

Letter concerning the allowances made to the Warden and Master of the Mint, requesting additional funds

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May it please your Lordships

The Salary of the Warden of his Majesties Mint is only 400^l per annum with a house of 40^l per annum & his perquisites are only 3^l 12^s per annum for sea coales: all which, Taxes being deducted, is so small in respect of the Salaries & Perquisites of the other Officers of the Mint as suffices not to support the authority of his Office.

For the Salary of the Master & Worker is 500^l per annum with a house & very great perquisites & the salaries of the other Officers are proportional, besides their late additional Salaries & allowance of Assistants. For their Salaries upon occasion of the present coynage are at least doubled; & those of the Clerks are encreased almost in the same proportion.

And the Warden is now at much greater expenses & pains then formerly in going constantly to the Mint, overseeing & setting forward the coynage & pixing the money for which he has need of a Deputy.

Wherefore I most humbly pray your Lordships to take into your consideration & to give such Orders for the support of the Wardens Office as your Lordships shall think fit

Your Lordships most humble

& most obedient Servant

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For the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury

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My Lords at the end of this Coynage will give him a Consideration extraordinary suitable to his trouble + proportionable to the Increase allowd to the other officers for this extra Coynage. But this to be done out of the Coynage money.
