

# Report of the Officers of the Mint to the petition of Daniel Crichlow

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

A Report of the Officers of His Majestys Mint

May it please Your Lordshipps

In obedience to Your Lordshipps Reference of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Instant, Wee have considered the annexed Petition of daniel Crichlow Cittizen & Button-maker of London; And do find, that the Press of Gerrard Bovey was not licensed by Your Lordshipps as is alleged by Crichlow, but only permitted him by some of the Officers of the **Mint**, upon his giving security that the Press should not be used any other ways, but in making of buttons only; and to deliver it back into the **Mint** upon demand.

**That** this was done before the late Act of Parliament which makes it **Treason** to have a Press for Coining; and therefore **Wee have** called it in, conceiving that such a precedent may be dangeous for increasing the Number of such Presses, 'til they become so common, as to be lyable to great **abuse**

**That** Your Lordshipps have authority by the late Act of Parliament aforesaid to **Licence** such Presses: But in what cases such **Licence** may be granted, without danger of abuse; **Wee** humbly submitt to Your Lordships Wisdom to determine

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My Lords think it {dangerous} to give any {lycence}

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[1] Tower Mint Office  
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