

Letter concerning Vigo silver in the Mint

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To the Right Honourable the Lord High Treasurer of England.

May it please your Lordship

Vpon advising with other Officers of the Mint about the Spanish silver brought thither by the Commissioners for Prizes, we are humbly of opinion that it is for her Majesties [\[1\]](#) service that all the Virgin Silver, Cakes & broken pieces of silver & so much of the Plate as in the judgment of the Commissioners for Prizes is not valuable for its fashion or as your Lordship shall appoint, be melted into Ingots in the presence of one or more of the Commissioners for Prizes & then weighed & assayed. For otherwise the just value for disposing of it without loss or coyning it in any Country or reducing it to any sort of standard can scarce be ascertained.

All which is most humbly submitted

to your Lordships great wisdom

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[1] Agreed to

[2] Mint Office

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