

Deplores the Edinburgh Mint's non-payment of fees and salaries and asks Newton's advice as to how this can be remedied.

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Sir

The officers and other servants of her Majestie's Mint Are straitned for want of their sallaries and fies especially those who have no other mean of subsistance but the fruits of their Labour; Wherefore I ask Liberty to give you this trouble to know your opinion what is the best way to get this remeded (I am unwilling to give My {Lord}{Lordship} High Thesaurer of Great Britain trouble upon every occasion) But We having the happiness to be of one Society with you (suppose at a distance) and that you know the methods of payments made to the officers of their sallaries of her Majesties mint in the Tower, And I humbly Conceive that the same method will be followed here, for by a Late of the parliament of Great Britain for Incourageing of the Coynage in the mints in Scotland and for prosecuteing offences Concerning the Coyn in England, it appears to me that both her Majesties Mints in South and North Britain are to be on one foot; Wherefore Sir it will be a favour Done to her majesties servants here in the Mint, that you would give yourself the Trouble to Cause your Clark Inquire about this affair, & that he may Transmitt to the Master of the Mint here, what is proper to be Done thereanent.

Sir Your former Civilitys {a}re the Occasion of this trouble From

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Sir

Your most humble Servant

Lauderdale

[1] Haltoun the 10th. August
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