

# Edinburgh Mint officers summoned by Council order to the pyx trial in London cannot be excused except by the Council itself, which Newton thinks unlikely.

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Sir

Vpon the receipt of your Letter I went to my Lord Chancellour's to speak with him about it, but he was gone into the Country for some days. Then I discoursed the matter with> one of my follow Officers, & it being observed that the duplicate of the Order of the Council which was sent you for attending the trial of the Pix, was expresly directed to the General the Master & the Warden of your Mint, we apprehended that none of those three Officers can be excused from obeying the summons but by the Council it self. M<sup>r</sup> Scott being Deputy both to the late Master & to your self & having coyned {the} money to be tried is best able to answer any questions which may arise about it & might on that account {b}e a proper person to attend the trial in your room if it were done with the consent of all parties concerned. But to get the approbation of her Majesty or Council will be difficult. I am with all respect

Sir

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