

'To the Honourable Sir Isaac Newton Master and Worker of his Majestys Mint. The Petition of Iohn Trapps Monyer'.

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To the Honourable Sir Isaac Newton
Master and Worker of His Majestys Mint.

The Petition of Iohn Trapps Monyer

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That your Honours Petitioner was bound to the Company of Monyers for sever Years, and also to Rich^d. Broadbrooks Smith of the Mint, in order to obtain a compleat knowledge of and thorough Practice in those Arts.

Your Honours Petitioner serv'd out his time and faithfully discharg'd his Trust in both those Apprenticeships, therefore is surpris'd to find, that tho' he has undergon' a difficult servitude that of the Smith, he is not (tho' he should go on in that Work) to enjoy any more benefit then the other Monyers, who neither know nor do the least thing appertaining to that laborious Employ.

Your Honours Petitioner has been inform'd, that those Persons who formerly officiated in his Business as Smiths, were Deputy Engineers to the Monyers, and had suitable salarys given to them, there being a particular Assignment of Money in the Office for that Purpose; whereas Your Petitioner is allow'd two shillings per Diem only when he does Work, which is as little as the Laborers are allow'd by the Company tho' his fatigue much undoubtedly by believ'd to be considerably greater.

The Company are so severe to Your Honours Petitioner as to deny him the Advantages themselves enjoy, for they pretend, unjustly to deprive him of the first Months share of their Profits after he had serv'd out his time of seven Years, by pleading it a Custom; but Your Petitioner is humbly of Opinion, that, had there been no Work for them in that time, or had there not considerable Advantages accrued to the Company in that Months Work, Your Honours Petitioner should not had this contention with the Company, nor been troublesome to Your Honour to right him in these Matters.

Your Honours Petitioner humbly hopes, that as he has undergone the fatigue of two Apprenticeships in his seven Years, the Company may not be allow'd to take advantage of his Youth, by imposing their own Terms on him; he wholly relays on Your Goodness for redress, Your Honour being the intire Master, and to whom alone it belongs to direct in these Affairs; should he fail in this his Expectation of being reliev'd by Your Honour, he can expect but little Iustice from the Company, as appears by what with humble submission he has presum'd to trouble Your Honour with, in the foregoing part of his Petition.

Your Honours Petitioner humbly prays to be reliev'd in the Premises and as in Duty bound shall &c

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