

# Copy of Newton's response to Leonard Blofield's petition for £2,497.16s.3d. allegedly owed him by Anthony Redhead on behalf of the Norwich Mint

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To the Right Honourable the Lord High Treasurer of England.

May it please Your Lordshipp

In obedience to your Lordships Reference of 23<sup>th</sup>. Nov<sup>r</sup>. last we have enquired into the Case of M<sup>r</sup> Anthony Redhead late Master + Worker of the Mint at Norwich + find it truely stated in the annexed paper on which the said Reference is endorsed, And whereas M<sup>r</sup>. Redhead in Discharge of a Debt of 2497<sup>li</sup>. 16<sup>s</sup>. 03<sup>d</sup> owing to M<sup>r</sup>. Leonard Blofield a Receiver of Land Taxes in Norfolk produces three Receipts for 2500<sup>li</sup>. paid out of that Mint to M<sup>r</sup>. Blofields Order we find that those Receipts are in the form of private Receipts so that they cannot be allow'd by an Auditor in M<sup>r</sup>. Redheads Accompts. If any thing be due upon them it is to be recover'd in a Court of Iustice by M<sup>r</sup>. Redhead or by him or them who shall answer M<sup>r</sup>. Redheads Debt to her Majesty, But upon examining the matter we are humbly of opinion for the reasons especially reported in another annexed paper that the mony paid upon those Receipts hath been accounted for + endorsed upon the printed Mint Ticketts + that the Receipts are thereby voyd + should have been Cancell'd, + M<sup>r</sup>. Redhead himselfe insists not peremptorily on them but submitts them to your Lordships Wisdome.

Wee humbly Conceive therefore that for bringing these matters to an Issue the accompts of the Country Mints should be passed without regard to these Receipts + M<sup>r</sup>. Neale set in super, and we further lay before your Lordship that M<sup>r</sup>. Redhead at the Conclusion of that Mint was indebted to M<sup>r</sup>. Chaplyn a Receiver of Land Taxes for 2573<sup>oz</sup>. 5<sup>dw<sup>t</sup></sup>. of Hammer'd Mony at 5<sup>s</sup>. per ounce the summe of 643: 6: 3 and that in M<sup>r</sup>. Chaplyn's account which is past + declared + a Quietus obteyn'd, M<sup>r</sup>. Redhead is sett in super for this Debt at 5<sup>s</sup>. 8<sup>d</sup> per ounce whereas M<sup>r</sup>. Neale should have been sett in super + that only at 5: per ounce and that M<sup>r</sup>. Blofields accompt is now passing

All which is most humbly submitted &c

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