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London June the 8: 1717

Underwritten have sent you my proposalls for flatting of fine copper to be coined & beg the favour of yo^{er}
intrest in my behalf I have set down the lowest price it can be done for, & believe it tis to be done the way I
Propose I shall have but a few competitors I have not proposed anything concerning the refineing, because I
am not acquainted with the fineness of the copper to be delivered for refineing I you please S:^r to direct as
line to me at Will's Coffee house Cornhill when tis y:^r pleasure I should wait on you, shall esteem a particular
favour done. S^r Yr Most Humble Servant Gabriel

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The proposer offers to recieve copper of fineness fir to flatt; & to flat such copper to a thickness fit to coin
uther farthings or half pence & take back the cecill & melt & flat it again; for four pence for every pound of

copper so done, & to deliver weight for weight allowing only twenty pounds per Ton for wast in melting, & to be paid in copper mony

Gabriele Ayres

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**Proposals humbly Offer'd To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of his
Majesties Treasury**

That the Proposers may be admitted to supply the Mint with Blanks for Coynage made of Fine Brittish Copper Cast and Rolled only at fifteen pence per pound Weight

Or the Workmanship at Three pence half penny per Pound his Mahestie finding Copper. **OR**

That the Proposers may supply the Mint with Fine Brittish Copper Plates Hammer'd at their Mills and Cut in the Tower in Note there was a Vote of the House of Commons that they should be made of Our own English Fine Copper as near the intrinsick Value as possible Presence of Officers appointed at Fifteen pence per pound W^t takeing in Return such Sissellage as is made at Twelve pence per pound Or otherwise to deliver in the plates with the usual Remedy at Nineteen pence per pound and take the same W^t in Return of Coyned Half pence and Farthings with the Sisselage made from the plates. Paying for the Coynage and Risqueing the Charge of Distribution themselves.

As the Proposers in the Petition annexed are so much Interested in the Copper Trade they are ready to prove that Hammering is the only Standard yet found to demonstrate the Purity of the Copper, they are of Opinion that is fittest for Coynage and haveing already expended so much money to find out the Method of makeing Brittish Copper what it now is they humbly hope they shall be prefer'd as an Encouragement to Art having such stock in the Trade already, will not do any thing prejudicial to themselves or the Publick in makeing too many HalfPence or Farthings or Coyning them when there is a Scarcity of Copper thereby Endamaging the Manufacture of Copper and incurring the Hazard of the Plantations not being supplied and causing the Necessity of Importing it from Abroad and thereby obligeing such Numbers of Workmen as are now Employed to stand still for want of it.

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Proposals made to the Right Honorable the Lords of his Majestyes Treasury, for delivering Copper for the Coinage of Halfpences & Farthings by W^m Wood. of Wolverhampton in Staffordshire, a dealer in iron Works, & also in copper & brass.

The said W^m Wood proposes to deliver unto his Majestyes Mint at the Tower Blanks of fine Copper ready for the Stamp at 18^d per £ weight, each pound to make 22 pence.

Or the said Blanks at 18¹/₂^d per £ each pound to contain 26 pence.

Or the said Blanks at 19^d per £ each pound to contain 30 pence.

Or deliver Plates of fine roll'd Copper fit for cutting out of Blanks, at 17¹/₂^d per £.

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To the Right Honorable The Lords of his Majestys Treasury.

Pursuant to the Advertizement in the Gazet of the thirtieth of April last, I do hereby propose to Supplye his Majestys Mint with Fifty Tons certain not exseedng Four Tons of fine Brittish Copper Monthly at One Hundred & Thirty Five Pounds per Ton to be paid for the same on delivery. Y^{er} Lordships London

the 21 May 1717

Most Obedient Servant
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Tho: Chambers.

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To the Right Honorable The Lords of his Majestys Treasury

Pursuant to the Advertizement in the Gazet of the thirtieth of April last, Wee do hereby propose to Supply his Majestys Mint with Fifty Tons certain not exseeding Four Tons monthly of Plates of fine Brittish Copper hammered at Nineteen Pence per Pound being the present price paid by the Copper Smiths & Braisiers and to take back the Shruff or Sissileage at Fourteen Pence Half Penny per Pound to be paid for the same at delivory.

Or to Supply Fifty Tons certain not exceeding Four Tons per Month of Fine Brittish Copper in Fillets hammered and rowled to such Syses as the Master of the Mint shall order at Twenty Pence per Pound and to take back the Sissiledge at Fourteen Pence Half Penny per Pound to be paid for the same at delivory

Or to Supply Fifty Tons ceratin not exseeding Four Sons per Month of fine Brittish Copper in Blancks fit to coyne into Half Pence & Farthings of such Syses as the Mastet of the Mint shall order with aremidy of a Half Penny per Pound to be paid for the same at delivory London the 21.st May 1717

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Most Obedient Servants

John Elsington

Your Lordships
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To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majestys Treasury.

