'A Proposal for the Improvement of the Copper Coin'.

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That the Coin of the finest British Copper be in Copper and Workmanship the full value of the Copper.

That the Coin be made on each Side Concave with the Device or Figure on each Side in the Center, the Edges rising so high as to prevent the Device or Figure from wearing, thus may our Copper Coin be Transmitted to future Ages undefaced An Advantage wantting in the Coins either of the <u>Athenians</u> or the <u>Romans</u>.

That the Copper Coin be hence forward a series of History, Commencing at the Glorious Revolution in the Year <u>1688</u>.

That a number of Dyes be made with Devices and Motto's, respecting each Action, worthy of Notice from that time to this inclusive.

One hundred Tuns of Copper Coind will supply the present want & Transmitt to latest Posterity 50 ounces too memorable Transactions, if One or Two Tuns of Copper be Stuck on Each

Two Tuns of Copper will sticke 896,000 halfpence and 1,792,000 Farthings, if Coin'd in equal weight, they may togeather be Called 2,688,000 Medalls, a Number sufficient to perpetuate the memory of any Transaction

Twenty or Five, & Twenty Tunns per Annum struck every Year afterwards will keep up a necessary Stock of Copper Coin

Thus will this historicall Coin be continued to Posterity

To the Right honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury by their Lordships most Obedient & most humble Servant

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