

Complaint about encroachments on Mint property.

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Sir

By the Indentures of the Mint under the broad Seale the Irish Mint belonge to the Offic{e} of the Mint, It was taken out of our possession in the latter part of the reign of King Charles the second, we do not know by what authority. Vpon the recoinage of the hammered money the grounds on which the Barraks in the Irish Mint are built was redelivered to us & the Barracks were turned into Millrooms. And after the coinage was ended the Millrooms were redelivered to the Office of Ordnance. except two of them which by the verbal consent of some of the Officers of the Ordnance were kept for the coinage of copper money. They are now filled with Tinn. And if his Majesty pleases to give order that the Tinn be removed out of the Mint into Warehouses where we may not be answerable for it, we are ready to deliver those Millrooms to be turned into Barraks. The Letter of K. William for restoring the Barracks to the Office of Ordnance We have not seen, but beleive that the King was not informed of the rights of the Mint & that the Indenture of the Mint under the broad seale is of greater authority then that Letter.

We desire that no soldiers may be lodged in the Mint between the two gates thereof least it render the custody of the gold & silver unsafe & discourage the Merchants & Goldsmiths from bringing their gold & silver into the Mint to be coined contrary to the intent of the coinage Act.

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To
The Warden Master and Worker
and Comptroller of his Majesty's Mint
in the Tower of London

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W^m. Pulteney.

[1] From the Warr Office.
