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Observations concerning the Triall of the Moneys in the Pix.

The time & place for the Tryall of the Gold & Silver moneys in the Pix, is appointed by Order of his Majesty or Council about three weeks a month or five week before, & signified to the Lord Chancellour & Lord High Treasurer, & by the Treasury to the Mint & Exchequer. The place has usually been in or neare the Star-chamber.

The Lord Chancellour presently after this Order sends his Letter to the Wardens & Company of the Mystery of Goldsmiths London to return him the names of an able Iury for that Tryall. And the return being made, his Lordship sends his Warrant by his Serjeant at arms or Serjeants Deputy to summon the Iury by their names to meet at the placed & time appointed for the Tryall.

On the day of the Tryall the Officers of the Mint cause the Pieces to be placed on the Table before nine in the morning. And about tenn the Lord Chancellour & other Lords of the Councill then present take their places at the Table aforesaid, the Officers of the Mint Exchequer Officers & Goldsmiths attending.

The Pixes being opened by the Officers of the Mint, the Lord Chancellour calls to his Serjeant at Arms for his Warrant for summoning the Iury & appoints the same to be delivered to the Remembrancers Deputy who attends there with a copy of the Oath And the Lord Chancellour causeth the said Oath to be administred to the Iury.

The Lord High Treasurer or Chancellour of the Exchequer appoints the standard Troy weights & the Indented Tryall pieces of his Majestys standard gold & silver moneys kept in the Treasury of the Exchequer to be delivered for the use of the Iury, the Warden & Master & the Iury attending with their Trial pieces to be compares with the Trial pieces of the Exchequer if it be thought fit.

The Lord Chancellour (or in his absence the Chancellour of the Exchequer) gives the Iury in charge to make tryall of the gold & silver moneys in the Pix by the said standards of his Majestys Treasury according to the Rules set down in the Indenture of the Mint, & to do it carefully by fire by water by touch or by weight or by all or by some of them, in the most just & exact manner than can be thought of, it being a business of a very publick concern.

The Lord Chancellour then appoints the Iury when & where to attend his Lordship with their Veredict, & so departs with the rest of the Lords, & the Officers of the Mint with the Iury withdraw.

And at the time & place appointed the Iury present their Veredict to his Lordship, the Officers of the Mint being present. And the Remembrancers Deputy attends to read it, & after it is read, to receive it

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Directions about the Triall of the Monies of Gold & Silver in the Pix.

About a Month before the triall of the monies in the Pix his Majesty or his Councill appoints the time and place for that Triall (and Names if he pleases) the Lords of the Council before whome it shall be made and notice thereof is sent to the Lord High Chancellour and Lord High Treasurer of England and from the Treasury to the Officers of the Exchequer and Mint

The Lord Chancellour presently after this order is to be waited on by the officers of the Mint to send his letter to the Wardens and Company of Goldsmiths to return him the names of an able Iury for that Triall and a paper is to be delivered to his Lordship conteineing the form of the Triall

The return of the names being made to his Lordship he sends his Warrant by his serjeant at Arms or serjeants Deputy to summon the Iury by their names to meet at the place and time appointed for the Triall.

The Chancellour of the Exchequer is also to be attended about a Dinner for the Iury. The place has usually been at the Dogg Tavern in the Palace yard

The Lord High Treasurer or Chancellour of the Exchequer sends an order for the standard Troy weights and the Indented triall pieces of his Majesties Crown Gold monies and standard silver Monies Kept in the Treasury of the Exchequer to be delivered upon the day of the Triall for the use of the Iury.

In the mean time the King's Warden's, Master's and Comptrollers Clerks severally extract out of all their Books the weight and tale of all the Monies taken up from time to time since the Tryall of the last Pix and the tale of all the monies in the present Pix and when their Extracts are all compared and agreed 40 or 50 Copies thereof are written fair to be distributed to the Lords and Iury at the tryall

On the day of the Triall the officers of the mint cause the Pixes to be brought before nine in the morning & placed on a Table where the Lords are to sit

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about tenn the King if he pleases and Lord Chancellour & other Lords of the Council take their places at the Table aforesaid, the officers of the Mint Exchequer officers and Goldsmiths attending; and the Pixes are opened by the Officers of the Mint Either before the Lords sit down (if they direct it) or after they are sat.

