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To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majestys Treasury.

May it please your Lordships

Amongst all the Petitioners for the place of Weigher and Teller I have most experience of the abilities of M^r Haynes. The allegations in his Petition are true, and while he acted in the Mint he had there a general reputation for integrity, diligence, sobriety, good humour, & readiness in business, & having been long amongst us he is skilled in all the business of the Mint & in the time of recoyning the hammered money did great service. On these accounts the Officers of the Mint (M^r Neale, M^r Hall mentioned in the Petition & my self) then recommended him earnestly to the Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury as a very fit person to execute the Office of Comptroller under the two late Comptrollers in that time of great business, and when the Comptrollers in that time of great business and when the Comptrollers insisted on M^r Beresford a stranger. M^r Haynes was appointed to take care of the Comptrollers business till M^r Beresford could qualify himself. After the recoynage of the hammered money was ended M^r Haynes was imployed in the Excise Office by M^r Hall above mentioned who is able to give a further character of his abilities & behaviour in both Offices. If my Deputy should be sick or leave me, M^r Haynes is qualified to assist me in the intervall.

If any Competitor believes himself equally qualified in Mint affairs. I desire that his character may by any friend who best knows it be put into the hands of the Officers of the Mint who are ready to examin it & make a report thereof to your Lordships.

All which is most humbly submitted &c

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To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury.

May it please your Lordships

Vpon your Lordships Reference of the 7th of August last concerning the qualifications of the Petitioners for the Weigher & Teller's place I humbly conceive it not remote from our business as Officers of the Mint to

give your Lordships what light we can into the matter by laying before your Lordships faithfully & according to the best of our knowledge or information the qualifications & services of the Petitioners in Mint affairs: in which respect one of them at least deserves in justice a particular character. M^r Haynes has been in the Mint about 14 yeares except two short intermissions & while he acted there had a general reputation amongst us for integrity, sobriety good humour & readiness in business. He has a steady hand, writes very fairly, is a very good Accomptant & skilled in all the business of the Mint, & in the Recoynage instructed the Officers and Clerks of the five country Mints, & did other great service. For these reasons the Officers of the Mint (M^r Neale M^r Hall & my self) then recommended him earnestly to the Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury as a fit person to execute the Office of Comptroller under the two late Comptrollers in that time of great business, & when the Comptrollers insisted on M^r Berisford a stranger, M^r Haynes was appointed to take care of the Comptrollers business till M^r Berisford could qualify himself. Since the Recoynage M^r Haynes has been imployed in the Excise Office about two years by M^r Hall above mentioned who is able to give a further character of his abilities & behaviour in both Offices. Yet M^r Neale in recompence of his services & of his examining & settling the Accompts of the five country Mints continued him his Clerk with a salary of 100^{li} per annum duly paid till his death December 99: which salary being now ceased M^r Haynes has nothing remaining in lieu of a settled business which as he represents was of more profit & which at the instance of some of the principal Officers of the Mint he quitted to serve the Publick in the Recoynage in hopes of being further considered when there should be an opportunity, so that at present he accounts himself a loser by that service {and} his Clerk's place in the Excise Office should be reckoned into the bargain. By reason of his abilities I have ever since wished for him back into the Mint and if he be not now brought <118r> back, as he has been once already when we could not be without him, he may be so engaged in other business that we cannot have him when we may want him. If any of the principal Officers or their Clerks or Deputies should at any time dye or leave the Mint, M^r Haynes is qualified to assist till the place can be supplied anew that the business of the Mint receive no stop, & upon any extraordinary occasion to help in our accompts or other business of the Office of Receipt: For we want men of skill. He is a stranger to me but Exact weighing the credit of the Mint & good dispatch of business is my interest.

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To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majestys Treasury.

May it please your Lordships,

Amongst all the Petitioners for the place of Weigher & Teller, whose Petitions are referred to us I have most experience of the abilities of M^r Haynes. The allegations in his Petition are true & while he acted in the Mint he had there a general reputation for integrity, diligence, sobriety, good humour & readiness in business & have been about 14 years amongst us he is skilled in all the business of the Mint & in the time of recoyning the hammered money did great service. In these accounts the Officers of the Mint (M^r Neale, M^r Hall mentioned in the Petition & my self) then recommended him earnestly to the Lords Commissioners of his Majestys Treasury as a very fit person to execute the Office of Comptroller under the two late Comptrollers in that time of great business, & when the Comptrollers insisted on M^r Beresford a stranger, M^r Haynes was appointed to take care of the Comptroller's business till M^r Beresford could qualify himself. After the recoynage of the hammered money was over M^r Haynes was imployed in the Excise Office by M^r Hall above mentioned who is able to give a further character of his abilities & behaviour in both Officers. Yet M^r Neale till his death Decemb. 99 continued him his Clerk with a salary of 100^{lb} per annum in recompence of his services & examining & {seeking} the Accounts of the five Country Mints. On account of his abilities I have ever since wished for him back into the Mint & if he be not now brought back (as he has been once already at a time when we could not be without him) some person unskilled in our business will instead of him come amongst us to succeed either in the place of the late weigher & Teller or in the place which his successor shall leave If any of the Principal Officers or their Clerks or Deputies should at any time die or leave the Mint M^r Haynes is qualified to assist till the place can be supplied anew that the business of the Mint receive no stop. For we want men of skill.

If any other Competitor thinks himself equally qualified in Mint affairs I desire that his character may by any friend who best knows it be put into the hands of the Officers of the Mint that we may examin it by tryall & make a true report of his skill to your Lordships. But of the qualifications of such Petitioners as are not versed in Mint affairs we do not presume to judge.

