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The Act of 18 Caroli. II, chap v saith that no moneys leviab^{le} & payable by this Act shall be applied or converted to any use or uses whatsoever other then to the defraying the charge or expence of the Mint or Mints & of the Assaying, melting down wast & coinage of Gold & Silver into the said Mint or Mints there to be coyned &c. The first is the charge of supporting a standing mint, the second is the further charge of carrying on the coinage in that Mint. And by the next clause of the Act the first is limited to 3000^{li} per annum to prevent extravagance the other left unlimited because the coinage is not to be stinted but encouraged. The words are: And it is hereby further enacted, That there shall not be issued out of the Exchequer of the said moneys, in any one year for the fees & salaries of the Officers of the Mint or Mints & towards the providing maintaining & repairing of the Houses Offices & Buildings & other necessaries for assaying melting down & coyning above the summ of three thousand pounds sterling money, & the overplus of the said moneys so kept or to be kept as aforesaid shall be employed for & towards the expence wast & charge of assaying melting down & coynage & buying in of gold & silver to coyne, & not otherwise. Here the charge of salaries & buildings with their appurtenances necessary for constituting a Mint (such as are convenient chimneys hearths floors & places for Furnaces & other instruments) are limited to three thousand pounds; & the overplus is for defraying the chargs arising by the coynage such as are the charge of stationary ware for the Clerks, ballances & weights for several offices, Furnaces, cuppels, water silver, Aqua fortis & charcoal for the Assay-Office, refining & allay for bringing the silver & gold to standard, Flasks Furnaces melting & wast in the Melting house, Mills Dyes & coining & in other Offices. And in this sense the Act has been constantly understood as may appear by the old Accounts of the Warden & Master.

For in those Accounts the salaries upon the establishment of the Indenture amounted to 2600^{li} & there remained only 400^l for the providing & repairing of buildings which usually amounted to two or three hundred & sometimes almost 400^{li} per annum Whence I gather that from time of making the Act these were recconed the charges of supporting the Mint & all other charges were recconed into the coinage & incidents.

In the 4th and 5^t year of her Majestys reign an Act passed for enlarging the sum of 3000 to that of 3500^{li} & in the Preamble to the Act are these words: And whereas the said 3000^{li} has been by experience found not to be sufficient, & the residue of the moneys arising by the said Coynage Act is appropriated as in the said Act is mentioned{.} Be it therefore enacted &c. + < insertion from the left margin > + Here the design of the Act is

not to charge the 3000 with other sorts of {accounts} then those which used to be placed upon it, but on the contrary to enlarge it for bearing those sorts of charges which had been placed upon it & for which it had been found by experience not sufficient, & particularly for making room for new salaries to the moneyers. < text from f 339r resumes > Here the words appropriated as in the said Act is mentioned, were certainly intended not to alter the sense of the former Act or to signify any other appropriation then what is mentioned in that Act <339v> nor any thing further then that the residue of the moneys is so far restraine{d} to to the coinage & the incidents that it cannot be applied to the payment of salaries & repairs of buildings & things necessary to the being of a Mint.

When this Act was made &c

In the Accounts for the year 1712 the salaries upon the Indenture payable by the Warden amount unto 1435^{li}, those payable by the Master unto 1080^{li} The Gravers Aprentice 35^{li}. The Smith Assistant to the Gravers 40^{li}. The Monyers 400. The buildings in the Wardens Account in one Article 389^{li} 2^s, in another 11. 13. 6. Total 3290^{li}. 15. 6. Besides 40^{li} to the Wardens 2^s Clerk now ceased. The charge of furnaces amounting to 64^{li} 13^s & those of the Assay Office & {refining} amounting to 129. 19. 8 arise from the coinage & so are not within the 3500^{li}, & the fees at the Exchequer are deducted from the money before it comes into the treasury of the Mint The Article of incidents in the Wardens Account composed of several particular Articles hath never yet been reckoned within the 3000^{li} or 3500^{li}

There is an Article in the Indenture of the Mint which obliges the Master to pay unto the Warden such summ & sums of money as shall be payable by the said Warden unto the Officers of the Mint for their salaries & for repairs & such other expences of the Mint as have been heretofore usually paid by the Warden of the Mint for the time being which Article I conceive is still to be interpreted in the same sense & under the same limits as formerly & obliges the Master to pay to the Warden such charges of repairs as with the usual sallaries do not exceed the summ of 3000^{li} & such further Incidents as use to be paid without reckoning them into that summ. And now the limit of 3000^{li} is augmented to 3500^{li}, & 400^{li} are added to the salaries, the master is to pay to the warden the charges of repairs provided they do not together with the salaries exceed 3500^{li} also usual incident charges without restraining by that limit.

In the Accounts for the year 1712 the salaries upon the Indenture payable by the Warden are 1435^{li}, those payable by the Master re to the Officers 1080^{li} to the Moneyers 400^{li}, to the Smith 40^{li}, & to the Graver for an Aprentice 35^{li}. The charges of the buildings in the Wardens account are in one Article 389^{li} 2^s in another 11. 13. 6. Total 3290. 15. 6. Besides 40^{li} to the Wardens second Clerk now ceased. And the Incidents in the Wardens Account not accruing by the coynage do not exceed 150^{li}. Total 3480. 15. 6.

When this Act was made, a salary of 400^{li} per annum to the moneyers was added & the salaries of the Clerks were intended to be augmented out of the other 100^{li}, but some of he buildings being ready to fall it was thought fit to take care of rebuliding those in the first place. And there has been since laid out about 900 or 100^{li} upon new buildings besides the ordinary charges of repairs. And the Mills-rooms are ready to fall & will cost siz or eight hundred pounds to rebuild them. And while the salaries of the other Officers have been doubled & tripled the Masters salary has not been augmented these 140 years & 180^{li} per annum going out of it to the Diet, New years gifts {at} the Treasury, & a Deputy & his house is made & {illeg} to him one half of it being taken from him. And if he should be obliged to keep an Assaymaster the salary of 60^{li} per annum would not suffice to mainta{in} him with a servant to assist him.