The Lord Chancellour calls his sarjeant at Arms for his Warrant for summoning the Iury and appoints the same to be deliver'd to the Remembrancers Deputy who attends there with the Copy of their Oath.

The Gold and Silver Money in the Pixes being poured on the Table the Lord Chancellour causeth the said oath to be Administred to the Iury.

The standard Troy weights and the Indented Triall pieces of his Majesties Crown Gold and standard Silver Monies Kept in the Treasury of the Exchequer being delivered for the use of the Iury, the Lord Chancellour gives the Iury in charge to make Tryall of the said Gold and Silver Money by the said standards of his Majesties Treasury according to the rules set down in the Indenture of the Mint and to do it Iustly with all possible care and Exactness it being a business of a very publick concern. In the absence of the Lord Chancellour the Chancellour of the Exchequer Administers the oaths and gives the charge.

The charge being given the Lord Chancellour appoints the Iury when and where to attend his Lordship with their veredict and then departs with the rest of the Lords unless of any of them be appointed to see the assayrs. And the Warden Master and Comptroller lock up the monies and with the Iury withdraw into another Roome where they take their places according to the order of the Mint for trying the monies

The officers of the Mine Examin the Indented Tryall pieces of the Exchequer by the like Tryal pieces of the Mint in the Wardens Custody and the Iury doth the same by the Tryal pieces of the Company of Goldsmiths: they also inform themselves about the triall and for that and inspect the Indenture of the Mint delivered to them by the Master and Worker and so proceed to the Triall.

This tryall is made by weight fire + water after the same manner as is done in the mint at the Pixing of the Monies before deliverance the Iury being the Kings Assaymasters weighers and Tellers sworn in the roome of the Assay Master weigher and Teller of the Mint to try the Monies according to the rates in the Indenture and by Consequence in presence of the Warden <256r> Master and Comptrolle who as Officers of the Mint are to see that this Triall as well as those made in the Mint be duely performed and the Warden or Comptroller or their Deputys are to enter of Record how much the Monies prove too feeble or too strong and make a true Accompt thereof to his Majesty.

The Pixes being opened the Iury tells & weighes all the Money therein Gold & Silver apart and recon how much it makes in the pound weight and when they have sold out of Every species of Gold or Silver monies so much as should make a pound or a pound and a half or two pound weight they weigh it and melt it into an Ingot and weight the Ingot and the graines and if the wast Exceed not 8 or 10 grains in the pound weight they assay it but if the wast be too great they tell out other money and melt that into an Ingot and Assay it, and the Assaymaster reports the Assay in the same manner as is done in the Mint

Then the Iury draw up and sign theire veredict Expressing their weight & tale of all the monies in the Pix and how much they make in the pound weight and that they are agreeable to standard or better or worse according to the report. And in the meantime the Warden and Comptroller write down how much the Monies are too feeble or too strong in weight and Allay in order to enter the same of Record

At the time appointed by the Lord Chancellour the said Officers of the Mint and Iury attend his Lordship, and the Iury presenting their veredict to him the Remembrancers Deputy attends to read it and keeps it when tis read.

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Observations concerning the Tryall of the moneys in the Pix.

After a triall of the Pix is appointed by Order of Council the Lord Chancellour sends his Letter directed to the Master & Wardens of the Company of the Goldsmiths to return the names of an able Iury & after teh return of the name he sends his Warrant by his Sergeant at Arms or his Sergeants Deputy to warn the Iury to meet at the time & place appointed by the Council

At nine in the morning the Pix is set on the Table & before tenn the Lords usually meet & take their places, the Officers of the Mint & the Iury with the Exchequer Officers attending, & at the command of the Lord Chancellour the Pix is opened by the Officers of the Mint & the Gold & silver moneys therin poured upon the Table.

The Lord Chancellour calls to his sergeant at arms for the said Warrant for summoning of the Iury & appoints the same to be delivered to the Remembrancers Deputy who attends with the Copy of the Oath. And then the Lord Chancellor causes the Iury to be called over by their names in the said Warrant & the said oath to be adminstred to them

The standard Troy weights & the indented tryall pieces of her Majesties Crown gold moneys & standard silver moneys kept in the Treasury are by order of the Lord Treasurer delivered out for the use of the Iury, & the trial pieces, if the Lord Chancellour pleases, are compared with those of hte Mint & Goldsmiths for the satisfaction of the Court, or the Iury may compare them after the Court is withdrawn.

