

Holograph memorandum on engraver [Henry] Harris's complete incompetence: 'Mr Harris cannot emboss nor punch, nor draw'. He has employed John Croker to do all this for him, and moreover has failed to remunerate Croker as promised.

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About 2 years & an half ago M^r Harris meeting with M^r Croker a Jeweller & finding that he could emboss desired him to practise engraving & for his encouragement promised him that as soon as he could grave well enough for the service of the Mint he should have a place & an house in the mint & an hundred pounds per ann for his service there & thereupon M^r Croker left his own imployment & practised graving & supported himself at his own charge except that he received of M^r Harris by severall little parcells during the first two years untill the displacing of M^r Roettiers about 80^l. And since the displacing of M^r Roettiers he hath received 26^l without any lodgings or further encouragement. And about whitsonday was a twelvemonth When M^r Harris took M^r Fitches house to work in, he promised M^r Croker that he should have M^r Roettiers Salary. And about 3 months ago when M^r Croker complained to M^r Harris that he had no encouragement to go on & prest M^r Harris for a settlement saying that he could not otherwise work a stroke more M^r Harris replied that he had promised him an hundred pounds a year & that if he would go off he might when he pleased. And on thursday was a senight {M^r} Croker presenting M^r Harris with a paper wherein he represented to him that he had promised him M^r Roettier's Salary & a house for graving for the coyn besides what he did for medalls & desired a settlement to depend upon. To which M^r Harris (without reading the paper) answered in general that he would make a settlement but 3 or 4 days after when M^r Croker spake to him again about it & told him that he was ordered to grave...but had no encouragement he replied that he would do nothing till he was in the other house & then he would make a settlement.

NB. M^r Harris cannot emboss nor punch, nor draw. All the assistance M^r Croker had from him was to be told of what M^r Harris thought was faulty & to be supplied with pieces of M^r Roettiers & others to copy after.
