

# Application to appoint a new smith.

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

May it please your Lordship

The Smith of the Mint being my servant by the ancient constitution of the Mint, & being paid by me after the rate of one penny per pound weight of gold coined & one farthing per pound weight of silver coined, & having also a salary of 50 pounds per an appointed by the late & present Indentures of the Mint: the last Smith for the sake of that salary was imposed upon me & behaved himself to me & others of the Mint with great insolence. Whereupon a clause was inserted into the schedule of salaries at the end of the Indenture of the Mint, for the ceasing of that salary upon the next voidance of the place; and the place becoming void before last Christmas, the salary is now ceased in order to a new settlement. I humbly pray therefore that such a new salary may be settled as your Lordship shall think fit & in such a manner that I may have power over the Smith as my servant for carrying on the coinage & dismiss him if he be not of good abearing according to the meaning of the Indenture of the Mint. Which may be done by appointing the Salary to me for a Smith.

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordships great wisdom.

I{s. Newton}

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[1] Mint Office Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1711

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