The Lord Chancellour recommends to the Iury the making the trialls of the moneys in the Pix by the said Standards of her Majesties Treasury as well in weight as in fineness & in the most just manner that can be, it being a business of very publick concern. And after the Charge he appoints the Iury when & where to attend his Lordship with their Veredict & so departs with the rest of the Lords.

The Iury then proceed to try the moneys in weight & fineness in the presence of the Warden Master & Comptroller of the Mint (as the Assaymaster of the Mint had done before at the pixing thereof) & when the trial is over the Officers of the Mint retire & the Iury agree upon their Veredict.

When the Iury present their Veredict to the Lord Chancellour the Remembrancers Deputy attends to read it & after it is read to receive it, & the Officers of the Mint also attend to make their objections if they have any, the Warden & Comptroller on behalf of the Crown & the Master on his own behalf

If the moneys prove good the Master at his will to be discharged by letters patents under the great seal gratis. If they prove worse & yet within the remedies, the lack to be entred on record by the Warden & Comptroller & the Master to account for the same to her Majesty. If they prove better, & yet within the remedies the same to be entred on record & allowed to the Master in his charge when any lack shall be found by the like assays. And if they shall be without the remedies, the Master to make fine & ransome to her Majesty at her will. The remedies are an allowance of two penny weight in silver moneys & of the sixth part of a carat in gold moneys above or under the standard in weight or in fineness or in both together.

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1 About a month before the triall of the monies in the Pix, his Majesty in Council appoints a day & place for that Triall & notice thereof is sent in writing from the Council to the Lord Keeper & Lords Commissioners of the Treasury & from the Treasury to the Officers of the Exchequer & Mint. The place of late has been in the Vsher of the Exchequer's house.

3 And Vpon the day of the Tryall the Chancellour of the Exchequer provides a dinner for the Iury. The place has usually been at the Dogg Tavern in Palace Yard.

2 Also The Chancellour of the Exchequer sends an Order in writing for the standard Troy weights & the Indented Tryall pieces of his Majestys crown gold monies & standard silver monies kept in the Treasury of the Exchequer to be delivered upon the day of the Triall for the use of the Iury.

If the Ducat of Venice whose value is set down in the Table be that Ducat which goes now at Venice for 6 lires 4 sols de Piccoli the Lire of Venice will be 6^d 52. And the Hungary Ducat which goes for 16 lires will be worth 8^s 8^d 32 & the sequin of Venice which goes for 17 lires will be worth 9^s 2^d 84, & the Pistole of Venice which goes for 28 lires will be worth 15^s 2^d 56.

By all which Gold seems to be lower in Italy then in France

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A two guilder piece of the Duke of Hannover 1697. wo 7^{dwt}. Weight 18^d 18^{gr}. standard 18. 3. 16. Val{ue} 56^d 1454.

Half Guilder of El. Br 1692. Wo. 2^{oz} 3^{dwt}. Weight 5^{dwt} 13^{gr}. standard 4. 12. 5. Value 1^s. 1^d 98

A Guilder of Duke of Zell Wo. 2^{oz} 4^{dwt} Weight 11^{dwt} 1^{gr} Standard 8^{dwt}. 20^{gr}. 10^m.

A quarter Guldin of the Duke of Saxony 1678 Weight 2^{dwt} 10¹/₂ ^{gr} Better 6¹/₂ ^{dwt}. Standard 2^{dwt}. 12^{gr}. 6^m.

A 4 Mark piece of Swedeland 1693

Ducat of Brandenburg 2. 5

Ducat of the Duke of Hannover 2. $5\frac{1}{4}$.

Ducat of Swedeland 2. $5\frac{1}{2}$

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At Rome the Pistole of Italy goes for 3 Ecus or 10 Testons or 30 Iules & the Spanish Pistole for 31 Iules. The Ecu of Rome I cannot yet procure to make an Assay of its value. The Teston is worth $1^s. 6\frac{1}{5}^d$ & thence the Spanish Pistole is there worth but $15^s 8^d$.

