## Proposal by a Mr Eyres of Southwark to melt down unserviceable brass guns from the Vigo booty and extract fine copper for the Mint.

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M<sup>r</sup> Eyres a Refiner of Copper in Southward over against {Ludgat} Tower represents that there are many old brass Gunns in hands of the Office of Ordnance unfit for use several of which have been taken from other nations & are of a different form from those used in the Egnlish Fleet; that they will not sell for above 60<sup>li</sup> per Tunn; & that for every tenn Tunns thereof he will deliver into the Mint 7 Tunns of fine copper worth 100<sup>li</sup> per Tunn, Her Majesty being at the charge of weighing & shipping off those Gunns to be carried cross the river.