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To the Right Honourable the Earl of Oxford & Earl Mortimer Lord High Treasurer of great Britain.

May it please your Lordship

1 In obedience to your Lordships Order of Reference signified to me by M<sup>r</sup> Taylor in his Letter of Iune 16<sup>th</sup> Instant, I have perused the Representation from the Lords of the Privy Council in Ireland touching a late Order of Council here for giving currency in that Kingdom by Proclamation to some forreign coines which were omitted in a former Proclamation, a printed copy of which they have sent, desiring a clause to be added to the said Order for making such allowance for light pieces as was made in the said Proclamation, & that the Order may comprehend also the forreign coins mentioned in that printed Proclamation because the Original thereof under the broad seal was destroyed in the late fire which happened there at the Council chamber, so that the Clerk of the Council cannot now certify that the printed copy agrees verbatim with the original as the late Act of Parliament requires for the conviction of Counterfeiters of those coyns. And upon comparing the said Presentation with the said late Order of Council & printed Proclamation I humbly represent that the weight of the single Pistole & Lewis d'or being in the said Proclamation put 4<sup>dw<sup>t</sup></sup> 8<sup>gr</sup> the weight of the double Pistole & Lewis d'or ought in proportion to be put in a new Proclamation 8<sup>dw<sup>t</sup></sup> 16<sup>gr</sup> & that of a quadruple Pistole 17<sup>dw<sup>t</sup></sup> 8<sup>gr</sup>. And the Moyder (which as the Merchants bring them hither a little worn, weigh one with another 6<sup>dw<sup>t</sup></sup> 21<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> <sup>gr</sup> & before wearing may be a quarter of a grain or half a grain heavier) may be put in weight 6<sup>dw<sup>t</sup></sup> 22<sup>gr</sup> in the same Proclamation For in Irland where an English shilling passes for 13<sup>d</sup> the Moyders of this weight are worth 29<sup>s</sup>. 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> <sup>d</sup>, reckoning gold 22 carats fine at 3<sup>li</sup> 19<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> per ounce which is the standard value; Or 30<sup>s</sup> 00<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> reckoning gold 22 carats fine at 4<sup>li</sup> per ounce, as is commonly done, And at a medium in the nearest round numbers it may be valued at 30<sup>s</sup> without any error worth noting, & it will be current without any abatement for wearing if it weighs above 6<sup>dw<sup>t</sup></sup> 21<sup>gr</sup> notwithstanding that its weight be put 6<sup>dw<sup>t</sup></sup> 22<sup>gr</sup> in the Proclamation.

But if the weight & value of the forreign coins in the said printed Proclamation are to be reconsidered, the following observations may be made upon them.

The Pistole & Lewis d'or as they are commonly current weight one with another  $4^{\text{dwt}} 7^{\text{gr}}$ , being lightned about a grain by wearing & those of this weight are worth  $18^{\text{s}} 6^{\text{d}}$  in Ireland where an English shilling does for  $13^{\text{d}}$ .

The Ducatoon of Flanders before wearing weighs (one piece with another)  $<237^{\text{v}}> 20^{\text{dwt}} 22^{\text{gr}}$ . That it may be worth  $6^{\text{s}}$  in Ireland as it's val{ued} in the printed Proclamation, its weight should be  $21^{\text{dwt}}$ . In the printed Proclamation its weight is put  $20^{\text{dwt}} 16^{\text{gr}}$  without allowing any thing for the eight grains more in weight is allowed for wearing till it want 12 grains more in weight.

The pieces of eight of Mexico & Sevil & the Pillar piece of eight & French Lewis before wearing weigh one with another  $17^{\text{dwt}} 12^{\text{gr}}$ . That they may be worth  $4^{\text{s}} 9^{\text{d}}$  in Ireland as they are valued in the Proclamation they ought to weigh  $17^{\text{dwt}} 8^{\text{gr}}$ . In the printed Proclamation their weight is put  $17^{\text{dwt}}$  without allowing any thing for  $8^{\text{gr}}$  wanting in the weight.

