

Excuses delays in presenting his accounts by his agent's failure to send him relevant documentation.

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Sir

My accounts for the money impressed to me since I was concerned for the mint in Scotland were layed before the Exchequer here some time ago and would have passed this last terme had not my agent at London neglected to send me down a controlment certificate from the Exchequer in England of what I had recieved, thinking that extracts from his own books would have been sufficient I have ordered a friend of mine one M^r Robertson to wait of you and I hope you will be so good as to allow him to converse with you upon our affair's

I know no other difficulty our Baron's of Exchequer cane have about my accounts <201r> unless it is my stating the Treasury and Exchequer fees according to the double of a fitted account of your's, which at my desyer you were pleased to send me some time ago and you know that before the Vnion the collector of the Bullion here payed all the officer's sallary's without any manner of deduction so if you will be so good as to signify to me by a letter that these fee's are allowed to you I believe it may help to clear our Scots Baron's

M^r Robertson will shew you a {d}{c}ouble of my accounts and as to any other particular's I beg leave to refer refer you to him

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient and
Most humble servant

Lauderdale

[1] Edinburgh feb: 27: 1724