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the providing maintaining & repairing of the houses Offices & Buildings & other necessities for assaying melting down & coynage, above the summ of three thousand pounds sterling money, & the overplus of the said moneys so kept as aforesaid shall be employed for & towards the expence wast & charge of assaying melting down & coynage & buying in of gold & silver to coyn & not otherwise.

The salaries from the time of making this Act have amounted to 2600^{li} & sometimes above & there have remained only 400^{li} per annum for the buildings & other necessities. And the buildings alone have usually amounted to two or three hundred & sometimes almost 400^{li} per annum

In the 4th & 5^t year of her Majesty another Act passed for enlarging the sum of 3000^{li} to that of 3500^{li} per annum without making any other alteration in the former Act. And thereupon the Moneyers were allowed a salary of 400^l & the salaries of the Clerks were intended to be augmented: but several buildings being ready to drop, it was thought fit to rebuild them first. And these have cost about 8 or 9 hundred pounds or above. Two years ago the Engineers shop was rebuilt & cost about 359^{li} whereof 183^{li} comes into the Account of the year 1712 & 176^{li} is reserved for the last year.

In the Indenture of the Mint there is a clause that the charges of making the bullion agreeable to standard shall be born & sustained out of the Revenue arising to her Majesty by vertue of the coynage Act: which clause would have been needless had that charge been reckoned within the 3000^{li}. This clause is a Voucher to the Master for the charges of Assaying & Allay, The Act of 18 Carol. II is a Voucher to him for the charges of the Assay Office, & the standing practise of placing the charge of furnaces in his Account is a voucher for that Article. No part of the 3000^{li} should come into the Master's Account except the salaries payable to himself & those under him.

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The Act of 18 Car. II, chap. 5, saith that no moneys leviab^{le} & payab^{le} by this Act shall be applied or converted to any use or uses whatsoever other then to the defraying the charge or expence of the Mint or Mints, & of the Assaying melting down wast & coinage of Gold & Silver & the encouragement of bringing in of Gold & Silver into the said Mint or Mints there to be coyned &c. The first is the charge of supporting a standing Mint, the second is the further charge of carrying on the coynage in that Mint. And by the next Clause of the Act the first is limited to 3000^{li} for preventing extravagance, & the other is left unlimited for encouraging the coynage. The words are: And it is hereby further enacted, that there shall not be issued out of the Exchequer of the said moneys, in any one year, for the fees & salaries of the Officers of the Mint or Mints & towards the providing maintaining & repairing of the Houses Offices & Buildings & other necessities for assaying melting down & coyning above the summ of three thousand pounds sterling money, & the overplus of the said moneys so kept or to be kept as aforesaid shall be employed for & towards the expence wast & charges of assaying melting down & coynage & buying in of gold & silver to coyne, & not otherwise Here the charge of salaries & buildings with their appurtenances necessary for constituting a Mint (such as are Hearths & chimneys convenient for furnaces, floors convenient for Mill rooms, blocks for the presses & flatters benches for the cutters & for the Graver & smith, tables for weighing telling & sizing stalls & Desks for the Clarks money chests & boxes for the Treasury, & Pix {illeg}ells Pumps & Pipes for water doors & locks for the Offices, Gates for the Mint &c) are limited to 3000^{li}, & the overplus is for defraying the charges arising by the coynage such as are the charge of stationary ware for the clerk{s} ballances & weights for several Offices, Furnaces Cuppels water-silver, Aqua fortis & charcoal for the Assay Office, refining & allay for bringing the gold & silver to standard, flasks furnaces melting & wast in the melting houses Mills Dyes coyning & wast in the other offices. Indentures & Warrants for carrying on the coynage, & charges of making trial pieces & trying the Pix.

After the making of this Act the salaries upon the establishment of the Indenture amounted unto 2600^{li} & there remained only 400^{li} for the providing & repairing of buildings which charge in the old Accounts usually amounted unto two or three & sometimes almost 400^{li} per annum And the Incidents in the Wardens Account came to about 180^{li} per annum or within 20 or 25^{li} over or under. And there is an Article in the Indenture which obliges the Master to pay unto the Warden such summ & summs as are payable by him for salaries & repairs & such other expences of the Mint as have been heretofore usually paid by the Warden.

The Act made in the 4th & 5^t year of her Majesty reign for enlarging the summ of 3000^{li} to that of 3500^{li} was not intended to charge the 3000^{li} with any sorts of payments which had not been used to be put upon it but on the contrary to make more room for bearing those sorts of payments which used to be put upon it, as the words of the Preamble import. And accordingly a new salary of 400^l per annum was settled upon the Moneyers presently after the passing of the Act. And the Salaries of the Clarks of the Mint being thought too small were intended to be augmented. But it was thought fit first to take care of the old buildings which were ready to fall. And since that <354v> time there has been spent upon rebuilding old houses & offices & extraordinary repairs about 900 or 1000^{li}. And a part of the charges of rebuilding the Engineers shop comes into the Account of the year 1712.

In the Account of that year the salaries upon the Indenture payable by the Warden are 1435^{li}, those payable by the Master to the Officers 1080^{li}, to the Smith 40^{li} in lieu of 50^{li}, & to the Graver for an Apprentice. 35^{li} in lieu of 95^{li}. The new salary to the Moneyers is 400^{li}. And the charge of the buildings in the Wardens Account is in one article 389^{li}. 2^s in another 11. 13. 6. Total 3390^l. 15^s. 6^d.