Your Lordships having been Pleas'd to Advertize in the Gazette that You would on the 25.th Instant take in Proposals for the Coyning of Copper money.

John Parker, and Partners, humbly Propose to Furnish His Majesty, with a Sufficent Quantity of the best Brittish Copper in Flatted Barrs that will stand the Essay at both Ends, of the Size that shall be Order'd, and when the Blanks are Stamp'd out of the Barrs, will take the Sissill again, and to be paid only for the Weight of the Blanks, will Deliver when Required the Quantity Demanded, for the Beginning of the Coynage, & after will Deliver into the Tower, Such Quantities to continue the Work, and at such times as the Master-Worker shall think fit to Order it, at Eighteen Pence per Pound.

What Security may be Required shall be Given for Performance of this Proposal.

Which is humbly Submitted to your Lordships.

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M^r Neale's proposal to furnish his Majesties Mint with British Copper

To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury

The Proposall of Henry Neale Marchant in behalf of Himself and Company

Setteth Forth

That it being his Majestys Pleasure to have half pence and farthings Coyned of fine Brittish Copper

Your Proposer Humbly proposes to deliver fine Brittish Copper in Flatted Barrs or Filletts, that will stand the Essay att Both ends the Scissell to be return,^d again to the Proposers who is to be paid only for the Weight of the Blanks and Supply such Quantitys as the Mast.^r of the Mynt shall Require from time to time att Seaventeen pence half penny per pound, and give good Security to perform the said Contract

To the Officers of his Majesties Mint.

The Proposals of Henry Hind founder and Cittizen of London & Partner.

Humbly Sheweth

That the said Henry Hind & Partner is willing to Contract with the Officers of his Majesties Mint to furnish them with such Copper Barrs or Filletts for Coining halfe pence and farthings of a Due Size and fineness as Shall be required and of the Same finenss and goodness as the Patterns att **18** pence per pound. and to take back the Wast or Cissell att the same price

To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury

The Proposals of John Applebee Cittizen of London

Humbly Sheweth.

That in her late Majesties Reign he humbly Proposed to make halfe pence and farthings of the Same Brittish COpper as the Medals herewith humbly Offered to Yo.^{er} Lordships View are made with.

He therefore humbly Proposeth to Serve Yo.^{er} Lordship^s with Copper Plates, of the same Goodness as the Meddalls (which were made of this Copper) att 19.^d per pound and to take back the waste att $4\frac{1}{2}$ per pound Change.

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May it please Your Lordships

Proposals have been made for Coining one hundred TUnns of Farthings and half pence per Annum for two Years.

I humbly propose to Coin the said Quantity on the following terms (Viz^t)

The Farthings and half pence to be made of fine Malleable Copper, with a neat, fair, Impression, to be approved of by such persons, as his Majesty shall appoint.

Each pound of Copper to be cutt into two Shillings; one eight part, when Coined, to be allowed to the publick, which will amount to two thousand eight hundred pound per Annum; And amounts in the whole to twenty eight thousand pounds.

I likewise propose to allow the Officers of His Majesties Mint $2\frac{1}{2}$ ^d for Cutting, Stamping, & blanching each pound of Copper, and in case they refuse the same, I humbly desire the use of the Irish Mint, may be granted me, and I will be obliged to leave the presses and other Utencills in as good order, as they now are; And if any Objections arise, I humbly desire an Opportunity to answer them:

Southwark.
Servant

Your Lordships most humble & most 24th May 1717

Obedient

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May it please your Lordships

It being advertised in the Gazette for such Persons to bring in Proposals as are willing to deliver in fine Malliable Brittish Copper for Coining Half pence and farthings without menioning what Quantity is wanted in what Quality & in what time to be deliver'd on all which Circumstances the price will in a great measure depend.

I begg leave to suppose a Quantity, Quality and time for delivering the same.

I Propose to deliver a hundred Tonn's of fine Brittish malliable Copper per annum for six, eight or Ten years.

The Copper to be milld or flatted to such exactness as to answer the weight design'd for the said half pence & farthings at eighteen pence half penny per pound.

And to allow for the Cissell or wast which shall be return'd Seventeen pence half penny per £

It is hum:^{bly} Supposed the Officers of his Majesties Mint can cutt and Stamp the said half=pence and farthing in Work=manlike manner for two pence half=penny per £: each pound of Copper being cutt into two shillings there will remain three pence £: for the Publick which amounts to 2800:£ per annum out of which deduct for the rebate of one penny in the pound for the Cissell return'd <394v> {there} will remain 2550:£ clear to the Publick per annum.

If the Officer's of his Majesties Mint think two pence half penny per £: to little for what they are to perform I humbly propose to the same at the said price.

If Quantity, Quality time or anything in this proposall is contrary to your Lordships inten^{ions} on your Lordships signifying your pleasure; I am ready to give in proposalls consonant thereto.

I am 24:th May 1717.
hum:^{ble} Servant

May it please your Lordships
Jonathun Holloway

To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury
