

Proposal for £35 p.a. for Francis Beresford to be taken on as apprentice engraver for six years to supply the place of [Gabriel] le Clerk, whose post has been vacant for some years.

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To the Right Honourable the Earl of Oxford & Earl Mortimer Lord high Treasurer of Great Britain.

May it please your Lordship

The Office of Gravers of the Mint being constituted by a Warrant under the broad seal dated April 7th. in the fourth year of her Majesties Reign, whereby for the advantage & safety of the Mint with respect to the Coin, Iohn Croker, Gent. is appointed head Graver with a salary of 200^{li} per annum, & Samuel Bull & Gabriel le Clerk Gent. were made assistants to the chief Graver, each with a salary of 80^{li} per annum, & upon the voidance of either of the said assistant's places the same was to be filled up with such Probationer or Apprentice as should be presented to her Majestie by the Warden, Master & Worker & Comptroller of the Mint, by Warrant under the Signe manual: We humbly represent to Your Lordship that the place of the said Gabriel le Clerk became void about two Years & an half ago, & thereupon one Francis Beresford hath been learning about two Years under the said M^r. Croker to designe in order to learne the art of Graveing & is approved by the said M^r Croker as well qualified in point of Genius & industry to make a good workman: For which end we humbly pray your Lordship that out of the said vacant 80^{li}. per annum an Allowance may be settled upon the said Francis Beresford for binding him an Apprentice to the said M^r Croker for six Years. And we humbly propose an Allowance of 35^{li} per annum

All which is most humbly submitted to

your Lordships great Wisdome

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