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To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury.

May it please yo^{er} Lordships

In obedience to yo^{er} Lordships verbal Order that I should lay before your Lordships a Proposal or Memorial for coyning Copper Money: I humbly represent that the Copper be imported into a Mint by weight in clean bars nealed & of a due fineness & size for cutting out of them blanks of such a weight as his Majesty shall appoint; that the finenes be such that the bars when heated red hot will spread thin under the hammer without cracking; that the scissel be delivered back to the Importer by weight, & the Importer be paid for the excess of the Copper imported above the scissel returned back after the rate of per pound weight Averdupois; that it be in the power of the Mint - master to refuse such copper as doth not bear the assay or is not well sized nealed & cleand; that when a parcel of copper money, suppose half a Tunn or a Tunn, is coyned, the same be well mixed by shovelling it forwards & backwards in a heap before sufficient witnesses, & then assayed in four or five distant places & the assays entred in books, & the tale of the heap estimated by taking a medium of all the assays; & the money then put into baggs by weight to be delivered to the people, & the weight & price of the baggs entred in books, & the weight of three or four pence allowed in every quarter of an hundred weight for turning the scales & preventing clamours about the weight & tale. And out of every heap assayed, four or five pieces may be put into a Box & kept to be examined at the end of the year before whom yo^{er} Lordships shall appoint, & a Remedy of an half penny in the pound weight allowed for errors. And the Mint-Master may account annually to the King

The Officer requisite in this service are

A Mint-master with a Deputy.

A Smith to fourge the Dyes & Puncheons.

A Graver for graving & polishing them.

A Moneyer or body of Moneyers for cutting out the blanks & coyning them & taking care of the coyning tools.

A Clerk for entring the proceedings in Books.

Another Clerk (who may be called the kings Clerk) for doing the like in behalf of the king & his people, & for making a Controllment Roll of all the Coynage yearly upon Oath.

The Assays may be made by the Moneyer or Smith or any Labourer

If the barrs be not nealed & cleaned by the Importer, the blanks may be nealed & cleaned by the Moneyer.

All which is most humbly submitted to yo^{er} Lordships great wisdom.

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To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury.

May it please yo^{er} Lordships

1 In obedience to yo^{er} Lordships Order that I should lay before yo^{er} Lordships a scheme for coyning copper money, I humbly represent that the Copper be of such a fineness as to endure hammering without cracking when red hot, this assay being easy & certain & the Swedish money & Copper vessels being of about this degree of fineness. And because if Copper be made into barrs by casting, it will not be fine enough to endure this assay, & if it be made into barrs at the battering mills the workmanship will cost too much: I propose rather the following method of coynage.

2 That fine copper of such a goodness as two or three years ago was worth about 95 or 96[£] per Tun in the market, & a year ago was worth about 100 £ per Tun, be bought by a Melter of Copper or by any Factor or Factors at a price not exceeding a certain price to be appointed by your Lordships from time to time, & that the Factor deliver it to the Melter by such an Assay or Rule as they can agree upon, & the Melter melt refine & cast it into cakes & roll the cakes red hot to a due size & blanch them & deliver them to the Master & Worker by weight & Assay, & that the Moneyers cut blancks out of them & coyn the blancks & the Master deliver back the scissel to the Melter by weight, & pay for what remains in his hands after a certain rate by the pound weight.

3 That every parcel of new moneys thus made, be well mixed together on a floor & four or five pounds weight be taken from four or five several places of the heap & examined by weight tale & assay & the tale of the Assays at a medium be taken for the tale of the whole heap & of every parcel thereof by the pound weight, & that for every Tun a piece or two out of every pound weight assayed be put into a pix; & that the whole heap be then distributed into parcels of five or ten pounds in value & put into barrells to be delivered at that price to those who shall come for them; & that all the Receipts, Assays, Deliveries & payments be entred in Books by two Clerks, one for the King & the other for the Master & Worker, & a Controllment Roll be made by the Kings Clerk or other Officer at the end of the year, & the Pix be then tried before such person or persons as shall be appointed to report the trial to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. And because it's impossible to size the money without erring in excess or defect, the error may be limited not to exceed an halfpenny in the pound weight.

5. If the Melter be allowed 4^d by the pound weight for melting refininf & casting the copper & rolling & blanching the barrs, & the Moneyers be allowed 1³/₄^d for cutting out & stamping the blanks & keeping the coyning tools in repair & the Master be allowed 1^d per £w^t for his own trouble & hazzards & for paying the Graver & Smith for the Dyes & Puncheons & a farthing for the per £w^t for defraying <362v> the charges of weighing, assaying, entring in books, barrelling, & putting off the moneys; ; & if a farthing or rather an half

penny more be allowed for repairs of buildings, putting the instruments into rapir before the coynage begins, purchasing what instruments are wanting making a Controlment Rol, passing Accounts & obviating unforeseen accidents: the whole charge of a pound weight of copper money will be about 19^d or $19\frac{1}{4}^d$, supposing that the copper costs not more then eleven pence half penny or eleven pence three farthings. And if, for obviating any difficulties which may happen by the price of the copper, still rising a pound weight be cut into nineteen pence half penny the profit above the change may be accounted for & applied to the publick.

4 Six or seven hundred Tunns of copper money has been found sufficient to stoel the nation of England, & in the last coynage created a clamour; & there is scarce above 150 or 200 Tunns now wanting of that quantity. I would therefore propose a slow coynage not exceeding 30 or 40 Tunns per añ so that the price of copper may not be raised thereby, & the new money may have time to spread & be dispersed without making a clamour

7. Before the method & charges of coynage be fully established in writing, it may be convenient to coyne a Tunn or two by way of experiment to make sure that there be no unforeseen difficulties, & that the method be perfectly right.

6 There may be opportunities of buying fine copper from some of the Mines at $11\frac{1}{2}^d$, $11\frac{1}{4}$ or 11^d per $1w^t$ & it a sufficient quantity can be procured at $10\frac{3}{4}$ a pound weight of copper may be cut into 18^d .

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To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury.

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The Officers requisite in this service are, 1 A Mint-master with a Deputy

2 A Smith for forging the Dyes & Puncheons, at

3 A Graver for graving & polishing them, at

4 A Moneyer or body of Moneyers for cutting out the Blanks ~ ~ ~ ~ & coining them & taking care of the coining Tools, at

5 A Clerk for entring the proceedings in Books, at

6 Another Clerk (who may be called the Kings Clerk) for doing the like in behalf of the king & his people, & for making a Controllment Roll annually upon Oath.

The Assays may be made by the Moneyer or Smith or any Labourer, & the Copper may be made clean & bright either in barrs by the Importer or in Blanks by the Moneyer.

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All which is most humbly submitted to yo^{er} Lordships great wisdom.

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