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Letter from J.W. Spencer to Duke of Devonshire apologising for

not surveying his coalmine

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Sir

Your’s recd and in Order to your

Lyr I went to the Coalmine to have [..] a bearing

though your Lyr upon the Bargain [action] is not so

[expessed] as Thom. Dean and my self thought it should

have been We thought it should have been from the top

so that I’m surprised as well as sorry for the mistake

besides there is another inconvenience attends it

which is this I proposed to hire a man that was

[experienced] to my self but they would not allow of it

nor forgo getting coals so that it is impossible to

carry on the work as long as they make use of the

shaft , so I humbly beg that you would excuse my

performance and make use of another seeing the

mistake in the bargain, as well as the inconvenience

that would be attendant to Sir, Your most

Humble Servant

signature J W Spencer

Thorp Feb. 8th 1777/5