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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 of Reference of 15 Apr. 1719 upon the Memorial of M<sup>r</sup> Appleby & M<sup>r</sup> Hines, I have considered the same & humbly represent that fine copper will not run close into Barrs like gold silver & coarse copper, but requires to be either battered or rolled thin by a Mill; & the cheapest way is to roll it. But a horse-mill being too weak & too chargeable for this purpose, I advised the said M<sup>r</sup> Appleby & M<sup>r</sup> Hines to procure a water mill. And to encourage them to do it, I promised to give them no disturbance my self so long as they kept to their covenants in the copper which they brought to me. But at the same time I told them that I could engage nothing for my superiors. Hereupon they took a water Mill neare Maidenhead bridge three or four miles above Windsor at the rent of 52<sup>li</sup> per annum for two years & an half (of which one years certain) from midsummer last, besides a fine of 20 Guineas & 65<sup>li</sup> paid for tools left there by M<sup>r</sup> Eyres as I understand by the writings. They took also another little place neare it for a warehouse & lodging room & for building a refining furnace at 12<sup>li</sup> per annum: & the furnace cost them almost 40<sup>li</sup> as they inform me, besides the charge of beds & furniture for servants & of new Rolls & iron moulds & boxes for the copper & other utensils amounting to above 70<sup>li</sup> & besides an hundred load of wood & four load of charcoal bought for this service. And during the intermission of the coinage they pay 39<sup>s</sup> per week retaining wages to a Clerk & Refiner & two other servants.

When a stop was put to the coinage I informed your Lordships that 25<sup>li</sup> Tons of copper money were then coined & delivered, besides what was ready to be delivered of which I did not then know the quantity: but it was just delivered & amounted unto 26 cwt weight. And as much copper was brought into the Mint that day as made 26 cwt more: so that there hath been coined 27 Tunns & 12 cwt weight. There was also at that time 25 cwt more brought down the River ready to be delivered, & 45 cwt more was at the Mill in pickle, & 35 cwt rolled but not cleaned, & 43<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cwt more rolled hot but not cold. And in Scissel Brocage & Cakes 128 cwt, 2<sup>Q</sup>. Besides 30 Tons contracted for under hand & seale. By the Bills of parcels several of which I have seen &c The Rolls at first were rough & made the copper rough, which occasioned grerat complaints in the Mint till within a fortnight before the coinage was stopt, but the Rolls are now smooth: & the last parcel of copper imported was well cleaned.

By the Bills of parcels &c

Vpon the whole, considering the charges that the Importers have been at, & the quantity of copper upon their hands some of which is prepared, & the demand of copper money by the people: it seems to me that the coinage be no longer discontinued; & that the 25 cwt of copper Bars brought down the river to be imported when the coinage was stopt & the 45 cwt then in pickle & now pickled be forthwith imported, provided the copper beare the assays prescribed; & that the 35 cwt rolled but not yet cleaned be rolled once more with smooth rollers & then cleaned & imported. And then if any other Proposall shall be deliverd in to your Lordships for ocinign copper money by such an assay as the Proposers will abide by the Proposals may be compared with what M<sup>r</sup> Appleby & M<sup>r</sup> Hines will undertake for the future.

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In obedience to your Lordships order of Reference upon the Memorial of M<sup>r</sup> Appleby & M<sup>r</sup> Hines I have considered the same & humbly represent that

Fine Copper will not run close into Barrs but requires to be either battered or rolled thin by a Mill, & the cheapest way is to roll it. But a horse mill being too weak & too chargeable for this purpose I advised M<sup>r</sup> Appleby & M<sup>r</sup> Hines to procure a water Mill, & to encourage them to do it I promised them to give them no disturbance my self so long as they kept to their covenants in the copper which they brought to me. But at the same time I told them that I could engage nothing for my superiors. Hereupon they took a water mill neare Maiden head 3 or 4 miles above Windsor at the rent of 50<sup>li</sup> per annum for three years from midsummer last, besides a fine of 20 Guineas & 75<sup>li</sup> paid for Tools prepared there by M<sup>r</sup> Ayres. They took also another little place neare it for a warehouse & lodging room & for building a refining furnace at 12<sup>li</sup> per annum & the furnace cost them almost 40<sup>li</sup> as they informe me, besides ☉ beds & furniture for servants the Rolls & Molds & other tools which cost them above 200<sup>li</sup> as they represent. And when a stop was put to the coinage I informed your Lordships that 25 Tons of money was coined & delivered besides what was ready to be delivered, of which I did not then know the just quantity: But it amounted unto 26 hundred weight. And as much copper in plates was brought into the mint that day as made 26 hundred weight more: so that there hath been coined 27 Tunns 12 cwt weight. There was also at that time 25 cwt more brought down the rive{r} ready to be imported & 45 cwt more at the Mill in pickle, & 35 cwt rolled but not cleaned, & 44 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt more rolled hot but not cold And in Brockage Scissel & Cakes 128 cwt. 2<sup>Q</sup>. Besides 20 Tunns which they tell me they have contracted for under hand & seale.<sup>†</sup> The Rolls hitherto used were rough, & by their roughness occasioned much complaint of them, but the assure me that they have now procured smooth rolls.

☉ besides the charge of Beds & furniture for servants & of new Rolls & molds boxes for the copper & other utensills amounting to above 80<sup>li</sup>. And during the cessation of the coinage they pay 39<sup>s</sup> per week retaining wages to a Clerk & Refiner & two other servants.

When a stop was put to this coinage – – smooth rolls.

Vpon the whole it seems to me that considering<sup>②</sup> the demand of copper money by the people & <sup>①</sup> the charge that the importers of copper have been at, & the coinage be no longer discontinued; that the 25 cwt of copper Barrs brought down the river to be imported when the coinage was stopt & 45 & then in pickle & now pickle{d} be forthwith imported, provided the copper beare the assays prescribed, & that the 35 cwt rolled but not cleaned be cleaned & also imported. And that in the mean time M<sup>r</sup> Briggs & M<sup>r</sup> Richardson deliver in their proposals to your Lordships for coining the money of finer copper & the Assay by which their copper shall appear to be finer. And then their Proposals may be compared with what the present Importers will undertake for the future.

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