

Copy of a second response to the order of medals for his Majesty's coronation

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To the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council appointed to Consider of His Majestys Coronation.

May it please Your Lordships

In Obedience to Your Lordships Order that I should lay before your Lordships an Account of the Medals made upon the last Coronation and of the time requisite to make Medals upon the present Occasion, I most humbly represent that twelve Hundred Medals of silver and three hundred of Gold were then made by Order of Council and delivered to the Treasury of the Houshold to be distributed at the Coronation, and that upon her Majestys Order Signified by the Lord Treasurers Warrant, five Hundred and fifteen Medals of Gold were made afterwards for the house of Commons and delivered to their Speaker, and forty more were delivered to the Lord Chamberlain for Foreign Ministers: A pound weight of fine Gold was then Cutt into Twenty Medals, and a pound weight of five silver into twenty and two medals. But the Medals for foreign Ministers (except agents & consuls) were of double this Value. At the Coronation of King William there were but two Hundred Medals of Gold made by Order of Council.

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After the Form of the Medals and of His Majesty's Effigies is settled it will take up about a Calendar month to make the puncheons, and three or four days more to make the Dyes, and Coin the Medalls by the Mill and press. And if either of the puncheons should break as sometimes happens a fortnight more will be requisite to repair the loss. The Coinage Duty being appropriated, money should be advanced from the Civil List to buy Gold and Silver.

If the Impression is to use high like that of the Medals made upon the late peace, they must be Coined in a Ring, and it will take up six week to make the puncheons and Dyes and Coin 1500 Medals of this sort, or two monthly if a puncheon should happen to break. And the Medals must be weightier that there may be substance to make the Impression rise high Sixteen Medals of this sort will require a pound weight of fine Gold, and twenty a pound weight of fine Silver

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordships great Wisdom

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