At Florence & Leghon the silver Ducat is goes for 7 lires & is worth $5^s 4^d _ 63$ & therefore the Lire is worth $9^d _ 23$ And there Pistole goes for 20 lires or $15^s. 4\frac{2}{3}^d$.

At Genoa the Croisat goes for $7\frac{1}{2}$ lires & is worth $6^s. 6^d \frac{3}{4}$ & therefore the lire of Genoa is worth $10\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{28}^d$.

At Naples the Ducat is 10 Carlins & is worth $3^s 4^d _ 43^d$, & therefore the Carlin of Naples is $4^d _ 043$.

At Genoa the Croisat goes for $7\frac{1}{2}$ lires & is worth $6^s 6^d \frac{3}{4}$ & therefore the Lire of Genoa is $10 \frac{15}{28}^d$ & there the Pistole is valued at $17\frac{1}{2}$ lires that is $15^s. 4\frac{3}{8}^d$.

At Florence & Legorn the silver Ducat goes for 7 lires & is worth $5^s. 4^d _ 63^d$ & therefore the Lire of Florence is $9^d _ 23$ And there & at Legorn the Pistole goes for 20 lires or $15^s 4^d \frac{2}{3}$

At Naples the Ducat of silver is worth $3^s. 4^d _ 43^d$ And there the Pistole as I am informed is valued at $4\frac{1}{2}$ Ducats, that is $15^s. 4^d _ 935^d$

At Rome three Iulios make a & the Teston is worth $1^s 6^d _ 2^d$ & there the Pistole of Italy goes for tne Testons or $15^s 2^d$ & the Spanish Pistole ten testons & a Iulio for $15^s 8^d$.

So that gold seems to be lower in Italy then in France or Germany.

At Ancona in the Gulph of Venice the Hungary Ducat goes for 17 Iules or $8^s 9^d _ 4^d$, the Pistole of Italy for 30 Iules or $15^s. 2^d$ & the Spanish Pistole for 31 Iules or $15^s 8^d$.

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At Millain the Philip goes for 6 lires & the Piece of 8 for 5 lires 17 sols so that the Philip is 3 sols or $1^d _ 37$ better then the Piece of 8 & therefor worth about $4^s. 7^d _ 37$ & at Venice the Sequin is recconed worth two Philippos that is $9^s 2^d _ 74$

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Brief Observations concerning the Tryall of the moneyes in the Pix.

1. An Order of their Majesties & Council appointing a Day for the tryall of the Pix at the usuall place near the Starr Chamber at nine in the morning. And the Chancellour of the Exchequer to be attended about a Dinner for the Iury. It hath been usually provided at the Dog Tavern in the Palace yard.

2 The Lord Chancellour or Lord Keeper doth send his Letter directed to the Warden of the Company of the Goldsmiths to return the names of an able Iury.

3. The Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper after the return of the names doth send his warrant by his Sergeant at arms or his serjeants Deputy to warn the Iury to meet at the time & place appointed.

4 At nine in the morning the Pix is set on the Table & before ten

The Lords do meet & take their places

the officers of the Mint & Iury with the Exchequer Officers attending.

The Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper doth call to his Sergeant at Arms for the said Warrant for summoning of the Iury & appoints the same to be delivered to the Remembrancers Deputy who attends there with the copy of the Oath.

The Pix is opened by the Officers of the Mint & the Gold & Silver moneyes therein poured upon the Table.

And then the Lord Chancellour or Lord Keeper doth cause the Iury to be called over by their names in the said Warrant & the said Oath to be administred to the m

Which being done

The Lord Treasurer or Lords Commissioners of the Treasury do appoint the standard Tory weights & the indented tryall pieces of his Majesties Crown Gold moneys & standard silver moneyes kept in the Treasury to be delivered out for the use of the Iury, & the Lord Chancellour compares the triall pieces with those of the Mint.

Then the Lord Chancellour or Lord Keeper doth recommend unto the Iury the making the tryalls of the moneys in the Pix by the said standards of their Majesties Treasury as well in weight as in fineness & in the most just manner that can bee, it being a business of very publick concern.

