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To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majestys Treasury

May it please your Lordships

In obedience to your Lordship Order of Reference of Iune 16th last upon the Memorial of the Warden of his Majestys Mint concerning a Clerk to be allowed him for assisting him in the prosecution of clippers & counterfeiters of the coyn, & concerning moneyes to bear the charges of such prosecutions & the method of accounting for the same: We humbly represent to your Lordships that the late Wardens have been allowed such a clerk, & have been supplied with moneys partly by vertue of a Privy Seal empowering them to seize the forfeited estates of convicted criminals & partly out of the civil List moneyes, untill M^r Peyton late Warden of the Mint procued an Allowance not exceeding 400^{li} annum out of the coynage money by Act of Parliament for carrying on this service

We are therefore humbly of opinion that the Warden of the Mint do find out a fit person to attend him as Clerk and Sollicitor to draw up Informations & Warrants & enter them in books & attend Prosecutions at the Old Bayly & Assizes & that this Officer be allowed a salary of 60^{li} per annum as formerly. And that upon being sent into the country to apprehend & prosecute criminals he be also allowed 15^s per day travelling charges for himself & his horse. And such other persons as shall be sent upon the like services be allowed such travelling charges as the Warden shall approve of not exceeding 8^s per day for a man & horse & 2^s per day more to the two principal of them. Add that in lieu of pocket expences coach-hire, fees of Court, charges of witnesses & such other incident expences as cannot be ascertained by good vouchers or would perplex the Accounts, there be allowed for every house searched in London the sum of 10^s & in the country the summ of 25^s, & for every person apprehended & brought before a Iustice of the Peace & committed to prison in London 10^s & in the Country 25^s, to be equally divided between the persons who search or apprehend & carry to prison; & for every person indicted & tried in London the summ of 50^s. & in the Country the summ of 4^{li} to him or them who by the Warden's Order shall sollicite & manage the prosecution, besides Councillours fees.

And we are also humbly of opinion that the Master & Worker of the Mint be empowered by a sign manual to pay the Sallary of the said Clerk or Solliciter quarterly as it shall become due, & to advance to him such summs of money from time to time as by allowance or order under the Wardens hand he shall demand and for carrying on the Prosecutions not exceeding 200^{li} per annum, & to pay what shall be further due to the said Sollicitor upon his Accounts duely stated & allowed. And that the Auditors <440v> of the Mint be directed therein to allow in the Accounts of the Master & Worker all the said payments not exceeding in the whole the summ of 400^{li} per annum allowed by Act of Parliament for this service.

We are also of opinion that the said Sollicitor do at the end of every half year lay before the Master & Comptroller of the Mint, an Account of the services performed by Him & his Assistants, upon which any moneys may be due or have been paid to him or them with a certificate from the Warden in writing that those services were done by his order. And also a Bill or Bills of all the moneys due or paid to him or others upon those services according to the allowances above mentioned together with the Receipts of moneys paid to others. And also a Bill or Bills of moneys paid for Councillours fees, extraordinary Habeas corpuses Lord Chief Iustices Warrants &c. And that he insert nothing into those Bills without Receipts or other good Vouchers for the same. And that the Master & Worker & the Comptroller examin & signe those Bills as Vouchers to the Annual Account of the said Sollicitor. And that at the End of every year the said Sollicitor do lay his Account for that year, first before the Warden of the Mint to be examined & signed, & then before the Lord High Treasurer or Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for their direction how the same shall be further audited stated allowed & discharged

And if the Accountant craves any augmentation of allowances or and allowance for services not within the Rules above-mentioned the same be laid before the Lord High Treasurer or Lords Commissioners of the Treasury at the end of his Account.

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordships great

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That a fit person be found out to attend the Warden of the Mint as a Clerk & Sollicitor for drawing up Informations & Warrants & entring them in Books & seeing the Warrants executed when there be occasion, & for attending Prosecutions at the Old Bayly & Assizes, & that this person be allowed a salary of 50 or [60] per annum.

That this person or Sollicitor upon being sent upon journeys to apprehend or prosecute criminals be allowed [10^s] per diem for himself & his horse. And that such other persons as shall be sent upon the like services be allowed such travelling charges as the Warden shall approve of not exceeding 8^s per diem for a man & a horse. And that in lieu of all pocket expences, coach hire, Court-fees & such other ordinary incident expences as cannot be ascertained by good vouchers or would perplex the Accounts, there be allowed for every house searched the summ of 50 & for every person apprehended & brought before a Iustice of peace & committed to prison the summ of 20^s to be equally divided between the mere searching or apprehending & carrying to prison & for every person indicted & tried the summ of 20^s to the man who by the Warden's order shall sollicit & manage the prosecution.

