

# Response to the petition of James Roettiers

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

May it please your Lordships

We have according to your Lordships directions considered the petition of M<sup>r</sup> James Roettiers hereunto annexed, & do most humbly represent that tis very true that the Dyes & Puncheons in his custody were seized by direction of a Committee of the House of Commons backt with a vote of the House, & that by your Lordships order he was afterwards removed from the imployment of Engraver to his Majesties Mint, & his working-rooms & Tools were seized by the Warden & Master & Worker. That the Warden soon after restored almost all his tools to his Father, & told him that before his sons departure to Flanders the rest should be restored together with such Dyes & Puncheons as were his. That we know not how far M<sup>r</sup> Harris may have engaged himself to your Lordships to make new Puncheons as good as M<sup>r</sup> Roettiers, but we have hitherto endeavoured to engage him (contrary to his mind) to copy after M<sup>r</sup> Roettier's Puncheons that the money may be all alike. And that M<sup>r</sup> Neale intends to pay him his demand of sixty pounds & tenn shillings, & with your Lordships approbation to give him fifty pounds more (being the summ he desired) for the five hundred pair of Dyes for the Country Mints.

And we most humbly submit it to your Lordships great wisdome whether he shall be any more employed as Engraver in his Majesties Mint or allowed a maintenance here till M<sup>r</sup> Harris shall shew such specimens of his Art as he may have promised to your Lordships or return with his family to Brussels his native country. And we also most humbly desire your Lordship's direction about the Medal-Dyes & Puncheons whether they shall be restored to him, & about his father whether he shall still be allowed an habitation in the Mint.

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Tho Neale

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