

# Letter concerning the trial of copper pix

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To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury.

May it please your Lordships

In obedience to your Lordships Order signified to me by M<sup>r</sup> Sc{r}ope in his Letter of 10 Apr. instant, concerning the trial of the Pix of copper moneys coyned by M<sup>r</sup> Wood at Bristoll, I humbly represent that the moneys there reserved for a trial are kept lockt up in a box or Pix under the keys of M<sup>r</sup> Wood & the Comptroller of that coynage, or of their Deputies. And that in my most humble opinion the trial thereof may be more authentick & satisfactory & something cheaper if the Box before opening be brought up to London & the moneys be tried in his Majesties Mint in the Tower by his Majesties Assaymaster before such person or persons as your Lordships or his Majesty in Council shall appoint to see the triall performed & report the event to your Lordships, & before the Officers of the said Mint, & before the parties concerned, viz<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wood & the Comptroller of that coynage who are both in town, & their Deputies, & one or two Gentlemen of Ireland whom your Lordships may give leave to be present if desired. And at that same time any other parcel or parcels of copper moneys old or new may be tried there before the persons above mentioned & the weight & value ascertained & compared with the value of copper moneys now coyned at Bristoll & the trial reported to your Lordships.

But if your Lordships had rather that the copper Pix be tried at Bristoll, I will look out for a man to do it & treat with him & see him instructed & furnished with necessaries with all convenient speed.

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordships great wisdome

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Sir Isaac Newton about tryall of Copper coynage {in}Ireland

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