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The Lord Chancellour or Lord Keeper doth appoint the Iury when they have agreed on their Veredict, where & at what time to attend their Lordships with the same, & so departs with the rest of the Lords

When the Iury present their Veredict to the Lord Chancellour of Lord Keeper, the Remembrancer's Deputy attends to read it & after it is read to receive it.

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[1]The manner of the Tryall of the Pix

An order of his Majesty & Councill to appoint a day for the tryall of the moneys of gold & silver in the Pix at the usuall place neare the starr chamber.

Three Clerks extract out of hteir books the weights & tale of all the moneys taken us from time to time & the tale of the Pix & 45 or 50 copies thereof are written fair to be distributed to the Lords & Iury at the Triall

The Lord Chancellour to be waited on to send his Letter to the Wardens & Company of the Goldsmith's to returne him the names of an able Iury for that tryall.

The returne of the names being made to his Lordship, e sends his Warrant by his Sarjeant at Armes or Sarjeants Deputy to summon the Iury by their names to meet at the same time & place.

The day of this Tryal being come the Pix boxes are put on the Table before nine in the morning the Lords do meet & take their places, the Officers of the Mint Exchequer Officers & Goldsmiths attending

The Lord Chancellour calls to his Sarjeant at Arms for their Warrant for summoning of the Iury & appoints the same to be delivered to the Remembrancers Deputy who attends there with the copy of the Oath.

The Pix boxes are opened by the Officers of the Mint & the Gold & Silver moneys therein poured upon the Table

The Lord Chancellour causeth the said Oath to be administred to the Iury.

The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury appoint the standard Troy-weights & the Indented Tryall pieces of his Majesties Crown-gold Moneys & standard silver moneys kept in the Treasury to be delivered for the use of the Iury, & the Lord Chancellour examins the Tryall piece by the like Indented Tryal pieces of the Mint.

The Lord Chancellour gives the Iury in charge to make tryall of the gold & silver moneys in the Pix both by weight & fineness in the most just manner that can be by the said standards of their Majesties Treasury according to the Rules set down in the Indenture of the Mint

The Lord Chancellour appoints the Iury when & where to attend his Lordship with their Veredict & so departs with the rest of the Lords.

The Iury being withdrawn inspect the Indenture of the Mint & in presence of the Officers of the Mint examin the gold & silver moneys in the Pix by weight, tale & fineness, & when agreed on their Veredict, present it to the Lord Chancellour being accompanied with the Officers of the Mint & he Remembrancers Deputy attending to read it & after it is read to receive it.

The manner of the trial of the Pix.

The time & place of the trial being appointed & the Iury summoned & the day come, the Pix boxes are put on the Table before nine in the morning

At about ten a clock

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Directions about the triall of the monies of gold & silver in the Pix.

1 About a month before the triall of the monies in the Pix His Majesty or his Council appoints the time & place for that Triall & names the Lords of the Council before whom it shall be made & notice thereof is sent to the Lord High Chancellour & Lord High Treasurer of England & from the Treasury to the Officers of the Exchequer & Mint.

2 The Lord Chancellour presently after this Order is to be waited on by the Officers of the Mint to send his Letter to the Wardens & Company of the Mystery of Goldsmiths London to return him the names of an able Iury for that Triall. And a Paper is to be delivered to his Lordship conteining the form of the tryall

3. The return of the names being made to his Lordship he sends his Warrant by his Serjeant at Arms or Serjeants Deputy to summon the Iury by their names to meet at the place & time appointed for the Tryall.

6 In the mean time the Kings Clerk & the Wardens Masters & Comptrollers Clerks severally extract out of all their books the weight & tale of all the monies taken up from time to time since the triall of the last Pix & the

tale of all the monies in the present Pix and when their extracts are all compared & agreed 40 or 50 copies thereof are written fair to be distributed to the Lords & Iury at the Tryall.

4 The Chancellour of the Exchequer is also to be attended about a dinner for the the Iury: The place has usually been at the Dogg Tavern & sometimes the Horn Ta{vern} in the Palace yard.

5 The Lord High Treasurer or Chancellour of the Exchequer sends an order for the standard Troy weights & the Indented Tryall pieces of his Majestys Crown Gold monies & standard silver monies kept in the Treasury of the Exchequer be delivered upon the day of the Tryall for the use of the Iury.

