

# Letter concerning a dispute over the price of imported copper

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May it please your Lordship

M<sup>r</sup> Kelsal was with me this afternoon to forward the signing of the Warrant for setting on foot the copper coynage, which puts me upon acquainting your Lordship that I am not yet come to an agreement with the Moneyers & that some of those who propose to import copper at  $17^{\text{d}}\frac{1}{2}$  have been tampering with Hind the Brasier & his Partner to unsettle my agreement with him. The moneyers insist stifly upon  $2^{\text{d}}$  per pound weight, & if I cannot get them to abate a farthing, I must intreate your Lordship & the other Commissioners that on their account a farthing be added to the  $3^{\frac{1}{4}}^{\text{d}}$  allowed me. And whilst those that propose to import copper at  $17^{\frac{1}{2}}^{\text{d}}$  per pound weight do not endeavour to satisfy me that they are able to manufacture the copper to my satisfaction & are willing to do it at that price, but rather avoid giving me that satisfaction & are underhand at work to undermine me by tampering with the men that I have recommended to your Lordships: I beg the favour of a few more days to see what I can do with the Moneyers & how the affair stands with M<sup>r</sup> Hind who is at present out of town. I hope another week will be sufficient to settle every thing. And in the meane time the preparations will be making as fast as if the warrant was allready signed. I am

My Lord

Your Lordships most humble

& most obedient Servant

Is. Newton

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