

# Holograph draft of royal warrant to Lauderdale, General of the Edinburgh Mint, to settle the payment of salaries and expenses outstanding since Christmas 1714.

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Our Will & pleasure is & We do hereby authorise & command you, out of such moneys as have been or shall be issued unto you out of our Exchequer by the Lord High Treasurer or any three or more of the Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being by way of imprest & upon account for the use & service of our Mint in Scotland, to pay unto the Officers of our said Mint, their salaries commencing from Christmas which was in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & fourteen according to the following yearly allowances, that is to say, reserving to your self the salary of 300<sup>li</sup> per annum, & paying yearly to the Master 200<sup>li</sup>, to the Principal Warden 150<sup>li</sup> until the next voidance of this place, to the Counter-Warden or Comptroller 60<sup>li</sup>, to the Assaymaster 100<sup>li</sup> to the Sinker or Graver 50<sup>li</sup>, to the Kings Clerk & Clerk of the papers & irons 40<sup>li</sup>, & to the Master Smith 30<sup>li</sup>: And our further will & pleasure is that out of the aforesaid moneys you do also pay all charges of coinage & all charges of keeping the Offices of the said Mint & the coining Tools in repair, & the dwelling houses of the Officers within the said Mint wind & water tite, the Bills of the incident charges being first duly examined & approved by the said Master, Warden, & Counter-warden under their hands or by any two of them whereof the Master to be one, and that you make up your Accounts annually of all the moneys by you received & paid as above. And our further Will & pleasure is & We do hereby authorise & command you to cause our moneys of gold & silver to be coined in our said Mint of the same form with our moneys coined in England & with the same inscriptions, & that the letter E be set under our Effigies to distinguish the moneys coined at Edinburgh from those coined at London: And that you & the Master & Warden, & Counter-warden & all the Officers Moneyers & Ministers of our said Mint do conform themselves in all things to to the Rules & Directions set down in the Indenture made between our dear sister Queen Ann & Iohn Montgomerie Es<sup>r</sup> Master of our said Mint, untill a new indenture shall be made, excepting such alterations as have since been made by Act of Parliament or are now made by these presents. And for so doing this shall be to you & all others concerned a sufficient Warrant. Given at our Court at S<sup>t</sup> James's the            day of            1718, in the fift year of our Reign.

To  
Charles Earl of Lauderdale, General  
of our Mint in Scotland.

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