The Cross Dollar before wearing weighs (at a medium)  $18^{\text{dwt}} 1^{\text{gr}}$ . That it may be worth  $4^{\text{s}} 9^{\text{d}}$  as its valued in the Proclamation it ought to weigh  $18^{\text{dwt}}$ . In the Proclamation its weight is put  $17^{\text{dwt}}$  without allowing any thing for the penny weight wanting, which amounts to  $3^{\text{d}}$ .

Rix Dollars are of several sorts & before wearing weigh about  $18^{\text{dwt}}$  & 8 or 10 grains. That they may be worth  $4^{\text{s}} 9^{\text{d}}$  in Ireland they ought to weigh  $17^{\text{dwt}}$  & 18 or 20 grains. In the printed Proclamation their weight it put  $17^{\text{dwt}}$  without allowing any thing for the want of 18 or  $20^{\text{gr}}$  in weight.

The old Peru piece of eight, that it may be worth  $4^{\text{s}} 6^{\text{d}}$  in Ireland should weigh  $17^{\text{dwt}}$  & is put at that weight in the printed Proclamation.

The Crusado of Portugal before wearing weighs  $11^{\text{dwt}} 4^{\text{gr}}$ . That it may be wroth  $3^{\text{s}} 2^{\text{d}}$  it ought to weigh  $11^{\text{dwt}} 10^{\text{gr}}$ . In the printed Proclamation its weight is put  $10^{\text{dwt}}$  without allowing any thing for the want of  $14^{\text{s}}$  in weight.

The allowance of  $2^{\text{d}}$  per grain for the weighing of gold coins & three half pence per half penny weight for the wearing of silver coins is as neare the truth as ca{n} be put in round numbers & is sufficient for single pieces, & I am humbly of opinion that it should be inserted into the

2. The latter part of the printed Proclamation concerning the allowan{ce} for light pieces & the seales & weights for weighing them I am humbly of opinion should be continued in the next Proclamation.

I humbly beg leave to represent further to your Lordship concerning the silver coins made current by the said printed Proclamation that that the silver pieces mentioned in the said Proclamation are put lighter b{e} then in proportion to their just value by eight grains or above. The Ducatoon of Flanders before wearing weighs one piece with another  $20^{\text{dwt}} 22^{\text{gr}}$ . In the Proclamation  $<238^{\text{r}}>$  they are valued at  $6^{\text{s}}$ . To be of that value they should weigh  $21^{\text{dwt}}$ . Their weight in the printed Proclamation is put  $20^{\text{dwt}} 16^{\text{gr}}$  which is eight grains less & no abatement in value is made for the want of these  $8^{\text{gr}}$ . When by wearing they want  $12^{\text{gr}}$  more, in all  $20^{\text{gr}}$  of their just weight allowance is made of three half pence only for the want of the last 12 grains. Their weight in the Proclamation should have been  $200^{\text{dwt}} 22^{\text{gr}}$ . And then they would have been current till they had wanted 12 grains of their weight by wearing. And by allowing three half pence for this defect of weight they would have been still current.

The pieces of 8 of Mexico & sevil & Pillar pieces of eight

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I humbly beg leave further to represent to your Lordship that Cross Dollars Rix Dollars & other Dollars are weightier & coarser then Pieces of eight & ought to weight  $17^{\text{dwt}}$  20 grains that they may be worth  $4^{\text{s}}$   $9^{\text{d}}$  ought to weight  $17^{\text{dwt}}$   $20^{\text{gr}}$  & before wearing weigh one with another above  $18^{\text{dwt}}$ . as they are put in the Proclamation. And the Crusado of Portugal weighing  $10^{\text{dwt}}$ .  $20^{\text{gr}}$  is worth but  $3^{\text{s}}$  in Ireland, whereas it is put in the Proclamation worth  $3^{\text{s}}$   $20^{\text{gr}}$ . And the Ducatoon weighing twenty penny weight sixteen grains is worth only  $5^{\text{s}}$   $11^{\text{d}}$  but in the next round number is valued at  $6^{\text{s}}$  in the Proclamation. If it should be thought fit to allow for the weight {&} coarseness of the Dollars

