

On equipment still needed by the Edinburgh Mint, especially crown and half-crown puncheons, which are to be sent overland as this is the quickest way.

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To the Right Honourable the Earl of Godolphin Lord High Treasurer of great Britain

May it please your Lordship

In obedience to your Lordships Order signified to us by M^r Taylour the 28th of this Instant, that we should consider the matter in an abstract of a memorial which your Lordship has received from Scotland relating to the Mint & recoynage of the Moneys there & report to your Lordship our opinion what is fit to be done therein we humbly represent that all the things which were desired in a Schedule & letter formerly sent from the Mint in Scotland were provided & the last of them shipt off five or six weeks ago & that upon a new survey of that Mint made by the Moneyers sent down from hence a new schedule being drawn up of what they further wanted & copies thereof sent hither by Dr Greg. the Master & Worker of this Mint gave order immediately for providing the same with all dispatch that no time might be lost. And we further represent that besides the cutters mentioned in the said Abstract there are two flatting Engines & one sixpenny Press set down in the new Schedule as wanting for the use of the Moneyers: all which tools since they are not yet in that Mint we humbly conceive necessary to be sent from hence, & they are preparing & will cost about 120^{li} sterling. And we represent that the Puncheons for the crowns & half crowns were made, but failed in the hardning & new ones are making; & that in the said Schedule the Assaymaster desires a new Assay-ballance & the Graver desires Puncheons for the small arms & letters & they are providing: and that, if your Lordship pleases, all these things shall be delivered to Sir David Nairn or his Order to be sent by land carriage for expedition as soon as they can be got ready, which we reckon will be before the 10th of the next month, excepting the Puncheons.

All which &c

And we further humbly represent that the Officers of that Mint {m}ay coyn shillings & sixpences as they desire till the Puncheons & Dyes can be got ready for Crowns & half crowns & by her Majestys Warrant are obliged only to make up the proportions therein expressed at any time before the end of this coynage.