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Herodotus represents Nitocris above mentioned to have been a woman of greater

Herodotus tells us that there were two famous Queens of Babylon, Seivanis & Nitocris & that the latter was more skilfull. ⁺ < insertion from lower down f 119v > ⁺ She observing that the kingdom of the Medes having subdued many {enties} & amongst others {Nineve} was become great & potent, intercepted & fortified the passages out of Media into Babylon, & the river which before was streight she made crooked with great windings < text from higher up f 119v resumes > The river which was streght before made crooked with great windings that it might be less apt to overflow, & above Babylon dug a Lake Every way 40 miles broad to keep receive the water of the river in spring & keep it for watering the land. She built also a bridge over it in Babylon turning the stream into the Lake till the Bridge was built. Philostratus says that she made a {illeg} veta Apollo {illeg} bridge under the River two fathomes broad, meaning an arched cave over which the river flowed. He calls her Μηδεια that is a Mede. For Berosus tells us that Nebuchadnezzar built a pensil Garden upon arches because his wife was a Mede & delighted in mountanous prospects, such as abounded in Media but were wanting in Babylon. its probable that he was the sister of Astyages married Nebuchadnezzar upon a {leage} between their fathers against Nineva

& the many works of Seminarus were extant in Asia till the days of Syria

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Next to M^r Haynes I reccon M^r Ford qualified for our business. In integrity & exact weighing I believe them equal & he rates & standards well enough to execute the Office.

But if {illeg} {illeg} then the {illeg} {illeg} which at present is only exact skill in weighing, the scales examining {illeg} & weights, any of the competitors upon oath steady hands & judicious eyes may qualify himselfe by practise in a fortnight.

May it please your Lordships

In obedience to your Lordships order of reference signified to us by M^r Lowndes the 7th instant upon the annexed Petitions for the place of Weigher & Teller of the Mint now vacant we humbly represent that the Petitioners did the services mentioned in their Petitions hereunto annexed, & that for the necessary duty of the place (which is only exact skill in weighing & in examining the scales & weights) any petitioner who hath steady hands & is envious may qualify himself by practise in a short time

But its for the service & advantage of the Mint to have an Officer further skilled in our business. And however other Petitioners may be deserving in other respects the most skilfull in Mint affairs is M^r Haynes. He has served in the Mint about 14 years excepting three or four years intermission & while he acted in the Mint he had there a general reputation

The other Petitioners may be very deserving a fit for better business as I could be very glad to oblige them & their friends but of their qualifications further then I have known any of them by their acting in the Mint I do not presume to judge.

One these accounts he was brought back into the Mint from good business of his own in the beginning of the late Recoynage when we could not be within him & soon after the Officers of

in the recoynage M^r Brattel assisted in the Assay Office & was the first Teller who inspected the old & told the new money & examined the tale thereof by the weight of the baggs, & the other Petitioners did the services represented in their Petitions

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To the Right Honourable the Lords
Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury

May it please your Lordships

In obedience to your Lordships order of reference signified to Vs by M^r Lowndes the 7th Instant upon the severall annexed Petitions for the place of Weigher and Teller of the Mint now vacant, Wee think it Our Duty first to lay before your Lordships the Nature of the employment t'is a Patent Office with a salary of 90^{li} a year and 10^{li} for a Clerk the duty is to weigh in firstly all Gold and silver brought dayly into the Mint to compute the standard value and when tis coyned to pay out to the severall Goldsmiths and Merchants their Iust weight, so that the qualifications for it are not onely great honesty & constant attendance but also skill in rating and standarding, & a readiness, as well as exactness, in handling the weights, upon which Account Wee are humbly of Opinion that such as have not been bred up to some Knowledge of the business of the Mint, can not be so well qualifyed to it, tho' otherwise very deserving persons. M^r. Brattell has liv'd long in the Mint, & assisted his Brother during some part of the recoynage in his Office of Assaymaster for which M^r Neale allowed him a sallary of 100^{li} per Annum. he was alsoe sometimes Employed as first Teller & weigher of the hammered Money with an allowance of 10^s a day. The Petitioners M^r Ford and M^r Haines Wee believe very well qualified, & the allegations in the severall <123v> Petitions true, M^r Haines served in the Mint, durement the time he was Employed there very well & was two years preferr'd from {there} to the Excise Office, where he is at present. M^r Ford has no other employment but in the Mint, where he now serves very carefully and honestly. As to a further Character of M^r Haines M^r Newton the Master and Worker of the Mint who knows him More particularly is better able to give your Lordshipps an Account

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Haynes has been employed in the Excise Office about two years by M^r Hall above mentioned who is able to give a further character of his abilities & behaviour in both Offices. Yet M^r Neale in recompence of his services & of his examining & settling the Accompts fo the five Country Mints continued him his Clerk with a salary of 100^{li} per annum duely paid till his death December 99: which salary being now ceased M^r Haynes has nothing remaining in lieu of a settled business which as he represents was of more profit & which at the instance of some of the principall Officers of the Mint he quitted to serve the public in the Recoynage in hopes of being further <125r> considered when there should be an opportunity; so that at present he accounts himself a loser by that service, even tho his Clerk's place in the Excise Office should be reckoned into the bargain. By reason of his abilities I have ever since wished for him back into the Mint and if he be not now brought back as he has been once already when we could not be without him, he may be so ingaged in other business that we cannot have him when we may want him. If any of the principal Officers or their Clerks or Deputies should at any time dye or leave the Mint, M^r Haynes is qualified to assist till the place can be supplied anew that the business of the Mint receive no stop, & upon any extraordinary occasion to help in our Accompts or other business of the Office of Receipt: for we want men of skill. I came to the Mint a stranger to him & exact weighing, the credit of the Mint & good dispatch of business is my interest.

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