7 On the day of the Tryall the Officers of the Mint cause the Pixes to be brought to the place of trial & placed on a Table before nine in the Morning

About tenn the King if he pleases & Lord Chancellour & other Lords of the Council appointed by his Majesty take their places at the Table aforesaid, the Officers of the Mint Exchequer Officers & Goldsmiths attending and The Pixes by the Officers of the Mint either before the Lords sit down (if they direct it) or after they <217v> are sat.

The Lord Chancellour calls to his Serjeants at Arms for his Warrant for summoning the Iury & appoints the same to be delivered to the Remembrancers Deputy who attends tehre with the copy of the Oath which is in these words.

The Gold & silver Monies in the Pixes being poured on the Table the Lord Chancellour causeth the said Oath to be administred to the Iury

The Standard Troy weights & the Indented Tryall pieces of his Majestys Crown Gold & standard silver monies kept in the Treasury of the Exchequer being delivered for the use of the the Lord Chancellour or in his absence the Chancellour of the Exchequer gives the Iury in charge to make triall of the said Gold & silver monies by the said standards of his Majestys Treasury according to the rules set down in the Indenture of the Mint, & to do it justly with all possible care & exactness it being a business of a very publick concern

In the absence of the Lord Chancellour the Chancellour of the Exchequer administers the oath & gives the charge: The Lord Chancellour appoints the Iury when & where to attend his Lordship with their Veredict & then departs with the rest of the Lords (unless any of them be appointed {to} see the triall), & the Warden Master & Comptroller & lock up the monies & with the Iury withdraw into another room where they take their places according to the Order at the Mint for trying the monies

The Officers of the Mint examin the Indented Triall pieces of the Exchequer by the like triall Pieces of the Mint in the Wardens custody & the Iury doth the same by the triall pieces of the Company of Goldsmiths, they also in form themselves fully of the manner of the triall & for that end inspect the Indenture of the Mint delivered to them by the Master & Worker & so proceed to the triall.

This riall is made by weight tale fire & water after the same manner as is done in the Mint at the Pixing of the monies before deliverance, the jury being the Kings Assaymasters Weighers & Tellers sworn in the room of the Assaymaster & Weigher & Teller of the Ming to try the monies in presence of the Warden Master & Comptroller who as Officers of the Mint are to see that the triall as well as the others of Bullion & new coyned monies in the Mint be duly made, {according} to the < insertion from f 272r > rules set down in the Indenture of the Mint < text from f 217v resumes > & the Warden < insertion from f 272r > & Comptroller or their Deputies are to enter of Record how much the monies prove too feeble or too strong & make a true accompt thereof to his Majesty The King or Lords of the Council appointed by him may be also present. For tis the covenant between the King & Master & Worker that this triall be made publickly before both parties. < text from f 217v resumes > For this trial is appointed by the said Indenture as a part of the business of the Mint

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The Iury therefore first tell & weigh the monies in the Pix & when any of them have told so much money of Gold or silver as ought to make a pound or a pound & an half or two pound weight they weigh the same &

write down the tale & weight thereof & send it to be molten into an Ingott. And when they have told all the rest of the monies they weigh them also & set down the weight & tale of the whole monies of Gold or silver in the Pix & how much money the whole makes in the pound weight.

Then they weight the Ingott & the grains & set down the weight & if the wast be but about 8 or 10 grains in the pound weight they send it to be assayd: but if the wast be too great so that the monies may be suspected to be refined in the melted they melt another parcell of money into an Ingot & send that to be assayed.

The assay being finished are reported in writing in the same form & manner as is done by the Assaymaster in the Mint. And the expressing the weight & tale of all the monies in the Pix & how much they make in the pound weight & that whether they are agreable to standard or {to so} much better or worse according to that report. And in that mean time the Warden & Comptroller write down how much the monies are too feeble or too strong in weight & allay in order to enter the same of record. Then the Iury draw up & signe their Veredict

At the time appointed by the Lord Chancellour the said Officers of the Mint & Iury attend his Lordship & the Iury present their Veredict to him and the Remembrancers Deputy attends to read it & keeps it when tis read

A Copy of the Oath administred to the Iury

The form of the Veredict of the Iury.

A copy of The Paper to be delivered to the Lord Chancellour