

# Three partial holograph drafts of a letter reporting the tests of Charles Brattell and Catesby Oadham for the post of assay master (two other candidates not having appeared): Brattell is judged the better candidate.

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& by Tertullian De carne Christi sub finem & by Cyprian.

To the most Honourable the Earl of Oxford & Earl Mortimer Lord High Treasurer of great Britain

May it please your Lordship

The Ecu of Rome 5. 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ . The Iudio of Florence 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  08 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  15 The lire of Florence 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  22

The lire of Genoa 105. The Iulo of Rome 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  107. The lire of Rome 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  16.

The lire of Millain 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  91. The Philip of Millain 55  $\frac{1}{2}$  4

According to your Lordships Order M<sup>r</sup> Brattel & M<sup>r</sup> Oadham have made assays of gold & silver before us, & we are humbly of opinion that M<sup>r</sup> Brattel is the better Artist. M<sup>r</sup> Kemp & M<sup>r</sup> Cumberlege waved the triall

According to your Lordships Order of the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant upon the Petition of M<sup>r</sup> Catesby Oadham, that we should cause a trial to be made before us by him & also by the rest of the Petitioners to their qualifications for the Office of Assaymaster of her Majestys Mint (if they desire it;) & that we should then make our Report to

your Lordship which of them we conceive to be the most expert & fittest person for that implyment We have caused such a tryall to be made between M<sup>r</sup> Cha Brattel & M<sup>r</sup> Oadham & humbly conceive M<sup>r</sup> Brattle to be the more expert & fitter person for that Imployment. The other Petitioners upon notice have not desired a tryal.

According to your Lordships Order upon the Petition of M<sup>r</sup> Catesby Oadham for a tryal as to his Qualifications for the place of Assaymaster of the Mint, signified to us by M<sup>r</sup> Harleys Letter of 2<sup>d</sup> instant, that we should cause a trial to be made before us by him & the rest of the Petitioners for the said Office whose Petitions have been referred to us (if they desired it,); & that we should then make our Report to your Lordship which of them we conceived to be the most expert & fittest person for that imployment: We have caused such a trial to be made before us by M<sup>r</sup> Ch: Brattel & M<sup>r</sup> Oadham, humbly conceive M<sup>r</sup> to be the more expert & fitter person for that imployment.

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