I humbly beg leave further to represent to your Lordship that Rix Dollars Cross Dollars & other Dollars which with pieces of 8 are valued in the printed Proclamation at 4 {9} are coarser then pieces of eight & should weigh  $17^{\text{dwt}}$   $20^{\text{gr}}$  to be worth  $4^{\text{s}}$   $9^{\text{d}}$  as they are whereas in the printed Proclamation their weight is put only  $17^{\text{dwt}}$ . Rix Dollars before wearing weight about  $18^{\text{dwt}}$  9grains & Cross Dollars  $18^{\text{dwt}}$   $1^{\text{gr}}$ , & so might have been put at  $17^{\text{dwt}}$   $20^{\text{gr}}$  in the Proclamation. The Crusados of Portugal new out of the Mint weigh one with another  $11^{\text{d}}$   $4^{\text{gr}}$ . In the proclamation their weight is put  $10^{\text{dwt}}$   $18^{\text{gr}}$ , At this weight they are worth in Ireland  $3^{\text{s}}$   $0^{\text{d}}$  whereas in the Proclamation they are valued at  $3^{\text{s}}$   $2^{\text{d}}$ , which is  $2^{\text{d}}$  too much.

3. I humbly beg leave further to represent to your Lordship that rix Dollars Cross Dollars & other Dollars are in the printed Proclamation put of equal weight & value with pieces of 8. They should weight  $17^{\text{dwt}}$  & 18 or  $20^{\text{gr}}$  that they may be worth  $4^{\text{s}}$   $9^{\text{d}}$ , but in the proclamation their weight is put only  $17^{\text{dwt}}$ . Rix Dollars before wearing weigh about  $18^{\text{dwt}}$  9gr & Cross Dollars  $18^{\text{dwt}}$   $1^{\text{gr}}$  & so might have been put at  $17^{\text{dwt}}$   $20^{\text{gr}}$  in the said Proclamation there being 12 grains under this weight allowed for wearing before they should begin to lose their currency, & after that upon abating three half pence in the value for the want of these twelve grains they would still be current.

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I have annexed a scheme of the gold coins suitable to the weight & value above represented. All the silver coyns are already set down with their weight & value in the printed Proclamation unless it should be thought fit to alter the weight of the Dollars & value of the Crusados. All which &c

And a grain being allowed for wearing, it will be current till it weights but  $6^{\text{dwt}}$   $21^{\text{gr}}$  as in the late Order of Council. And after that it will continue to be current by allowing  $2^{\text{d}}$  per grain for what it wants of the weight of  $6^{\text{dwt}}$   $22^{\text{gr}}$ .

For the latter part of the printed Proclamation concernin the allowance for light pieces & concerning the seales & weights for weighing them, I am humbly of opinion should be continued in the next Proclamation.

I have annexed a scheme of the gold coins suitable to this Report & humbly represent further that the weights & values of the silver coins in the printed Proclamation would answer better to one another. If two pence were taken from the value of the Crusado of Portugal & twenty grains added to the weight of the Rix Dollars Cross Dollars & other Dollars. For Dollars which in the Proclamation are put of the same weight & value with pieces of eight, are heavier & of coarser allay, & ought to be 18 or 20 grains heavier that they may be of the same value.

All which &c

For in Portugal the Moyder is reckoned worth 10 Crusados & the Crusado before wearing weighs  $11^{\text{dwt}} 4^{\text{gr}}$ .  
&c

The silver coins are all of them already set down in the Printed Proclamation. But the Crusado of Portugal is there over valued. This piece before wearing weighs  $11^{\text{dwt}} 4^{\text{gr}}$  & in Portugal is reckoned the tenth part of a Moyder. In the Proclamation eight grains are taken from the weight & two pence added to the value. It should be valued only at three shilling & the half at one shillings & sixpence.

The Dollars which are coarser & heavier then the pieces of eight & Lewises are put in the Proclamation of the same weight & value with them. To make them of the same value  $20^{\text{gr}}$  should be added to their weight. The Cross Dollar before wearing weighs  $18^{\text{dwt}} 1^{\text{gr}}$  & the old Rix Dollars  $18^{\text{dwt}}$  & 8 or  $10^{\text{gr}}$ . To make them worth  $4^{\text{s}} 9^{\text{d}}$  they should weigh  $17^{\text{dwt}} 20^{\text{gr}}$ , where as in the Proclamation they are said to weigh only  $17^{\text{dwt}}$

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