

Recommend rejection of Robert Ball's tender to handle tin, his price being far too low to cover transport, insurance and other expenses.

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In obedience to your Lordships order signified to us by M^r Lowndes his letter of Ian 29 upon the annexed proposal of M^r Rob^t Balle merchant, viz^t that if your Lordships shall ship off & deliver 200 Tunns of Tin to his factor at Leghorn, upon his factors receipt thereof he will pay for the same three pounds 16^s per cwt either here or at Leghorn as your Lordships shall think fit: we have considered the same, & humbly represent that Sir Theodore Ianssen paid 4^{li} 10 per cwt to the late Lord Treasurer for tinn runn into barrs barrell'd & shipt off at her Majestys charge & delivered at Genoa & Leghorn,

& yet her Majesty seems to have been a loser by that price. For the charges of running the Tin into barrels barrelling & shipping it off came to 2^s. 11^d. per cwt & {reconments} for Freight to Leghorn 4^s 6^d & 8^s for insurance at 10 per cent The whole will be 15^s. 5^d which added to 3^l 16^s the price at the Tower makes 4. 11 5 besides the losses by imbezzelments by seamen which one voiage with another amounted to about 2^s 6^d per cwt We are humbly of opinion therefore that by the proposal above mentioned, her Majesty would be a great loser.
