten finished drawings in number, delivered to him at his house in Charles Street £40-0-0

Two Books of the Plans and design of the late Earl of Leicester's seat at Holkham £6-6-0...

Similar for the Earl of Aylesford Augt 1762 and for Sir Tho: Sebright at Beechwood.

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1760

His Royal Highness the Duke of York for a journey of Myself and son and clark in a Post Chaise to Oxfordshire to settle with the Revd Mr Mabbott the purchase of his three houses in Pellmall and for making several Plans for a New House there, and attendance upon Lawyers and settling with the Under-Tenants their several claims for the same.

Paid Post Chaises here and expenses upon the road to and from Oxfordshire by order of the Hon'ble Mr Cadogan.

Another journey with Mr Cater to Oxfordshire to execute the assignments of the Leases from Mr Mabbott to his Royal Highness and charges and expences attending the same... Plans £100-0-0....

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1760 Paid to Mr Cater for his trouble and attendance, ingrossing the Lease and journey to Oxfordshire in this affair...

For my own trouble and attendance about his Royal Highness House in Pell-Mell to Christmas 1761. This account settled and paid by Mr Cadogan to December 25<sup>th</sup> 1761, £200-0-0

1759 – The Earl of March for business done at New Market and about his Lordship's New House in Town £21-0-0

for business done at New Market £10-10-0

The Earl of Thomond (Percy Wyndam O'Brien) for business done at his Lordship's house in Town and Shortgrove (Essex) with several journey there in Post Chaise about the New Bridge etc

Since the year 1758 to the year 1762 in which year to the 12 of July 1762 I made ten journeys in Post Chaise to Shotgrove £100

Dec 21 1762 Paid Mr Roberts for Slating the Lodge at Shotgrove £132-0-0

*(Brettingham or Brown? Bridge in the Park at Shortgrove).*

Col, I Rebow (Alresford Hall, Essex) to Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup> 1762

For three journeys in Post Chaise to Bacon Green (near Colchester) and Drawings for his building works there £21...

The Rt Honable the Earl of Aylsford, for Plans and Drawings for his house.

1762 Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Sir Tho: Gooch Bnt for a journey in a Post Chaise to Banacre, with a journey before in April last in Company with Mr Oran about the Kitchen Garden and other works. Plan and Drawing for the new Stables, etc £21-0-0

Note, the Post Chaise hier for both journeys cost me, to Townm about ten guineas

April 15<sup>th</sup> 1763 A journey in a Post Chaise to Banacre about settling the Designs for New fronting the house and building a New Dining Room etc etc

June 9<sup>th</sup> 1763 a journey in a Post Chaise to Banacre

July 14<sup>th</sup> Ditto

(Crossed through): The Rt Honable Earl of Buckingham in sundry accounts delivered to his Lordship in the years 1745; 1746 and 1747 and these remained due to me as appears in a letter to his Lordship £100...

His Lordship since the above-mentioned accounts for several journeys to attend him at Blickling about intended alterations to his House, reparation of the Church and for several Plans and Drawings for the same, delivered to Mr Bristow Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1757 £50-0-0.

(end of crossing out).

May 30<sup>th</sup> 1759

Received of the Countess of Buckingham fifty pounds which I acknowledged by receipt to her Ladyship to be in full of all demands.

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1759

The Earl of Buckingham for plans and drawings and alterations of her house in Dover Street £21-0-0

To Plaisterer Bristo from Italy £6-6-0

Note a Bill of this acct was delivered to his Lordship before he sett out for Moscow & Rusia.

His Lordship is likewise to me for several journeys to Blickling and Drawings for his alteration of the house there, ten guineas £10-10-6

The Rt Honable the Earl of Egremont, for my trouble, jorns, Drawings and expences about his Lordship's business at Petworth to the present November 24<sup>th</sup> 1751 £50-0-0

More to several jorns to Petworth ending November 1<sup>st</sup> 1752 £50-0-0

Received of his Lordship £100

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1753 a journey in Post Chaise and attendance about his Lordship's business at Petworth

May 27<sup>th</sup> a journey to Petworth to attend his Lordship's trouble and expences their Rec'd of his Lordship in full to Christmas 1754 £100



His Lordship for Plans, Drawings and attendance in Building his New house in Town begun April 1756

Rec'd on account from his Lordship for this business £200-0-0

March 1760 Rec'd of his Lordship in further part for my trouble and attendance about his business in Town £200-0-0

