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By the Bills of parcells several of which I have seen the copper hitherto imported cost about $13\frac{1}{2}$ per pound weight & some almost 14^d . The Blanks being hardned round the edges by the cutter & not nealed after the cutting, are apt to crack one the edges in stamping if the copper be not sufficiently fine, & this cracking has been promoted by two parcells of copper bought of M^r Briggs: but these cracks are small & by making the copper a very little finer may be prevented.

And then the coinage may go on provided the barrs imported be smooth & cleane & the blanks beare the Press without cracking the Moneyers pick out the brockage. And in the mean time if any other Proposals be made for coining money by an higher assay, which the Proposer will abide by, the Proposals may be compared by your Lordships with what Appleby & M^r Hines will undertake.

And that the Moneyers be commanded to pick out all the brockage.
