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To the Right Honourable the Earl of Godolphin Lord High Treasurer.

May it please your Lordship

According to your Lordships verbal Order to lay before your Lordship from time to time Memorials of what may be requisite for setting on foot the coynage in Scotland with expedition, I humbly represent that upon being informed that there is but one Clerk in the Mint at Edinburgh for rating & standarding, that for want of more Clerks errors are sometimes committed & the silver not rightly standardised, that their assaying & rating & standarding & way of book-keeping differ from ours & must be set right, & that none of their chief Officers have yet acquainted themselves with our practise: I have spoke with D^r Gregory Professor of Astronomy at Oxford (as I acquainted your Lordship) & with one of the Clerks of the Mint in the Tower about going to that Mint to instruct their Officers & Clerk & assist them in their business till next Michaelmas so that the coynage may be there speedily & duly set on foot: and if your Lordship approves thereof I humbly propose that for settling this matter a suitable recompence for that service may be appointed the consideration thereof being first referred to such persons as your Lordship shall think fit.

And whereas Dyes & perhaps Puncheons are to be sent from hence till such time as the work of the Graver of that Mint shall be approved, I further propose that the prizes of those things may be also referred & settled.

All which is most humbly submitted to

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Your Lordships great wisdom.

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After my hearty commendations, Whereas the Lord of her Majesties most honourable Privy Councill have appointed the day of Iuly next a 9 of the clock in the morning to have a Triall of the

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[1] Mint Office
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