November 20<sup>th</sup> 1751

Lord Anson for a journey with my Clark etc and trouble, expences at Moor Park and Plan and Drawings of the House and offices etc their £21-0-0

For viewing and examining the State of his Lordship's House in St James's and Plan of the House there £10-10-0

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1752 ended with the seventh journey to Moor Park since the above-mentioned journey with his Lordship, my trouble, Drawings, Post Chaise and expences to the present date £50-0-0

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1753 A journey in a Post Chaise with the workmen, expences and trouble about this business £10-10-0

Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> For a journey with the workmen in a Post Chaise to attend his Lordship and Lady Anson £5-5-0

April 7<sup>th</sup> 1753 to June 5<sup>th</sup> 1754, seven journeys in a Post Chaise to Moor Park and attendances about the business there £40-0-0

July 5<sup>th</sup> a journey and attendance about his Lordship's business at Moor Park £5-5-0.

Note: the poundage of his Lordship's business to the present time comes to £200

This business settled and paid to me by Mr Stephens.

Tho: Anson Esqr for my trouble and attendance about his House in Spring Garden, twenty pounds, which is less than the Percentage of the workmen's Bills for their work, comes to £20-0-0

A Book of the Earl of Leicester's House at Holkham sent to Lord Anson's house £3-3-0

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1764 Paid M Brettingham.

The Rt Honable Earl of Powis for Plans and Drawings for a New House, delivered to his Lordship Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1752 £21-0-0

March 1753 The Rt Honable Lord Ravensworth for Plans, Drawings and attendance upon him in St James's Square. Paid me in full £21. All with great honour and respect.

March 1758

The Gentlemen of Lincoln's Inn for Plans, Drawings and attendance about their business be paid me at the rate of five per cent according to moneys expended by them...

The Gentlemen Subscribers for a New ?-house in Norwich as follows:

A Plan and elevation of a new Playehouse and Assembly Rooms intended to be built in the Castle Ditches and attending the Gentlemen of the committee at the Kingsrooms, ten guineas

To taking a Plan of Chaplefield house and making new Plans for a Playehouse and Assembly Room, ten guineas.

1754. The Earl of Clanricarde for a journey in a Post Chaise to his Country house at Wansford to take a Plan of his New house, for myself and Clark expences etc upon the road going and coming £10-10-0  
For a New Plan and Elevation of the same and attendance upon his Lordship at Mr Greening at Bransford £10-10-0

(crossed out) Mr Villiers and Lady Charote for a Plan for altering their house at Grove and two journeys there £10-10-0  
For Messrs Clark and Rounhead attendance about this business £5-5-0  
(end of crossing out)

May 1758 The Rt Honable Lord Hide for a journey etc to the Grove £2-2-0  
Augt 29<sup>th</sup> 1750 a journey in a Port Chaise to the Grove with a plan and elevation of the intended alteration their £3-3-0

A Memmerandum of money due to me upon Bond etc (Particulars as follows)

1748 Due from my brother Robt Brettingham by bond bearing date Sept 29 1748 for five hundred pounds with interest at 4 ½ %

Due from the Bank of England five hundred pounds Capital Joynt Stock of 3 ½ % annuities 1748, bought of Mr Authong Todd...bearing date 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 1749.

Due from Mr Richard Howlett by Bond £300 with interest at 4 ½%, bearing date March 25<sup>th</sup> 1752

Due from Mr Tho: Ivory by bond £200 with interest at 5 % bearing date Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1752

Due from my son Robt Brettingham by note £500 with interest at 4 %...Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1753

Due from the Bank of England five hundred pounds Capital Joynt Stock of 3% annuities bought of Mr Willm Costford...

Due from my brother John Bunn (?) by bond £100 with interest at 5%...

Due from Mr Charles Ross, Carpenter in London by bond, £300 with interest at 5%....

A Memmerandum of the London Business etc etc since Christmas 1746 to Christmas 1753, being seven years.

