

Robert Lowe (porter) and James Whitacre (clerk and assayer's fireman) to Treasury.

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To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majestys
Treasury, &c.

The Humble petition of Iames Whitacre

and Robert Lowe.

Sheweth

That your petitioner Iames Whitacre being imployd as Clark & Fireman in the assay-office in His Majestys Min in the Tower, he is by that busines obligd to a constant attendance every day, & every hour of the day, to take in Gold & Silver assays: in the working of which Assays, there are requird not only great care & skill, but he is also expos'd to great danger & hazard in his health, & life besides a continual Trust of the Gold & Silver Imported for which all trust & danger he nevertheless, has no Other allowance or Salary Vpon the Establishment nor more than 25^{li} per Annum altho he is obligd to give 400^{li}. security for his fidelity.

And your petitioner Rob^t. Lowe, porter to his Majestys Mint is imployd & intrusted in Carrying Ingotts of Gold & Silver from the assay office to the office of Receipt; & he is also employ'd & assisting at the taking-up, & delivery of the Gold & Silver Monys: besides the Other parts & dutys of his Station; for all which trust & Service he has no more allowance or salary upon the Establishment than 25^{li}. per Annum. Which Allowances of 25^{li} yearly to your Lordships petitioners respectively being not a maintenance for a single person; & much short of the trust & hazard wherein they are concernd by their respective Employments.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly pray your Lordships wou'd please to consider their great trust, hazard, & attendance that they, Each of {them}, may receive such further allowance or additional salary, as to your Lordships great wisdom & goodness shall appear reasonable. And your &c