That the Master of the Mint be empowered by a signe Manual to pay the salary of the said Clerk or Sollicitor quarterly as it shall become due, & to advance to him such summs as by allowance or Order under the Wardens hand he shall demand for carrying on the Prosecutions, not exceeding 200^{li} per annum, & to pay what shall be further due to the said Sollicitor upon this Accounts duly stated & allowed. And that the Auditors of the Mint be directed to allow in the Masters Accounts all the said payments not exceeding in the whole the summ of 400^{li} per annum allowed by Act of Parliament for this service.

That the said Sollicitor do at the end of every half year lay before the Master & Comptroller of the Mint an Account of the services performed by him & his Assistants, with a certificate from the Warden in writing that

they were done by his Order. And that he do also at the same time lay before the said Master & Comptroller a Bill or Bills of all the moneys to be allowed to him upon those services, & produce the Receipts of others for moneys paid to them for their share in those services, & the Receipts of Councillours for their fees & such other Receipts or Vouchers as they hath for moneys paid by him in order to have his Bill or Bills allowed & signed by them as Vouchers to his annual Account: & that he insert nothing into those Bills without good Receipts or other good vouchers

That at the end of every year he lay his Account for that year first before the Warden of the Mint to be examined, & signed, & then before the Sollicitor of the Treasury to be examined & signed, & lastly before the Lord High Treasurer or Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to be allowed & sent to the Master & Worker of the Mint to be paid off.

And if the Sollicitor craves any allowance for any services, not within the Rules above mentioned, the same be laid before the Treasury at the end of his Account.

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That the said Sollicitor do at the end of every half year lay before the Master & Comptroller of the Mint, an Account of the services performed by him & his Assistants upon which any moneys may be due or have been paid to him or them with a Certificate from the Warden in writing that those services were done by his Order. And also a Bill or Bills of all the moneys due to him or others upon those services according to the allowances above mentioned. And also a Bill or Bills of all the moneys paid by him to others for which he hath Receipts. And that he insert nothing into those Bills without Receipts or other good Vouchers for the same. And that the Master & Comptroller examin & signe those Bills as Vouchers to his annual Account.

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1. That the Warden of the Mint find out a person well qualified to attend him as a Clerk & Sollicitor for drawing up Informations & Warrants & entering them in books, & seeing the Warrants executed when there is occasion, & for attending Prosecutions at the Old Bayly & Assizes

2. That this Clerk & Sollicitor be allowed a Salary of $\overline{\text{li}}$ per annum by a Warrant under his Majestys signe Manual directed to the Master & Worker of his Mint to pay the same quarterly as it shall become due.

3. That the Master & Worker be empowered by the same Warrant to imprest further to the said Clerk & Sollicitor for bearing the Charges of the Prosecutions any summ or summs demanded by him from time to time by the Wardens Order in writing & not exceeding in the whole the summ of in any one year

4 That the said Sollicitor upon being sent to apprehend or prosecute criminalls in the country be allowed 10^s per diem for his hose & himself & six pence per mile travelling charges. And that such others as shall be necessary to accompany him be allowed such travelling charges as the Warden shall approve of not exceeding $7^s\ 6^d$ per diem for a man & a horse.

6 That the said Sollicitor do at the end of the every half year lay before the Master & Worker & Comptroller of the Mint an account of the services performed by him & his Assistants with a certificate from the Warden that they were done by his Order. And that he do also lay before the Warden Master & Comptroller an Account of all travelling charges. Councillours fees & other expences for which he can produce Receipts of other good Vouchers to be examined & allowed by the said Warden Master & Comptroller under their hands as a Voucher to his Accounts.

5. That in lieu coach hire, pocket expences, Court-fees, & such other expences as cannot be ascertained by good Vouchers, he be further allowed 1^{li} for every person indixted & actually tried whether the person be convicted or acquitted, & 10^s for every person committed to prison in order to be tried.

7. That at the end of every year he lay his Accounts first before the Warden of the Mint & then before the Attorney or Sollicitor of the Treasury to be examined & stated & then laid before the Lord High Treasurer or Lords Commissioners of the Treasury in order to be allowed & sent to the Master & Worker to be paid off.