Cash of the Earl of Strafford for building his house in Town £400-0-0

Cash of Mr O'Brien for business done in Dover Street £150-0-0

Cash of the Duke of Norfolk for Building his Grace's house in St James's Square £800-0-0

Cash of Lady Litchfield for business done at Richmond £20-0-0

Cash of Lady Seabright for business done at Beechwood £20-0-0

Cash of the Duke of Devonshire for a Drawing £10-10-0  
 Cash of the Executer of the Duke of Mountaigne for drawings etc £20-0-0  
 Cash of the Earl of Egremont for business done at Petworth £200-0-0  
 Cash of Lady Ravensworth for Plans etc £26-5-0  
 Seven years Sallery for the Earl of Leicester business at Holkham £700-0-0  
 For three years attendance at the Duke of Grafton's business at Euston £300-0-0  
 For one year more attendance on his Grace's business ending December 25<sup>th</sup> 1753  
 £100-0-0  
 For attending Lord Anson's business at Moor Park £100-0-0  
 For Drawings and attending Lord Paulett's business at Hinton & Town £50-0-0  
 Cash of Earl Gower for business done at Billhill £100-0-0  
 Cash of the Countess of Suffolk for business at Marble Hill £25-0-0  
 For one year's Sallery from the Earl of Leicester due at Christmas 1754 £100-0-0  
 For one year's attendance of the Duke of Grafton's business ending Christmas 1754  
 £100-0-0  
 For attendance at Lord Anson's business at Moor Park to Christmas 1754  
 Lord Egremont to Christmas 1754  
 Mr O'Brien to ditto £25-0-0  
 Mr Villiers for several jorneyes to the Grove about his building business £20-0-0  
 For one year's attendance of the Duke of Grafton's business at Euston ending  
 Christmas 1754 £100-0-0  
 For one year's attendance of the Duke of Grafton's business ending Christmas 1756  
 £100-0-0

(a bundle within the account book)

An Abstract of Money paid at the Duke of Grafton's

April 24 1750

Bricklayers Bill 15-10-0

Ditto Masons 18-9-2

Carpenters ditto 5-10-0            £39-9-2

May 19<sup>th</sup> Bricklayers Bill 29-14-1

Masons ditto 29-4-7

Carpenters ditto 9-19-6            £68-18-2

Paid freight of Stone £20-0-0

June 16<sup>th</sup>

Bricklayers Bill 30-8-3

Masons ditto 29-3-6

Carpenters ditto 13-0-4            £72-12-1

Paid freight of Stone £20-0-0

June 23 Sayors Bill 13-4-8

June 29<sup>th</sup> Paid Carradge 0-17-1 ½

July 14<sup>th</sup> Bricklayers Bill 34-13-2

Masons 24-18-8

Carpenters 14-10- 7 ½            £74-3 5 ½

Augt 11 Bricklayers Bill 27-13-5  
Masons 19-6-11 ½  
Carpenters 19-6-11 ½                      £59-19-1 ½

Augt 22<sup>nd</sup> paid freight of Slate  
27<sup>th</sup> Painter and Gilders Bill 8-11-0  
29<sup>th</sup> paid carried 0-8-6  
Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Lath Rivers Bill 0-16-0

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Bricklayers Bill 18-11-0  
Masons 18-10-3 ½  
Carpenters 13-11-0                      £50-12-3 ½

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Brewer's Bill of Masons work £55-0-1  
Slater on acct 12-10-0  
Self paid to men's wages £46-9-6....  
Mr Parson's journey to the Quarries 3-5-0  
Sayers Bill 10-12-5

Bricklayers Bill 14-1-10 ½  
Masons 8-12-11  
Carpenters 11-13-5                      £34-8-2 ½  
Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Paid Wafage and loading Stone 3-10-0

November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Bricklayers Bill 11-3-6  
Masons 5-15-10  
Carpenters 11-8-11                      £28-8-3

Paid Painter and Guilder 6-17-6  
John Brewer's Bill 4-18-4  
Mr Sharp's Bill of Bricks £19-10-0

March 19 paid Mr King a Bill of pulling down 2-6-8  
Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> More to Mr Fitz-Garrald on acct 7-10-0  
More self to wages 8-18-9...  
Myself 32 weeks at 21s p weak £33-12-0

An Abstract of the Building works at Euston for his Grace the Duke of Grafton in the year 1750 & 1751/52

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1750 To John Elliott at several times by M Brettingham £747-2-10  
1751 April 5<sup>th</sup>  
to John Elliott by the hands of Mr mason 50-10-0  
22<sup>nd</sup> To John Elliott by M Brettingham 35-0-0  
June 13<sup>th</sup> ditto 80-0-0  
July 23 ditto 50-0-0  
Augt 1<sup>st</sup> ditto 160-0-0  
22<sup>nd</sup> ditto 4-4-0  
Sept 6 ditto £200-0-0  
Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> to John Elliott by the hands of Mr Williams 100-0-0

