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To the Right Honourable Sidney Lord Godolphin Lord High Treasurer of England.

May it please your Lordship

In Obedience to your Lordships Order of Reference of the 16th of Iune last past upon the annex
Proposal of M^r Abel Slaney for himself & Partners for a new Coinage of 700 Tuns of half pence & farthings
We do humbly acquaint your Lordship that We have inquired into all the Coinages of that sort since the year
1672, & do find that in the Reigns of King Charles that 2^d, & King Iames the 2^d & in the beginning of the
Reign of the late King & Queen, the coinage of half pence & farthings was performed by one or more
Commissioners who had money imprested from the Exchequer to buy Copper & Tin, & coin'd at 20^d per
pound Haverdupois & accounted upon oath to the Government for the produce thereof.

That upon calling in the Tin halfpence & farthings by reason of the complain{ts} made against them, there
was a Patent granted to the Proposer & others who contracted to change the Tin farthings & halfpence, & to
enable them to bear that charge they were allowed to coin 700 Tunns at 21 pence per pound weight without
being accountable to the Government. Which reason now ceasing we are humbly of opinion that the former
method by commission is most advantageous to the Government, especially if the