8 And that the Master & Worker be authorized by the Warrant above mentioned to pay off all such Accounts so allowed, & the Auditors of the Mint be directed to allow in the Master & Workers Account all payments made by virtue of the said Warrant, not exceeding in the whole the summ of 400^{li} per annum.

5 That in recompence for pocket expences, coach hire, Court fees & such other expences as cannot be ascertained by good vouchers, the Sollicitor be further allowed for every person committed to prison in order to be tried, & for every person indicted & tried, whether the persons be convicted or acquitted. And that every person who by the Wardens order shall assist the Sollicitor or be otherwise employed in the executing of Warrants, shall be allowed a piece for every person apprehended & a house for every house searched.

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That the Warden of the Mint do find out a fit person to attend him as Clerk & Sollicitor for drawing up Informations & Warrants & entring them in books & seeing the Warrants executed when there is occasion, & for attending Prosecutions at the Old Bayly & Assizes, & that this Officer be allowed a Salary of 60^{li} per annum as formerly.

That this Officer upon being sent into the Country to apprehend or prosecute criminalls be allowed 15 per day for himself & his house. And that such other persons as shall be sent upon the like services be allowed such travelling charges as the Warden shall approve off, not exceeding 8^s per day for a man & a horse. And that in lieu of pocket expences, coach-hire, fees of Court & such other incident expences as cannot be ascertained by good Vouchers or would perplex the Accounts, there be allowed for every house searched the summ of 10^s, & for every person apprehended & brought before a Iustice of the Peace & committed to prison the summ of 20^s to be equally divided between those that search or apprehend & carry to prison, & for every person indicted & tried, the summ of 3^{li} to him or them who by the Warden's order shall sollicit & manage the prosecution besides Councillours fees.

That the Master & Worker of the Mint be empowered by a Signe Manual to pay the salary of the said Clerk or Sollicitor quarterly as it shall become due, & to advance to him such summs of money as by allowance or order under the Wardens hand he shall demand for carrying on the Prosecutions not exceeding 200^{li} per annum, & to pay what shall be further due to the said Sollicitor upon his Accounts duely stated & allowed. And that the Auditors of the Mint be directed to allow in the Accounts of the Master & Worker all the said payments not exceeding in the whole the summ of 400^{li} per annum allowed by Act of Parliament for this service.

That the said Sollicitor do at the end of every half year lay before the Master & Comptroller of the Mint an Account of the services performed by him & his Assistants upon which any moneys may be due or have been paid to him or them with a certificate from the Warden in writing that those services were done by his Order. And also a Bill or Bills of all the moneys due or paid to him or others upon those services according to the allowances above mentioned together with the Receipts of moneys paid to others. And also a Bill of moneys paid for Habeas Corpuses Councillours fees, Lord Chief Iustices Warrants &c. And that he insert nothing into those Bills without Receipts or other good vouchers for the same. And that the Master & Worker & Comptroller examin & signe those Bills as Vouchers to the annual Account of the said Sollicitor.

That at the end of every year the said Sollicitor lay his Account for that year first before the Warden of the Mint to be examined & signed & the before the Lord High Treasurer or Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for their direction how it shall be audited stated & discharged

And if the Accountant craves any allowance for any services not within the Rules above mentioned, the same be laid before the Treasury at the end of his Account.

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In obedience to your Lordships Order of Reference concerning a Clerk to be allowed the Warden of the Mint for assisting him in the prosecution of coyners & concerning the advancement of money for carrying on the

prosecutions & the accountign for the same: We humbly represent to your Lordships that the late Wardens have been allowed such a Clerk, & have been supplied with some moneys by vertue of a privy seal empowering them to seize the forfeited estates of convicted criminals & the surplus of their Accounts hath been paid off out of the civil List money, untill M^r Peyton late Warden of the Mint procured an allowance of any summ not exceeding 400^{li} per annum out of the Coynage money by Act of Parliament for carrying on this service. We are therefore humbly of opinion that the Warden of the Mint do find out a fit person as formerly.

We are also of opinion that this Officer at the end of his Account

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordships great Wisdome.

10^s in town & 25^s in the country for searching of houses. The like for every person apprehended & committed. 50^s in the town & 4^{li}. 0^s in the Country for every person tried if there by as many witness agaisnt him as are sufficient to justify the bringing him to a trial.

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