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> To John Elliott by the hands of the Duke of Grafton 400-0-0  
23<sup>rd</sup> to John Elliott by the hands of Mr Williams 50-0-0

1752 April 24<sup>th</sup> To John Elliott by the hands of Mr Mason 10-10-0  
May 5<sup>th</sup> To John Elliott by the hand of M Brettingham 70-0-0

Upon the whole account I never had any other demand made upon me by John Elliott in his lifetime (all wrote by his own hands) than the underwritten Bills, in which acct there are several sums of money charged which were never paid by the said John Elliott:

1<sup>st</sup> Bill ending November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1750 for £747-2-10 ½  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bill ending Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1751 £1049-10-7 ½  
Bill ending May 9<sup>th</sup> 1752 £74-11-0

June ye 22 1751. Work Done for his Grace the Duke of Grafton by Order of Mt Brittingham per Gerald Fitzgerald.

To unloading a Ship at Lynn in Norfolk of Westmoreland Slates and putting them on Board of smaller Craft or Uston in Suffolk

To my self & Horse at 5s per day, 18 days  
To Wall & Daly 18 days each at 3s per Day each  
To Renolds & Gilbert 6 days each going from London to Uston and back again at 3s per day each

(Bill) Rec'd (Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1751) of Mr Brettingham by hand of John Elliott the sum of Thirteen Pounds thirteen shillings being in part of Slaters work done at the Duke of Grafton's at Euston per Garald FitzGarald

1751 An Abstract of Bills paid at his Grace the Duke of Grafton's at Euston for the year 1751 per John Elliott.

26 March

Bricklayers Bill 7-1-0  
Masons Bill 4-7-3           £11-8-3  
Bricklayers Bill 18-14-0  
Ditto Carpenters 6-1-10  
**Ditto Masons 8-5-5 ½   £88-1-3 ½**

**Paid the Masons' measured Bills for work done in the winter 7-13-3**

May Bricklayers 86-4-6  
Carpenters 8-7-2  
Masons 8-19-9 ½           £43-11-5 ½

28<sup>th</sup> Glaziers & Painters Bill 3-2-6  
31<sup>st</sup> Lath Rivers Bill 5-14-0  
Freight of Stone 12-13-0   £21-9-0

8 June

Bricklayers £34-11-9  
Carpenters 9-2-4

Masons 6-18-1 ½            £50-12-2 ½  
Paid freight of Slate 8-2-0

6<sup>th</sup> July Bricklayers 8-19-0  
Carpenters 12-7-6  
Masons 7-13-1 ½            £48-19-7 ½

26<sup>th</sup> paid the freight of Stone 13-3-0

8<sup>th</sup> August  
Bricklayers 39-4-4  
Carpenters 12-7-6  
Masons 7-13-1 ½            £58-10-7 ½  
Sayers Bill 17-0-0 ½  
12<sup>th</sup> Paid the freight of Slate 6-13-0  
24<sup>th</sup> Mr Crofts for Bricks 2-2-0

31 August  
Bricklayers 52-4-9  
Carpenters 11-19-2  
Masons 6-0-2            £49-14-1 (should be £69-14-1)  
Mr Jackson for Stone £28-5-6

28<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Bricklayers 23-1-4  
Masons 6-15-2  
Carpenters 11-17-1

26<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Bricklayers 15-14-9  
Carpenters 10-15-8  
Masons 8-5-11            £34-16-4  
Paid Sagcoat for Cords 2-18-6  
Ditto Marshall (for) Baskets 0-17-2

**23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Bricklayers 5-0-3  
Carpenters 5-1-8  
Masons (blot)-18-10 .....£15-0-9  
Masons measured Bill 14-9-2 ½  
Sayers Bill 15-7-4  
Painters and Glasiers 6-1-4 ½  
**Lath Rivers** 7-2-6

**Mr Newell for Lime £56-6-8**  
**Mr Nicholas King for ditto £46-12-0 .....£102-18-8.**  
**Paid Mr Watson for Hair £47-0-0**  
Mr Dades for Bricks £75-16-0  
Mr John King for the same £48-10-0  
Mr Austin for the same £93-4-6  
Ditto Mr Lusher the Sm(obsured)...