

Memorandum on the Edinburgh Mint

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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 11 October uponn the Memorial of the Right Honourable the Earle of Lauderdale General of his Majestys Mint in Scotland I humbly represent that his Lordship by the last renewal of the coinage Act, hath been Treasurer of the said Mint ever since the first of March 1714, & hath received out of the Coinage Duty by an Order of the Treasury dated 6 Aug 1717 the summ of 1200^{li}, & by another Order of the Treasury dated 13 Feb. 171⁸/₉ the summ of 2115^{li}, & by another Order dated 20 Iune 1720 the summ of 2100^{li}: in all the summ of 5415^{li}. By his Majestys Warrant dated 17 Novem. 1718 he was to pay the slaries & other charges of that Mint commencing at Christmas 1714. The salaries are annually as follows: viz^t to the General 300^{li}: in all 930^{li}. The charges of Coinage & keeping the coining Tools in repair are paid by the pound weight of the moneys coind, & there has been no coinage. The charges of keeping the Offices in repair & the dwelling houses wind & watertyte may amount to about 80 or 100^{li} per annum. And this charge added to the salaries makes the annual charge of that Mint about 1020. At which rate the charges of that Mint from Christmas 1714 to Michaelmas 1721 will amount unto about 6885^{li}, whereof 5415^{li} is already imprest. I do not find that the moneys already imprest to his Lordship or any part thereof are yet accounted for: but I hear that his Lordship is ready to make up the account.

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

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